

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Technical Assistance Report



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Please indicate which responses were employed in this T/TA:

- Technical Assistance
- Training
- Phone Consultation
- Referral to another NRC
- Referral to Other Organization
- Review of Policy and Materials
- Publications Provided
- Secondary Research
- Other

(Please explain the Service Responses in the report which follows)

Situation and Technical Assistance Request

In follow-up to the written information provided, Judge Payne and his staff requested an on-site day of Training/Technical Assistance to further their understanding of CAPTA requirements. Howard Davidson and Theresa Costello teamed up to meet with the staff for a one-day discussion/training session. The topics discussed included:

- Fatality and Near-fatality definitions
- Definitions of child abuse/neglect
- Hospital “referrals” to CPS of drug-exposed newborns
- Central registry maintenance
- Criminal history record screening of all persons
- GAL recruitment, training, support issues
- Termination of Parental Rights proceedings issues
- CPS making IDEA Part C referrals for children under 3
- Parental rights notification/worker training issues
- Development and operation of Citizen Review Panels
- Children transferred to State Juvenile Justice System

Next Steps

That brings to an end the T/TA for this fiscal year.