**Section 329.40 Return of Missing, Runaway, and Abducted Children**

a) When other resources are not available the Department shall arrange for and pay for the return of a child oryouth who has been missing, runaway, or abducted from their parents' or caretakers' homes.

b) When a child or youth who has been missing, runaway, or abducted has been found and returned, the child or youth's caseworker shall:

1) Conduct a thorough follow-up interview with the child or youth to determine the circumstances behind the child's disappearance.

2) Schedule a medical examination for the child or youth within 24 hours.

3) Determine what needs to be done for the resumption of the child or youth's educational program.

4) Replace any clothing or personal items the child or youth may need, if these have been lost.

5) Inform the local police, NCMEC, any other appropriate local law enforcement agency, and Child Find of America, and all others who were notified of the absence, that the child or youth has been located and share information pertaining to the child or youth's recovery and circumstances related to the recovery.

6) Complete a report of the incident that can be promptly accessed and reviewed if the child or youth disappears again.

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