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Policy Transmittal

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Topic: Child Welfare Case Management and Substitute Care

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: _____

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
 County Mental Health Directors
 Area Agencies on Aging
 Health Services
 Children, Adults and Families
 Seniors and People with Disabilities
 County DD Program Managers
 Other (please specify): _____

Policy/Rule Title:	Monitoring Child Safety, Voluntary Placement Agreement, Voluntary Custody Agreement, Family Support Services, Developing and Managing the Case Plan, Placement Matching, and Visits and Other Types of Family Contact		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	I-B.1, I-B.1.3, I-B.1.3.1, I-B.2.3.1, I-B.3.1, I-E.3.1, I-E.3.5	Release No:	
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Web Address:	http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/drafts/2006/i-b1.pdf http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/drafts/2006/i-b13.pdf http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/drafts/2006/i-b131.pdf http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/drafts/2006/i-b31.pdf http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/drafts/2006/i-e31.pdf http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/drafts/2006/i-e35.pdf		

Discussion/Interpretation: These rules are being revised due to recommendations that followed the Governor’s request for a review of Oregon’s child welfare system by the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services (NRCCPS). The rule revisions incorporate a change in the framework that guides child welfare practice and are consistent with the recommendations of the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services.

The revisions to rule distinguish those cases in which the Department provides services to eligible families when there is no safety threat to a child and those in which

child safety is the primary focus. The revisions refine existing processes to focus on child safety in case planning and case management, provide clarity on managing child safety and well being when a child is in substitute care, and focus the case plan to achieve permanency for a child in a timely manner through regular review of progress toward achieving expected outcomes of the case plan.

Several rule sets are reorganized to include all the responsibilities of the case worker and supervisor. The reorganization results in the repeal of some existing rules.

Implementation/Transition Instructions: These rules are being filed with ample time to provide feedback. All feedback will be reviewed and considered. After final changes are made, the final version of the rules will be posted for review with ample time to become familiar with the rule before effective dates.

Training/Communication Plan: Initial training on these rules will be offered through video conferencing in December, 2006. Ongoing training strategies are being developed.

Local/Branch Action Required: Review and become familiar with these rules. Provide feedback through written documentation to the contact person listed below.

Central Office Action Required: Review and become familiar with these rules. Provide feedback through written documentation to the contact person listed below.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by: Policy Council. These rules are provided in draft for review at this time.

Filing Instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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