

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

CHILDREN'S DIVISION

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHILDREN'S DIVISION AND CONTRACTED STAFF

FROM: JULIE LESTER, INTERIM DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: FY19 HOME VISITING

DISCUSSION:

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind all Children's Division front line practitioners of the Home Visiting Program, which is a fully funded, in-depth preventative in-home service for at risk families. Our Home Visitors are required to receive seventy percent (70%) of their referrals from Children's Division as a means of ensuring our families are receiving top priority in accessing this valuable service.

The Home Visiting Program is a voluntary service for our most vulnerable families. This program is available to families beginning prenatally up to age three (3).

Each Home Visiting Program utilizes an evidence based or promising approach designed to provide additional in-home education and support to families with a focus of reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect, as well as to provide support for our front line practitioners.

Front line practitioners are strongly encouraged to make referrals for **all** newborn crisis assessments, as well as to make referrals for investigations/assessments, family-centered services cases, and alternative care cases with a goal of reunification, in which there is involvement with a pregnant mother and/or a child under the age of three (3). The Home Visiting program can also be utilized during alternative care cases transitioning towards and during trial home placement, as an additional service in the home to assist with parent/child attachment and parenting skill development.

Attached you will find a map indicating the eleven (11) regions in the State of Missouri where the eleven (11) contractors and eight (8) community partnerships offer Home Visiting Services, as well as contact information for the competitive contractors and community partnerships in each region.

If there are any additional questions regarding the Home Visiting Program in your area, or if you would like someone to come to your circuit to provide additional information on the value of the home visiting program, please contact Tara Goins or Tasha Toebben.

Attached is an updated referral form ([CD-261](#)) to utilize when referring a family for Home Visiting Services, which can also be accessed through E-Forms.

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 Referral Form for Home Visiting (CD-261)	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES Home Visiting map indicating the eleven (11) regions where the contractors and community partnerships are located. Contact information for contractors and community partnerships	
RELATED STATUTE N/A	