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TO: Local Department of Social Services Directors, Foster Care, Adoption and Eligibility Supervisors and Staff, Licensed Child Placing Agencies, CSACoordinators

FROM: Paul D. McWhinney, Director, Division of Family Services
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TIME: 12:46 p.m.

SUBJECT: Permanency Program Changes – Central Office

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The purpose of this broadcast is to update our public and private partners on changes at the Department in the Division of Family Services, Permanency Program.

As you know, in July, the Foster Care and Adoption Programs were combined into the new Permanency Program within the Division. This change was consistent with a focus on efficiency and improving consistency in the Department's guidance to the field in delivering child welfare services.

As of December 31, 2010, Pamela Cooper (Adoption Services Supervisor), Diane Reid (Adoption Contract Specialist) and Sue Shulleeta (Adoption Records Specialist) will retire after a total of over 90 years combined service to the Commonwealth. The efforts they have made to improve the lives of children and families in Virginia are immeasurable.

While we join Pam, Diane and Sue in celebrating their retirement, we are also working to ensure that the on-going services of the Permanency Program continue with as few interruptions as possible. We ask you to bear with us as we fill position and reorganize job tasks. At this point, the following temporary jobs assignments are in place:

- Silvia Miseirvitch and Claire Modeste are managing the completed adoption records sent to the Department by the localities.
- Adoption contractors' December and January invoices should be sent to Wanda Reid.
- Questions regarding adoption guidance, including adoption assistance, should continue to be sent to your regional Permanency Consultant (i.e., Tammy Francisco, Tammy Meszaros, Jane Joyner, Lisa Tully and Dawn Caldwell).
- Over-all questions or concerns should be directed to Therese Wolf.

Jackie Gill, under the supervision of Debbie Tomlinson, continues to manage adoption disclosure requests and Sondra Draper, temporarily reporting to Therese Wolf, continues to manage AREVA. Future changes will be communicated by Broadcast as they occur.