

## June 2009 State Liaison Officer Update e-Newsletter

Welcome to the June 2009 SLO Update e-Newsletter. In this month's e-Newsletter:

➤ *National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit-*

The National Child Welfare Evaluation Summit was held May 27-29, 2009, in Washington D. C. The purpose of the Summit was to explore the current state of evaluation practice in child welfare. The Summit brought together researchers, evaluators, agency administrators and professionals working in the field of child welfare to discuss their diverse perspectives on evaluation issues. It was a great opportunity to hear the latest information about the current state of research and evaluation. The most frequent comment from the participants in the Summit was that the event offered a chance for groups that don't normally meet together to share views and ideas.

Attached is a copy of the Closing Plenary Session given by Richard Barth, PhD, a Professor and Dean at the University of Maryland Baltimore. Dr. Barth is a co-investigator with the Atlantic Coast Child Welfare Implementation Center and a noted researcher in the field of child welfare.

*Closing Plenary:*



Acrobat Document

Also available from the Summit is a list of on-line evaluation resources:

*Evaluation Resources:*



Acrobat Document

➤ *Second Round Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) Reports-*

Second round CFSR reports are now available for review for the following states: Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Texas. To view the reports, go to: [http://basis.caliber.com/cwig/ws/cwmd/docs/cb\\_web/SearchForm](http://basis.caliber.com/cwig/ws/cwmd/docs/cb_web/SearchForm)

➤ *New KIDS Count Data Center-*

There is now a new KIDS Count Data Center site, which provides detailed information concerning children and families down to the community level. Included in the KIDS Count Data Center is information on states, cities, counties and even school districts. To view it, go to: <http://datacenter.kidscount.org/>

➤ *New Resource for Child Welfare Supervision-*

A new publication entitled, *Building a Model Framework for Child Welfare Supervision*, was developed by the National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice and Permanency Planning and the National Resource Center for Organizational Improvement. The document is intended to serve as framework for agencies to use in building effective and sustainable child welfare supervisor programs. To view the publication, go to:

[http://tatis.muskie.usm.maine.edu/pubs/pub2Wtemp.asp?SUBJECT\\_AREA=Human%20Resource%20Development](http://tatis.muskie.usm.maine.edu/pubs/pub2Wtemp.asp?SUBJECT_AREA=Human%20Resource%20Development)

➤ *Child Welfare in the News-*

The Child Welfare Information Gateway is offering a new service called *Child Welfare in the News*. The service will deliver a daily email with headlines and links to national and local news related to child welfare. To sign up for the service or to find out more about it, go to: [Library@childwelfare.gov](mailto:Library@childwelfare.gov)

➤ *June Child Safety Article-*

The Action for Child Protection June Child Safety Article is entitled "In-Home Services for Safety Management." The article discusses in-home services and how to use them in effective safety management. The article even includes an example of a real life safety plan. To check out the article, click on:

[http://www.actionchildprotection.org/documents/2009/pdf/June\\_June\\_2009\\_In\\_Home\\_Services\\_for\\_Safety\\_Management\\_edited.pdf](http://www.actionchildprotection.org/documents/2009/pdf/June_June_2009_In_Home_Services_for_Safety_Management_edited.pdf)