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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: CHILDREN'S DIVISION AND CONTRACTED STAFF  
FROM: DARRELL MISSEY, DIRECTOR  
SUBJECT: Border Agreement with the State of Kansas

The purpose of this memo is to announce the Border Agreement established between Missouri and Kansas and share the implementation of Border Agreement policy and procedure in the Child Welfare Manual.

In recognizing that delays to timely placement negatively impact a child's overall well-being, the Border Agreement was developed to address barriers within the interstate placement process in order to improve the lives of abused and neglected children in the care and custody of either of the two States' public child welfare agencies. The Border Agreement facilitates timely and efficient interstate placement of children by allowing expedited emergency placement with a proposed relative caregiver or licensed facility (i.e. emergency shelter, residential facility including, but not limited to, a psychiatric residential treatment facility) located within 60 miles of the states' border.

Required Actions for Placement and Required Actions Following Placement with a relative provider are listed in Section 6, Chapter 16, and Subsection 2.1 and 2.2 of the Child Welfare Manual. These required actions are the same for relatives living in both Missouri and Kansas. The only deviation from the required actions for placement in Kansas is the completion of pre-placement background screenings and the licensing process.

Three Kansas specific screenings must be completed to assess the safety of the relative household prior to placement. These additional screenings include a Kansas Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry screening (CANIS), a Kansas Bureau of Investigations name based check (KBI), and an address search of the National Sex Offender Public Website. There will be no fee for these requests.

Within 48 hours of emergency placement occurring in Kansas, notification must be sent to [MO\\_ICPC@dss.mo.gov](mailto:MO_ICPC@dss.mo.gov) with the name and DCN of each children placed, the proposed placement provider's name and address, and Medicaid plan.

Within 30 days of placement, an ICPC Regulation 2 Referral must be submitted in FACES. Border agreement placements are not eligible for Regulation 7 or Expedited ICPC Referral. Missouri must provide supervision of the placement to include monthly, in-person visitation with the child in their placement until the ICPC home assessment is completed and a recommendation for or against continued placement is received by Kansas. If Kansas denies placement or the ICPC request, Missouri must move the child within 5 business days.

The Finalized Border Agreement and “Kansas Department for Children and Families – Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry” can be found on the ICPC Intranet page. The Child Welfare Manual has been updated to outline policy and procedure for making an expedited placement through the Border Agreement. A Border Agreement Placement Guide has been developed to assist case managers.

<b>NECESSARY ACTION</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review this memorandum with all Children’s Division staff.</li> <li>2. Review revised Child Welfare Manual chapters as indicated below.</li> <li>3. All questions should be cleared through normal supervisory channels and directed to:</li> </ol>	
<b>PDS CONTACT</b> Candice Nahler Monica Sekscinski	<b>MANAGER CONTACT</b> Lauren Masterson
<b>CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS</b> Section 4, Chapter 2, Subsection 2.11.8	
<b>FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED ON THE ICPC INTRANET PAGE:</b> Border Agreement Placement Guide	
<b>REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES CAN BE LOCATED ON THE ICPC INTRANET PAGE:</b> Border Agreement Kansas Child Abuse and Neglect Central Registry Release of Information (OBI 1011) National Sex Offender Public Website, <a href="https://www.nsopw.gov/">https://www.nsopw.gov/</a>	
<b>RELATED STATUTE</b> RSMo 210.620 through 210.652 and 210.662	