

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: MAY 5 – 11 IS CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

DISCUSSION:

During the week of May 5 - 11, a variety of activities at state and local levels are occurring to show support for Children's Mental Health Week. Children's Division Staff are to become involved in showing support by either participating in local activities or visiting the various website resources about Children's Mental Health Week.

This week is dedicated to increasing public awareness about the triumphs and challenges in children's mental health and emphasizing the importance of family and youth involvement in the children's mental health movement.

- Mental health is essential to overall health and well being.
- Serious emotional and mental health disorders in children and youth are real and treatable.
- Children and youth with mental health challenges and their families deserve access to services and supports that are family driven, youth guided and culturally appropriate.
- Values of acceptance, dignity and social inclusion should be promoted throughout all communities for children, youth and families.
- Family and youth voice is a valued asset in determining appropriate services and interventions.

Thursday, May 9th is Children's Mental Health Awareness Day. On that day, all CD staff are encouraged to wear green to show support for Children's Mental Health.

Numerous websites and information is available about Children's Mental Health and the activities planned to show support. I encourage you to take the time to use the following attachments to learn more about Children's Mental Health and/or to plan local activities to show support.

All Children's Division supported activities should be approved through local supervisory channels.

NECESSARY ACTION

1. 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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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS

N/A

FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS

N/A

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES**Attachments included in Memorandum**

2013 MO Families 4
Families Awards Nomi



2013 CMHW
Poster.pdf

www.mosystemofcare.com,

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