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Section 1

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Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
02 ADM-2 99 ADM-8 98 ADM-3 96 ADM-20 94 ADM-11 02 INF-6 99 INF-10 98 INF-10 97 INF-6 (DFR)		Part 352 Part 357.3(i) 351.2(l)	Labor Law Section 593, Chapter 268		

Section 2

I. Purpose

The purpose of this INF is to provide clarification on policy related to the Family Violence Option (FVO). This INF is a compilation of questions and answers raised at the various domestic violence (DV) liaison meetings held in 2001 – 2002. These questions and answers were compiled from a variety of sources and will help clarify current policy on the FVO.

II. Background

The FVO was implemented in April, 1998. Since that time, there have been various issues raised by DV liaisons based on their real life experiences with DV victims. DV liaison regional trainings have been held statewide for the purpose of providing DV liaisons the opportunity to network with staff from other districts, and to discuss practices, challenges and policies that are important to the implementation of the FVO. We have found that districts need updated information, direction, ongoing training and clarification on policy surrounding FVO implementation and other areas of responsibility related to domestic violence.

III. Program Implications

None.

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