

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 9-28-103, the Director, Division of Children and Family Services issues proposed changes to:

- POLICY IX-B (AND RELATED PROCEDURES): Child Near Fatality and Fatality
 - Revised notice requirements to only allow type of placement to be disclosed per Act 1181 of the 89th General Assembly, Regular Session 2013
 - Added general information recognizing trauma of child near fatalities and fatalities
 - Removed references to significant injuries and other incident reporting to be included in new Policy IX-C: Incident Reporting and related procedures
 - Separated instructions regarding near fatality and fatality disclosure for unsubstantiated and true reports per A.C.A. § 12-18-1102-6
 - Updated to reflect current practice of utilizing external Arkansas Child Death Review Panel rather than former Multidisciplinary Child Death Review Committee
 - Clarified roles and responsibilities as related to near fatalities and fatalities
 - Edited for general formatting and organizational purposes
- POLICY IX-C: Incident Reporting
 - Outlines incident reporting requirements not associated with child near fatality or fatality per current DHS Administrative Policy 1090
- CFS-307: Child Fatality Disclosure Case Briefing Summary
 - Replaces former CFS-329: Child Death Notification with more pertinent and thorough information needed for review of a child fatality
- CFS-329: Child Death Notification
 - Obsolete due to new CFS-307: Child Fatality Disclosure Briefing Summary

The proposed changes are available for review at the Division of Children and Family Services, Policy Unit, 5th floor Donaghey Plaza South, 7th and Main Streets, Little Rock, AR. 72203-1437. All comments must be submitted in writing to the Policy Unit no later than July 13, 2013. All the proposed changes may be viewed in their entirety at

<https://ardhs.sharepointsite.net/CW/Notice%20of%20Rule%20Making/Forms/AllItems.aspx>.

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