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SUBJECT: FSFN Quarter 1 Release 'Go Live' for Senate Bill 80 Separated Sibling Assessment

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform child welfare stakeholders of recent enhancements to the Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN), deployed on **November 14, 2025**.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Children and Families has completed development activities within the FSFN application to support the implementation of policy and practice changes associated with **Senate Bill 80 – Separated Sibling Assessment**. These enhancements have been thoroughly tested and are ready for release by the Office of Child and Family Well-Being.

This update is designed to improve how sibling placements are managed and documented in alignment with new legislative requirements. Key features of this release include:

1. **Standardized Documentation** – Ensures consistent recording of sibling placement decisions in Florida's Child Welfare Information System.
2. **Early Identification of Placement Options** – Promotes timely engagement of relatives and fictive kin as potential placement resources.
3. **Preservation of Sibling Connections** – Reinforces the importance of maintaining sibling relationships, while prioritizing each child's safety and well-being.
4. **Family Engagement Documentation** – Requires detailed documentation of efforts to locate and involve family members.
5. **Enhanced Performance Metrics** – Supports improved tracking and evaluation of:
 - Placement stability
 - Timeliness to permanency
 - Reentry into foster care
 - Child well-being indicators

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TRAINING:

A training module has been developed to support users in understanding and utilizing the new functionality. Training will be available online in My FL Learn (MFL) on November 17, 2025. All impacted users should complete this training prior to utilizing the new separated sibling assessment tool in FSFN.

If you have any questions regarding local readiness efforts, please contact your regional champion or CBC Point of Contact.