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CJA Task Force Meeting Division of Child and Family Services

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Welcome

Call to order

Roll call





Initial Public Comment

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Purpose of CJA Subcommittee

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Purpose of CJA Subcommittee

- To oversee the effectiveness of the CJA Grantees
- To Monitor the Grantees goals and objectives
- To follow and meet CJA Task Force Goals (see next slide to refresh)
- To help develop an evaluation process to help write the annual CJA report which must be submitted to the Children's Bureau at the end of May each year





Goals of the CJA Task Force

Goal 1: Provide child protection workers and stakeholders “front end” specialty, discipline specific and advanced training. Training should be prioritized, but not limited to, training requirements of CARA and JVTA Program Improvement Plans, child protection model assessments, ICWA, sexual abuse, domestic violence, forensic interviewing, trauma-informed practices, substance use and co-occurring mental health disorders and training needs identified in collaboration with Court Improvement Program. (ABC)

Goal 2: Support the implementation of the Commercially Sexually Exploited Child (CSEC) Model Coordinated Response Protocol and provide training and support for the formation of Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) and Task Forces. (ABC)

Goal 3: Support the establishment of new Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs) or other multidisciplinary team approaches and improve the capacity of existing CACs to provide a multidisciplinary response for victims of child sex abuse and exploitation, physical abuse, and child victims with disabilities. Activities may include the development of a strategic action plan for project implementation, identification of rural health care providers, investigation of funding opportunities for infrastructure and operating costs, and the use of telehealth and telemedicine statewide. (AB)

Goal 4: Fund technology requests to improve the investigation, assessment and prosecution of child abuse and neglect through use of latest technology and to support use of new and existing training technologies. (AB)

Goal 5: Identify new or needed changes to policy, regulation and/or legislation to meet requirements of federal program improvements plans and other federal and state initiatives. Support training and policy needs related to new or revised policy, regulation, and legislation. (C)





Nominations for Spokesperson

For Possible Action:

Consideration of nominees, discussion and possible action to appoint a subcommittee member the spokesperson. This spokesperson will present these findings with the full body CJA Members.





Establish Future Subcommittee Dates

For Possible Action:

Consideration of nominees, discussion and possible action to establish future subcommittee meeting dates.

Proposed dates:

November 9, 2022 at 10:00 am

February 8, 2022 at 10:00 am

May 10, 2022 at 10:00 am





Discuss Evaluations for CJA Grantees

For Possible Action:

Consideration of nominees, discussion and possible action regarding evaluation for CJA current grantees and discuss future work of this subcommittee.

Great Basin Children's Advocacy Center

- The GBCAC serves a diverse population in rural Nevada spanning four counties. They propose to develop and provide a compassionate, trauma informed response training to refocus and bring together a well-functioning, compassionate team of new and existing MD Team members. Training supplies and the purchase, production, and printing of culturally sensitive resource and educational materials will enhance culturally appropriate, topic specific resources. This will facilitate a reduction in trauma experienced by children and their caregivers.
- Goals 1 & 3





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Washoe County Health and Human Services

- WCHSA seeks to provide a range of discipline specific, advanced trainings for CAC and assessment staff throughout the year in order to enhance services and stay current on emerging trends and best practices. Training includes two out of the area national-level conferences, and a training in Reno with a national-level trainer. They propose to equip CAC and assessment staff with enhanced technology that includes laptop computers and external CD/DVD players. This will increase data efficiency and generally assist in providing more effective and proactive planning to improve abuse and neglect assessments and investigations.
- Goals 1, 3 & 4





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Clark County Department of Family Services

- CCDFS is in its final stages of refurbishing the SNCAC to provide a safe place for children of abuse to disclose their trauma. Child appropriate furniture and supplies will be purchased as well as furnishing the MDT conference room where community partners convene. They propose to virtually train up to ninety SNCAC and Community Partner staff in forensic interviewing through three training sessions at four-month intervals before June 30, 2023.
- Goals 1 & 3



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Announcements

Information Only: Member announcements



Final Public Comment

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Adjournment

Thank you for your time and commitment to improving services for children and youth in Nevada.