

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

P. O. BOX 88

JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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What's Inside:

New Paternity
Testing Contract

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, FIELD SUPPORT MANAGERS,
CIRCUIT MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: NEW GENETIC PARENTAGE TESTING CONTRACT AND
UPDATED REGIONAL CONTACT LIST

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform staff of the new genetic parentage testing contract and provide an updated listing of regional liaisons responsible for assisting staff with testing procedures. Genetic parentage testing should be requested when testing of the mother, child, and alleged father(s) is necessary to include or exclude paternity.

Effective October 1, 2015, DNA Diagnostic Center (DDC) will be the sole provider of genetic parentage testing services for the Children's Division. Field staff will continue to follow the same process when requesting testing services. The results will have a similar appearance to the results provided by the previous vendor.

Field staff needing assistance with genetic testing procedures should contact their regional liaisons. When further assistance is needed, regional liaisons and/or field staff should contact the central office liaison.

General procedures for genetic testing can be found in [Section 3 Chapter 5 Attachment G](#) of the Child Welfare Manual.

The following is an updated list of staff assigned to genetic parentage testing:

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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 Section 8, Chapter 7, Subsection 2 , Section 3, Chapter 5, Attachment G
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS CD-37 , CS-201AC , CS-201AC Instructions
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES N/A
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 (Link applicable factors and enter N/A if not applicable.) 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