

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

**What's Inside:**  
Adam Walsh Child  
Protection Safety  
Act Policy Revisions

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

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: ADAM WALSH CHILD PROTECTION SAFETY ACT POLICY REVISIONS

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to introduce revisions to policy regarding completion of Child Abuse and Neglect (CA/N) registry checks in other states for foster home licensure. This revision is a result of work by a Children's Division-led focus group which met to explore barriers to timely licensing per policy.

The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, also known as H.R. 4472, was passed in July 2006. The purpose of the act is to protect children from sexual exploitation, violent crime, prevent child abuse and child pornography, to promote Internet safety, and to honor the memory of Adam Walsh and other child crime victims.

Missouri Children's Division introduced policy to comply with the Adam Walsh legislation with memo CD08-055. The policy introduced a requirement to search every state where an applicant has lived since the age of 17.

Effective with this memo, there is to be a CA/N registry search of every state where an applicant has resided during the past five (5) years only per The Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act.

**NECESSARY ACTION**

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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<b>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS</b> Section 4 Chapter 12.3 <a href="#">Agency Arranged Kinship Care</a> Section 6 Chapter 2.2 <a href="#">Working With Prospective Foster/Adoptive Parents</a> Section 6 Chapter 3 Attachment A <a href="#">Guide For Conducting Foster/Kinship Family Assessments</a> Section 6 Chapter 3 Attachment D <a href="#">Guide For Conducting Renewal Assessment</a> Section 6 Chapter 3 Attachment H <a href="#">Guide For Conducting Adoptive Family Assessment Services</a>	
<b>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS</b> N/A	
<b>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES</b> <a href="#">Adam Walsh Act Section 152</a> <a href="#">OSCAR List</a> (Out of State Child Abuse Registry Vendor Numbers)	
<b>RELATED STATUTE</b> <a href="#">RSMo 210.109 Child Protection and Reformation</a> <a href="#">RSMo 210.487 Child Protection and Reformation</a>	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE</b> <a href="#">13 CSR 35-60.010 Family Homes Offering (1) (B)Foster Care</a>	
<b>COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS</b> NA	
<b>CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR)</b> N/A	
<b>PROTECTIVE FACTORS</b> N/A Parental Resilience Social Connections Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development Concrete Support in Times of Need Social and Emotional Competence of Children	
<b>FACES REQUIREMENTS</b> N/A	