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The purpose of this transmittal is to provide Private Child-Caring and Child-Placing staff an introduction to Public Law (PL) 113-183, the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act and the implementation of the Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard (RPPS) for PCC/PCP agencies. The purpose is to also provide a correction to a previously issued schedule for the RPPS and Regulation Changes trainings.

The RPPS is a new federal requirement required through PL 113-183. Kentucky's standards for the RPPS mirror federal requirements. Consistent with the federal definitions, Kentucky defines:

- **Reasonable and Prudent Parent Standard** as the standard characterized by careful and sensible parental decisions that maintain the health, safety, and best interests of a child while at the same time encouraging the emotional and developmental growth of the child, that a caregiver shall use when determining whether to allow a child under the responsibility of the State to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities; and
- **Caregiver** as a foster parent with whom a child in foster care has been placed or a designated official for a child care institution in which a child in foster care has been placed. Per the federal requirement, PCC agencies will need to have a designated official on-site 24/7 to make RPPS parenting decisions. The designated officials must complete the RPPS training prior to taking on the duties of the on-site official.

922 KAR 1:495 requires that PCP agencies train new foster parents on the RPPS prior to approval. Currently approved foster parents must complete the RPPS web-based training (WBT), available through the TRIS website, <https://tris.eku.edu/dcbs/>, by 11-18-16. Foster parents need to complete RPPS training prior to making RPPS parenting decisions.

The face-to-face, full-day, RPPS training for PCC/PCP staff is a training of trainers (TOT) and staff that complete this training may train other staff within the agency. PCC/PCP staff will be provided a RPPS PowerPoint at the face-to-face RPPS training to use when training other staff.

The face-to-face, full-day, RPPS training is required for PCC staff serving as the facility's designated official. PCP staff are also encouraged to attend so that they may provide consultation to foster parents regarding RPPS. In fact, **all** agencies are encouraged to have staff complete the RPPS training, as the RPPS will be added as a new requirement to the PCC agreement and DCBS is working to add the RPPS requirement to Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS).

The previously issued schedule for the RPPS and Regulation Change trainings, per CCT 15-17 included an error. Below is a corrected schedule with the corrections in bold:

RPPS Training Schedule

01/22/16 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Bowling Green
02/12/16 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Northern Kentucky University
02/16/16 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Richmond
02/18/16 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Louisville
03/11/16 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Pikeville
03/22/16 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Paducah
04/14/16 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Elizabethtown
04/28/16 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in London
05/12/16 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Louisville

Regulation Changes Training Schedule

01/21/16 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Bowling Green
02/11/16 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Northern Kentucky University
02/17/16 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in Richmond
02/19/16 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in Louisville
03/10/16 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Pikeville
03/21/16 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Paducah
04/15/16 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in Elizabethtown
04/29/16 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in London
05/13/16 9:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Louisville

Only PCP agencies will be interested in attending the training on regulation changes, as the regulation changes reflect changes to foster parent training requirements. All trainings will be listed at their local time. EKU Training Specialist, Marie Johnson, will be sending an email to all providers shortly, which will contain training dates, locations and links to register for the trainings through TRIS.

If you have any questions regarding this transmittal please contact Christa Bell at Christa.Bell@ky.gov or by telephone at (502) 564-6852.