

# Memorandum

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**DATE:** September 14, 2026

**TO:** Children's Division and Foster Care Case Management

**FROM:** Sara Smith, Children's Division Director

**SUBJECT:** **Re-Entry**

**OVERVIEW:**

Policy [CWM 4.5.10 Re-Entry](#) identifies the qualifications and process for Re-Entry requests per 211.036 RSMo.

Policy was updated to match the above referenced statute. Policy pieces regarding qualification for re-entry and the process for responding to re-entry requests have been clarified and updated.

For questions or concerns, please contact:

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**CHILD WELFARE MANUAL POLICY AND COLLATERAL DOCUMENTATION:**

[CWM 4.5.10 Re-Entry](#)

**NECESSARY ACTION:**

1. Review this memorandum with all Children's Division and Foster Care Case Management team members.
2. Review Child Welfare Manual chapters and forms as indicated above.