

# **NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

## **Technical Assistance Report**



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Please indicate which responses were employed in this T/TA:

- Technical Assistance
- Training
- Phone Consultation
- Referral to another NRC
- Referral to Other Organization
- Review of Policy and Materials
- Publications Provided
- Secondary Research
- Other/Group Facilitation

On November 19, 2009, I met with members of Kansas' Citizen Review Panels. There were approximately thirty people who attended this meeting, including Jane Meschberger from the Kansas Social Rehabilitative Services.

I reviewed helpful "Tips and Strategies" for Citizen Review Panels, including:

- Strategies for collaboration and accountability
- Examples of CRP successes nationally
- Recruitment strategies
- Budgeting and other financial issues
- SMART Indicators
- Other Strategic Planning information
- SWOT Analysis

The Panels also spent some of the day in small groups discussing strategies for connecting the three Panels throughout the year, including the development of a newsletter and web site as well as quarterly conference calls.

I also met that evening with Judges Mary Thrower and Tommy Webb, who have served as co-Chairs for Kansas' Children's Justice Act. We discussed ideas for strengthening this Panel and separating the CAPTA and CJA functions.

I offered to provide, free of charge, follow-up consultation via email or phone.