

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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**What's Inside:**Information about  
the 2013 Linking  
Hearts Adoption  
Event in Rolla, MO

## M E M O R A N D U M

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

FROM: CANDACE A. SHIVELY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: 2013 Linking Hearts Community Adoption Event

## DISCUSSION:

We are pleased to announce the annual Linking Hearts Community Adoption Event. This event allows the Children's Division, the Phelps County Community Partnership, the InterFraternity Council, and Pan-Hellenic Council of the Missouri University of Science and Technology to offer an opportunity for prospective adoptive families and children to meet and interact with each other in a fun and relaxed environment. The Linking Hearts event has been successful over the years in creating forever families for waiting children. In addition, the event increases awareness of the need for adoptive homes for children from foster care.

This year's event will be held on Friday, September 20, 2013. The event will be held in Rolla, Missouri, additional details regarding the park location and pavilion are pending at this time. Registration for children will begin at 1:00 p.m. at The Centre. Activities will include games, swimming, volleyball, basketball and crafts. Prospective adoptive parents are invited to join the festivities at 5:00 p.m. There will be evening activities available for participants to engage in with the children as well as a BBQ for all prospective adoptive parents, children and workers in attendance. The closing ceremony will be at 7:00 p.m.

Staff may participate in the event by registering the children before **September 9, 2013**. You may access the child registration using the [2013 LINKING HEARTS CHILD REGISTRATION FORM](#).

To promote the participation of potential and approved adoptive families use the [2013 LINKING HEARTS FLYER](#) to invite families to this recruitment activity.

This has proven to be an enjoyable and informative adoption recruitment event for prospective families and adoption workers over the years. We strongly encourage your participation and support of this activity.

If you have questions about Linking Hearts or need [DIRECTIONS](#) to the Centre, please contact the 25<sup>th</sup> Circuit Adoption Unit at 573-774-6121 or 573-368-2340 and ask for an adoption worker.

<b>NECESSARY ACTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review this memorandum with all Children’s Division staff.</li> <li>2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.</li> <li>3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:</li> </ol>	
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<b>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS</b>	
N/A	
<b>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS</b>	
<a href="#">Adult Registration</a> <a href="#">Child Registration</a> <a href="#">2013 Linking Hearts Community Adoption Event Agenda</a> <a href="#">2013 Linking Hearts Flyer</a> <a href="#">Directions to The Centre</a>	
<b>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES</b>	
N/A	
<b>RELATED STATUTE</b>	
N/A	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE</b>	
N/A	
<b>COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS</b>	
N/A	
<b>CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR)</b>	
N/A	
<b>PROTECTIVE FACTORS: N/A</b>	
Parental Resilience Social Connections Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need Social and Emotional Competence of Children	
<b>FACES REQUIREMENTS</b>	
N/A	