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**ACCREDITATION TEAM INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

A team of assessors from the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation (CFA) will arrive Tuesday, July 16, 2024 to examine all aspects of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Office of Inspector General (OIG) Investigations Section, including a review of case activities, policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services, Inspector General Keith Parks announced today.

To be accredited, the DCF OIG has to comply with 49 standards. All of the standards are mandatory, such as requiring that investigative staff abide by a code of ethics; establishing and following procedures for the release of information to the public (in accordance with applicable laws, rules, or procedures); and adhering to strict guidelines when conducting internal investigations of agency or contracted provider employees.

As part of the onsite assessment, agency employees and the general public are invited to offer comments to the assessment team. A copy of the standards is available through the CFA website at www.flaccreditation.org. For more information regarding CFA or for persons wishing to offer written comments about the ability of the DCF OIG to meet the standards of accreditation, please submit via the website, letter to CFA at P.O. Box 1489, Tallahassee, Florida 32302, or e-mail to info@flaccreditation.org.

The CFA Assessment Team will consist of a team leader and several team members. Once the CFA Assessors complete their review of the agency, they report back to the full Commission, which will then decide if the agency is to receive re-accredited status.

Re-accreditation of the DCF OIG, if approved, will be for a three-year term. This will be the fifth re-accreditation assessment of the DCF OIG.

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