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Assistant Secretary for Children and Families Resigns

Carmen Nazario, the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, is resigning her post effective July 16, 2010. As Assistant Secretary, Ms. Nazario oversees the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Assistant Secretary Nazario is resigning due to her husband's health.

HHS Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius, commended Assistant Secretary Nazario for "overseeing ACF's first organization assessment, for her focus on program oversight and integrity, and for initiating an outreach program to engage underserved populations."

Current Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, David Hansell, will serve as Acting Assistant Secretary until a new nominee is identified and confirmed by the Senate. For detailed information on Mr. Hansell go to:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/orgs/bios/dhansell.htm>

Child and Family Services Review Update

Only four more Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) remain for Round Two of the reviews. The following will be reviewed in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2010:

- Puerto Rico-July 12-16,2010
- New Hampshire-August 2-6, 2010
- Iowa-August 23-27,2010
- Washington-September 15-17,2010

One state, New Mexico, has a successfully completed and approved Program Improvement Plan for Round Two.

No CFSR reviews will occur during FFY 2011. It is currently planned for the reviews to begin again in FFY 2012. To view the review schedule beginning in FFY 2012, go to:

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/cwmonitoring/general_info/pipstatus.htm



National Resource Center Webinars

Each of the National Resource Centers (NRCs) funded by the Children's Bureau, have developed a webinar providing details on the purpose and plans for their NRC. The webinars provide information on the roles and responsibilities of the staff members of the NRCs; peer support efforts of the NRCs; annual conferences, webcasts and teleconferences; and the types of technical assistance offered by each NRC. The webinars are approximately an hour long. The following NRCs have posted the information webinar on their websites:

- National Resource Center for Child Protective Services-www.nrccps.org
- National Resource Center for Organizational Improvement-www.nrcoi.org
- National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections-
www.nrcpfc.org
- National Resource Center for Tribes-www.nrc4tribes.org

Look for other NRC information webinars to be added by accessing the list of Children's Bureau NRCs at:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/tta/index.htm#national>

July ACTION for Child Protection Child Safety Article

This month's ACTION for Child Protection Safety article is entitled ***Case Plan Goals: The Bridge Between Discovering Diminished Caregiver Capacities and Measuring Enhancement of Caregiver Protective Capacities***. The article, which is the first in a two-part series, discusses the importance of being clear about the connection between discovering what must change with families, articulating in the case plan what change is needed and then measuring whether change has occurred. A good case plan, according to the article, uses criteria-based goals so that progress towards enhanced caregiver protective capacities can be effectively measured. To read the complete article go to:

http://actionchildprotection.org/documents/2010/pdf/July_Goals_the_Bridge_between_the_PCFA_and_the_PCPA.pdf

August SLO Webinar-Registration Link

Next SLO Webinar is scheduled for: August 2, 2010 at 2:00 PM Eastern

Topic: *SLO Discussion-Central Registries, Substantiation Criteria and Legal Issues Impacting CPS*

Registration Link: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/508289537>

Don't forget to reserve the date for another upcoming SLO webinar: *Engaging Fathers*-September 17, 2010 at 2:00 PM Eastern

Immigration and Child Welfare Resources

Immigration is an issue that impacts state child welfare agencies and there are often questions about how to address issues as they arise. Several new resources are now available to assist state child welfare agencies as they address immigration issues.

The National Resource Center for Child Protective Services recently hosted a webinar entitled "Immigration Issues Impacting Child Welfare and Child Trafficking." The speaker was Howard Davidson, J.D., Director of the ABA Center on Children and the Law. The webinar and resource materials, provided by Howard Davidson, can be downloaded at: http://nrccps.org/slo_support/teleconferences.php

Other immigration resources are available through American Humane and its partners. They recently published two new research briefs based on data from the National Survey of Child and Adolescent Well-Being (NSCAW) which was conducted under contract with the Administration on Children and Families (ACF). The NSCAW studied a representative sample of children who were subjects of child protective services reports in 1999 and 2000, including 3,336 children with native parents and 351 children with immigrant parents. These briefs highlight differences in the risk factors and types of maltreatment found in children of immigrant families in the child welfare system versus the children of US-born parents. To view each of the briefs, click on:

<http://www.americanhumane.org/assets/docs/protecting-children/PC-ChildofImmigrant.pdf>

and

<http://www.americanhumane.org/assets/docs/protecting-children/PC-LatinoChildreofImmigrant.pdf>

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