

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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MEMORANDUM

What's Inside:
Crisis
Intervention
Funds

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

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CRISIS INTERVENTION FUNDS

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a reminder to staff about the utilization of Crisis Intervention Funds and to introduce the revised Crisis Intervention Funds Request/Authorization form, CS-81. Crisis Intervention Funds allow staff to address the critical financial and resource needs of families served by the Division. Crisis Intervention Funds are to be accessed when a family crisis is occurring which may result in child maltreatment. Crisis Intervention Funds may be provided to:

- Families receiving Family-Centered Services or families under investigation/assessment. Crisis Intervention Funds are also available for families with children in out-of-home care; and
- Families at risk of child maltreatment due to a specified event that is a crisis within their family.

Before requesting Crisis Intervention Funds, staff should fully explore all possible resources. Crisis funds are intended to be short-term and time-limited and should not be relied upon to remedy all family crises. Crisis funds must be approved by the county designee prior to use. In order to request Crisis Intervention Funds, staff should complete the CS-81, attach all required documentation to support the request, and submit the form through the chain of command to the county designee.

At the beginning of each fiscal year, each region is allocated Crisis Intervention Funds through Children's Treatment Services (CTS). For additional information regarding Crisis Intervention Funds, see [Section 3 Chapter 4 Attachment C](#) of the Child Welfare Manual.

NECESSARY ACTION:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS: N/A	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS Crisis Intervention Funds Request/Authorization, CS-81	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES N/A	
RELATED STATUTE N/A	
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE N/A	
COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A	
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A	
PROTECTIVE FACTORS Parental Resilience-N/A Social Connections-N/A Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development-N/A Concrete Support in Times of Need-N/A Social and Emotional Competence of Children-N/A	
FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A	