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TO: Community Directors
Child Protection Directors
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Florida Abuse Hotline Chiefs of Operations and Program Development
Children's Legal Services Directors

FROM: Brooke Bass, Assistant Secretary for Child and Family Well-Being *BB*

SUBJECT: FSFN Quarter 2 Release 'Go Live' for Senate Bill 80 Educational Transition Plan

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform child welfare stakeholders of upcoming enhancements to the Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN), scheduled for implementation on December 12, 2025. Please note that the FSFN system will be unavailable from **10:00 PM to 11:00 PM** during the deployment window.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Children and Families has completed development within FSFN to support the implementation of policy and practice changes associated with **Senate Bill 80 – Educational Transition Plan**. 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 Educational Transitions are managed and documented within FSFN while also aligning with 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. **Promotes Educational Continuity** – Ensures that children can remain in their school of origin whenever possible, minimizing disruption to their education and social connections.
3. **Reduces Trauma and Instability** – Helps reduce the emotional and academic impact of placement changes and supports consistency in relationships with teachers, peers, and support staff.
4. **Improves Communication and Coordination** – Fosters collaboration between child welfare professionals, caregivers, schools, and legal parties.
5. **Supports Academic Success** – Helps identify and address special education needs, tutoring, or mental health supports early in the transition.

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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 December 11, 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 at the following link: [**"Regional Champions or CBC Contacts"**](#).