



Alaska Citizen Review Panel

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The Alaska Citizen Review Panel evaluates the policies, procedures, and practices of state and local child protection agencies for effectiveness in discharging their child protection responsibilities. The Panel is mandated through CAPTA 1997 (P.L. 104-235), and enacted through AS 47.14.205.

Report of the 16th National CRP Conference; Phoenix, AZ

Dates of visit	June 06-09, 2016
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For the second consecutive year, Alaska CRP was represented at the National CRP Conference.

The 15th National Citizen Review Panel Conference was attended by approximately 150 individuals, representing 27 different states and territories. Attendees included CRP coordinators, CRP members, state CPS liaisons, and other state personnel that are assigned duties pertaining to CRPs in their respective states. The conference is the only opportunity for panels across the country to meet as a community of practice, exchange best practices, and get updates on developments at the federal level. Conference sessions included several plenaries and breakout sessions covering a variety of topics relevant to the functions and responsibilities of CRPs. Agenda of the conference is included at the end of this report.

The conference was hosted by the Arizona Citizen Review Panels, and the Center for Child Well-Being, a research center within the School of Social Work at Arizona State University (ASU). Attendees from across the nation were welcomed by the Director Greg McKay, Arizona Department of Child Safety, Dean Jonathan Koppell, ASU College of Public Service and Community Solutions, and Judge Maurice Portley, Arizona Court of Appeals. As is often the case with this conference, the host state was most represented, with several members of the state CPS agency attending the conference.

Overall, the conference concluded with the following take-home messages:

- CRPs across the nation vary in their composition, structure, available resources, and the extent to which they are performing their mandated responsibilities.
- CRP is an institution and should be developed as one. It is important that states and their respective CRPs examine the panels' work, and ensure they are meeting the CRP mandate (evaluation, public outreach, and advocacy). States are ultimately responsible for ensuring functional and meaningful CRPs.
- CRPs must examine their structure, budget, and operations to ensure adequate resources to perform their mandated responsibilities.
- The Children's Bureau provides technical assistance to states and CRPs through the National Child Abuse and Neglect Technical Assistance and Strategic Dissemination Center (CANTASD). However, the nature and extent of such technical assistance is unclear.
- It is important for CRPs to continue to connect with the national community through the National CRP Conference, online webinars, email listserve, and any

other means available. This helps in ensuring CRPs understand their mandated functions and conduct their activities responsibly.

- States are not only responsible to ensure functional CRPs but also are required to provide necessary data and information as requested by the CRPs.
- Each CRP must have in place, a meaningful and appropriate set of policies and procedures including the following:
 - Operational procedures – guiding the regular operations such as meetings, reporting, membership, confidentiality, etc.
 - A public outreach strategy – including means and methods to collect public comment, collaboration with CPS in raising awareness among the public about CPS procedures, policies, associated opportunities and challenges, and possible roles for public. This should include a media strategy and a strategy to inform elected officials such as state legislature and congressional delegation.
 - Review policies and protocols – establishing protocols for a CRP review
 - Advocacy strategy – clarifying CRP’s role in advocacy vis-à-vis the CPS system, identifying ways and means of such an advocacy, and role of individual members vs. the panel in such an effort.

The conference ended on a task-oriented note. Participants identified one or more tasks that their CRP would pursue for the next year before regrouping for the next annual conference. Alaska CRP, represented by the Chair and Vice Chair, identified a self-evaluation and assessment of effectiveness as our task for the year.

The 2017 National CRP Conference is scheduled in May 10-12, and will be in Anchorage. It will be hosted by the Alaska CRP. The conference committee will include a representative from the National CRP Advisory Panel, the Chair of the 2016 conference, several members of the Alaska CRP, and others interested individuals from Alaska.



2016 NCRP Conference Schedule

The Power of Community



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Workshop Track	Workshop Topic Areas	Room
Track A	Building Citizen Review Panels	Aurora A
Track B	Child Welfare Topics	Aurora B
Track C	Collaboration for Change	Aurora C
Track D	Other Assets for Citizen Review Panels	Aurora D

Monday, June 6, 2016

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Room: Hospitality Suites @ Renaissance Hotel	Welcome Reception (Optional—RSVP) Early Registration Meet, greet, and network with colleagues, community partners, and panel members from across the country
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Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Visit Silent Auction Table throughout the day

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Cira Ballroom Foyer	Registration
7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Room – Cira C	Continental Breakfast
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Room – Cira AB	Greeting and Introductions Judy Krysik, Ph.D., Director, Arizona State University Center for Child Well-Being Sandra Lescoe, Arizona Citizen Review Panel Coordinator
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Room – Cira AB	Welcome and Conference Opening Dean Jonathan Koppell, Arizona State University College of Public Service and Community Solutions Director Greg McKay, Arizona Department of Child Safety Judge Maurice Portley, Arizona Court of Appeals
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Room – Cira AB	CRP Overview and Opening Plenary

	How Do Child Welfare Administrators Perceive the Work of Citizen Review Panels? Results from a National Study Blake L. Jones, Ph.D., L.C.S.W, M.S.W. – Faculty at the University of Kentucky School of Social Work Crystal Collins– Camargo, Ph.D., M.S.W.– Associate Professor at the University of Louisville Kentucky School of Social Work		
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Break		
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Room – Cira AB	Keynote Just 1 Person Travis Lloyd – crisis worker, advocate, hip hop artist, RN, adjunct professor, change agent and author of <i>Overcoming Emotional Trauma: Life Beyond Survival Mode</i>		
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Break		
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Room – Cira AB	Luncheon and Presentation Youth Panel Facilitated by Travis Lloyd		
1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Break		
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Room – Cira AB	Plenary Involving Citizens in Public Child Welfare: Challenges, Opportunities, and Building CRP Capacity Diwakar Vadapalli, Ph.D. – Assistant Professor of Public Policy Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska Anchorage		
2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Break		
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions		
Room – Aurora A	Room – Aurora B	Room – Aurora C	Room – Aurora D
1A. Understanding and Building Personal Leadership Presence Janet G. Cornell, M.P.A.	1B. Domestic Violence: Do I Know Enough to Help? Doreen Nicholas	1C. Wyoming State Agencies and CRP Partnership: Coordinating Efforts for Continuous Quality Improvement Jennifer Davis Debra Hibbard	1D. Citizens Meeting the Needs of Children and Families: Care Portal Pauline Machiche Sue Baird
3:30 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.	Break		
3:40 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	World Café – Facilitated Conversations		
Room – Aurora A	Room – Aurora B	Room – Aurora C	Room – Aurora D
A. Review & Oversight (CRP Mandate) Facilitated by Blake Jones	B. Public Outreach (CRP Mandate) Facilitated by Diwakar Vadapalli	C. Enterprise of CRP (CRP Mandate) Facilitated by Debra Farrell	D. Partnerships & Relationships Facilitated by Cheryl Worrell
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Room – Solana AB	Dinner and Cultural Entertainment Tradiciones Dance Company		

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Visit Silent Auction Table throughout the day

7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cira Ballroom Foyer	Registration
7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Room – Cira C	Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions			
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Room – Cira AB	Plenary Family Empowerment – National Changes in Child Welfare Jennifer Marcelli, L.C.S.W – Program Area Manager, Capacity Building Center for States Ruth Heitsman, M.Ed. - Family Consultant and Co-lead for the Family Leaders in Child Welfare Constituency Group, Capacity Building Center for States			
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break			
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions			
Room – Aurora A	Room – Aurora B	Room – Aurora C	Room – Aurora D	
2A. Grassroots Advocacy: A Core Value for Social Change Bahney Dedolph, M.A.	2B. Understanding Childhood Trauma: Various Aspects of Childhood Trauma Noé Vargas, D.B.H.	2C. Being an Effective Voice of Change for Those Most In Need: Integrating Continuous Improvement and Collaboration between the CRP and the State Jason Raines, Ph.D. Student Steven Guccini	2D. Messaging and the Media Mary K. Reinhart Yvonne Wingett Sanchez	
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Break			
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Room – Cira AB	Luncheon and Presentation Medication Assisted Treatment – Facts, Fallacies, and Practices Michael C. White, M.C.J. - Director of Community Programs Development Community Medical Services Rick Christensen, P.A., C.A.S.			
12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Break			
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions			
Room – Aurora A	Room – Aurora B	Room – Aurora C	Room – Aurora D	
3A. Youth Voice in Action: Strategies for Engaging Older Youth with System–Involvement in CRP's Cassy Rockwell, M.A.	3B. Cultural Competency: Addressing Disproportionality One Case at a Time Yvonne Fortier, L.P.C., L.I.S.A.C.	3C. Safe Baby Court Teams: System Change Initiative Judy Krysik, Ph.D., M.S.W. Becky Ruffner Honorable Richard Weiss	3D. CRP/University Collaboration Panel Blake L. Jones, Ph.D. LaToya Burns-Vaughn Diwakar Vadapalli, Ph.D. Cheryl Worrell	
2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Break			
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions			
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4A. State Child Welfare Involvement from the Beginning Nicole Dewitt, B.A.	4B. The Importance of Providing Treatment to Children in Their Community	4C. Engaging Agency Partners: How one CRP Led the Effort to Reform Services to Youth Aging Out	4D. Working Effectively with State Legislators	

Heidi Hilliard, M.P.A. Colin Parks, M.S.W. Seth Persky, M.S.W.	Anne Cornell, M.A., L.P.C. Cathey Horton, M.S., ACPP IV, L.A.S.A.C.	Emily Smith Goering, Ph.D. Student, M.S.W.	Beth Rosenberg, L.C.S.W., M.S.W. Representative John Allen, B.S. Senator David Bradley, M.B.A., M.S .Ed.
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Break		
3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Room – Cira AB	Plenary Value of Authentic Youth Engagement, Advocacy, and Youth– Adult Partnerships in Arizona Youth Panel Meghan Arrigo, B.A. – Associate Director of Child Welfare Policy, Children’s Action Alliance Youth Panel Members		
5:30 p.m.	Dinner on your own		

Thursday, June 9, 2016

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Cira Ballroom Foyer	Registration
7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Room – Cira C	Hot Breakfast and Networking
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome, Updates, and Introductions
9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Room – Cira AB	Plenary Substance Abuse in the Child Welfare Caseload: What Can Citizen Review Panels Do? Sid Gardner, M.P.A. – President, Children and Family Futures
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Room – Cira AB	CRP State Action Planning for 2016/2017
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Room – Cira AB	Closing Blake Jones, Sandra Lescoe, and the 2017 Conference Host State Representative