Statement of Consideration (SOC)

PPTL 21-09 SOP 9.3 In State Runaways. The following comments were received in response to SOP drafts sent for field review. Thanks to those who reviewed and commented. Comments about typographical and grammatical errors are excluded; these errors have been corrected as appropriate.

**SOP 9.3**

1. **Comment:** “we are to assist police with placement, prior to the first hearing, and so prior to obtaining custody of the child – how do we place a child not in our custody?”

**Response:** Language is edited to include **Assists the officer after a law enforcement assist referral is made and accepted;**

1. **Comment:** This draft seems to be missing the initial step of this procedure- ex. How is CHFS notified that a runaway is located and that our assistance is needed- through the police making a 115? If not, how do we even have the right to be involved, assist in placement, or attend a detention hearing?

**Response:** A law enforcement assist referral is made and accepted.

1. **Comment:** Can the SOP explain how we are supposed to assist the officer with temporary placement of the child? Is it supposed to mean assist as in- complete lexis nexis to locate family, interview child to identify appropriate family or friends that child can temporarily be placed with, call shelters?

**Response:** Please refer to response to comment #1.

1. **Comment:** OUTSIDE AGENCY COMMENT- We reviewed the SOP around runaways and did have one comment (attached) not related to the changes around who helps with habitual runaways – it is actually Court Designated Workers (CDW) through the Administrative Office of the Courts, and not DJJ.

**Response:** This following language has been struck; If the child is discovered to be a habitual runaway, as defined by KRS 600.020(32), DJJ is responsible for assisting law enforcement; however, if the child is not a habitual runaway, it is DCBS that assists law enforcement.