

**Annual State Liaison Officers' (SLO) Meeting
June 22-23, 2006, Arlington, VA**

SUMMARY

Thursday June 22

WELCOME – Susan Orr, Children's Bureau

Federal Updates

**Reorganization of the Children's Bureau
Increased role of the Regional Offices**

Call for papers for the 2007 National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – Howard Davidson, ABA Center on Law and Children

Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

Court Improvement Project grants

Improving data collection, analysis, collaborative planning

Training judges and attorneys

Increase of \$40m in Safe and Stable Families grant program

Children's Bureau Child Welfare Policy Manual

May 2, 2006 Updates

**Notification of newborns affected by illegal substances and
referrals of substantiated children under three to IDEA part C**

State Legislative Initiatives Highlights

ROUND ROBIN DISCUSSIONS

SLO exchange of ideas and resources to address CAPTA requirements

Friday June 23

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKLOAD ISSUES

Frank Petrus, Vice President, Center for the Support of Families

Child Welfare as a continuum

Needs to be a clear model of practice with outcomes

**Successfully managing workload is about achieve those outcomes by
investing in:**

Training
Developing and supporting staff
Managing differential caseloads
Accessible and clear policies and procedures rooted in best practice
Engaging and teaming with families around mutual concerns
Developing effective decision support and validation tools

Focus and quality of work with families matter in changing from a process/compliance approach to a best practice/outcome approach

Important to overcome the challenges with this such as
Tailoring best practice to state's needs
Clearly defining your model of practice
Staff development and supervisory support
Documentation that focuses on decision support and validation

Life of the Case decision-making process/problem solving model

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT RESOURCES AND INFORMATION
Pam Day and Kim Helfgott, ICF/Caliber

Child Welfare Information Gateway
Consolidates and expands services of the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information and the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse
Easy access to publications, website and online data bases

STATE LIAISON OFFICER'S ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Catherine Nolan, Children's Bureau and Rita Katzman, SLO, Virginia

History of CAPTA funding

Federal expectations
Communicate changes
Learn from SLOs
Address constituent concerns

Benefits of having SLOs in each state and territory
Personal relationships
Quick response to queries
Process for states to bring concerns and ideas to the federal level

CLOSING

