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TO: Directors, Public Children Services Agencies (PCSA)

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FROM: Jennifer R. Justice Deputy Director

Office of Families and Children

SUBJECT: Additional Clarification on Child Welfare Confidentiality,

Research and SACWIS Access

Based on additional review of the Child Welfare Confidentiality, Research and SACWS provisions described in my October 26, 2012 communication, please be advised we are actively amending OAC 5101:2-33-22 "Access/confidentiality of child abuse and neglect information contained in the uniform statewide automated child welfare information system" rule to specifically address the University Partnership Program "UPP" student intern program. At this time, Public Children Services Agency "PCSA" directors may authorize SACWIS access to UPP interns at their discretion/signature by submitting an appropriate Code of Responsibility – 7078 form:

http://jfskb.com/sacwis/attachments/article/356/ROM%207078[1].pdf

We understand agencies utilize other student interns outside of the UPP program and continue to review applicable legal options and liability issues at this time. Thanks for your continued cooperation and patience.

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