

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

## **Technical Assistance Report**



Prepared for Department of Children and Families  
Central Operation

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On-site dates: 01/29/07; 03/04/07; 03/29/07; 05/02/07; 05/15/07

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

- XX Technical Assistance
- \_\_\_ Training
- \_\_\_ Phone Consultation
- \_\_\_ Referral to another NRC
- \_\_\_ Referral to Other Organization
- XX 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

***The New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Central Operations is launching a new, innovative child welfare prevention pilot program called Differential Response. The NRCCPS is requested to provide TA to the state and to newly established steering committee charged with overseeing the pilot's initial implementation phase in four counties. The steering committee will be charged with oversight of the pilot's implementation including monitoring and evaluating grantee performance, results achieved for children and families, differential response systems operations, and the structure and process of interagency collaboration in each of the four pilot counties. The insight we gain from the pilot's implementation would help inform our thinking about future statewide expansion of the differential response initiative.***

#### Site Visit

*From January through July, five on-site visits have occurred on :  
01/29/07; 03/04/07; 03/29/07; 05/02/07; 05/15/07*

- **The TA provided has included advising on the RFP before it was issued, helping to design the criteria for review of proposals, input on the training plan for the pilot sites, advise on the review of the proposals and input on the evaluation process and level of effort. Patrick Curtis from Walter R. McDonald was brought in to help with the evaluation portion.**

#### Next Steps

***The next steps will include additional consultation on evaluation and policy and procedures to assure consistency between the pilot sites.***