

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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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: Re-entry Legislation

## DISCUSSION:

Effective August 28, 2013 youth who left care after the age of 18 but are not yet 21 may elect to come back into care per [S.B. 205](#) (2013) and [S.B. 208](#) (2013). If it is deemed to be in the best interest of the youth, the youth may have his or her custody returned to the Children's Division through a petition to the Court from the youth, Children's Division, or Juvenile Officer. Youth requesting re-entry through contact with a Foster Care Case Management Contractor, Specialized Care Contractor or service provider are to be directed to the Children's Division office in the community where they currently reside.

When a youth requests re-entry services from the Children's Division, the Chafee Foster Care Independence Support Application, [CS-ILP-4](#), must be completed by the youth. In the section "What would you like for the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program to do for you?" the reason for the request and how re-entry would be in the best interests should be documented. Children's Division staff are to make a referral to Division of Legal Services (DLS) for assistance with petitions and the [CS-ILP-4](#) is to be provided when requesting assistance. There may be additional information DLS will request to file the petition. The DLS attorney assigned to the case will let the worker know if additional information is needed.

When a youth returns to the custody of the Children's Division, normal case-opening procedures will be followed. A new case is to be opened in FACES. A pop up will appear on the case member screen indicating the youth has a role of child but is over age 18 however the case may be open as this is information only. All case management services the youth would have received had she or he remained in care such as placement, adult support, and clothing allowances may resume. Services should be provided by the previous case manager when possible and agreeable to the youth. If the youth was previously case managed by Children's Division, these services are the responsibility of the Children's Division office where the youth now resides. If the youth was previously case managed by a Foster Care Case Management Agency and returns

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within the service region served by that agency, the youth should be assigned to the Foster Care Case Management agency for case management.

Youth are expected to participate in the case plan, meet with his or her Children’s Service Worker, juvenile officer, and Chafee provider, and/or go to school and work to demonstrate his or her own efforts towards independence.

If a youth is in need of immediate services, a referral for aftercare services should be made, as it may take some time for a petition to be heard in Court. If the youth is returned to Legal Status 1, the aftercare referral should be closed and a referral for Chafee services made.

A brochure has been developed and should be provided to youth under the age of 21. The brochure should also be displayed in areas within the community visible to youth who could benefit from re-entry. The brochure is available on the internet in the exit packet information at: [http://dssweb/cs/programs/older\\_youth/exit.htm](http://dssweb/cs/programs/older_youth/exit.htm)

<b>NECESSARY ACTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review this memorandum with all Children’s Division staff.</li> <li>2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.</li> <li>3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:</li> </ol>	
<b>PDS CONTACT</b> Sally A. Gaines (573)522-6279 <a href="mailto:Sally.A.Gaines@dss.mo.gov">Sally.A.Gaines@dss.mo.gov</a>	<b>PROGRAM MANAGER</b> Amy L. Martin (573)751-3171 <a href="mailto:Amy.L.Martin@dss.mo.gov">Amy.L.Martin@dss.mo.gov</a>
<b>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS</b>	
Section 4 Chapter 21 <a href="#">Index</a> Section 4 Chapter 21.3.2.1 <a href="#">Re-entry</a> Section 4 Chapter 21.7 <a href="#">Exit Plan</a>	
<b>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS</b>	
N/A	
<b>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES</b>	
Re-entry Brochure	
<b>RELATED STATUTE</b>	
<a href="#">S.B. 205</a> (2013) <a href="#">S.B. 208</a> (2013)	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE</b>	
N/A	
<b>COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS</b>	
N/A	
<b>CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR)</b>	
<a href="#">Other Planned Permanent Living Arrangement/Independent Living Services</a>	

**PROTECTIVE FACTORS**

Parental Resilience: N/A

Social Connections: N/A

Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development: N/A

Concrete Support in Times of Need:

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/philbase.pdf>

Social and Emotional Competence of Children:

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/philbase.pdf>

**FACES REQUIREMENTS**

N/A