



Practice Points

Informed Consent InfoSheet

The purpose of this Practice Point is to introduce the Informed Consent InfoSheet created for resource providers to highlight key elements of the informed consent policy.

Considerable revisions were made to the informed consent policy in September 2018. Consenting authority for many of the health care-related decisions historically and routinely made by resource parents shifted to Children's Division and contracted case management staff with the implementation of these policy revisions. This InfoSheet is intended to make resource parents aware of the differences in these consenting authorities, while also emphasizing how vital they and the child's parents/guardians are to supporting the health and well-being of children in care.

Please provide the InfoSheet to all current and prospective resource providers. Ideas for distribution include:

- Email distribution
- Case Manager home visit
- Resource Development Worker quarterly licensing visit
- Accompany placement letter when a child/youth is placed with a foster/relative/kinship provider
- STARS Training / Family Assessment Process

Central Office will:

- Post on E-Forms
- Provide to the MSFCAB
- Make available to Foster Care Case Management agencies
- Inform the Recruitment and Retention contractor to provide to newly licensed families
- Include as a link in the Missouri Resource Parent Handbook
- Post on the DSS website, *Foster Parent Information and Resources* page
- Request Family Resource Centers post on their websites

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