

Bringing the Tributaries Together



**The River Rushes On
Seventh Annual National
Citizen Review Panel Conference
St. Paul, MN
May 21-23, 2008**

Promoting Collaboration in Region IV

Facilitating regular meetings and conference calls with States, Children's Bureau and National Resource Centers

- *Child Welfare Collaboration Initiative (CWCI)*
- *Citizen Review Panel Collaboration*

CRP Partnership

- National Resource Center for Child Protective Services
- Region IV States
- Children's Bureau

First Meeting

- Planned and conducted by University of South Carolina, NRCCPS, and Regional Office in Charleston, SC in January, 2006.
- Conducted survey of local CRP Chairs, Child Welfare Directors, CRP Coordinators and CAPTA State Liaison Officers (SLO) prior to meeting.
- Examined CRP development issues and technical assistance needs, and provided support to the states for panel development.
- Focused on what is expected of panels and how that is accomplished.
- Participants developed CRP Plans at meeting
- Positive Evaluations

Agendas, Surveys, etc

- Survey for first CRP meeting
- Invitation Letter
- Advanced Preparation Guide
- Schedule/Agenda
- State Report Guidelines
- Specialty Group Guidelines
- Action Plan Format

Ongoing...

- Continued annual meetings for networking and providing technical assistance.
- Maintained state planning committee to help plan annual meetings.
- Second annual meeting in Atlanta in December, 2006. Shared successes, challenges, progress in implementing strategies in CRP plans.

- Considerable progress in collaboration
- Identified areas still needing improvement and developed strategies.
- Updated plans for citizen review by identifying major objectives, action steps, responsible parties, planned dates of completion and resources needed.

Presentations and Discussions

- Building relationships between citizen review panels and State agencies
- Use of data
- Technical assistance

Third Annual CRP Meeting

- February, 2008 in Charleston, SC
- Progress made in states' CRP strategic plans
- Discussion of successes and challenges in implementing plans
- Update plans
- Presentations on *Evaluation of Citizen Review Panels* and *CAPTA Reauthorization 2008: Issues and Opportunities*.

Something New!

Quarterly CRP
Conference Calls



Coming in June 2008...stay
tuned to see what Region IV
CRP does next!

Children's Bureau Region IV Goals

- Promoting continuous improvement of services to children and families through the citizen review process.
- Providing information and experiences that enhance knowledge and networking among those working in CRP.
- Increasing the focus on citizen review structures and processes.
- Improving safety, permanency and well-being of children and families.