

December 16, 2022

GENERAL LETTER NO. 18-C2-6

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Child Welfare and Community Services
Division of Adult, Children, and Family Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 18, Chapter C(2), **Case Management**, Title Page, Contents 1-3, revised; Contents 4, removed; page 1, 2-15, 16, 17 and 18, 19, 20-22, 23, 24-104, revised; 105 and 106, 107 and 108, removed.

Summary

This chapter is revised to

- Update the definition of foster care.
- Add definition of MDT and putative father.
- Add father engagement information.
- Update Protective/Foster Care Child Care.
- Add Multidisciplinary Team information.
- Add the presumption that it is in the best interest of children age 10+ to attend court,
- Add language regarding recognizing removing a child from the child's family causes harm and that it must be weighed against potential harm in allowing child to remain,
- Clarify language about the court considering placing the child in the custody of the other parent of the child first,
- Add information on the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 regarding notifying relatives,
- Add parents of child's siblings to the list of possible kin to search for,
- Clarify changes regarding Notice to Relatives to include that the Department may share information as necessary to any adult relative that receives notice,
- Add information on sibling visits every 30 days, as well as 232 definition of sibling,
- Add information on Family Interactions
- Add information on communicating with MCOs and health risk assessments,
- Add reunification practice standards
- Update style and formatting throughout.

Effective Date

Immediately.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 18, Chapter C(2), and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Title Page	October 2, 2020
Contents 1-3	December 24, 2021

Contents 4	December 24, 2021
I	January 15, 2021
2-15	December 24, 2021
16	June 11, 2021
17 and 18	October 2, 2020
19	June 11, 2021
20-22	January 15, 2021
23	June 11, 2021
24-106	December 24, 2021
107 and 108	March 11, 2022

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area service administrator.