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To: Field Office Directors and Deputy Field Office Directors

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In preparation for increased focus on Unaccompanied Alien Children (UAC), ERO and HSI are implementing the attached national plan to locate UAC, ensure immigration obligations are met, and conduct investigative activities to prevent trafficking or other exploitation. A Power BI dashboard has been created for visibility and information sharing across the Directorates and for simplified reporting requirements.

BLUF:

- Each Field Office is required to provide (b)(7)(E) POC/SME officers to participate and contribute to the effort. The current POCs are listed as FODs and Field Office Juvenile Coordinators (FOJC). If field offices wish to add or change their POCs, they are free to do so by the deadline provided below. All new designees:
 - should be familiar with handling UAC cases.
 - will be given access to the Power BI dashboard.
 - will be responsible to:
 - work with HSI to discuss leads and locate UAC
 - ensure immigration obligations are met in accordance with legal requirements and case law precedent, and
 - responsible for immigration enforcement decisions while HSI manages responsibility for criminal-related decisions.

Background:

- For each case, HSI will draft target packets and assigning their staff to go out – with ERO guidance and assistance – and locate UAC.
- HSI is designating special agents and criminal analysts to conduct preliminary investigations of the UAC and review all relevant available information to locate the UAC.
- The dashboard data has been collected from various sources and sorted into three buckets for targeting:
 - Flight Risk:
 - UAC who –
 - have failed to attend an immigration hearing and received a final order of removal in absentia
 - HHS-ORR has been unable to contact after reunification
 - ran away from HHS-ORR facilities, or
 - were released to sponsors who are not related by blood, including “super sponsors.”
 - Public Safety:
 - UAC who are considered a threat to public safety including adults who fraudulently claimed to be a UAC at entry, UAC with gang or terrorist ties/activities, and UAC with arrests or egregious criminal backgrounds.
 - Border Security:
 - UAC with executable orders of removal, e.g., Voluntary Departures, Withdrawals, and Removal Orders.

If FODs desire to add or change the designated POCs, please provide names **by Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 12:00 PM ET**

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