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On January 22, 2010, I met with members of Connecticut's Citizen Review Panels, which are two parent advisory groups and a "State Advisory Council." There were approximately 45 people in attendance, most of whom were parent advocates. The evening before, I met with Kim Nilson from the child welfare agency, and Hal Gibber and Molly Cole from the CRPs.

During the CRP meeting, I reviewed helpful "Tips and Strategies" for Citizen Review Panels, including:

- Strategies for collaboration and accountability
- Examples of CRP successes nationally
- Recruitment strategies
- Budgeting and other financial issues
- SMART Indicators
- Other Strategic Planning information
- SWOT Analysis

I walked the Panel through a strategic planning session in which they chose the following topics to evaluate:

- * Review of the Ombudsman system
- * Evaluation of what happens to children who are removed from their homes

I offered to provide, free of charge, follow-up consultation via email or phone.