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RE: Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Rulemaking

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) hereby announces its plan to proceed with rulemaking by finalizing the Notice of Intent titled, "Vulnerable Communities and Peoples Initiative" that was promulgated and published on page 1409 of the October 2020 *Louisiana Register*. Copies of the notice and fiscal statement were provided to you on, or about, October 10, 2020.

The proposed rule will adopt LAC 67:III, section 5553, to establish the Vulnerable Communities and Peoples Initiative to stabilize families and improve their economic opportunities.

DCFS held a public hearing on November 24, 2020, and no comments were received on the proposal. At this time, the department intends to submit the Final Rule to the Office of State Register for publication in the January 2021 issue of the *Louisiana Register*. This Rule is effective February 1, 2021.

Please contact me at (225) 342-3877 if the department may be of any assistance to you concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

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