

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: CHILDREN'S DIVISION AND CONTRACTED STAFF

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

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

Find attached the quarterly Continuous Quality Improvement newsletter, *In Focus*. This quarter's In Focus newsletter features parental substance abuse, including the impact of substance abuse on the foster care population both in Missouri and nationally. This issue includes an example of how safety plans can be tailored to address parental substance abuse. Additionally this newsletter includes Early Childhood and COA corners, CQI successes and a summary of the latest Supervision Advisory Committee meeting.

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.

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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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<b>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS</b>
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<b>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS</b>
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<b>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES</b>
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<b>RELATED STATUTE</b>
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