

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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

<b>What's Inside:</b> Revisions to WIAA
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TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS,  
PROGRAM MANAGERS, SPECIALISTS, SUPERVISORS, AND  
CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: "What's It All About? A Guidebook for Youth in Out-of-Home  
Care" Revisions

## DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce additional revisions to "[What's It All About? A Guidebook for Youth in Out-of-Home Care](#)" which was revised per [CD15-16](#). The guidebook has been revised for compliance with federal legislation [H.R. 4980, the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act](#) and Missouri legislation, [HB 1877](#).

Revisions have also been made for policy and program changes that have occurred since March of 2015. Information regarding reasonable and prudent parenting, the new post-secondary financial assistance program, youth advocates and supports at Permanency Planning meetings, official documents which youth are entitled to, and human trafficking are a few of topic additions. The youth signature line has been revised to ensure youth have been explained their rights in an age appropriate manner.

The guidebook is to be given to all youth coming into care after age 14 and those youth turning 14 while in care. The book is intended to assist youth while in care and transitioning out of care. Per [CD16-47](#), documentation of youth receipt should be noted on the Adolescent FST Guide (CD94) under "Self Care/Health" section by selecting the checkbox to note the "What's it All About? - A Guide for Youth in Out-of-Home Care" has been provided to the youth. A copy of the acknowledgement form on the last page of the guidebook is to be placed in the file under the Older Youth Program Section. The guidebook is available on E-forms and located on the CD internet at: <http://dss.mo.gov/cd/chafee/> so that it may be accessed electronically at any time.

**NECESSARY ACTION**

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff.
2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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**CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS**

N/A

**FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

["What's It All About? A Guidebook for Youth in Out-of-Home Care"](#)

**REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES**

[CD16-47](#), FACES Enhancements for Older Youth Program and NYTD  
[CD15-16](#), "What's It All About? A Guidebook for Youth in Out-of-Home Care"

**RELATED STATUTE**

[H.R. 4980, the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act](#)  
[HB 1877](#)

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULE**

N/A

**COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS**

[PA-FKC 13: Transition to Adulthood](#)

**CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR)**

[Item 10: Other Planned Permanent Living Arrangement](#)

**PROTECTIVE FACTORS**

Parental Resilience: N/A  
Social Connections: <http://dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/philbase.pdf>  
Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development: N/A  
Concrete Support in Times of Need:  
<http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/philbase.pdf>  
Social and Emotional Competence of Children:  
<http://dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/philbase.pdf>

**FACES REQUIREMENTS**

N/A