

# **NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

## **Technical Assistance Site Report**



Prepared for Nebraska HHSS  
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## **Situation and Technical Assistance Request**

Nebraska requested technical assistance from the NRCCPS to help develop training for all levels of staff on issues related to safety and risk throughout CPS involvement. They also requested assistance in reviewing QA tools related to Intake and Initial Assessment. Their PIP requires training, not on specific models but on conceptual frameworks and information required to guide decisions about safety and risk.

## **Site Visit**

Prior to the site visit, the Final CFSR report was reviewed, along with Nebraska's PIP and Quarterly reports. Nebraska staff provided some training objectives to help inform the discussion.

The initial site visit was held with key staff from Nebraska in Lincoln on Wednesday, June 1, 2005. In attendance representing Nebraska were:

Todd Reckling, Administrator, Office of Protection and Safety  
Chris Hanus, Deputy Administrator, Office of Protection and Safety  
Suzanne Schied, Program Coordinator  
Sherrie Spilde, Administrator, Protection and Safety  
Bob Sparby, Administrator, Protection and Safety  
Maria Lavicky, Administrator, Protection and Safety  
Sandy Charmichael, CPS Trainer  
Mary Osbourne, Resource Coordinator

Wayne Holder, Clint Holder and Emily Hutchinson attended from NRCCPS.

## **Next Steps**

Please see the Logic Model and the Nebraska Work Plan for detail on decisions made and next steps. Emily Hutchinson will work with Nebraska staff to determine dates for future on site activities. Initial off- site activities will involve review of Nebraska policy, guidelines, training curricula, etc. on risk and safety. A one day orientation on risk and safety is planned for NE Administrators on July 28, 2005.