

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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**What's Inside:**

Prevent Child Abuse Resources & Activities

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS, AND CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

**FROM:** PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT:** APRIL IS PREVENT CHILD ABUSE MONTH

**DISCUSSION:**

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Throughout Missouri, many Children's Division offices are devoted to community-partnering initiatives to prevent child abuse and neglect. April provides a wonderful opportunity to heighten awareness and provide the public with information on how to prevent child abuse in their communities. To help, we are supplying offices with prevention materials. A packet is being sent out to regional and county offices, which includes a *Promoting Healthy Families in Your Community 2007 Resource Packet* from Child Welfare Information Gateway, along with *Safe Place for Newborns* brochures for providers as well as parents (in English and Spanish).

Please note the resource links below, which include a listing of Missouri Child Abuse Prevention Activities, Prevention Web Resources, and a Mandated Reporter PowerPoint to be utilized for presentations.

**NECESSARY ACTION:**

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

**PROGRAM MANAGER:**

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**CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS:**

N/A

**FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS:**

N/A

**REFERENCE DOCUMENTS and RESOURCES:**

*Promoting Healthy Families in Your Community 2007 Resource Packet*

[http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/res\\_packet\\_2007/](http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/res_packet_2007/)

Missouri Child Abuse Prevention Activities

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/canpvact.htm>

Prevention Web Resources

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/canpvlink.htm>

Mandated Reporter PowerPoint

[http://dssweb/cs/presentations/manrpt\\_train.pps](http://dssweb/cs/presentations/manrpt_train.pps)

**RELATED STATUTE:**

N/A

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULE:**

N/A

**COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS:**

N/A

**PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PIP):**

N/A

**SACWIS REQUIREMENTS:**

N/A