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TO: Executive Staff  
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RE: **EXECUTIVE DIRECTIVE 3 / 1998**  
**Consent for Mental Health Services**

MCCMH Policies 9-06-100, "Informed Consent," and 9-06-110, "Informed Consent for Psychotropic Medication," state that a foster care worker who supervises a "permanent ward" of the court may sign the child's informed consent form. This remains accurate.

However, based on a legal opinion recently received from Corporation Counsel, effective immediately the above policies are revised as follows: a Family Independence Agency or other agency foster care worker also has the authority to sign an informed consent form for a child who is a **temporary** ward of the Family Court. The parent(s)'s of a child who is a **temporary** ward of the Family Court do(es) not have the right to make health decisions for the child during the **temporary** period and cannot sign the child's informed consent form. Other provisions of these policies are unchanged.

Please retain Executive Directive 3/1998 in your Administrative Manual following Divider "A."

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