

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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- CQI Newsletter, In Focus

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: PAULA NEESE, DIRECTOR

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

DISCUSSION:

Find attached the quarterly Continuous Quality Improvement newsletter, *In Focus*. This quarter's newsletter discusses timely permanency of foster children, in particular those who have been in care for a long period of time. It discusses the importance of engaging families in case planning and reminds staff of policy for searching for non-resident parents and extended families. Preliminary findings from the CF SR are included with a reminder for staff to use the upcoming CQI meetings at each level to discuss CF SR issues as discussed in memorandum PN10-10 released on July 7, 2010. Circuits having the lowest average time for children in foster care are highlighted. Additionally, the newsletter contains CQI successes and an update on the Supervision Advisory Committee.

If you have any information or success stories you would like to have shared in next quarter's newsletter, please contact Meliny Staysa, Quality Assurance Unit Manager, through Microsoft Outlook or by phone at (573)751-4832 or your regional Quality Assurance 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.

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