Cover Letter for ESIT Multi-Stage Framework for Reentry to In-Person Services

To: County Lead Agencies (CLAs) and DCYF-Contracted ESIT Provider Agencies

The documents linked below in this mailing are intended to support ESIT Provider Agencies as they transition to in-person services.

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ESIT Multi-Stage Framework for Reentry to In-Person Services guidance document supersedes the *ESIT Tri-Stage Framework for Reentry to In-Person Service Delivery* disseminated 6/16/2021. **Please read the complete linked document carefully, as this document includes important clarifications, updates and new requirements.**

Some important highlights include:

- Updates to ESIT requirements and recommendations for provider masking and vaccination and expiration of memo *#2021-10 Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) Program Updated Vaccination Guidance*.
- Clarification on the use of the COVID-19 pandemic as a justification for services in non-natural environments.
- Expectations regarding the use of virtual and in-person service delivery methods.
- Updated ESIT Reentry Stages structure and expectations for service delivery in ESIT Reentry Stage 3.
- Updated required components for Stage 1 and Stage 2 Reentry Plans.
- DCYF expectations and deadlines for submission of Stage 3 Reentry Plans.

ESIT Multi-Stage Reentry Plan Checklist accompanies the *ESIT Multi-Stage Framework to Reentry to In-Person Services* as a useful tool to guide Reentry Plan creation and review.

ESIT Swiss Cheese COVID-19 Defense flyer illustrates the ESIT DCYF layered approach to community health and infection prevention.

Remote and In-Person Service Delivery: Documenting Methods, Settings, and Natural Environments updates guidance previously published in the archived Memo #2021-01 Documenting Natural Environments and Virtual Services During the Pandemic.

Thank you for your patience, creativity, and ongoing commitment to services during this extraordinary time.

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CLAs – please share this with your contracted ESIT Provider Agencies.