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DCS staff,

The assessment of alleged abuse or neglect in an institutional setting often involves a unique set of circumstances. In many ways institutional assessments differ from traditional reports of abuse or neglect in that the child victim is already in care, services and wardship have already been established, there is a non-parent perpetrator involved, the CCWAR process is required, and communication among the licensing unit, institution, parents, and field staff are essential.

In recognition of this, I am pleased to announce the launch of the DCS Institutional CPS Unit. The ICPS staff consists of ten Family Case Managers placed regionally throughout the State and supervised by Regina Smith at Central Office (see the attached map for information relating to regional coverage). Today, April 18, 2011 this unit will begin to receive reports of abuse or neglect that occur in a residential or group home facility. It is anticipated that the ICPS will begin to assess incidents of alleged abuse or neglect in foster homes on July 1, 2011. ICPS workers (rather than the local office FCMs) will receive these reports directly from the Hotline. As with any new initiative there will likely be changes in protocol as the unit develops and these will be communicated through the regional managers. As always, thanks for everything you do daily to keep children Safely Home-Families First.

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