

## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

## CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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<p><b><u>What's Inside:</u></b> Information about the 2015 Linking Hearts Adoption Event in Rolla, MO</p>
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## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, FIELD SUPPORT MANAGERS,  
CIRCUIT MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS and CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
WORKERS

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: 2015 LINKING HEARTS COMMUNITY ADOPTION EVENT

## DISCUSSION:

We are pleased to announce the annual Linking Hearts Community Adoption Event. This event allows the Children's Division, the Phelps County 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 and increasing awareness of the need for adoptive homes for children from foster care.

This year's event will be held on Friday, September 18, 2015. The event will be held at the Lion's Club Park in Rolla, Missouri. Registration for children will begin at 1:00 p.m. at The Centre. Activities will include games, swimming, volleyball, basketball and crafts. Prospective adoptive parents are invited to join the festivities at 5:00 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 workers. The closing ceremony will be at 7:00 p.m.

Registration is now open, effective the date of this memo and must be received before **September 4, 2015**. You may complete the child registration using the 2015 LINKING HEARTS CHILD REGISTRATION FORM. To promote the participation of potential and approved adoptive families use the 2015 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.

If you have questions about Linking Hearts or need DIRECTIONS to The Centre, please contact the 25th Circuit Adoption Unit at 573-368-2440 or 573-774-6121 ext 245 and ask for an adoption worker.

<b>NECESSARY ACTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review this memorandum with all Children’s Division staff.</li> <li>2. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:</li> </ol>	
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<b>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS</b> N/A	
<b>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS</b> N/A	
<b>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES</b> <a href="#">2015 LINKING HEARTS CHILD REGISTRATION FORM</a> <a href="#">2015 LINKING HEARTS ADULT REGISTRATION FORM</a> <a href="#">2015 LINKING HEARTS FLYER</a> <a href="#">DIRECTIONS</a> <a href="#">2015 LINKING HEARTS AGENDA</a>	
<b>RELATED STATUTE</b> N/A	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE RULE</b> N/A	
<b>COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS</b> N/A	
<b>CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR)</b> N/A	
<b>PROTECTIVE FACTORS N/A</b> 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	