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FROM: Mary D. Richter, Deputy Director, Office of Family Safety

SUBJECT: Human Trafficking - Staff Contacts
ACTION REQUESTED: Informational
DUE DATE: None

PURPOSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to update the contact persons for issues relating to Human Trafficking.

BACKGROUND: On April 20, 2009, a memo was distributed relating to the human trafficking operating procedure - CFOP 175-14 "Intakes and Investigative Response to Human Trafficking of Children" which became effective May 1, 2009. The memo identified contact persons that were available for technical assistance and consultation. There have been changes in these positions, therefore, this memo is being sent to provide you with the updated contact information.

The Office of Refugee Services has recently hired Tyson Elliott as the new Human Trafficking Coordinator. Mr. Elliott joins us from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, where he worked in the area of human trafficking. He will be working on issues relating to foreign born victims of human trafficking. In addition, the Office of Family Safety will be coordinating in this effort, with a specific focus on domestic minor sexual trafficking victims (DMST). Meg Bates will be the contact person for the Family Safety Program Office.

Please be advised that CFOP 175-14 is still in effect, but will be reviewed for needed changes in the coming months.

ACTION REQUIRED: Please share this information with appropriate staff and stakeholders.

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have any questions, or need additional information please contact Tyson Elliott, Office of Refugee Services regarding non citizen trafficking victims at: office (850) 413-8207; cell (850) 728-5559; e-mail tyson_elliott@dcf.state.fl.us. For issues relating to DMST contact Meg Bates, Office of Family Safety, at: office (850) 413-8991; cell (850) 228-2438; e-mail: meg_bates@dcf.state.fl.us.

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