

DESCRIPTION OF PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES SERVICES

a. The following section describes Promoting Safe and stable Families services. It also reports on the specific accomplishments and progress achieved toward meeting the goals and objectives.

Family Preservation/Intensive In-Home Services

Intensive In-Home Services (IIS) is a short-term, intensive, home-based, crisis intervention program that offers families in crisis an alternative to out-of-home placement.

CD staff provides intense, time-limited family preservation services to families in 25 percent of the cases and purchases services through contractors for 75 percent of the cases. Referrals are accepted 24 hours a day, seven days a week. An IIS Specialist will only carry two cases and visits the family within 24 hours of referral and begins services immediately. The services are provided in the family's home or natural environment that may include neighborhoods, school or work settings. The intervention is intensive – twenty hours a week or more are devoted to each family. An average of eight to ten hours per week of face-to-face or telephone contact with families is expected. Services are time limited – usually four to six weeks.

Family Support Services

Family Support services are community-based services that promote the safety, permanency and well-being of children and families and are designed to maintain and strengthen families.

Child Advocacy Centers (CAC):

Child Assessment Centers (CACs) are neutral, child-focused facilities where joint forensic interviews and a medical examination may be conducted with children in appropriate cases of suspected child sexual abuse and physical abuse.

Child Assessment Centers are located regionally and geographically to cover the entire state in: St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Jackson County, Buchanan County, Greene County, Boone County, Joplin, St. Charles, Jefferson County, Pettis County, Southeast Missouri (Cape Girardeau), Camden County, Clay-Platte County, Lake Area (Branson West), Ozark Foothills (Ripley County), and North Central Missouri (Trenton). Satellite centers have been developed in the following locations: Monett (Barry County), Nevada (Vernon County), Hannibal (Ralls County), Popular Bluff (Butler County), and St. Robert (Pulaski County).

During SFY '06, the CACs conducted 5,657 forensic interviews as reported to the National Children's Alliance. The use of a CAC does not lessen the work load of CD

staff but provides a facility and interviewers for children to obtain the most reliable information in the least stressful setting.

Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE)-Child Abuse Resource and Education (CARE) Network

In SFY 06, 3,161 SAFE-CARE exams were conducted with 93 participating SAFE-CARE providers. SAFE-CARE exams are at times conducted at the physician's medical office; however, they are also completed at CACs. This process allows for a one-time interview of the victim, with the opportunity for the physical examination to occur in the same location, preventing unnecessary stress and trauma to the child victim and their family. CACs often facilitate scheduling the exams and interviews to further assist in the investigation process.

Crisis Care

Crisis care facilities provide short-term emergency shelter services for children, ages birth to 17 years, whose families are experiencing a crisis situation in which the children are at risk of abuse or neglect. Parents and guardians may bring their children to the facilities for care, where they are provided developmental screenings, counseling, and other ancillary services. This prevention service is of no cost to parents and is accessible based on program availability.

School Based Service Workers

The primary goals of the agreement with the school based workers include the prevention and early identification of children at risk of child abuse and neglect or other barriers that would limit full potential for success in the school setting and early intervention and the provision of services to strengthen families by:

- Establishing intimate and trusting relationships with families
- Providing parents with encouragement and education
- Acting as an early warning and response system and intervening before abuse and neglect occur
- Promoting protective factors of parental resilience, building social connections for families, building child resilience through healthy social and emotional child development
- Providing concrete support in family's time of need, including access to necessary services, such as mental health services
- Reducing incidences of child abuse and neglect

At the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year, the CD had contracts with 42 school districts throughout the state with a total of 46 School-based workers (some school districts have more than one worker).

Services provided to families and children included referrals for child abuse/neglect, counseling, mental health, attendance or academic issues, classroom behavior, health/medical, domestic difficulties, drug and alcohol issues, personal needs (hygiene, clothing, etc), home visits, transportation, vocational, dental, and housing.

Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Program

The CBCAP program focuses on primary prevention to prevent child abuse and neglect. It seeks to increase community awareness of existing prevention services and to strengthen community and parental involvement in child abuse prevention efforts. In Missouri, the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) is the designated agency to administer the CBCAP funds.

The intent of the CBCAP in Missouri is to help communities develop a model integrated system for delivering health, family support, and social services to children and families in order to improve outcomes, reduce costs, and ultimately reduce the risks of child abuse and neglect. In fiscal year 2006, the CTF awarded four CBCAP grants to local organizations. Each CBCAP site works to develop a more efficient and coordinated way of working with families to reduce duplication of existing services and maximizes the resources of public and private providers.

Child Care and Development Fund

In addition to child care subsidies, additional mandatory set aside funding is earmarked through the federal CCDF regulation for:

- The Missouri Child Care Resource and Referral Network (MOCCRRN) provided child care referral service for approximately 23,172 families during fiscal year 2006. This was the first year on-line referral services were available statewide. Of the 23,172 families provided referral services, 9,290 accessed those services on-line. The MOCCRRN also serves as the primary training resource for child care providers. They coordinated and provided trainings statewide developed by the Department of Health and Senior Services, Section for Child Care Regulation. Those trainings are Basic Child Care Orientation Training (CCOT), Infant Toddler CCOT, and School Age CCOT. In fiscal year 2006, MOCCRRN offered 2,253 clock hours of training for 14,733 participants in 885 sessions.
- The OPEN (Opportunities in a Professional Education Network) initiative is Missouri's state early childhood professional development system and includes a Professional Achievement and Recognition System (PARS) and Trainer Registry. In SFY 2006 1,295 participants were added to the PARS registry which brought the total in the registry to 5,005 participants. This registry tracks child care providers and their staff's education and professional development. During the same timeframe 157 trainers were added to the Trainer Registry which made the total in the registry to 1,179. This registry tracks education and professional development of trainers who provide training to child care professionals. OPEN has been an intricate partner in the oversight of the Quality Rating System (QRS) pilot project. The QRS is an initiative that rates child care programs according to the quality of the program using a state approved rating tool. The data collected in the PARS registry along with the Trainer Registry is an important to making QRS work statewide. OPEN provides statewide leadership on mentoring and articulation on early childhood career development.

- The Missouri Educare program which provides training and technical assistance to child care programs who serve subsidized children. Educare is present in 74 of Missouri's 115 counties providing opportunities for providers to enhance their care giving skills. Educare also serves subsidized child care providers by training them on the child care subsidy payment system, many of whom are referred by the Division of Budget and Finance, Contract Compliance Review Team as needing technical assistance with subsidy requirements.

Early Childhood Development Education and Care Fund (ECDECF)

The ECDECF was created by setting aside a portion of the entrance fees to riverboat casinos. This funding is set aside for four programs specified in statute and administered by DSS.

1. Early Head Start (EHS)

State funding currently provides one quarter of the total EHS slots available in the state. Federal funding provides the other three-quarters. Approximately one quarter of EHS families are teen parents. In Fiscal Year 2006 ten Missouri EHS grantees served 1,158 children and continually provide 582 childcare slots for those eligible. It is anticipated that in Fiscal Year 2008 Head Start at the federal level will be re-authorized, it is unknown at this time how that will impact this program.

2. Start-Up Expansion

In Fiscal Year 2006 there were 35 competitive bid grantees that served 1,000 children and 466 licensed slots were added. There are eight Community Partnerships who also receive this funding. They served 1,523 children within 68 child care facilities. For Fiscal Year 2007 there were 103 applications for funding and 10 programs were able to be funded.

3. Stay at Home Parent

In Fiscal Year 2006, 34 contractors served 7,657 children in 6,075 families. Of those contractors 26 were awarded through a competitive bid process and eight were Community Partnerships. These contractors are required to screen the children for developmental delays and social emotional health by using the Ages and Stages Questionnaire and the Ages and Stages Questionnaire Social Emotional. Of the children screened 270 were referred for further assessment. The parental stress levels must be screened by using the Parental Stress Index. Of the parents screened, 156 were referred for other services. Contractors are also required to track how much time parents spent reading to the children and to provide developmentally appropriate books to the families. Fiscal Year 2007 is the third and final year of the current competitive bid contracts. There will be a re-bid for Fiscal Year 2008 with some changes to the requirements however the goals remain the same.

4. Accreditation Facilitation

Accreditation funding provides a 20 percent increase in child care subsidy base rates to accredited providers as an incentive for child care providers to become accredited and

to support the additional costs of being an accredited facility. Providers eligible for this base rate increase include providers accredited by NAEYC, NAFCC, NASCCA, COA, NECPA, CARF, and Missouri Accreditation. In order to maintain the integrity of the accreditation process, accrediting organizations must apply to DSS to be a recognized accrediting organization and submit extensive background information regarding the operation and quality of their program. Applications are reviewed by an impartial team of evaluators made up primarily from staff of universities and community colleges. In Fiscal Year 2006, 340 programs who served 12,737 children were provided these services.

Strengthening Families Through Early Care and Education

This initiative is supported by the Center for the Study of Social Policy and the National Alliance of Children's Trust Funds through funding by the Doris Duke Foundation.

Missouri has proceeded with the implementation of the Strengthening Families through Early Care and Education initiative. The goals are to incorporate five protective factors to the extent possible in CD's early childhood programs and to create better linkages with other child welfare systems through cross training and joint initiatives. The process began with selecting six pilot sites that will serve as exemplary sites with the hope that eventually they will mentor other sites in the Strengthening Families model.

The pilot sites were chosen in FY 2007 along with a contractor to provide technical assistance in embedding the protective factors into their programs. The five protective factors: Parental Resilience, Social Connections, Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development, Concrete Support in Times of Need, and the Social and Emotional Competence of Children have been woven through or embedded within a variety of major initiatives and programs including; training for frontline child welfare staff, the Parents as Teachers National curriculum, the Prevention module of basic child care orientation training for child care providers, the Children's Trust Fund discretionary grant program, the statewide strategic plan developed under the national MCFH Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Plan grant that is intended to guide the work of the Early Childhood Coordinating Board appointed by the Governor, the state Quality Rating System, and a variety of grants and initiatives of the various state agencies engaged in early childhood activities. This work will continue on an ongoing basis. Several individual city, county and community initiatives are also beginning to utilize the Strengthening Families model in their infrastructure to support parent involvement and to embed the protective factors in their programs and initiatives. In conjunction with the ECCS plan, the SFI steering committee will be developing outcome measures and strategies as part of the ECCS strategic plan.

Time-Limited Reunification

Family Reunion Services

Family Reunion Services (FRS) is a short-term, intensive, family-based program designed to reunify children who are in out-of-home care and who, without intensive intervention, are likely to remain in care longer than six months. The goals of FRS are

to assist a family in removing barriers for the return of their child(ren), assist in the transition of returning the child(ren) to the family, and to develop a plan with the family that will maintain the child(ren) safely in the home for at least one year following the intervention.

Families are eligible to receive FRS if at least one child (0-17years) under CD custody is in an out-of-home placement. Eight (8) new sites were added in 2006 (Sites #3 to #10 below) in primarily rural areas of the state. Family Reunion Services are currently provided in the following sites:

Site #1: Jackson County

Site #2: St. Louis City, St. Louis, St. Charles and Jefferson Counties

Site #3: Washington, Ste. Genevieve, St. Francois and Madison Counties

Site #4: Crawford, Dent, Iron, Reynolds and Wayne Counties

Site #5: Lawrence, Barry, Stone, Newton, McDonald Counties

Site #6: Camden, Laclede, Miller, Moniteau and Morgan Counties

Site #7: Cass and Johnson Counties

Site #8: Cole County

Site #9: Boone and Callaway Counties

Site #10: Franklin, Gasconade and Osage Counties

One Specialist was added for each new site for a total of eight new specialists. These allocations increased the capacity to serve an additional 104 families enabling a total of 494 families to be served during this year. There are no plans to expand or revise the Family Reunion Services program in FY 08.

The North Carolina Family Functioning Scale- Family Reunion was utilized for a pre and post functioning to measure changes in family functioning during an FRS intervention. This tool is currently being used by staff and contractors statewide and will continue to be used as the assessment tool for FRS. A new data collection system will be available with the implementation of SACWIS.

Adoption Services

Adoption is a permanent lifelong commitment to a child. When it is not possible or in the best interest of the child to return to their biological family, consideration is given to placing the child for adoption. Several factors influence this decision; the attachment of the child to his/her biological family, the parent's ability and willingness to voluntarily relinquish the child for adoption, the juvenile court's determination of whether or not parental rights will be terminated and the older child's desire to be placed in an adoptive home.

Persons who are interested in becoming adoptive parents must complete the STARS/Spaulding training provided through the Division. CD workers and/or contracted providers, in coordination with the training complete the family assessment and screen suitable families. The home studies are initiated within thirty (30) days of the receipt of

the application and completed within four months for families to be considered for adoptive placements. Priority is given to those families interested in adopting a special needs child.

The division maintains an Internet web site Adoption Photo Listing that is located at <http://www.dss.mo.gov/cd/adopt>. Children are also listed at the national AdoptUSKids site at www.adoptUSkids.org. In addition, Kansas City has a website for Jackson County children and can be accessed at www.kcchildren.org.

The CD enlists the assistance of community partners as well as the faith communities through publicity efforts that utilize newsletters, printed promotional material, public service announcements and local projects.

Subsidized Adoption Program

The vast majority of children placed for adoption by the CD have special needs. The agency has devoted a large portion of its resources and placed a priority on finding homes for these children. As of February 28, 2007, there were 14,450 children receiving adoption subsidies at an average monthly cost of \$325.00 per child. Total expenditures for the adoption subsidy program were \$68,885,308 for FY 06. It should be noted that case management expenses have been separated out of this appropriation and are no longer included in the subsidy expenditures.

We are currently in the process of revising the adoption subsidy contract to a more streamlined and efficient document for families as well as staff. The purpose of this revision is to provide the most services to adoptive families and children in the most fiscally responsible way.

Second Level Matching Team

The Second Level Matching Team (SLM) consisting of regional adoption representatives continues to meet four times per year to facilitate matches for the hardest to place children who are awaiting permanency. This statewide team was developed to match waiting families with children available for adoption. The focus of this group has expanded to include the utilization of a specialized recruitment tool. The SLM Team Goals have also expanded to include serving as a forum to discuss and resolve adoption issues faced by field staff, assist in defining best adoption practice for CD, and completing quarterly adoption PRRs as part of the statewide CQI process.

Heart Gallery

Heart Gallery - During April 2006, the Adoption Exchange of St. Louis opened the premier of the first Missouri Heart Gallery in Jefferson City at the Capitol rotunda. The New Mexico Department of Children, Youth and Families founded the Heart Gallery in 2001 as a unique way to help children in foster care who are waiting for adoptive families step from the shadows into the light. Stirring portraits, which reveal the children's amazing spirits and individuality, have helped many find permanent, loving homes. The first Missouri exhibit traveled throughout Missouri appearing in St. Louis, Springfield, Kansas City and Joplin. The first gallery featured 63 photos, as a result of the first gallery 27 children were placed, 44 children were inquired about and The

Adoption Exchange processed 308 general and child specific inquiries that identified the Heart Gallery as the referral source. This is a 226% increase from the inquiry calls that were processed during the same period in 2005.

CAPTA, Chafee and Education Training Vouchers

Program or service descriptions and report on the specific accomplishments and progress for the CAPTA State Grant, Chafee Foster Care Independence and Education Training Vouchers will be provided in their individual sections.

b. The steps the agency will take to expand and strengthen the range of existing Promoting Safe and Stable Families services and develop and implement services to improve child outcomes.

IIS

The current IIS contract is scheduled to expire June 30, 2007. Presently, the CD is conducting community stakeholders meeting to solicit feedback from the local communities and contractors about the IIS program in efforts to better serve Missouri children's and families. Based on current funding, there are no plans to enhance or expand services.

CAC

During the past year the Missouri Network of Child Advocacy Centers, now known as Missouri KidsFirst, voted to reorganize its operating structure and by-laws and is in the process of establishing a new Board of Directors. The new board will consist of diverse professionals from across the State which will include business and community leaders as well as professionals with financial and legal backgrounds. The new board will oversee the management and development of Missouri KidsFirst as a not for profit organization.

In addition, two new planning structures will be developed under the new board. A state level Advisory Counsel will be convened and consist of representatives from partnering agencies and state organizations. The Advisory Counsel will oversee the integration of the CAC Model into all the appropriate partnering agencies and organizations. It will also coordinate interagency training and planning activities. The second planning structure, a Program Counsel will consist of directors from 15 regional CACs. The Program Counsel will continue to work together to address on-going issues relating to training, coordination and program development with in the CAC Network.

SAFE-CARE

The big task currently underway for the SAFE-CARE network is restructuring the Network into a tiered system of care. The following are the goals of that project, developed by the Advisory Council Strategic Planning Group:

Strategic Planning Group Goals

1. Phase out present system of training “all comers” to be SAFE-CARE providers
2. Develop a tiered system of providers based on:
 - Qualifications and selection
 - Participation in initial and update training
 - Number of evaluations performed
 - Access to supportive services
3. Develop a system of quality assurance
4. Facilitate mentoring between experienced providers and less experienced providers
5. Provide general education for other medical providers

The Advisory Council members meet routinely with the Director of the CACs in developing the new protocol for restructuring to the tiered system.

Existing services were strengthened with the attendance by Network Physicians at a Sexual Assault Prevention Conference held on July 11, 2006. The conference served as in-service training to current providers, as well as introduction and training for new providers.

Crisis Care

The CD requested and was granted an amendment to the Crisis Care contract from the Office of Administration (OA) through June 30, 2007. Thirteen sites agreed to the contract amendment for SFY'07. The maximum number days a parent or guardian can utilize this crisis service for their child is 12 days per rolling calendar year, a change from 30 days in previous years. Providers may request an extension for those children who need additional days beyond the allowed maximum.

In September and October of 2006, CD staff visited several providers throughout the state. Staff was provided an opportunity to experience first hand, the services provided to children and families, and receive feedback from parents about their experiences at the crisis care. The feedback was positive for the crisis care program.

In SFY 06, 2,487 children were served by crisis care facilities, which is about a 10 percent decrease from SFY 05. While the number of children for SFY 06 has decreased, it remains a vital service for children and families and continues to receive support from local communities. The General Assembly passed a \$1,750,000 appropriation specifically for crisis care programs in SFY 06.

School Based Service Workers Efforts

Restrictions under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 continue to prohibit identifying information from being obtained from the schools, however, new expectations for the schools to internally monitor outcomes is being considered. It is expected that new contract requirements and a revised reporting process will begin with the 2007-08 school year, as last year's contract was extended to allow better planning for a more effective (outcomes based) reporting process.

Child Care and Development Fund

In SFY 2007 Family Home CCOT was added in addition to another set of trainings called Providers Advancing through Continuing Education (PACE). The PACE trainings include sessions on Safety Issues, Developmentally Appropriate Practice, and Preventing CA/N.

In SFY 2007 Educare began utilizing the Supporting Care Providers through Home Visits curriculum that was developed by the Parent's As Teachers National Center for training family, friend, and neighbor child care providers.

Time-Limited Reunification - Family Reunion Services

There has been no evaluation or data collection of FRS in Missouri. In January 2007, we began collecting data manually and will be incorporating it in the new FACES database. However this timeframe has not been established.

Adoption

Prospective applicants may call the toll-free Foster/Adoptline at 1-800-554-2222 for information about adoption. The CD is currently re-vamping the contract for the 800 number in conjunction with changes to the recruitment materials. As a second part to increased utilization of the 800 number, we will be utilizing a webfront database. This database will allow information regarding interested callers to be captured as each activity in the licensing/approval process is completed. It designed to provide alerts to workers and supervisors on necessary actions in relation to training and home assessment timeframes, to prevent families from becoming disengaged in the process and the division losing a potential viable resource family. Capturing this information will allow the division to fully evaluate the current process and determine any areas of need for improvement to maximize recruitment outcomes for the children who are waiting for resource families.

Recruitment materials have been revised and made available for use by staff and contract agencies in recruitment of resource families. Foster care and adoption staff in Central Office have been working with a local advertising agency to develop a new recruitment ad campaign. This campaign is ready for use during foster care month in May but will continue developing it throughout the remainder of the year to include new recruitment materials in November for National Adoption Month.

c. This section updates the goals and objectives to incorporate areas needing improvement identified in a CFSR, IV-E, AFCARS, SACWIS or other reviews and activities proposed and completed in subsequent PIPs.

IIS

The indicators of success for safety and permanency remain the same as previous years. The most recent outcomes data available for FY 2004 show that the percent of children in IIS program without confirmed CA/N:

- Families will not have confirmed child abuse/neglect during IIS intervention 90 percent of the time. Exceeded goal at 98 percent.
- Families who have received IIS intervention will not have confirmed child abuse/neglect within the first three months following the completion of IIS intervention 85 percent of the time. Exceeded goal at 94 percent.
- Families who have received IIS intervention will not have confirmed child abuse/neglect within the first 12 months following the completion of IIS intervention 80 percent of the time. Met goal at 90 percent.

Outcomes related to permanency for FY 2004:

- Families will not have a child placed out of their home during IIS 90 percent of the time. Exceeded goal at 95 percent.
- Families having received IIS will not have a child placed out of their home within three months following IIS intervention at 85 percent of the time. Exceeded at 89 percent.
- Families having received IIS will not have a child placed out of their home within twelve months following IIS intervention at 80 percent of the time. Exceeded at 84 percent.

Adoption

The CD has devised several strategies in an effort to continue meeting the national standard of 32 percent for all children who exited care to a finalized adoption within 24 months. In addition to the above efforts by state and local staff to recruit and retain resource families, local circuit meeting were initiated with Juvenile courts to address procedures for filing of Termination of Parental Rights petitions. Access to legal representation has also been improved for CD staff through a joint memorandum and protocol with the Division of Legal Services. The CD finalized adoption for 1,264 children during SFY 06, a slight increase of 1233 in SFY 05.

As of February 28, 2007 there were 908 children who were available for adoption and awaiting adoptive placement, as the termination of parental rights process had been completed. There were an additional 934 children for whom a goal of adoption had been established, but TPR had not yet been completed.

d. Describe the services to be provided in FY 2008, highlighting any changes or additions in services or program design and how the services will achieve program purposes.

IIS

The Missouri Family Functioning Assessment Scale (MFFAS) is continuing to be used by IIS staff. The MFFAS will not be incorporated into the FACES case management system. Instead the North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAS) will be used as a part of the FACES case management system. The NCFAS is a researched based pre and post assessment designed to measure change in family functioning. This analysis will provide information regarding improvement in family functioning after the intervention and help identify resource and training needs.

The IIS curriculum is being revised to offer a more competency based training for IIS staff and contractors. The current curriculum presents a comprehensive and intensive 4½ days training program. The modified curriculum will break up the training into three separate modules.

Crisis Care

In July 2006, the CD held several community stakeholders' meetings to gather feedback from crisis care providers and other community stakeholders. Through these forums, it was determined the crisis care program served two distinct populations; children (ages birth-12) and youth (ages 13-17). This has resulted in the development of two separate contracts for SFY'08. Outcomes were developed as a result of those meetings for the SFY 08 contracts.

- Youth will be provided a safe and stable environment during stay at the crisis care facility – CD will capture data to determine if CA/N reports concerning the contractor's crisis care facility have occurred.
- Reduction in parental stress levels – CD will capture data to determine if services provided by the contractor reduce the level of stress for parents and/or creates a positive change in parenting skills, thereby resulting in decrease in youth maltreatment.
- Average number of days accessing crisis care – CD will capture data to determine the crisis care services provided by the contractor do not exceed the average thirteen (13) days per youth per state agency fiscal year.

Importantly, the implementation of the SFY 08 contract will provide the CD with following opportunity:

- To streamline the crisis care contract, which was last amended in 1993;
- To establish clear outcomes, which were developed with providers input;
- To meet bi-annually with providers about program components and issues; and
- To allow providers to serve children and families based on needs.

Child Care and Development Fund

In SFY 2008 it is anticipated that MOCCRRN will be able to offer a statewide training calendar available to the public through the internet.

Educational Services

Simplification of records transfers and access to wrap around educational services to ensure foster children don't fall behind in school during placement moves is critical. Section 211.032.7(1) RSMo requires a child's school records be transferred within two business days of notification in the event the placement of the child in the custody of the CD results in the child attending a school other than the school the child was attending. This information was provided to staff in a policy memorandum and an amendment to the Residential Facility-Based Rehabilitative Treatment Services (REHAB-RT) contract was sent to contractors. During FY 2008, a new Residential Facility Services Contract including this language will be offered to residential treatment providers. Additional contract service requirements include:

- The contractor shall not admit children to their program unless an education program appropriate to the child's needs can be obtained. Contractors for Severe and Intensive Need REHAB Services shall have the capability of providing on-grounds or alternative schooling, if necessary, for the child(ren).
- The contractor shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with Missouri statutes pertaining to children's education and shall not admit a child unless an educational program appropriate to the child's needs can be obtained.
- The contractor shall cooperate with the local education authority to facilitate the timely transfer of school records, consistent with the policy established by the local education authority.

e. For each service, report the population to be served, geographic areas where services will be available, and the estimated number of individuals and/or families to be served.

Services for the above Safe and Stable Families program areas are available to children and families statewide.

f. Indicate if there are no planned changes to the program.

There are no planned changes to Time-Limited Reunification and Adoption services.