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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: DAVID B. KURT, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: 2019 LINKING HEARTS COMMUNITY ADOPTION EVENT

DISCUSSION:

We are pleased to announce the annual Linking Hearts Community Adoption Event. This event allows the Children's Division, the Phelps County Community Partnership, the InterFraternity Council, and Pan-Hellenic Council of the Missouri University of Science and Technology to offer an opportunity for prospective adoptive families and children to meet and interact with each other in a fun and relaxed environment. The Linking Hearts event has been successful over the years in creating forever families for waiting children and increasing awareness of the need for adoptive homes for children from foster care.

This year's event will be held on Friday, September 13, 2019. The event will be held at the Lion's Club Park in Rolla, Missouri. Registration for children will begin at 1:00 p.m. at The Centre. Activities will include games, swimming, volleyball, basketball and crafts. Prospective adoptive parents are invited to join the festivities at 5:00 p.m. There will be evening activities available for participants to engage in with the children as well as a BBQ for all prospective adoptive parents, children and workers. The closing ceremony will be at 7:00 p.m.

Registration is now open, effective the date of this memo and must be received before **September 3, 2019**. You may complete the child registration using the 2019 Linking Hearts Child Registration form. To promote the participation of potential and approved adoptive families use the 2019 Linking Hearts flyer to invite families to this recruitment activity.

This has proven to be an enjoyable and informative adoption recruitment event for prospective families and adoption workers over the years. We strongly encourage your participation and support of this activity.

If you have questions about Linking Hearts or need directions to The Centre, please contact Wendy Wiseman Wendy.Wiseman@dss.mo.gov or Brittany Robbins (573-368-2436) at brittany.a.robbins@dss.mo.gov.

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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REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES

- [2019 LINKING HEARTS FLYER](#)
- [2019 LINKING HEARTS AGENDA](#)
- [DIRECTIONS TO THE CENTRE](#)
- [DIRECTIONS TO LION’S CLUB PARK](#)
- [2019 LINKING HEARTS CHILD REGISTRATION FORM](#)
- [2019 LINKING HEARTS ADULT SUPERVISION REGISTRATION FORM](#)