

CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL OVERVIEW



The Power of Community



**Ending Child Abuse
and Neglect.**

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The New Role of the PEI as a CRP

Citizen Review Panels

Agenda

- Why the PEI is the best fit for a statewide CRP
- What they are, what they are required to do
- How the review and recommendation process works
- Next Steps for Statewide PEI-CRP

Why PEI is the best fit for a statewide CRP

- It promotes the consideration of policies, practices and procedures through a prevention lens.
- The committee membership meets and exceeds CRP requirements, assuring informed and meaningful review.
- Tapping into expertise of the PEI committee avoids duplication and promotes integration of systems.
- The committee has a broad policy perspective and recommendations could result in statewide impact.

What CRPs Are and What They Do

- To receive CAPTA funding, the CAPTA Reauthorization of 1996
 - Required states to establish citizen review panels to review compliance with CAPTA Plan, federal child protection standards, and other areas deemed important by panels
- CAPTA Reauthorization of 2003
 - Evaluation of policy, procedures, practice
 - Public outreach and comment
 - Child Welfare agencies must respond to annual report in writing
- CAPTA Reauthorization of 2010
 - Required a study and report to Congress on effectiveness of CRPs
 - Panels may include adult survivors of child abuse and neglect

CRP Requirements

- **Establishment**

- 3 CRPs (CA- San Mateo County, Ventura County, and the statewide PEI CRP)

- **Membership:**

- Broadly representative of the state/field
- Include individuals with expertise in the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect

Meetings

Must meet at least quarterly



CRP Requirements

- **Functions**

- Examine selected CDSS policies, procedures and practices (2003 CAPTA amendment)
- Evaluate extent to which CDSS is meeting child protection responsibilities

- **Confidentiality**

- **Public Outreach**

- Panels must get public comment to assess impact of procedures and practices on children and families in the community

CRP Requirements

- **Report**
 - **Panel produces annual report**
 - Summary of the activities of the panel
 - Considerations to improve the child protective services system at the State level
 - Key product of panel; distribute widely
 - **State agency response:**
(within 6 months of receipt of report)
 - Describes whether or how the State will incorporate the recommendations of the panel
 - Provide the panel staff assistance for the performance of the duties of the panel

How will the review/recommendation process work?

- Statewide data
- Policy review
- Procedure review
- Surveys
- Quality Assurance reviews
- Community forums
- Focus groups or interviews

2014 Accomplishments and Goals:

Federal Child Welfare
Finance Reform Took Kit

Differential Response
Framework

Other TBA



Next Steps for CWC PEI-CRP

- Build membership.
- Orient members to their responsibilities.
- Map California structures, entities, partnerships, and initiatives that play an active role in shaping child welfare and prevention policy.
- Communicate respective roles and responsibilities to align and leverage efforts.
- Identify key child welfare/prevention policies that are relevant and prioritized by the PEI Committee, CWC and the Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

Comments/Questions?



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