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To: Region 2 Oversight Committee
Kenneth Nichols, Regional Administrator
Kathy Derbawka, Deputy Administrator

From: Christine Robinson, Director
Division of Program and Practice Improvement

Subject: CAPTA Citizen Review Panel (CRP) Response

Children's Administration (CA) wishes to acknowledge and thank Region 2 Oversight committee members for your hard work and tireless efforts in serving on the CRP. The annual report and recommendations show great insight and reflection on issues that impact Washington's children.

CA regrets the delay in responding to your report. We appreciate and recognize the commitment the panel has shown in serving children and families since 1986. The formation of the Citizen Review Panel's was established well before CRPs were conceptualized by U.S. Congress in 1996.

Your committee's evaluation of the child welfare system provides CA with valuable information and insight to policy and practice. Ultimately, your active participation and evaluation plays an important role in helping CA protect children from abuse and neglect.

In addition, a special thanks to Ken Nichols, Region 2 Regional Administrator and Kathy Derbawka, Region 2 Deputy Administrator for their support of the oversight/CRP process.

Many thanks to all the members for the excellent work they do.

cc: Leah Stajduhar, Supervisor, Program and Practice Improvement
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