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CFS Standards
Message
Introducing the
Manual

Message Introducing the Child and Family Services Standards Manual

Subject: Child and Family Services Standards

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This message is for staff, management and, when applicable, board members of child and family services agencies, licensed adoption agencies, child and family services authorities, and the Child Protection Branch.

New child and family services standards are under development and **will come into effect in stages beginning on January 1, 2005** starting with implementation of case management standards.

Child and family services agencies are invited to review the draft sections and **provide comments to your mandating authority by December 1, 2004.**

Licensed adoption agencies are invited to provide comments to Janice Knight, Adoption/Post-Adoption Coordinator, Child Protection Branch, 201-114 Garry Street, Phone No. 945-1186, E-mail at JaKnight@gov.mb.ca.

Provincial Standards

The Child Protection Branch (Branch) is developing new provincial (foundational) standards for child and family services (including adoption services) in consultation with the four authorities established under *The Child and Family Service Authorities Act* and, when applicable, with licensed adoption agencies. The standards will be divided into four volumes as follows:

- Volume 1 – Agency Standards
- Volume 2 – Facility Standards
- Volume 3 – Authority Standards
- Volume 4 – Branch Standards

Implementation

The new standards manual will be available to the public through the Internet effective January 1, 2005. Priority was given to implementing case management standards (see Volume 1, Chapter 1). The remaining