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**DATE:** March 26, 2008  
**TO:** Regional Directors  
*(Patricia Badland)*  
**FROM:** Patricia Badland, Director of Office of Family Safety  
**SUBJECT:** Fostering Court Improvement Project

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**Purpose:** To share information with the field regarding the availability of data based on the analysis of state's Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS) and National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) data submissions.

**Background:** The Fostering Court Improvement (FCI) project, a national effort to improve collaboration between the Courts and other child welfare stakeholders, has begun to analyze data from our federal Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) semiannual data submission. The current posting of this analysis, based on the October 2006 - September 2007 AFCARS reporting period, is available at the following website:  
[http://fosteringcourtimprovement.org/state\\_websites.php](http://fosteringcourtimprovement.org/state_websites.php)  
From this site, click on Florida in the map, and when prompted, enter the username: fl and password: 0303

FCI is currently providing views of this data at the county, circuit and region geographic levels. In the near future they will be updating the site to add data from previous AFCARS submissions, as well as child safety information using data from our federal National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) annual data submission.

**Action Required:** None

**Contact Information:** If you have any questions, please contact Keith Perlman at 850-922-2195.

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