



Practice Alert

Mental/Behavioral Health Resources

The purpose of this alert is to inform staff of the addition of two new links, from the Department of Mental Health Network of Care, to the Children's Division Intranet and Internet pages. The Intranet link may be found in the section titled "Other links" and the Internet information is found under Foster Care information/Foster Parent Internet Resources. These links provide information for staff to use as a reference when providing services to children and families. Foster and adoptive parents should also be made aware of these links to assist them in providing care to children placed with them.

Specifically, these links provide information on mental health conditions, as well as information to assist with accessing care for Mental/Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The information is to be shared with foster parents by sharing the links with those who have access to the web and by printing information for any foster parent who makes such request or is identified as needing information about the diagnosis of a child in their care.

Additionally, please be aware that a third link to Washington University school of social work is available for your reference on both the Intranet and Internet to provide information to foster parents and staff regarding psychotropic medications used to treat children in the child welfare system.

Mental Health Conditions

<http://pettis.mo.networkofcare.org/mh/library/articleList.cfm?Cat=39>

Network of Care for Mental and Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

http://missouri.networkofcare.org/home_state.cfm?stateid=30

Working with Psychiatrists and Psychotropic Medications for Children in the Child Welfare System: A Guide for Child Welfare Professionals, Judges, Lawyers, Foster Parents, and Family Members

<http://gwbweb.wustl.edu/cmhsr/psychotropic/index.htm>

Per the foster parent bill of rights, Section 1 Chapter 3 Attachment A of the Child Welfare manual "The children's division and its contractors shall provide to foster parents and potential adoptive parents, prior to placement, all pertinent information, including but not limited to full disclosure of all medical, psychological, and psychiatric conditions of the child, as well as information from previous placements that would indicate that the child or children may have a propensity to cause violence to any member of the foster family home. " The worker will provide full and accurate medical information (current condition and history) to the resource provider using **Child/Family Health and Developmental Assessment** form CW-103. If none or only part of the above is known, share what is available and continue obtaining needed medical history.

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