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TO: Commissioner, Deputy Commissioners, Office Directors, Regional Directors, Community Service Managers, Program Managers, Regional Program Managers, Child Welfare Consultants, Social Service Coordinators, Adoption Supervisors, Adoption Workers, Homefinding Supervisors, Homefinding Workers, CPS Supervisors, CPS Workers, Youth Service Supervisors, Youth Service Workers

**FROM: Jane McCallister, Director, Children and Adult Services
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SUBJECT: Carry On Campaign

The Department of Health and Human Resources has partnered with a statewide campaign called "Carry On." The purpose of this campaign is to provide children in foster care with luggage. As many of you know very well, children are often removed from an abusive and/or neglectful situation at a moment's notice. To alleviate this already difficult situation, the Carry On Campaign provides suitable luggage for social workers when removing a child or children from their home. In addition, the bags are often filled with personal items for the children as they start their journey into foster care.

Mission WV coordinates Carry On and as a partner and supporter of the campaign, we ask that you all do your part to help with its success. In order to successfully fulfill the goal of this campaign, each county office throughout the state should have one or more persons willing to volunteer as the Carry On contact. In addition, we ask that CPS workers utilize these bags and luggage pieces for emergency removals and that staff who work directly with children in foster care make sure these children have adequate luggage.

If your county office is in need of luggage, you have questions, or would like to volunteer as the Carry On contact for your county, please contact Carrie Robey at Mission WV to volunteer by calling 304-562-0723 or email crobey@missionwv.org