

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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In Focus CQI Newsletter

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

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: JANUARY 2016 QUARTERLY CQI NEWSLETTER, [IN FOCUS](#)

Find attached the quarterly Continuous Quality Improvement newsletter, *In Focus*. Last quarter we introduced the Division's conceptual framework for organizational structure and the enhancement of frontline practice. This quarter we discuss how this general framework translates into everyday practice. As an example, we apply these approaches to one of the Division's more significant challenges, the increasing population of children in foster care.

Our feature article, *Safely Reducing the Number of Children in Care* illustrates the use of the *Signs of Safety* approach to address the increasing foster care population. This is followed by *Tradeoffs the Solution to Combating the LS1 Increase*, a discussion on the application of the *Five Domains of Well Being* approach. Early Childhood Prevention Services provides a crosswalk between the *Five Domains of Well Being* and *Strengthening Families' Five Protective Factors*. Throughout this newsletter you will find helpful information and links to resources to assist you in addressing this issue.

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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