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**Bobby Jindal**, Governor **Ruth Johnson**, Secretary

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TO: Child Placing Agencies & Transitional Living Programs

From: Guy Sylvester, Director Division of Programs Licensing Section

## Dear Providers:

Please be advised that <u>ACT 64 of the 2010 Legislative Session</u> became effective October 1, 2010. The law change expands the definition of a child placing agency and provides for licensure of transitional youth residences as child placing agencies.

In order to comply with the provisions of ACT 64, Title 48, Part I, Subpart 3, Chapter 41 and Title 67, Part V, Subpart 8, Chapter 65 of the Louisiana Administrative Code are being repealed. Licensing regulations previously contained in these chapters have been consolidated and rewritten and will be promulgated as Title 67, Part V., Subpart 8, Chapter 73, Child Placing Agencies.

Below is a summary of major changes:

- Current Transitional Living Providers will now be licensed as Child Placing Agencies;
- Transitional Living Annual Licensing Fees have been reduced to \$50.00;
- Child Placing Regulations have been updated and re-written to include Transitional Placing Programs;

Effective February 1, 2011, all Transitional Living Providers and Child Placing Agency Providers will be inspected with the standards contained in Chapter 73. Transitional Living Providers will receive their new Child Placing Agency License shortly thereafter which will replace their current Transitional Living License (current Child Placing Providers will see no change in licensure).

A public hearing on the proposed rule will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at the Department of Children and Family Services, Iberville Building, 627 North Fourth Street, First Floor, Room 1-127, Baton Rouge, LA, beginning at 9:00a.m.

You may view the Emergency Rule, Notice of Intent, and Chapter 73 (Child Placing Standards) at the <a href="dcfs.louisiana.gov">dcfs.louisiana.gov</a>. Please review the new standards to ensure that your program remains in compliance. If you have any questions regarding this recent law change, please contact a Residential Licensing Program Coordinator at 225-342-9905.

