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TO: Regional Directors
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FROM: Patricia Badland, Director of Office of Family Safety
SUBJECT: Update to TANF 2008 Federal Poverty Levels Guidelines
Effective July 1, 2008

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PURPOSE: This memorandum provides the updated federal poverty guidelines that go into effect July 1, 2008.

BACKGROUND: The United States Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services updates at least annually the poverty guidelines. The poverty guidelines are used as an eligibility criterion by a number of federal programs including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

New Information: Effective July 1, 2008, the 200 percent of the federal poverty levels will increase for TANF-funded programs in Family Safety. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families funds are used for administrative costs for the Florida Abuse Hotline, Child Protective Investigation, in-home services for children that are under the protective supervision of the Department and that are at imminent risk of removal, Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), and Maintenance Adoption Subsidy.

ACTION REQUIRED: Please ensure:

- (1) all appropriate regional, circuit, sheriffs, and community-based care providers receive a copy of this memorandum and its attachments in a timely manner.
- (2) appropriate staff discard existing "Request for TANF Funds and Eligibility Determination" forms and use the revised form (Attachment 1) with the updated 200% of federal poverty levels for 2008. This revised form will also be available on e-Forms; however until the revised form is uploaded into the e-Forms database, please use the attached revised form.
- (3) beginning on July 1, 2008 staff use the 2008 poverty level figures provided in Attachment 2 for TANF Maintenance Adoption Subsidy.

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