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SUBJECT: Foster Care Independence Act of 1999

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- ATTACHMENTS:
- Attachment A: Summary of the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 prepared by the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA)
  - Attachment B: Letter to Administration for Children and Families (ACF) on the Federal Independent Living Legislation
  - Attachments not available on-line

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with a summary of the provisions of the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 which was signed into law on December 14th (Attachment A). This memorandum also provides an overview of the issues that the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) has brought to the attention of the Federal Administration for Children and Families (ACF) related to implementation of the new statute (Attachment B).

The Foster Care Independence Act of 1999 makes substantial changes to the Title IV-E independent living program for foster care youth. Attachment A provides a detailed summary of the Foster Care Independence Act prepared by the American Public Human Services Association (APHSA). The most significant changes include:

- o a new allocation formula for Title IV-E Independent Living funds;
- o replacement of the 100 percent Federal funding and 50/50 State funding with 80 percent Federal funding. The federal statute is silent regarding the use of in-kind or donated funds as a State match;

