

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

**What's Inside:**  
**STARS Train the**  
**Trainer**

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

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: STARS Train the Trainer

DISCUSSION:

The pre-service training completed to be a licensed foster home in Missouri is Specialized Training, Assessment, Resources, Support and Skills (STARS). The pre-service training completed to be approved as an adoptive resource is STARS Making the Commitment to Adoption, also referred to as Spaulding.

The STARS pre-service trainings and in-service modules must be trained and the Foster Family Home and Adoptive Home Assessments completed by Children's Division or private agency staff, who have successfully completed STARS Train the Trainer classes.

**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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**CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS**

[Resource Family Assessment and Licensing Process, Children's Service Worker Responsibilities 6.3.M](#)  
[Resource Development, Resource Provider Training-STARS \(Specialized Training Assessment Resources And Support\) 6.2.4](#)

<b>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS</b> N/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</b> N/A 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