ADMINISTRATOR’S MEMO TO COUNTIES

DATE: April 28, 2015

TO: County Departments of Human/Social Services Directors

FROM: Paul J. Westerhaus, Administrator

Subject: Juvenile Court Intake Worker Training Sessions

The Division of Juvenile Corrections continues to partner with the Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association to provide a three day Basic Juvenile Court Intake Training in accordance with DOC Administrative Rule 399. We are pleased to announce that training sessions for newly-hired/assigned juvenile court intake worker are being offered, as follows:

Intake Trainings
May 27-29, 2015 Holiday Inn - Rothschild
September 2015 Kalahari - Wisconsin Dells
December 2015 Tundra Lodge – Green Bay

Two additional trainings will be scheduled for 2016. The exact dates have not yet been determined.

The prerequisite to this training is the two day online training entitled 938/48 Legal Affairs on the Legal Aspects of Child Welfare. This can be found on the Wisconsin Child Welfare Training System website at http://wwpds.wisc.edu/caseworker-training/foundation/legal/.

Description and Process:
An overview of the training session is attached to this memo. Please share the description with employees that are assigned to attend this training.

When a county hires a new worker, it is the employer’s legal responsibility to notify the Department of Corrections at the time that a new intake worker is hired or re-assigned. The worker has six months from the date of hire to complete both the two day online training followed by a three day classroom training. The notification form is attached to this memo. Notification forms should be sent to Michelle Buehl:

DOC - Division of Juvenile Corrections
ATTN: Michelle Buehl
3099 East Washington Avenue
P. O. Box 8930
Madison, WI 53708-8930
FAX: (608) 240-3371
After a worker is hired, they will need to complete the 938/48 Legal Affairs Training found on the Wisconsin Child Welfare Training System website at http://wcpdts.wisc.edu/caseworker-training/foundation/legal. Before beginning the training, the worker will need to access the Wisconsin Statute Homepage at http://www.legis.state.wi.us/ and download the latest versions of ch. 48 & ch. 938 that will be used and referenced throughout the online training. These two chapters will also need to be brought to the three day classroom training. When the worker has completed all of the modules in the online training, they will need to click on Module #14 Notify Your Supervisor of Completion at the bottom of the home page. The worker will need to provide the requested information, then submit the form. An email will be sent automatically to both their supervisor and Michelle Buehl. Completion and submission of this form will allow the worker to get credit for their work.

A supervisor can register a worker (a name must be provided) for the three day classroom training before the worker has completed the online training. The worker must complete the online training at least seven days before the classroom training. Michelle Buehl will need to receive the online training verification email no later than seven days before the three day training begins. If a worker has not completed the two day online training and Michelle Buehl has not received the completion verification email, they cannot attend the three day classroom training.

Registration and Payment:
Registration information for the classroom training can be found on the WCJIA website http://www.wcjia.org/ under Training Opportunities. All registration for classroom training must be completed online. Phone registration will not be accepted. Registration information will need to be received by the registration contact no later than seven business days before the three day classroom training to register a worker. Please notify the registration coordinator immediately if you need to cancel a worker from the training for any reason, as often there is a wait list and many other workers waiting to participate in the training.

The cost to counties will be $60 per participant during state fiscal year 2015-2016. Checks or purchase orders should be made out to the WI Juvenile Court Intake Association (WCJIA) and mailed to Treasurer, Kathy Gourding. Checks must be received prior to the start of the session. Please note: The registration contact person must receive all cancellations at least 2 weeks prior to the training, or your county will be billed the full registration fee.

Registration:

Contact:  Melissa Williams  
Washburn County HHSD  
PO Box 250  
Shell Lake, WI 54871  

Treasurer: Kathy Gourding  
Fond du Lac County Juvenile Crt Services  
160 South Macy Street  
Fond du Lac, WI 54935  

Once the worker has been officially registered, they will receive a confirmation email from WCJIA with a description of the three day classroom training, location and lodging information. The worker should plan to arrive a little early the morning of the training so they are on time and do not feel rushed once the training begins. Workers will receive a binder the first day of training containing a number of statutes that will be covered. It is imperative that workers bring updated copies of ch. 48
and ch. 938 to the three day classroom training, as some information from these chapters will be covered. These two chapters will not be provided at the three day training. The exam material will cover what is being learned in both the two day online training, as well as the three day classroom training. As is current practice, the worker will receive a certificate of completion if they have passed the exam with 70% or higher. If they do not pass, they will be given a retake exam to complete. The worker must receive 100% on the retake exam in order to pass. If they do not pass the retake exam, they will need to retake both the two day online training and three day classroom training and pass the exam at the above standard of 70%.

Training Cancellations:
The Division of Juvenile Corrections and the Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association may cancel a training due to a low number of participants (under 20) or an unforeseen emergency of one of the trainers. In the event that a scheduled training is cancelled, all participants will be notified and moved to the next scheduled training. Participants will not be penalized if they are unable to meet the requirement of completing Basic Juvenile Court Intake Training within the six month guideline when the Division of Juvenile Corrections or the Wisconsin Juvenile Court Intake Association has cancelled a training.

If you have questions about this procedure or need additional Department notification forms, you may contact Michelle Buehl at (608) 240-5914 or by email at michelle.buehl@wisconsin.gov. Thank you.

Attachments:  Program Description
              Notification Form

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