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What's Inside:
 Revision of Sexual Abuse Definition in the Glossary Section

M E M O R A N D U M

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

FROM: CANDACE A. SHIVELY, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: REVISION OF SEXUAL ABUSE DEFINITION IN THE GLOSSARY SECTION

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff of the revision made to the glossary section of the Child Welfare Manual regarding the definition of *sexual abuse*. This revision has been made to provide consistency throughout the manual.

Sexual abuse is defined as the use, persuasion, inducement, enticement or coercion of any child under the age of 18, to engage in, or having a child assist any other person to engage in, any sexually explicit conduct by those responsible for the child's care, custody and control. Sexual exploitation is also included in the definition of sexual abuse when the act results in the sexual use of a child under the age of 18 by those responsible for his/her care, custody and control for the purpose of the individual's personal satisfaction and/or gain. Sexual exploitation of a minor includes, but is not necessarily limited to, pornography and prostitution.

For additional information on sexual abuse see Section 7 Chapter 29 of the Child Welfare Manual.

NECESSARY ACTION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff. 2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below. 3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to: 	
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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS Section 7 Chapter 29 Sexual Abuse Section 7 Index
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS N/A
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES N/A
RELATED STATUTE §210.110(1) RSMo.
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE N/A
COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A
PROTECTIVE FACTORS N/A Parental Resilience Social Connections Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need Social and Emotional Competence of Children
FACES REQUIREMENTS N/A