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Memorandum

To: Virginia Federation of Families
Virginia Integrated Network of Family Organizations
Virginia Association of Counties
Virginia Municipal League
Virginia Association of Local Human Services Officials
Virginia League of Social Services Executives
Virginia Association of Community Services Boards
Virginia Court Services Unit Directors Association
Virginia Local School Superintendents Association
Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education
Virginia Academy of Preventive Medicine and Public Health
Virginia Council of Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judges
Virginia Coalition of Private Providers Associations
CSA Coordinator's Network
CSA State and Local Advisory Team
Community Policy and Management Teams
Family Assessment and Planning Teams
Voices for Virginia's Children
Virginia Poverty Law Center
Just Children
All Other Interested Stakeholders

From: The Honorable Marilyn B. Tavenner 

Subject: *Final interagency guidelines on specific foster care services for children in need of services funded through the Comprehensive Services Act – Revised; effective July 1, 2008*

Date: June 30, 2008

The final interagency guidelines on specific foster care services for children in need of services funded through the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) have been updated to reflect recent statutory changes. House Bill 1489 was passed by the 2008 General Assembly and enacted in Chapter 678 of the Code of Virginia. This legislation removes the statutory language in Code (§16.1- 281. §16.1-282 and §16.1-282.1) which required:

- submission of the Individual and Family Services Plan (IFSP) to the court within 60 days; and

- ongoing periodic court reviews

for children who are placed through a CSA parental agreement. Thus, placements of children outside of their homes through a CSA parental agreement, with an agency designated by the community policy and management team, no longer require court oversight. All court requirements, including the submission of the plan and ongoing reviews, remain for children who are placed through a non-custodial agreement with the Department of Social Services. This change in the law is effective July 1, 2008. Please distribute these documents broadly to all interested stakeholders.

For questions about these interagency guidelines, please feel free to contact:

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