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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, FIELD SUPPORT MANAGERS, CIRCUIT
            MANAGERS, SPECIALISTS, SUPERVISORS AND ALL
            CHILDREN'S DIVISION STAFF

FROM: TIM DECKER, DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHILDREN'S DIVISION DATA
            DASHBOARD

DISCUSSION:

As part of the Continuous Quality Improvement process, the Children's Division has been
participating with the Casey Foundation since 2016 in the Promoting Resources and
Opportunities for Making Permanency Timely (PROMPT) workgroup.

The PROMPT workgroup was created for the purpose of researching and promoting
strategies for ensuring that children reach permanency in a timely manner and have the
opportunity to grow up in loving family settings without unnecessary delays in progressing
through the child welfare system.

One recommendation made by the PROMPT workgroup to continue the Children's Division
goal of growing a data informed workforce is the Children's Division Data Dashboard.
The Data Dashboard is comprised of twelve interactive reports that focus on the Division's
goal to safely reduce the need foster care and for those in care, to safely reach
permanency.

The following measures are included:

Reduce Rate of Children Entering Care

- Entry Rates Per Thousand
- Re-entry - based on exit cohort

Decrease Maltreatment Recurrence

- Maltreatment in Foster Care
- Re-occurrence of Maltreatment

Improve Timely Stable Permanency

- Permanency within 12 months for those children entering foster care
- Length of time to reunification - based on exit cohort
- Length of time to adoption - based on exit cohort
- Length of time between entry and filing of TPR
- Length of time between filing TPR and finalized adoption
- Length of time to guardianship - based on exit cohort
- Overall length of time in care - based on exit cohort
- Placement stability - 2 or fewer moves in first 12 months in care
- Percent of children residing in residential placement settings

The Dashboard will be available to all staff and to the general public through the Children's Division internet site.

Link: http://dss.mo.gov/cd/dashboard/

The Dashboard can be used by staff to look at county and circuit functioning as it compares to the State. This information can be used to examine practice and to form practice improvement plans in partnership with community stakeholders and staff.

If you have questions about the Dashboard, please contact your regional Quality Assurance staff.

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 N/A	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS N/A	
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)/ PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT PLAN N/A	
PROTECTIVE FACTORS	**N/A**
FACES REQUIREMENTS	N/A