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CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHILDREN'S DIVISION AND CONTRACTED STAFF

FROM: JULIE LESTER, INTERIM DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: HUMAN TRAFFICKING TRAINING

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to update all Children's Division (CD) and contracted practitioners of the requirement to attend Introduction to Human Trafficking training. The federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act of 2014 requires states to develop policies and procedures to identify, document, and determine appropriate services for children who are at risk of becoming a sex trafficking victim or who are a sex trafficking victim. In order for all CD and contracted practitioners to be equipped to begin identifying, documenting, determining appropriate services, and staffing cases of children who are at risk of becoming trafficked or who have been identified as a trafficking victim, ALL CD and contracted practitioners are required to attend the Introduction to Human Trafficking training. This includes supervisors, regional directors, circuit managers, and specialists, in addition to frontline practitioners. Trainings are being scheduled all around the state so check the Employee Learning Center (ELC) for trainings in or around your area.

**NECESSARY ACTION**

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

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