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**National Citizen Review Panel Survey Results
December, 2007**

Total Respondents: 43*

*** State Program Coordinators (some states had more than one response)**

1. How many Citizen Review Panels do you have in your state?

1 Panel: 7 respondents

2-3 Panels: 21 respondents

4 or more Panels: 14 respondents

2. Which best describes your Panels?

Free Standing Panels (“started from scratch”): 17 respondents

Use of already existing Panels: 16 respondents

Other: 19 respondents (e.g., already existing Quality Assurance Teams, sub-committee of Governor’s Task Force)

3. What is your role?

CRP Program Coordinator: 13 respondents

State Child Welfare Agency Staff: 18 respondents

Other: 13 Respondents (e.g., Child Death Review Program Coordinator, state CRP chairperson)

4. What is your budget?

Less than \$10,000	35.1% (13)
\$10,000-25,000	18.9% (7)
\$25,000-50,000	16.2% (6)
\$50,000-75,000	8.1% (3)
\$75,000-100,000	8.1% (3)
Over \$100,000	13.5% (5)

5. What is the source of your budget?

CAPTA Funds:	53%
Title IV-E:	3%
Children's Justice Act	20%
Other	24%
➤ e.g., state funds, foster care review, in-kind funds from child services agencies)	

6. Have you visited the National CRP Virtual Community in the past 30 days:

Yes: 46%

No: 53%

7. Selected comments about National CRP Virtual Community:

“Great resource. Easy to follow. User friendly”

“Although I have not visited within the last thirty days, I have utilized this excellent resource frequently. I find the information to be very beneficial. It would be helpful if each state listed more specifics about each of their CRPs. More specifically, how are they funded, how much funding do they receive, how do they operate, examples of semi-annual or annual reports, and how does the state entity engage with the CRP.”

“Excellent help in approaching our State officials to restructure our panels for permanency, interdependence with child and family-serving agencies, budgets, etc.”

“I am very glad it is there but just do not seem to get there unless an email goes out that there is something new or reminds us to check if our info is up-to-date.”

“Good resource. I would access it more frequently except that I have too many other responsibilities and limited time for CRP development.”

“Use it regularly and refer our CRP members to it as well.”

8. We are considering creating an online workshop (video and PowerPoint) which would cover a history of Citizen Review Panels, best practices, and current research findings. Would this be of interest to you?

Yes: 83%

No: 0%

Maybe: 17%

9. Types of assistance needed, other comments:

“ How much should CRP's be involved in inter-agency meetings/forums? If so, at what stage? Who does it benefit the most? What is the best way to advocate that this take place? How much should CRP's be involved in policy, regulation, etc. changing/revising? As a proactive or reactive role?”

“Our teams in _____ are basically reviewing cases and making recommendations. And they are often very good suggestions. However, it sounds as if teams in other states are much more involved in prevention and other areas. I'm fairly new at

coordinating the teams across the state. I'd be interested in how to motivate and move teams on to other, more involved/critical functions.”

“I believe panels should be tied into the State accountability/QA mechanisms that are similar to the federal CFSR. Panels should systematically track assessment of local child protection/child welfare programs, local program improvement plans, and progress in implementing local improvements.”

“Keeping teams motivated. How to work with panels when the agency and the panel can't come to consensus”

“Funding for panel member's travel expenses, formatting recommendations, recruiting members.”

“Keeping panel members motivated and open to change. Although members would like to see more changes it is very difficult to get the members themselves to take a broader look at issues and/or make any changes to the way they approach an issue.”

“Success stories; grant information; best practices; cohesive coordination of CRP's within a state.”

10. Please give us your opinion about the following question: “Citizen Review Panels in my state are helping to improve state child protective services.”

<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>27%</i>
<i>Agree</i>	<i>49%</i>
<i>Neutral</i>	<i>25%</i>
<i>Disagree</i>	<i>0%</i>
<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>0%</i>