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SUBJECT: **JUNE 2010 LEGISLATION IMPACTS ON CHILD WELFARE**

The 2010 Legislative session resulted in five bills that have impact on Children's Administration's (CA) policies and practices. There are four additional bills that include information relevant to CA.

To make the best use of your time, the attached chart outlines the legislation requirements, effective dates and what social workers need to know about the changes. This same information will be presented in more detail as part of the usual July Policy Roll-out training. These trainings will be scheduled in your region throughout July.

We have also included this same legislative information in another web based format for you to view. We are introducing a new training tool called Articulate PowerPoint design. We have tried to include a variety of examples of what this program has to offer. We look forward to getting your feedback on this new interactive training tool. To access the 2010 Legislative Impacts PowerPoint click on the following: <Insert link>

Legislative impacts include:

<b>Practice Changes</b>	<b>Information Only</b>
SHB 2680 - Guardianship Program	SB 6593 - Infant Toddler Program
HB 2735 - Children in Dependency Matters	SHB 3124 - DUI with child in the car
ESHB 2752 - Safety of Runaway Youth	SHB 2596 - Child Advocacy Centers
ESSB 6476 - Sex Crimes Involving Minors	SSB 6470 - Indian Children/Dependency
SSB 6639 - Confinement Alternatives	

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