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INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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TO: Regional Managing Directors
Community-Based Care Lead Agency Chief Executive Officers

THROUGH: Janice Thomas, Assistant Secretary for Child Welfare *JT*

FROM: Traci Leavine, Director of Child Welfare Practice *TL*

SUBJECT: Eligibility Clarification for the Postsecondary Education Services and Support Program

PUPROSE: The purpose of this memorandum is to provide clarification to Independent Living Service Providers, Independent Living Coordinators, and case managers concerning the eligibility criteria for the Postsecondary Education Services and Supports Program.

BACKGROUND: The Postsecondary Education Services and Support Program was passed into law during the 2013 legislative session and took effect on January 1, 2014. Eligibility for this program is outlined in section 409.1451, F.S., and Chapter 65C-42.002, F.A.C.

ELIGIBILITY CLARIFCATION: There is no restriction on the number of post-secondary degrees or certifications that a young adult may receive while participating in the Postsecondary Education Services and Supports Program.

ACTION NEEDED: Please disseminate this memorandum to all Independent Living Service providers, Independent Living Coordinators, and case managers.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Should you have any questions, please contact Tory Wilson, Office of Child Welfare, at 850-717-4056 or via email at tory.wilson@myflfamilies.com.

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