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Office of the President
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Members, Board of Trustees:

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of the Center for the Study of Violence Against Children in the College of Social Work, effective immediately.

Background: The Center for the Study of Violence Against Children is dedicated to the enhancement of the health and well-being of children and their families through research, service, and dissemination of information about child abuse and trauma. The center's primary mission is to develop, assimilate, and disseminate knowledge and best practices that will contribute to reducing and ending violence against children and the effects of that violence across the life cycle.

This translational research center combines clinical practice, research, and training on child and family violence. The center completes a translational research agenda by: (1) using clinical practice with children and families experiencing violence to generate research questions regarding assessment and interventions to improve safety and health/mental health; (2) conducting funded research with children and family members experiencing violence and related problems; (3) disseminating research to clinical and social service practice communities; (4) disseminating findings to the broader scientific community; and (5) consulting, advising, and collaborating with federal and state agencies and policy makers. The center is a coordinated partnership between the College of Social Work and the Department of Psychiatry in the College of Medicine.

The proposal has been endorsed by the faculty and administrators participating in the units, and the provost supports this recommendation.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____