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To: Regional Managers
Directors, Local Offices, Department of Child Services

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Subject: Wavier Demonstration Project
DCS-09-17

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) has been participating in this phase of the Wavier Demonstration project since 2005. This project will terminate on June 30, 2010. Below is a summary of the effects of the termination of this project.

Children may continue to be added to the project between now and December 31, 2009. Children allowed to be served under the waiver include: 1) children involved in substantiated reports of child physical abuse, sexual abuse, and neglect; 2) children identified through the agency’s Child in Need of Services (CHINS) placement process; and 3) other children identified as being “at risk” of abuse, neglect, or delinquency. After December 31, 2009, no additional children may be added to the Wavier Demonstration project under any circumstances.

As the Wavier Demonstration project concludes, DCS will continue to provide children and their families with the appropriate services and interventions. All service needs that are identified in the Case Plan should continue being met even after the Wavier Demonstration project is concluded next June.
If you have any questions regarding these changes, please address them to the Central Eligibility Unit at Centralized.Eligibility@dcson.gov.

Sincerely,

James W. Payne, Director
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