**PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY TRANSMITTAL LETTER, 13-06**

**TO:** Service Region Administrators

Service Region Administrator Associates

Service Region Clinical Associates

Regional Program Specialists

Family Services Office Supervisors

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**SUBJECT:** Legislation Changes Effective June 25, 2013

Please review the following legislative changes that affect the agency’s SOP and/or have an impact on DCBS clients or service providers:

* [House Bill 3](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statrev/ACTS2013RS/0025.pdf): DCBS will now accept reports of human trafficking regardless of whether the alleged perpetrator is in a caretaking role. The following SOP and documents have been revised/added to reflect this change:
  + [2.2 Receiving a Specialized Investigation Report](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter2/02/Pages/22ReceivingaSpecializedInvestigationReport.aspx);
  + [2.3 Acceptance Criteria](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter2/02/Pages/23AcceptanceCriteria.aspx);
  + [2.6 Completing the CPS Intake](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter2/02/Pages/26CompletingtheIntake.aspx);
  + [2.15 Specialized Investigations](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter2/03/Pages/215SpecializedInvestigations.aspx);
  + [2.15.9 Investigations of Human Trafficking](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter2/03/Pages/2159InvestigationsofHumanTrafficking.aspx) (New);
  + [Human Trafficking of Minors-A Guide for CPS Workers](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/Resources/Related%20Resources%20Library/Human%20Trafficking%20of%20Minors-A%20Guide%20for%20CPS%20Workers.docx) (New); and
  + [CPS Investigative Distribution Chart](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/Resources/Related%20Resources%20Library/CPS%20Investigative%20Distribution%20Chart.doc).
* [House Bill 69](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statrev/ACTS2013RS/0079.pdf): The judge may waive reasonable efforts to keep a child in a home when the court determines a parent has sexually abused the child or is required to register on a sex offender registry. The following SOP and document have been revised to reflect this change:
  + [11.8 Judicial Determination of Reasonable Efforts and Aggravated Circumstances](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter11/35/Pages/118JudicialDeterminationofReasonableEffortsandAggravatedCircumstances.aspx); and
  + [Concurrent Planning Review Tool](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/Resources/Related%20Resources%20Library/Concurrent%20Planning%20Review%20Tool.doc).
* [House Bill 290](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statrev/ACTS2013RS/0039.pdf): An external review panel for child fatality and near fatality cases has been created. There is no impact to the SOP, however, this panel will ensure that all cases of fatality/near fatality will be reviewed and reported on annually.
* [House Bill 222](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statrev/ACTS2013RS/0087.pdf): Created an address protection program for victims of domestic violence to ensure that victims may register to vote under an anonymous address that will not reveal their physical location.
* [House Bill 366](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statrev/ACTS2013RS/0118.pdf):
  + A perinatal advisory committee has been created to assist families in seeking treatment for medical issues occurring to a child just before and just after birth;
  + New mandated reporting requirements have been developed for all cases of neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS);
  + All newborns will now be screened for critical congenital heart disease (CCHD); and
  + The address protection program discussed in House Bill 222 may be expanded to allow a participant to use a relative’s address. This will only occur if the address protection program is created and if there is appropriate funding for expansion.
* [Senate Bill 18](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statrev/ACTS2013RS/0102.pdf): The age at which a child is eligible for pre-school services has been changed from October 1 of each year to August 1 of each year. This will not impact the SOP, but will allow more children access to pre-school services at a younger age.
* [Senate Bill 95](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/Statrev/ACTS2013RS/0070.pdf): The eligibility timeframe for youth to access the tuition waiver has been extended for those who serve in the military, the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, Peace Corps and AmeriCorps. The current eligibility period of five (5) years will be extended for the number of years that the youth served in active duty with one of the programs listed above.

The house and senate bills will be listed in SOP until the KRS has been updated online. At that time the new KRS citations will be posted in the manual.

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