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DATE: August 20, 2008
TO: Regional Directors
THROUGH: John K. Cooper, Acting Assistant Secretary for Operations
David Fairbanks, Assistant Secretary for Programs
Patricia Badland
FROM: Patricia Badland, Director of Office of Family Safety
SUBJECT: Mentoring Through Qualitative Discussion
Train-the-Trainer - Response Due By September 1, 2008

John K. Cooper
David Fairbanks

Purpose: This memorandum is to advise you that the Office of Family Safety is sponsoring two training sessions in September that will provide local trainers a curriculum from which they can train front line supervisors to become better mentors to staff by using the qualitative discussion protocols in the new QA system.

Background: The qualitative discussion protocols were built from an existing and successful process used by Kids Central, Inc., and in consultations with Dr. Peter Digre, a nationally known expert in the field. Dr. Digre and leadership recognize that supervisory direction is critical to keeping children safe and achieving timely permanency, and agreed that these qualitative discussions can create an environment conducive to critical and reflective thinking that will result in more positive outcomes for those we serve.

In addition, qualitative discussions naturally provide a perfect chance for supervisors to mentor staff. Supervisors are not only overseeing performance, but can use the opportunity to teach their staff better skill sets and increase their knowledge base, while building confidence and enhancing worker morale.

In April 2008 Dr. Digre facilitated several training sessions around the state in which the concept of qualitative discussions between supervisors and staff was a major topic. Subsequently, the Office of Family Safety contracted with an instructional designer to develop a curriculum based in part on Dr. Digre's counsel, to teach supervisors how to effectively conduct these qualitative discussions and mentor staff.

Action Required: We are now ready to deliver the training and invite one trainer per circuit and one per lead agency to participate. Please share this information with the lead agencies.

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This one-day training session is being offered in two locations to minimize travel expenses as much as possible. Regretfully and contrary to earlier discussions, the Office of Family Safety is not able to cover travel costs for this training due to budget constraints.

Please see the attached list of attendees currently identified. You will need to identify any other attendees by September 1, 2008.

September 9, 2008

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Embassy Suites Orlando North
225 Shorecrest Drive
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

(407) 834-2400

September 11, 2008

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Hilton University of Florida
1714 SW 34th Street
Gainesville, FL 32607

(352) 371-3600

Contact Information: If you have any questions and wish to add a representative from your area, please contact Gail Perry, Office of Family Safety Quality Assurance, at (850) 921-7794 or email her at: gail_perry@dcf.state.fl.us.

Attachment

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Train the Trainer
Supervisory Mentoring Training Sponsored by Quality Assurance

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