

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

WHAT'S INSIDE:

- (CPS-2) Courtesy Request form and instructions and related CWM policy

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

FROM: FREDERIC M. SIMMENS, DIRECTOR

SUBJECTS: INTRODUCTION OF (CPS-2) COURTESY ASSIST FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

*CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS:
SECTION 2, CHAPTER 4 ATTACHMENT C*

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce the *(CPS-2) Courtesy Assist* form and instructions and related revised policy.

Many times during the course of an investigation or a family assessment it becomes necessary to request courtesy interviews from other County/Circuit office or from another state CPS agency in order to complete a CA/N report or assure child safety. Courtesy requests may be made under the following circumstances:

- To make the required face-to-face contact with victims or other children in the household within mandated timeframes;
- To make face-to-face contact with an alleged perpetrator;
- To obtain face-to-face interviews from other significant individuals for the purpose of making a determination;
- To confirm the safety and well-being of children of families who have reportedly moved out of the state;
- To collect or obtain signed documents. (authorization for release or information; signed safety plans or Written Service Agreement...etc.)

The CPS-2, was created to provide a more standardized way for local offices to request or provide assistance from each other or from other state child protective agencies in a more timely and efficient manner.

NECESSARY ACTIONS:	
1. Please 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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<i>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS:</i> Section 2, Chapter 4, Attachment C	
RELATED STATUTE: Chapter 210 RSMo	
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES: N/A	
COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS: N/A	
PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PIP): N/A	
SACWIS REQUIREMENTS: Investigation and Family Assessment http://dssweb/cs/priority_tracking/sacwis/status/20050316.xls	

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