

Practice Alert



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Resource Provider Roles and Responsibilities Notification

The purpose of this practice alert is to announce changes to resource development forms due to recent legislative and policy changes related to resource parent reporting responsibilities for missing children.

The Child Welfare Manual Section 6, Chapter 20 - Roles and Responsibilities of Resource Parents policy was updated with the publication of Memorandum CD23-23, Legislation Affecting Children's Division in accordance with RSMo 210.795. Resource providers shall notify the Division immediately upon determining a foster child to be missing. In addition to notifying the Division immediately, the resource provider shall, within 2 hours of determining a foster child to be missing, file a missing child complaint with the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction, and inform the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The Resource Provider Acknowledgement, CD-108, Resource Home and Safety Checklist, CS-45, and Resource Provider Handbook have been updated to reflect this information. The updated forms are now available on e-forms for use. Please begin using the new forms with the publication of this practice alert.

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