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What's Inside:July 2015 Edition of In
Focus the CQI Newsletter**July 16, 2015****MEMORANDUM**

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

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: JULY 2015 QUARTERLY CQI NEWSLETTER, [IN FOCUS](#)
FEATURING: WELL-BEING

Find attached the quarterly Continuous Quality Improvement newsletter, *In Focus*. This 2015 July edition of *In Focus* features Well-Being.

Traditionally, child welfare professionals have focused largely on the concepts of safety and permanency. These concepts are readily measurable, quantifiable and can be used to monitor outcomes or to demonstrate the success or impact of practice change. Underlying and encompassing these two elements is the concept of well-being or simply as defined in "[Raising the Bar Child Welfares Shift toward Well-Being](#), (by Center for the Study of Social Policy) "...healthy functioning of children and youth that allows them to be successful throughout childhood and into adulthood."

In this quarter's newsletter we look at the Division's increasing emphasis on well-being in Children's Division practice. The featured article "Every Person Needs and Deserves Wellbeing" highlights concepts from the "Full Frame Initiative Five Domains of Wellbeing Approach".

During CQI meetings each quarter, discuss your circuit's data related to the specific SEE items featured in the newsletter, then share information, through CQI channels, regarding local practices which produce strong scores and/or suggested strategies for improvement.

If you have any information or success stories you would like to share in next quarter's newsletter, please contact Randy McDermit, Program Development Specialist, through Microsoft Outlook or by phone at (573)751-8932, or your regional Quality Improvement Specialist. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the children and families served by the Division.

Necessary Action:

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division Staff.
2. Review the In Focus newsletter during CQI Meetings.
3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels.

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