

March 2009 State Liaison Officer Update e-Newsletter

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

- *New Nominee Selected for the Secretary of Health and Human Services-*
According to *nytimes.com*, February 28, 2009, Kathleen Sebelius, the Governor of Kansas, has accepted President Obama's offer to become the nominee for the Secretary of Health and Human Services. For a brief biography concerning Ms. Sebelius, go to:
http://topics.nytimes.com/top/reference/timestopics/people/s/kathleen_sebelius/index.html?inline=nyt-per
- *Annual SLO Meeting scheduled in conjunction with 17th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect-*
This year's annual SLO meeting is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday March 30 and 31, 2009 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in Atlanta, GA. The meeting will precede the opening of the 17th National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect scheduled for March 31-April 4, 2009. For more information and to register for the Conference go to:
<https://www.pal-tech.com/cbconference/index.cfm>
- *Federal 2009 Budget Details and President Obama's 2010 Budget-*
Congress is expected in the near future to address the Fiscal Year 09 budget. For a comparison between the Senate and House bills on key children's programs, go to the Child Welfare League of America website which provides details on the 09 budget:
www.cwla.org/advocacy/budgetdetails09.htm

For those who want more information concerning President Obama's 2010 budget for the Department of Health and Human Services, go to page 67 of the FY 2010 budget document:

http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/assets/fy2010_new_era/A_New_Era_of_Responsibility2.pdf

- *Details on the new Quality Improvement Centers-*
There is new information available about the Children's Bureau National Quality Improvement Centers (QIC) on Differential Response in Child Protective Services and Early Childhood. To get information and access the website for each QIC, go to:
<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/tta/nqicdrpcs.htm> and <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/tta/nqicec.htm>
- *Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA)-*
On February 4, 2009, President Obama signed CHIPRA which maintains health insurance coverage for 7 million children and expands coverage to an additional 4 million children. The Georgetown University Health Policy Institute, Center for Children and Families, has developed a summary of the Act. To view it, go to:
<http://ccf.georgetown.edu/index/cms-filesystem-action?file=ccf%20publications/federal%20schip%20policy/ccf%20chip%20summary%20-13.pdf>
- *March Child Safety Article-*
The Action for Child Protection March Child Safety Article entitled *Family Functioning as a Safety Intervention Part 3* completes the series on Family Functioning Assessment. To check out the article, click on:
http://www.actionchildprotection.org/documents/2009/pdf/Mar_2009_Family_Functioning_Assessment_as_a_Safety_Intervention_Part_3.pdf
- *SLO Teleconferences-*
There will be two SLO teleconferences scheduled during 2009. Since many of you are unable to travel to conferences, the teleconferences will offer you opportunities to hear directly from speakers concerning topics of interest to you. Please let us know if you have ideas for teleconference topics. Contact Kathy Simms, the SLO Coordinator, at Kathy.Simms@actionchildprotection.org with suggestions, comments or ideas.