**PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY TRANSMITTAL LETTER, 13-08**

**TO:** Service Region Administrators

 Service Region Administrator Associates

 Service Region Clinical Associates

 Regional Program Specialists

 Family Services Office Supervisors

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**DATE:** July 1, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Title IV-E Compliance Revisions

In order to remain in compliance with title IV-E requirements, several revisions have been made to SOP. Please review this transmittal regarding the changes.

The following SOP sections have been revised to reflect changes to ongoing training requirements and an updated process for conducting background checks for resource parents:

* [12.7 Approval and Denial](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter%2012/22/Pages/127ApprovalandDenial.aspx);
* [12.15 Ongoing Training](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter%2012/23/Pages/1215OngoingTraining.aspx); and
* [12.16 Annual Re-Evaluation](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter%2012/23/Pages/1216AnnualRe-Evaluation.aspx).

The following SOP have been revised to reflect updated language regarding Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) standards surrounding the transfer of a child in foster care to an Indian tribe. Additionally, the content in the sections below has been restructured and the names revised in an effort to make the sections more intuitive to the reader:

* [4.1 Consideration of Race and Ethnicity/Maintaining Cultural Connections](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter4/09/Pages/41NativeAmericanChildMaintainingCulturalConnections.aspx);
* [4.2 Indian Child Welfare Act](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter4/09/Pages/42ConsiderationofRaceorEthnicity.aspx);

If you have any questions regarding these revisions, please contact the Out of Home Care branch by telephone at (502) 564-2147.