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**DATE:** October 5, 2009  
**TO:** Regional Directors  
**THROUGH:** Peter Digre, Assistant Secretary for Operations *M. Digre*  
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**FROM:** Alan Abramowitz, State Director, Office of Family Safety *Alan Abramowitz*  
**SUBJECT:** *Some Indicators – Not Substantiated* Web-based Training

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**PURPOSE:** Notification of the availability of a web-based training presentation related to the introduction of the *Not Substantiated* maltreatment finding.

**BACKGROUND:** On September 10, 2009 a memo was sent to the Regional Directors announcing the future modification of the maltreatment finding *Some Indicator* to *Not Substantiated*. This memo is attached for reference.

This change from *Some Indicators* to *Not Substantiated* will take effect with the roll-out of the Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN) Release 2c. **This Release is expected to occur soon, in October 2009.**

**REQUIRED ACTION:** A web-based informational presentation has been developed by the Office of Family Safety to inform staff statewide of the new terminology, provide a rationale for the change and explore the investigative practices related to its use.

All child protective investigators and supervisors are required to view the informational presentation prior to FSFN Release 2c. The web-based presentation, with introduction by Office of Family Safety State Director Alan Abramowitz, is approximately 25 minutes in length and is viewable via personal computers.

All investigative and case management staff are encouraged to view the informational presentation in order to be able to fully understand the rationale for the change and to be able to help inform both internal and external stakeholders.

The web-based informational presentation and introduction is accessible on *Florida's Center for the Advancement of Child Welfare Practice* website. Staff may also cut and paste the following hyperlink into their web browser to access:

**<http://centervideo.forest.usf.edu/confvids/notsubst/FS.html>**

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