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October 19, 2015MEMORANDUM**What's Inside:**October 2015
Special Edition
In Focus CQI Newsletter

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

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: OCTOBER 2015 QUARTERLY CQI NEWSLETTER, [IN FOCUS](#)

SPECIAL EDITION: INTRODUCING *THE HOUSE*
A CONCEPTUAL MODEL FOR BUILDING ORGANIZATIONAL
CULTURE AND FAMILY-CENTERED PRACTICE

Find attached the quarterly Continuous Quality Improvement newsletter, *In Focus*. In this 2015 October special edition *In Focus Newsletter* we introduce the Children's Divisions Model of the House. Imagine the Children's Division as a well-constructed house, built on all the Division's philosophy, culture and best practices. The Division has identified four core strategies for enhancing frontline service and improving outcomes for children and their families.

- Seeing families accurately through the full frame of their lives
- Engaging families, youth, children, and communities and partners
- Making informed decisions through inclusive processes, data, measurement, and research
- Strengthening frontline practice and support programs that work.

This quarter's newsletter describes the Divisions efforts to support these strategies.

If you have any information or success stories you would like to share in next quarter's newsletter, please contact Randy McDermit, Program Development Specialist, through Microsoft Outlook or by phone at (573)751-8932, or your regional Quality Improvement Specialist. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the children and families served by the Division.

Necessary Action:

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division Staff.
2. Review the In Focus newsletter during CQI Meetings.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels.

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