

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL

DATE: March 31, 2010

MANUAL: FAMILY SERVICES MANUAL, VOLUME I: CHILDREN'S SERVICES,
CHAPTER IV: CHILD PLACEMENT; SECTION 1201, OUT OF HOME
PLACEMENT SERVICES

CHANGE NO: 02- 2010

TO: COUNTY DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL SERVICES

ATTENTION: CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM MANAGERS & SUPERVISORS
CHILD WELFARE SOCIAL WORKERS

RE: POLICY RESULTING FROM FOSTERING CONNECTIONS TO SUCCESS AND
INCREASING ADOPTIONS ACT OF 2008; EDUCATION STABILITY FOR
CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

EFFECTIVE: IMMEDIATELY

I. BACKGROUND / CHANGE INTENT

On October 7, 2008, the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 ([Public Law 110-351](#)) was signed into law. [DSS Administrative Letter CWS-AL-02-09](#) dated March 17, 2009 provides detailed information on the impact of this federal legislation to North Carolina.. This policy update and form (underlined and in red) brings North Carolina into compliance with one of the provisions outlined in the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act.

II. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

[Family Services Manual; Volume I; Chapter IV; Section 1201; Out of Home Placement Services](#) provides policy and guidance on services required for children placed into foster care. Specific services must be fulfilled within the first two weeks of placement, including planning for the children's educational needs. This policy update addresses how educational instability can cause harm to children in foster care and amends the [Child Education Status Component \(DSS-5245\)](#) form to include case planning requirements per the federal act.

Please ensure that all staff members who have child welfare responsibility are provided copies of this material or can access it via the NCDSS web site. The Division of Social Services on-line manual web address is:

<http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/manuals.aspx?dc=dss>.

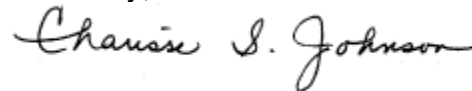
III. INSTRUCTIONS:

Obsolete	Utilize
North Carolina Family Services Manual: Volume I ; Chapter IV; Section 1201; Out of Home Placement Services (Change #05-2008 Effective June 2008)	North Carolina Family Services Manual: Volume I; Chapter IV; Section 1201 ; Section 1201; Out of Home Placement Services (Change #02-2010)
	Child Education Status Component (DSS-5245)

These revisions to the manual are being sent via e-mail and will be posted on-line only.

Should you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact your Children's Program Representative or Danielle McConaga, Social Services Program Consultant II with the Policy and Consultation Team at (919) 334-1110.

Sincerely,



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