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FROM: Joseph L. Seeber, Commissioner 

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RE: Placement of Foster Children with DSS Staff

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, please be advised that the St. Lawrence County Department of Social Services will not place youth in the homes of SLC DSS employees for the purposes of foster care. Furthermore, SLC DSS will not utilize DSS employees for short term, emergency respite placement unless all other resources have been exhausted, and then only with the approval of the Commissioner.

Exceptions for children in need of placement that are family of DSS employees will be considered on a case-by case basis in compliance with current NYS OCFS guidelines.