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To All DCFS Staff.....

I have received information indicating that our data for the final Program Improvement Plan (PIP) goal of re-entry into foster care has been accepted by the Children's Bureau data unit. As a result of that data being confirmed, our Region 8 local representatives are recommending to the Assistant Secretary of the Children's Bureau that the entire Program Improvement Plan for the Division of Child and Family Services be approved and declared as successful. THIS IS A VERY BIG DEAL. Through your hard work, consistent efforts and attention to the details of the Program Improvement Plan, we have completed this project. Not only did we meet our PIP goal of 9.75% re-entry but we were a full percentage point below our goal with 8.7% and were within .1% of the old national standard of 8.6%. Even better news is that as a result of your work, children and families are seeing better outcomes in areas that are significant to their overall success.

Congratulations to all of you. It has truly been a team effort on the part of a host of people.

I would also like to personally congratulate the Data Team and the Program Improvement Team. They have been the shepherds of this process and they have done a magnificent job of guiding us. The implementation of several innovative plans they facilitated were paramount in our success.

Again, congratulations for yet another national recognition of the incredible work that you do.

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