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M E M O R A N D U M

What's Inside:Awards and
revisions of Chafee
contract

TO: REGIONAL EXECUTIVE STAFF, CIRCUIT MANAGERS,
PROGRAM MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND SPECIALISTS

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Chafee Foster Care Independence Program Changes

DISCUSSION: The Chafee Foster Care Independence Program Contract has been rebid and awarded to the following providers:

Region	Awarded Agency
St. Louis Region	Epworth Children and Family Services
NE Region	Family Facets
NW Region	Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc.
SE Region	Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc.
SW Region	Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc.

LINC continues providing services for Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties. The Community Partnership continues providing services to the 25th Circuit.

A copy of the contract can be viewed and printed from the Division of Purchasing and Materials Management's Awarded Bid & Contract Document Search System located on the Internet at: <http://oa.mo.gov/purchasing-materials-management/>
Please reference the Bid number **B3Z15239** when searching for this document.

Due to the change in providers for the NW, all youth receiving Chafee services from Great Circle will need to be re-referred in FACES to Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. Great Circle will be working on finalizing reports and there will be a transition period while Preferred Family Healthcare, Inc. prepares to implement the program within the next sixty days. Referrals can be made to Preferred Family Healthcare. All youth should be referred by the end of January in order to ensure utilization of the contract and continued life skills services for youth.

A stakeholder's meeting was held for input on the contract and Chafee services. From this feedback and changes in the federal law, several revisions were made to the contract with the rebid. The highlights are:

- The purpose of assisting youth who are likely to remain in foster care until age 18 with regular, on-going opportunities to engage in “age or developmentally-appropriate” activities was added with the passage of [H.R. 4980, the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act](#). Contractual requirement language was previously included for services of this nature however it was not a purpose of the federal legislation.
- The contract now allows the Chafee provider 30 days to make initial contact with the youth upon receipt of the referral. The additional time will aid in the Children’s Service Worker and the Chafee provider scheduling and having a joint initial meeting. Joint participation of the Children’s Service Worker and the Chafee Provider is essential to ensure the youth is comfortable with meeting a new service provider as well as what expectations each party can expect.
- The Chafee provider is to provide services to a minimum of sixty-five percent (65%) of all referred youth during each quarter. Of the youth receiving services during the quarter, 70% of the services must be in the service elements of independent living needs assessment, academic support, career preparation (combined with employment programs or vocational training), and budget and financial management; and 30% of the services must be in the service elements of, post-secondary educational support, housing education/home management training, health education and risk prevention, family support and healthy marriage education, mentoring and youth leadership.
- The Individual Life Skills Progress Report will now be updated on a monthly basis versus quarterly. If no service was provided for the month, the Individual Life Skills Progress Report will state this. This will allow a clearer picture of what services are being provided for youth referred to Chafee and those who have not been referred in which the Children’s Service Worker documents the life skills teaching being provided to the youth.
- Information on consent of the Court being required for media involvement and public performances has been included.
- The discharge Casey Life Skills Assessment (CLSA) is no longer a requirement but annual completions remains.

Older Youth Transition Specialists will continue to assist with the changes and transition.

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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CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS Section 4, Chapter 21.3.1 Program Goals Section 4, Chapter 21.3.3 Referral Process Section 4, Chapter 21.3.4 Youth Assessment Section 4, Chapter 21.3.7.1 Education and Training Vouchers Section 4, Chapter 21.3.7.2 Missouri Reach	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS CLSA	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES Chafee Foster Care Independence Program Requirements	
RELATED STATUTE Foster Care Independence Act (1999) The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act (2014)	
ADMINISTRATIVE RULE N/A	
COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION (COA) STANDARDS N/A	
CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES REVIEW (CFSR) N/A	
PROTECTIVE FACTORS Parental Resilience: N/A Social Connections: http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/info/cwmanual/philbase.pdf 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 Referral - Chafee Independence Services Individual Life Skills Progress Report (CD95)	