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Florida's Department of Children and Families Child Welfare Agency Revealed!

The new book "THE DEPARTMENT" by Kevin L. Ramos addresses long-time issues in the Florida Child Welfare System, and aims to create a meaningful discourse and possible changes for child welfare systems around the world.

Former Department of Children and Families (DCF) Child Protective Investigator and fresh, new author Kevin L. Ramos wants a change in Florida's child welfare system. He feels that this change needs to be made from the inside out. With his new book, THE DEPARTMENT, he hopes to enlighten the public on the inner workings of the embattled Florida's DCF child welfare division. His goal is to shed light on working in one of the most difficult, selfless fields imaginable— child welfare. Hopefully, by educating the public of the true, internal struggles DCF workers are faced with, a meaningful discourse and possible change can come to this troubled system.

North Miami, FL- August 13, 2013 – Kevin L. Ramos officially releases THE DEPARTMENT. This compelling novel chronicles the life of rookie Child Protective Investigator (CPI) Jeremiah Abundo and his experiences working in Miami Dade, Florida. Through his unforgettable experiences as a CPI, he tries to maintain a semblance of balance between his demanding job and his personal life. THE DEPARTMENT also centers around 15-year old Quintavia "Queen" Collins a brilliant, young junior attending Miami Northwestern Senior High. When these two dynamic people meet, they will never be the same. THE DEPARTMENT addresses a number of issues surrounding this agency from race relations to unfair work conditions. "I wrote this book because the public needs to know how we truly function or— dysfunction...as a system internally." Ramos states, "...changing this damaged system will take the effort of our entire state. If you are wondering how Florida's DCF has garnered such a poor public opinion— you have to look no further then how DCF treats its very employees." Since May 2013, there have been six children that have died in the State of Florida: each child had prior involvement with DCF.

THE DEPARTMENT will give you a better understanding on how it feels to be a child welfare professional. In the past, most child welfare stories have portrayed state social workers as callous, uncaring individuals; this book casts these workers in a different light. THE DEPARTMENT is a MUST read for anyone interested in discovering the beauty of human perseverance. THE DEPARTMENT is available in softbound (\$16.99) and Kindle (\$9.99) editions. THE DEPARTMENT can be purchased online by visiting: www.thedepartmentbook.com .

About the Author: For over a decade, Ramos worked for the Florida's Department of Children and Families as a Child Protective Investigator and a Child Protective Investigator Supervisor. He graduated from Florida International University with a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Communications and interned at Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, Missouri.

For more information about THE DEPARTMENT, please visit: www.thedepartmentbook.com. You can also call: 786-436-0620.