

State of Florida Department of Children and Families

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TO:

District/Region Administrators, Community-Based Care CEOs,

Sheriff's Offices

THROUGH: George Sheldon, Assistant Secretary for Operations (

David Fairbanks, Acting Assistant Secretary for Programs 2

FROM:

Patricia Badland, Director of Office of Family Safety

SUBJECT: Revision of Summer Road to Independence Needs Assessment Tools

Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to respond to a request that was made by the Independent Living Coordinators working for Community-Based Care lead agencies or subcontractors. The request was for a review and revision of the Road to Independence Program Summer Needs Assessment tools. These tools have been revised to make them more user friendly for staff while continuing to conform with Rule 65C-31, F.A.C. The revised tools were sent to a sample of field staff for testing. Favorable comments were received. These tools are needed in order to determine the Road to Independence Program award for the summer months, May through August.

Action Required: Please share these tools with staff who assist in determining award amounts for the Road to Independence Program. The revised form should be used from this point forward for all award determinations conducted for the summer months.

Background: Section 409.1451(5)(b)1., provides; "...the amount of the (Road to Independence Program) award shall be based on the living and educational needs of the young adult and may be up to, but may not exceed, the amount of earnings that the student would have been eligible to earn working a 40-hour-a-week federal minimum wage job." Rule 65C-31.008, F.A.C., requires that a separate award determination be conducted during the summer months. Revised tools for the summer months have been developed, and are ready for dissemination

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Attachments

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