



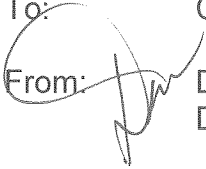
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Department of Children and Families

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To: Central Office and Circuit Office Program Personnel

From:  Don Winstead
Deputy Secretary

Re: Human Subjects Research

Please be advised that the Department has **revised** policy CFOP 215-8 Institutional Oversight of Human Subject Research and Institutional Review Board Designation. The revised policy can be found by going to the Departments webpage at <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/news/humanresearchpolicy.shtml>.

Note that the Department no longer has an interagency agreement with the Department of Health to function as our Institutional Review Board (IRB). Instead, the Department has a new agreement with the University of South Florida's IRB and can accept other IRB approval as well. All research involving human subjects must first be approved by the Department (Headquarters), regardless of IRB approval. Refer to the policy for new guidelines.

Please ensure that all contracted organizations/agencies are also informed in writing of this revised policy.

For questions, contact Jackie Beck, DCF Human Protections Administrator, at (850) 921-5699.

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