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Leadership Academy for Middle Managers-New Program and Nomination Process

The National Child Welfare Workforce Institute has significantly revised the nomination packet and training for the Leadership Academy for Middle Managers. The nomination packet, which can be found at National Child Welfare Workforce Institute website, www.ncwwi.org, includes information about the Leadership Academy, a schedule of the trainings, deadlines for each federal region, as well as the nomination form itself. The revised training is designed for tribal and public (county or state) managers who have accountability for major change initiatives. Examples of such initiatives might include the state Program Improvement Plan, the roll-out of a new program or policy, or a staff recruitment / retention program. For further information contact the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute through the website listed above.

Children's Bureau Releases New Report to Assist Legislators in Addressing Permanency for Children

To assist legislators in addressing permanency issues in their States, the Children's Bureau has approved the release of the new report *Moving Children Out of Foster Care: The Legislative Role in Finding Permanent Homes for Children*. According to the announcement of the report release "the report focuses on the outcomes of round 2 of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) regarding State performance in moving children in child welfare systems toward permanency. It also highlights strategies that States are using to improve permanency outcomes for these children and provides questions that lawmakers can use to engage in discussions with State agencies about strategies for improving permanency outcomes". A copy of the report is available at: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/new_site.htm

Need Help Posting a Message on the SLO Listserve?

If you are new to posting on the SLO Listserve, you may not know how to do it the first time. The SLO Listserve is a valuable way to communicate with your counterparts in other states and your input on the Listserve is valuable to all of your colleagues. It is easy to post a message on the Listserve. To get to the Listserve go to the link: <http://listserve.icfi.com/read/?forum=slo>. This link is also provided at the bottom of each SLO Listserve message you receive. Click on the link, it will ask for your email address and if you have not logged in before, you will be asked to set up a password. Once you have completed the password and log-in process, you will be taken to a list of SLO Listserve messages. In the upper right hand corner of the list is a button labeled *Create a New Message*, click on the button and it will take you to a message box. Fill in the subject and your message, then click ok. You will now have posted a message on the Listserve. Please use the Listserve often to ask questions about child welfare program issues and when you take time to answer the query of another SLO, it is always appreciated!

Child Welfare Information Gateway-SLO Mailing List Link Correction

We have been informed that the link to the SLO mailing list on the *Child Welfare Information Gateway*, which was provided in the March SLO e-Newsletter, is broken. Please access the SLO Mailing List using:

www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/reslist/rl_dsp.cfm?typeID=20&rate_chno=19-00010.

While retrieving the SLO mailing list, take some time to look at all of the wonderful resources available on the *Child Welfare Information Gateway*. The Information Gateway provides up to date information on child welfare from prevention to permanency and adoption. The website homepage of the Information Gateway lists the latest resources available and provides information about how to research specific topics. You can also subscribe to the *Child Welfare Information Gateway E-Lert*, which provides, through your choice of email or an RSS feed, monthly updates on the latest child welfare news and publications. To view the Information Gateway website, go to: <http://www.childwelfare.gov/>

May ACTION for Child Protection Child Safety Article

This month's ACTION for Child Protection Safety article is entitled *Danger as the Basis for Opening a Case for Ongoing CPS*. The article discusses the need to evaluate impending danger, along with present danger, in making decisions about whether to open a case for ongoing CPS services. The article includes a real case scenario that illustrates the importance of conducting effective Family Functioning Assessments before reaching conclusions about the need for ongoing CPS services. To read the article go to:

http://www.action4cp.org/documents/2010/pdf/May_Danger_as_a_Basis_for_Opening_a_Case.pdf



Hold the Dates- SLO Webinar Dates Scheduled

The dates for the SLO Webinars have been scheduled for Federal Fiscal Year 2010. Please hold these dates and times:

June 25, 2010, 2:00 PM Eastern

August 2, 2010, 2:00 PM Eastern

September 17, 2010, 2:00 PM Eastern

More information about the topics and speakers will be forthcoming.

Have a Question or a Comment?

Let us know if we can assist you in any way. If you have questions or comments, please contact kathy.simms@action4cp.org. We want to know if the newsletter and SLO communication meet your needs. Please send us any topics you would like to see in future issues of the newsletter or any other suggestions to make SLO communication more effective for you.