

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: JANUARY 2017 QUARTERLY CQI NEWSLETTER, [IN FOCUS](#)

Find attached the quarterly Continuous Quality Improvement newsletter, *In Focus*. In this quarter's In Focus, we highlight efforts to integrate the Reasonable and Prudent Parenting Standard (RPPS) into Children's Division's Practice. These efforts are in response to federal legislation [H.R. 4980](#), the *Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act*, signed into law in September 2014 and [HB 1877](#), state legislation passed to support the compliance of the federal legislation.

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.

[Attachment](#)