

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: NEW SUPREME COURT RULES-CHANGES TO COURT HEARING TYPES

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce changes to the types of court hearings according to the new Supreme Court rules that went into effect on January 1, 2010. The following changes occurred as a result of the new legislation:

- The introduction of a Preliminary Child Welfare Proceeding which is held within three days after the petition is filed, but the child is not in protective custody;
- The Post-Permanency Review Hearing will now be called a Permanency Review Hearing. A Permanency Review hearing must be held every 6 months after the initial Permanency Hearing as long as the child remains in the custody of the Children's Division.

The Child Welfare Manual has been modified to include information and procedure regarding the new Supreme Court rules.

NECESSARY ACTION:

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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<p>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS: Section 4 Chapter 2 Attachment A The Juvenile Court and Other Legal Considerations Section 7 Chapter 13 Juvenile Court/Legal Information Section 7 Glossary</p>
<p>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS Handbook for Parents of Children in Alternative Care, CS-304</p>
<p>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES Supreme Court Rule Missouri Resource Parent Handbook</p>
<p>RELATED STATUTE N/A</p>
<p>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE N/A</p>
<p>COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A</p>
<p>CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A</p>
<p>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</p>
<p>FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A</p>