**PROTECTION AND PERMANENCY TRANSMITTAL LETTER, 14-13**

**TO:** Service Region Administrators

 Service Region Administrator Associates

 Service Region Clinical Associates

 Regional Program Specialists

 Family Services Office Supervisors

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**DATE:**  December 1, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Tennessee and Kentucky Border Agreement

The purpose of this transmittal is to introduce staff to the [Tennessee/Kentucky Border Agreement](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/Resources/Related%20Resources%20Library/Tennessee%20Kentucky%20Border%20Agreement.docx). This agreement becomes effective today and will enable workers in Christian, Trigg and Todd counties in Kentucky to more easily place children with relatives that reside in Montgomery County, Tennessee. Children placed under this agreement will remain under the custody of their parents, unless further court action changes that decision.

Staff in the counties included in this agreement have already received training regarding this arrangement and are capable of executing it as necessary. The following SOP sections have been updated to reference the border agreement:

* [10.2 Priority Placement Request for a Kentucky Child (Regulation 7)](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter10/19/Pages/102PriorityPlacementRequestforaKentuckyChild%28Regulation7%29.aspx);
* [10.3 Non-Priority Request to Place a Kentucky Child in Another State with a Parent or Relative](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter10/19/Pages/103Nonpriorityrequesttoplaceakentuckychildinanotherstatewithaparentorrelative.aspx); and
* [10.6 Request from Another State to Place a Child with a Parent or Relative in Kentucky](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/chapter10/19/Pages/106RequestfromAnotherStatetoPlaceaChildwithaParentorRelativeFictiveKinCaregiverinKentucky.aspx).

Additionally, the [Border Agreement Non-Custodial Consent for Transportation](https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/Resources/sopFormsLibrary/Border%20Agreement%20Non-Custodial%20Consent%20for%20Transportation.doc) form has been added to the sections listed above, to be utilized when transporting children across state lines.

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