

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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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: 2011 LINKING HEARTS COMMUNITY ADOPTION EVENT

DISCUSSION:

We are pleased to announce and encourage your participation in the annual Linking Hearts Community Adoption Event. This event allows the Children's Division, The Community Partnership, the InterFraternity Council, and Pan-Hellenic Council of the Missouri University of Science and Technology to offer an opportunity for prospective adoptive families and children to meet and interact with each other in a fun and relaxed environment. The Linking Hearts event has been successful over the years in creating forever families for waiting children. In addition, the event increases awareness of the need for adoptive homes for children from foster care.

This year's event will be held on Friday, September 16, 2011 at Lion's Club Park in Rolla, Missouri. Sign-in for children will begin at 1:00 p.m. at The Centre. Activities will include games, crafts, swimming, volleyball and basketball. Prospective adoptive parents are invited to join the festivities at 5:00 p.m. and will continue until the closing ceremony at 7:00 p.m. There will be evening activities available for participants to engage in with the children as well as a BBQ for all prospective adoptive parents, children and case workers in attendance.

Counties are encouraged to participate in the event by registering children by **September 2, 2011**. You may access the child registration form by using the [2011 LINKING HEARTS CHILD REGISTRATION FORM](#).

To promote the participation of potential and approved adoptive families use the [2011 LINKING HEARTS FLYER](#) to invite families to this recruitment activity.

This has proven to be an enjoyable and informative adoption recruitment event for prospective families and adoption workers over the years. We strongly encourage your participation and support of this activity.

What's Inside:

Information about
the 2011 Linking
Hearts Adoption
Event in Rolla, MO

If you have questions about Linking Hearts or need directions to the Lion's Club Park and The Centre, please contact the 25th Circuit Adoption Unit at 417-967-4551, 573-774-6121 or 573-368-2340.

NECESSARY ACTION	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division staff. 2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to: 	
PDS CONTACT Crystal Wilson 573-522-9306 Crystal.L.Wilson@dss.mo.gov	PROGRAM MANAGER Amy Martin 573-751-3171 Amy.L.Martin@dss.mo.gov
CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS	
N/A	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS	
N/A	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES	
Adult Registration Child Registration 2011 Linking Hearts Community Adoption Event Agenda 2011 Linking Hearts Flyer	
RELATED STATUTE	
N/A	
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	