

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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What's Inside:Child
Development
Wheels

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: CHILD DEVELOPMENT WHEELS

DISCUSSION:

The children of Missouri are one of its most valuable assets, and the youngest of these children are the most vulnerable to abuse, neglect, and mistreatment simply because parents often do not have realistic expectations for their child's development.

To assist Children's Division (CD) field staff working with parents to understand the developmental stages and needs of their children, the Children's Division, Early Childhood and Prevention Services Section, with funding from the Early Childhood Development, Education, and Care Fund, provided field staff with Child Development Wheels developed in conjunction with ParentLink. Feedback from CD field staff indicated that these Child Development Wheels have been an extremely successful teaching tool.

The Early Childhood and Prevention Services Section is happy to announce that additional Child Development Wheels will be available soon. When received, they will be distributed to CD staff at the county level based on a formula that looks at the number of active Intensive In-Home and Family-Centered Services cases in your county over a year's time period. Please be advised that ParentLink does not have any Child Development Wheels in stock, so please do not contact them to ask for replacements.

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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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS N/A	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS N/A	
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 Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Social and Emotional Competence of Children	
FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A	