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**from the Policy Unit**

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## **SUBJECT: Cases Involving Same Sex Relationships**

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Families of all types depend on the services of the DCSS. One type which presents new challenges to child support agencies are same sex partner households with children. According to the 2010 United States Census, there were 594,000 same sex couples, and approximately 27% had custody of minor children and that number is expected to rise.

The DCSS along with other IV-D agencies are making decisions and developing guidelines on case management. Our attorneys are partnering in these decisions. These cases are complex and their legal and policy challenges have not been fully identified. Therefore, until further notice, when you encounter a case involving a former same sex couple, consult with your office attorney to determine the course of action to ensure effective case management.