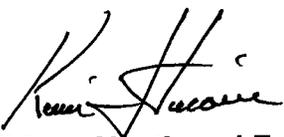


**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES**

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Kevin J. Aucoin 
Interim Director
Department of Children, Youth and Families

DATE: April 20, 2011

SUBJECT: DCYF Rule Effective May 6, 2011

The following amended DCYF rule is effective May 6, 2011. This rule complies with good child welfare practice and is consistent with applicable federal standards and rules. This rule was advertised for promulgation in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Title 42, Chapter 35 of the Rhode Island General Laws) and is accessible through the Secretary of State's Rules and Regulations Search Interface (<http://www.rules.state.ri.us/rules/>) and, for a limited time, on the DCYF website (<http://www.dcyf.ri.gov>).

AMENDED

Legal Guardianship and Kinship Guardianship Assistance

This amended rule identifies the reimbursement level for non-recurring expenses associated with obtaining legal guardianship for children who are not eligible for Title IV-E. In the amendment of this rule, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information.

Please contact Susan M. Bowler, Ph.D., Acting Implementation Director for Policy and Programs, by phone (401-528-3685) or e-mail (susan.bowler@dcyf.ri.gov) if you have questions or concerns relating to these policies.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.