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## CWLA State Fact Sheets Updated


The Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) has updated their fact sheets on each state's vulnerable children. Using data including the U.S. Census and statistics from the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, the CWLA factsheets provide detailed information on child protection, child health, child care, education and income support. To view the factsheet for each state go to: <http://www.cwla.org/advocacy/statefactsheets/statefactsheets10.htm>

## Children's Bureau Spotlight on Differential Response

This month, the *Children's Bureau Express* is featuring a special section on Differential Response. Included is detailed information on programs, training and research focused on Differential Response. The special section also provides detailed information on the efforts of two states, Ohio and Nevada, to implement Differential Response. To review the featured articles go to: <http://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/index.cfm?event=website.viewSection&issueID=113&subsectionID=25>

## American Humane-2010 Differential Response Webinar Series

For even more information on Differential Response, American Humane is launching a series of 90 minutes webinars concerning a range of topics relating to Differential Response. The webinars will be held monthly starting in February and continuing through October, 2010. The number of phone lines is limited for the webinars, so register early. To see more detail about the topics,

you can click on the PDF copy of the flyer:  <http://www.americanhumane.org/protecting-children/conferences-trainings/differential-response-webinar.html> To register for the webinars go to:

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## Fourth National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect Sparks Press Reports and Debate

The Fourth National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect (NIS-4), a mandated study conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services was recently released in a report to Congress. The study reports a 26% decrease in the total number of abused children since the last National Incidence Study (NIS-3), which was completed in 1996 based on 1993 data. News sources, including the Associated Press, have reported the drop in child maltreatment rates, which has sparked some debate. Although some advocates are quoted as seeing the report as indication that child abuse is declining, other advocates point out that the study numbers were gathered before the recession and unemployment hit families hard. The very comprehensive NIS-4 study is available to download and review at:

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/abuse\\_neglect/natl\\_incid/nis4\\_report\\_congress\\_full\\_pdf\\_jan2010.pdf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/abuse_neglect/natl_incid/nis4_report_congress_full_pdf_jan2010.pdf)

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## February ACTION for Child Protection Child Safety Article

The February ACTION for Child Protection Child Safety article is the third in a series about best practices in the Protective Capacity Family Assessment (PCFA). Last month's article discussed the Introduction and Discovery Stages when caregivers are not thinking about change. This month's article, entitled ***The Protective Capacity Family Assessment: Facilitating the Introduction and Discovery Stage When Caregivers Are Thinking About Change***, provides the objectives, process and techniques to use when caregivers are more receptive to making changes. To read the article go to:

[http://www.actionchildprotection.org/documents/2010/pdf/Feb\\_Facilitating\\_Thinking\\_About\\_Change.pdf](http://www.actionchildprotection.org/documents/2010/pdf/Feb_Facilitating_Thinking_About_Change.pdf)

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## SLO Meeting-Planning Committee Volunteers Needed

As recently announced, the joint SLO/CJA Meeting will be held May 17, 18 and 19, 2010 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Virginia. We really need your help in planning the agenda and topics for the meeting, particularly the SLO only sessions. Please contact [Kathy.Simms@actionchildprotection.org](mailto:Kathy.Simms@actionchildprotection.org) to volunteer. We will plan to have 2-3 very short conference calls to plan the meeting because we know your time is very limited. If you don't feel like you have time to participate in the calls, please send your ideas and comments to Kathy so she can share them with the planning committee. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the meeting!

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## Feedback or Questions Welcomed

We would appreciate hearing from! If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, please contact [Kathy.Simms@actionchildprotection.org](mailto:Kathy.Simms@actionchildprotection.org). Let us know if you have any topics you would like to see in future issues of the newsletter or you have any other suggestions to make the newsletter work best for you.