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Press Release

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The Office of the Child Advocate is releasing this statement to notify the public that last week, the Child Advocate, Jennifer Griffith, experienced an unexpected medical event. The Child Advocate will be on medical leave while she recovers. In her absence, the Assistant Child Advocate, Katelyn Medeiros, will continue to lead the Office of the Child Advocate.

The Office of the Child Advocate serves as the oversight agency to the Department of Children, Youth and Families. The Office of the Child Advocate is tasked with an important mission to protect the legal rights of children in State care and to promote policies and practices which ensure that children are safe, that children have permanent and stable families, and that children in out of home placements have their physical, mental, medical, educational, emotional, and behavioral needs met. The Office will continue to fulfill this mission each day and zealously advocate for the children in the state of Rhode Island.

The Office appreciates the continued support of Governor McKee's office, our partners in state government and our many colleagues in the child welfare community, during this time.

The Child Advocate and her family would request continued privacy.