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SUBJECT: Specialized Foster Care Policy Change

LEGAL REFERENCES: Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 424.042-043

PURPOSE: This *Instructional Memorandum* is to advise child welfare agencies on changes in the data collection requirements for youth in Specialized Foster Care.

After a review of the current data collection requirements for the Specialized Foster Care Program, it has been determined that the Casey Child Permanency Status Tool and the Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL) will no longer be required as data collection tools for youth in the specialized foster care population.

Additionally, for clarification purposes regarding obtaining the discharge data for youth in the Specialized Foster Care Program, the data can be gathered within 30 days prior to a youth's discharge from the program or up to 30 days after discharge.

The Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) is in the process of reviewing and updating Statewide Policy 1603—Oversight of Specialized Foster Care Program and the attachment FPO1603A, Evaluation Protocol, with this information. Once completed, DCFS will provide the updated policy to child welfare agencies.