

26 (b) is added to that subsection to read:

27 409.988 Community-based care lead agency duties; general
28 provisions.-

29 (1) DUTIES.—A lead agency:

30 (b)1. Shall, in coordination with the local managing
31 entity, administer a validated trauma-focused screening to a
32 child removed from his or her parent, legal custodian, or
33 caregiver to ensure that any trauma related to the child's
34 removal is timely identified, if present, and that the child is
35 promptly referred to appropriate trauma services, including
36 clinical evaluation and intervention, if needed. The trauma-
37 focused screening must occur as soon as practicable subsequent
38 to the child's removal but no later than 14 days after the
39 shelter hearing. The screening and therapy, if recommended, must
40 evaluate and address the impact of the removal to the child.

41 2. Shall offer voluntary trauma screening and appropriate
42 trauma services to a child and his or her family in the event
43 that a shelter petition is denied and the child is returned to
44 his or her parent, legal custodian, or caregiver.

45 Section 2. Paragraphs (b) through (f) of subsection (1) of
46 section 409.996, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
47 paragraphs (c) through (g), respectively, paragraph (b) of
48 subsection (4) is amended, and a new paragraph (b) is added to
49 subsection (1) of that section, to read:

50 409.996 Duties of the Department of Children and

51 Families.—The department shall contract for the delivery,
52 administration, or management of care for children in the child
53 protection and child welfare system. In doing so, the department
54 retains responsibility for the quality of contracted services
55 and programs and shall ensure that, at a minimum, services are
56 delivered in accordance with applicable federal and state
57 statutes and regulations and the performance standards and
58 metrics specified in the strategic plan created under s.
59 20.19(1).

60 (1) The department shall enter into contracts with lead
61 agencies for the performance of the duties by the lead agencies
62 established in s. 409.988. At a minimum, the contracts must do
63 all of the following:

64 (b) Require lead agencies and managing entities to
65 coordinate to administer a validated trauma-focused screening to
66 a child removed from his or her parent, legal custodian, or
67 caregiver to ensure that any trauma related to the child's
68 removal is timely identified, if present, and that the child is
69 promptly referred to appropriate trauma services, including
70 clinical evaluation and intervention, if needed, as required by
71 s. 409.988(1)(b).

72 (4)

73 (b) The department shall collect and publish on its
74 website, and update monthly, the information required under s.
75 409.988(1)(l) ~~s. 409.988(1)(k)~~.

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76 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023. |