

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

What's Inside:CFSR Site
Selections

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

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CFSR SITE SELECTIONS

DISCUSSION:

The federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children's Bureau (CB) has negotiated with the Children's Division and established review sites for our upcoming Child and Family Services Review (CFSR). Federal regulations state the CFSR must review a sampling of cases in three geographical areas, with one of those sites being the largest metropolitan site. In Missouri, the largest metropolitan site is St. Louis County. The other two sites were selected through a negotiation process and are the 31st Circuit (Greene County) and the 35th Circuit (Dunklin and Stoddard Counties). In total, the CFSR will review 65 cases, 40 foster care and 25 family-centered services cases, with half of the cases reviewed in St. Louis County and half in the 31st and 35th circuits. These 65 reviewed cases are considered representative of Missouri's practice. The results from the case reviews combined with data from our FACES system and information gathered through interviews determines if we are meeting federal standards.

We encourage everyone to support the CFSR sites in preparing for Missouri's upcoming review scheduled for June 7-10, 2010.

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:

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<p>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS N/A</p>
<p>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS N/A</p>
<p>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES Children's Bureau, Child Welfare Monitoring</p>
<p>RELATED STATUTE N/A</p>
<p>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE Federal Rule 45 CFR Parts 1355, 1356 and 1357</p>
<p>COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A</p>
<p>CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) The CFSR review tool is very detailed and reviews seven domains consisting of 23 items. To view the tool, click this link: http://dssweb/cs/training/cfsr/index.htm.</p>
<p><u>PROTECTIVE FACTORS</u> Parental Resilience Social Connections Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need Social and Emotional Competence of Children</p>
<p>FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A</p>