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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: July 17, 2017

TO: Licensed Child Placing Agencies
Independent Foster Homes

FROM: Charlene Vincent, Director
Division of Licensing – Children’s Programs

SUBJECT: New Barrier Crimes Lists for Child-Placing Agencies and for Foster and Adoptive Homes

The Office of the Attorney General has revised the list of Barrier Crimes for Child-Placing Agencies and for Foster and Adoptive Homes approved by Child-Placing Agencies, which is attached and also found at:

http://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/licensing/lcpa/intro_page/background_investigations/lcpa_employees/guidance_procedures/barrier_crimes_cpa.pdf

Effective July 1, 2017, the list of barrier crimes can be found in § [19.2-392.02](#) of the Code of Virginia. New barrier crimes have been added to the list including violent crimes and crimes listed on the Sex Offender and Crimes against Minors Registry. Barrier crimes now include any substantially similar offenses under the laws of another jurisdiction; meaning convictions that took place in another state.

This list is effective immediately; please discard any other barrier crimes lists previously issued.

The Virginia Sex Offender Registry can be found at <http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/index.html>; click on the left hand panel ‘Search the Sex Offender Registry’. Offenses that require registration can be found at <http://sex-offender.vsp.virginia.gov/sor/statutes.html>.

Please contact your licensing inspector if you have any questions or need assistance with determining if a conviction is a prohibited conviction.