

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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MEMORANDUM

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- **CHILD PUBLIC PERFORMANCE AND MEDIA INVOLVEMENT**

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

FROM: PAULA NEESE, INTERIM DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: CHILD PUBLIC PERFORMANCE AND MEDIA INVOLVEMENT

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce the new policy on child public performance and media involvement to the Child Welfare Manual, which has been placed in Section 8, Chapter 4. The Children's Division prohibits the exploitation of children and supports a child's right to privacy. This new policy provides a formal structure for addressing public performance and media involvement of children in the Division's care and custody and is consistent with standards set forth by the Council of Accreditation.

NECESSARY ACTIONS:

1. Please review this memorandum with all Children's Division Staff.
2. All staff should read [Section 8, Chapter 4](#) in the Child Welfare Manual.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:

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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS:

[Section 1, Chapter 1](#)

[Section 1, Chapter 2](#)

[Section 8, Chapter 4](#)

RELATED STATUTE:

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES:

[13 CSR 40-71.070](#) and [13 CSR 40-73.050](#)

COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS:

[G1.5.07](#) and [G11.5.02](#)

PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PIP):

N/A

SACWIS REQUIREMENTS:

N/A

RELATED LINKS:

N/A

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