



**Discussion/Interpretation:**

These rules are being changed due to recommendations resulting from the Governor's request for a review of Oregon's child welfare system by the National Resource Center on Child Protection. These rules reflect a shift in the framework that guides CPS practice and are consistent with recommendations received by the National Resource Center on Child Protection.

In summary, the changes assure a focus on child safety throughout the child protective service process, refine parts of the existing process, use clearer language with an objective to achieve more consistent practice statewide and detail actions that had been previously assumed to be known by the CPS worker. The rule sets were reorganized in an attempt to include within the assessment rule all activities required by the CPS worker. This reorganization resulted in the need to repeal some of the rule sets.

**Implementation/Transition Instructions:** This rule is being filed with ample time to provide feedback. All feedback will be reviewed. After necessary changes are made the final version of the rules will be posted for review with ample time to be familiar with the rule before the effective date.

**Training/Communication Plan:** Training on the rules will be offered through video conferencing sessions in December 2006.

**Local/Branch Action Required:** Review and be familiar with the rules. If pertinent provide feedback.

**Central Office Action Required:** Review and be familiar with the rules. If pertinent provide feedback.

**Field/Stakeholder review:**  Yes  No

**If yes, reviewed by:** Policy Council. Being provided for draft review at this time.

**Filing Instructions:**

*If you have any questions about this policy, contact:*

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