

Region IV Child Welfare Collaboration Initiative (CWCI)

The Atlanta Children's Bureau Region IV Office, in partnership with the National Resource Center for Child Protective Services (NRCCPS) and FRIENDS-the National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP), developed the CWCI to enhance collaboration in the region's eight states. The CWCI has conducted regional meetings, conference calls and a webinar to improve collaboration among child welfare programs. CWCI participants include Child Welfare Directors, State Liaison Officers, and representatives from Tribes, Court Improvement Program, Citizen Review Panels, Promoting Safe and Stable Families, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention, Quality Assurance, Permanency, Child and Family Services Review/Program Improvement Plan, Data/Systems, Children's Bureau Regional Office, and members of the Children's Bureau Training and Technical Assistance Network. Each state has identified a State Collaboration Lead who coordinates local and regional collaboration activities.

A State Advisory Committee assists in planning and conducting the regional CWCI events, including the regional CWCI meeting to be held August 15-17, 2011, in Atlanta, which will focus on prevention, domestic violence, and challenges and successful strategies in collaboration. The regional meeting will provide opportunities for assistance from peers, participating National Resource Centers and expert presenters. Participants will develop state-specific plans for improving collaboration.