

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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: DARRELL MISSEY, DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: 2024 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, 2024.** 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 August 21, 2024.*** You may complete the child registration using the 2024 Linking Hearts Child Registration form. To promote the participation of potential and approved adoptive families, use the 2024 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 Anthea Montes (573-536-2021) Anthea.R.Montes@dss.mo.gov.

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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:	
PDS CONTACT	MANAGER CONTACT Lauren Masterson 573-576-2130 Lauren.Masterson@dss.mo.gov
CHILD WELFARE MANUAL REVISIONS	
FORMS AND INSTRUCTIONS 2024 LINKING HEARTS FLYER 2024 AGENDA 2024 DIRECTIONS 2024 CHILD REGISTRATION FORM 2024 ADULT SUPERVISION REGISTRATION FORM	
REFERENCE DOCUMENTS AND RESOURCES (List or put N/A if not applicable.)	
RELATED STATUTE (List or put N/A if not applicable.)	