TO:             All DTA Staff

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SUBJECT:    Children of Haitian Nationals

Recently, the Department has seen an influx of Haitian applicants for DTA programs.  Many of these families provided documentation for children within the household that were born outside of Haiti. The Department is issuing new guidance that children born in a country outside of Haiti to one or more Haitian parent qualify as Cuban/Haitian Entrants for purposes of all DTA programs.

The Department is currently updating the Online Guide with procedures to clarify this change in eligibility.  We are also working to identify cases in which children meeting this definition of a Haitian national and were previously denied under the former guidance.  These cases will be reviewed to redetermine eligibility and for a related benefit.

If you have any questions or have reviewed a case with Haitian nationals and both you and your supervisor have determined that the applicants are not eligible have your SIS or manager send it to the Procedural Issues Mailbox before denying the case.