

C.R.E.S.T Statement

(Culture of Respect, Empowerment, Support and Trust)

To: CBC of Seminole Partners
From: Glen Case
Date: 11/14/2008
Re: Crest Statement #1: **Child Luggage**

As part of our efforts to develop a Culture of Respect, Empowerment, Support and Trust, I will be periodically sending "C.R.E.S.T." Statements. These statements are designed to give our staff and partners clear guidance on significant issues and keep record of our philosophy on those issues.

It is the culture of CBCS that all children, caregivers, partners and stakeholders will be valued and treated with respect. Therefore, it is our philosophy that all children being placed in care, and while in our care, have the proper luggage and/or storage for their personal items. It is never acceptable to store children's items in trash bags. We have received duffle bags with age and gender appropriate clothing, toiletries and toys from the Foundation for Foster Children and will continue to receive these items from various charitable foundations. At no time should a child's belongings be handled in a manner that diminishes the value and compassion that we hold toward our children. This approach is a reflection of our commitment to children and to providing them a system of care that truly cares.

To access these duffle bags for children that are in Out of home care, Dependency Case Managers can call or email Virginia Thompson or Michael Bryant and schedule a time to select the duffle bag for your child. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to make CBC of Seminole the best child welfare organization in Florida.

