

# Policy Transmittal Office of Child Welfare Programs



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**Topic:** Other

**Transmitting (check the box that best applies):**

- New policy   
  Policy change   
  Policy clarification   
  Executive letter  
 Administrative Rule   
  Manual update   
  Other:

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                     | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities    | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs             | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers            | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs     |   |

<b>Policy/rule title:</b>	Strengthening, Preserving and Reunifying Families (SPRF) Rule, SPRF Procedure, In-Home Safety and Reunification Services (ISRS) Procedure and Flexible Funds Procedure		
<b>Policy/rule number(s):</b>		<b>Release number:</b>	
<b>Effective date:</b>		<b>Expiration date:</b>	
<b>References:</b>	ORS <a href="#">418.580-418.598</a> Strengthening, Preserving and Reunifying Families Programs		
<b>Web address:</b>	SPRF: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/safety_model/procedure_manual/ch04/ch4-section38.pdf">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/safety_model/procedure_manual/ch04/ch4-section38.pdf</a> Flex funds: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/safety_model/procedure_manual/ch04/ch4-section39.pdf">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/safety_model/procedure_manual/ch04/ch4-section39.pdf</a>		

	ISRS: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/safety_model/procedure_manual/ch04/ch4-section40.pdf">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/safety_model/procedure_manual/ch04/ch4-section40.pdf</a> OAR 413-053: <a href="http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/division_53.pdf">http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/division_53.pdf</a>
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**Discussion/interpretation:** Strengthening, Preserving and Reunifying Families (SPRF) OAR 413-053 has been adopted. A new SPRF and a new In-Home Safety and Reunification Services (ISRS) procedure has been approved to provide guidance for best practice for the use of both these types of contracted services.

In addition, a new Flexible Funds procedure has been updated to replace the previous Flexible Funds Policy I-E.5.4.

**Training/communication plan:** A training plan will be developed by the central office ISRS/SPRF program coordinator and contract consultants to assist with understanding the new SPRF rule, the new SPRF procedure, the new ISRS procedure and the new Flexible Funds procedure.

**Local/branch action required:** District/program managers shall ensure all DHS employees have read the transmittal and have information on how to access the new rule and procedures.

**Central office action required:** The central office program coordinator and contract consultants will coordinate an effort to support the field with training as needed and email or telephone consultation as requested.

**Field/stakeholder review:**  Yes  No

*If you have any questions about this policy, contact:*

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