To: All Police Chiefs, Sheriffs, County Welfare, and Probation Departments


The new law directs the Department of Justice (DOJ) to receive and enter into the Child Abuse Central Index (CACI) only substantiated reports of child abuse or severe neglect submitted by a child welfare agency or a county probation department. Police and sheriff departments are no longer required to submit reports of known or suspected child abuse or severe neglect to the DOJ via the Child Abuse or Severe Neglect Indexing Form (BCIA 8583). The new law also directs the DOJ to remove all inconclusive reports from the CACI and all names of suspects 100 years of age or older.

Beginning January 1, 2012, the DOJ will return all reports identified as inconclusive, as well as all reports received from police or sheriff departments.

Sincerely,

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