

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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- CQI Newsletter, In Focus

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

**SUBJECT:** QUARTERLY CQI NEWSLETTER, [IN FOCUS](#)

**DISCUSSION:**

Attached please find the quarterly Continuous Quality Improvement newsletter, *In Focus*. This quarter's newsletter discusses the importance of family support team meetings. In particular, involving families to the fullest capacity and using strong facilitation skills during FST's are key strategies for achieving timely reunification. An update is provided following the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) federal review, and provisions of the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act (H.R. 6893) are featured. The newsletter also contains CQI successes and highlights recent progress made by staff in entering worker visits with children.

If you have any information or success stories you would like to have shared in next quarter's newsletter, please contact Meliny Staysa, Quality Assurance Unit Manager, through Microsoft Outlook or by phone at (573)751-4832 or your regional Quality Assurance Specialist. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the children and families served by the division.

**Necessary Action:**

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division Staff.
2. Review the In Focus newsletter during CQI Meetings.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels.

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