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## SOCIAL SERVICES MEMORANDUM

**TO:** County Departments of Family and Children Services  
DFCS Regional Directors  
Child Placement Agencies (CPA)

**FROM:** Ron Scroggy, <sup>RS</sup> Division Director  
Division of Family and Children Services

**DATE:** March 14, 2013

**RE:** CPS Screenings for CPA & DFCS Foster Home Re-evaluations  
during Calendar Year **2013**

The provisions in Social Services County Letter (SSCL) 2012-06 require CPS screenings for all DFCS or Child Placement Agency (CPA) foster homes at initial application, during annual re-evaluation, and prior to placement of children in a foster home. At this point, the State Office CPS Screening Unit has completed mandated CPS screenings on all active DFCS and CPA foster homes statewide for the 2013 calendar year. Consequently, CPS screenings **are not** required for any DFCS or CPA foster home with an annual re-evaluation due during calendar year 2013.

This applies **only** to CPS screenings being conducted in conjunction with annual re-evaluations. The other safety screening requirements outlined in SSCL 2012-06 remain in effect.

Beginning January 1, 2014, **all** screening requirements outlined in the SSCL 2012-06 will resume, including the requirement for CPS screenings during annual re-evaluation. Please refer to SSCL 2012-06 for information on the safety screenings policy or process.

Questions should be directed to the Field Program Specialist in your region. Regional staff may direct questions to the Program, Practice and Policy Unit at [PPPDUnit@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:PPPDUnit@dhr.state.ga.us)

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