

Three Branch Institute to Improve Child Safety and Prevent Child Fatalities



Agenda

Westin Fort Lauderdale
400 Corporate Drive
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33334
July 20-22, 2016

Wednesday, July 20, 2016: Identifying the Issue and the Population

7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Florida Foyer

Registration

7-8 a.m.
Dade

Breakfast

8-8:30a.m.
Broward

Welcome and Introductions

8:30-10 a.m.
Broward

State Introductions

Each state will give a brief presentation that will introduce their team, their state's context or challenges, and outline the goals of their state's participation in the Three Branch Institute.

Moderator

- **Alexandra Cawthorne**, senior policy analyst, National Governors Association

10-10:45 a.m.
Broward

Reflections from Prior Three Branch Institutes

A panel of state officials who participated in past Three Branch Institutes will share insights on how to make the most of the Three Branch Institute, including strategies for effective communication among the branches, tips for continued

engagement and consistent participation and lessons learned from states with previous or current Three Branch initiatives.

10:45-11 a.m.
Florida Foyer

Break

11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Broward

Plenary 1: Improving Child Safety and Preventing Child Fatalities

The federal Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities (CECANF) developed a national strategy and recommendations for reducing fatalities across the country resulting from child abuse and neglect. CECANF commissioners Dr. David Sanders and Dr. Cassie Bevan will discuss the commission recommendations, the minority report concerns, and strategies to improve child safety and prevent child abuse and neglect fatalities.

Moderator

- **Rochelle Finzel**, group director, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speakers

- **David Sanders**, executive vice president, Casey Family Programs
- **Cassie Statuto Bevan**, lecturer, Graduate School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania

Resources

- [Within Our Reach: A National Strategy to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities Fact Sheet](#), CECANF
- Within Our Reach: A National Strategy to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities, [CECANF Final Report](#)

12:15-1:15 p.m.
Dade

Lunch

1:15-2:30 p.m.
Broward

Plenary 2: Putting Data to Work for Child Safety: Identifying and Intervening with at-Risk Populations

States and counties are increasingly harnessing the power of administrative data to provide a more accurate and complete assessment of present and future risk for children involved with the child welfare system. This session will explore how jurisdictions are starting to determine the population most at risk for child maltreatment-related fatalities. It also will explore how predictive modeling can be used to not only identify at-risk populations, but also make informed decisions and intervene to prevent harm and avoid critical incidents. In addition to hearing from two jurisdictions that are employing data analytics, participants will also hear how other sectors, including the aviation industry, have successfully used data to improve safety outcomes.

Moderator

- **Zeinab Chahine**, managing director, Casey Family Programs

Speakers

- **Mark Thomas**, senior principal, Center for Transforming Health, The MITRE Corporation
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- **Edward Walsh**, associate department manager, The MITRE Corporation
 - **Susan Smith**, chief of quality and planning, Connecticut Department of Children and Families
 - **Erin Dalton**, deputy director, Allegheny County Department of Human Services

Resources

- [Risk of Fatal Injury in Young Children Following Abuse Allegations: Evidence From a Prospective, Population-Based Study](#), Emily Putnam-Hornstein, PhD et. al.
- Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy: [Department of Human Services \(DHS\), Allegheny County, PA](#)
- Allegheny County Human Services: [Office of Data Analysis, Research and evaluation](#)
- Connecticut [Three Branch Institute Homepage](#)

2:30-2:45 p.m.
Florida Foyer

Break

2:45-4 p.m.
Broward

Plenary 3: Parental Substance Abuse and the Opioid Epidemic’s Impact on Child Welfare

The recent opioid and heroin epidemic has gripped the nation and the impact on families has been immeasurable. From the rise in prenatal substance exposure, to the increasing child welfare caseloads, particularly among children ages 5 and under, the effects of parental substance abuse are far reaching. This session will provide a look at how states can increase child safety and prevent child fatalities among families experiencing parental substance abuse.

Moderator

- **Meghan McCann**, policy specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speakers

- **Nancy Young**, director, Children and Family Futures, National Resource Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare
- **Corey Best**, Birth Parent National Network, National Alliance of Children’s Trust Funds

Resources

- [Finding Solutions to the Prescription Opioid and Heroin Crisis: A Roadmap](#), National Governor’s Association
- [National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare](#) (NCSACW)
- [A Collaborative Approach to the Treatment of Pregnant Women with Opioid Use Disorders](#), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, SAMHSA and the Children’s Bureau

4--5:30 p.m.
Breakout Rooms

Team Time #1

State teams will have time to reflect on the day’s sessions, review their current Three Branch Institute work plan, and set a vision for the work moving forward.

Breakout Room Assignments

- Alabama: *Executive* (2nd Floor)
- Kentucky: *Boardroom* (2nd Floor)
- Tennessee: *San Marco* (2nd Floor)

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- Maryland: *Exchange* (2nd Floor)
 - Oregon: *Lido* (2nd Floor)
 - Virginia: *Hospitality 308* (3rd Floor)
 - West Virginia: *Hospitality 310* (3rd Floor)
 - Wisconsin: *Venice* (2nd Floor)
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6-7:30 p.m. **Reception**
The Bar

Thursday, July 21, 2016: Highlighting Current State Efforts

7 a.m.5 p.m. **Registration**
Florida Foyer

7-8:30 a.m. **Breakfast**
Dade

8:30-8:45 a.m. **Introduction to the Day**
Broward

8:4510 a.m. **Plenary 4: Best Practices to Keep Children Safe**
Broward

States continue to examine strategies to keep kids safe, prevent child maltreatment, and eliminate child fatalities. States are also using safety science to examine child welfare and other stakeholder decision-making processes to improve systems serving children at risk. This session will provide an overview of Tennessee’s safety science initiative. The second part of the session will highlight other county or state-level strategies to help prevent child maltreatment, such as instituting certain kinds of investigation and workload policies, public health strategies, strategic use of safety networks and kinship care, home-visiting and other programs.

Moderator

- Nina Williams-Mbengue, National Conference of State Legislatures

Speakers

- **Michael Cull**, deputy commissioner, Tennessee Department of Children’s Services
- **Peter Pecora**, managing director, Research Services, Casey Family Programs

Resources

- [Home Visiting](#), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, HRSA, Maternal & Child Health

1010:15 a.m. **Break**
Florida Foyer

10:15 a.m.-Noon **Team Time #2**
Breakout Rooms as assigned on Day 1

Teams will engage in facilitated discussions to continue developing and refining their state plans.

Noon--1 p.m.
Dade

Lunch

1-2:15 p.m.
Venice

Concurrent Workshops

Workshop #1: Maltreatment Prevention

One of the greatest risk factors for child fatality is a report to the child welfare system. Preventing the initial or recurring child maltreatment is critical to improving child safety and preventing child fatalities. In this session, participants will hear about the impact of maltreatment on young children's development as well as early interventions, such as early childhood courts, trauma informed care, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), that can improve the safety of children, particularly infants and toddlers.

Moderator

- **Peter Pecora**, Casey Family Programs

Speakers

- **Melissa Merrick**, behavioral scientist, Centers for Disease Control
- **Lynn Tepper**, circuit judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida

Resources

- [Zero to Three Safe Babies Court Teams](#)
- [Essentials for Childhood: Steps to Create Safe, Stable, Nurturing Relationships and Environments](#), CDC
- [Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect: A Technical Package for Policy, Norm, and Programmatic Activities](#), CDC

Executive

Workshop #2: Using Data to Improve Safety and Save Lives

Child welfare leaders are employing the use of data analytics to assess risk and improve outcomes for children and families in their systems. They are using predictive models that combine administrative data across human services, law enforcement and other systems to inform the decision making surrounding removals, reunification and service selection within the child welfare system, with the intended goal of safely reducing the number of children in the system and their length of stay. This session will provide an overview of predictive modeling and its potential for improving child safety. Panelists will also discuss how to navigate challenges and concerns associated with data collection and information sharing across systems.

Moderator

- **Stephen Harrington**, policy analyst, National Governors Association

Speakers

- **Barbara Needell**, consultant
- **Emilio Benitez**, president and CEO, ChildNet

Exchange

Workshop #3: Multidisciplinary Approaches: Critical Roles for Key Partners

Children experiencing abuse and neglect, those entering the child welfare system and those at risk of fatality, come in contact with many different systems. Child

fatality review is one multidisciplinary approach that states can use to examine those various systems to better protect children in the future.

Moderator

- **Curtis Smith**, policy analyst, National Governors Association

Speakers

- **Teri Covington**, director, National Center for the Review & Prevention of Child Deaths
- **Cathy Costa**, review director, Infant Mortality and Child Fatality, Baltimore City Health Department

Lido

Resources

- [The National Center for the Review & Prevention of Child Deaths](#)

Workshop #4: Policy and Funding: Barriers and Successes

How do states address child maltreatment prevention program and funding challenges? This session will take a close look at various funding streams that can be leveraged for child abuse and neglect prevention services, as well as to advance safety work. The session will also provide an overview of the pending Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016 (H.R. 5456).

Moderator

- Alexandra Cawthorne, National Governors Association

Speakers

- **Teresa Rafael**, executive director, National Alliance of Children’s Trust Funds
- **Christine Calpin**, managing director, Public Policy, Casey Family Programs
- **Joan Smith**, managing director, Systems Improvement, Casey Family Programs

Resources

- [How States Fund Child Welfare Activities](#), Child Trends
- [Federal, State, and Local Spending on Child Abuse and Neglect, FY2012](#), Child Trends
- [An Introduction to Child Welfare Funding, and How States Use It](#), Child Trends
- NCSL’s [Child Welfare Financing 101](#)
- [Child Welfare: An Overview of Federal Programs and Their Current Funding](#), Congressional Research Service, 2015
- [State Investment Fact Sheets](#), Casey Family Programs

2:15-3:30 p.m.
Breakout Rooms

Affinity Group Discussions

Meeting participants will join their colleagues in facilitated conversations about challenges and opportunities for cross-branch collaboration in their states and explore their respective roles in improving child safety and preventing child fatalities. State teams will split up into facilitated peer groups—legislative, executive and judicial—to discuss opportunities, challenges and strategies.

<i>Venice</i>	Executive Branch Affinity Breakout
	Moderator
<i>Lido</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alexandra Cawthorne, National Governors Association
	Judicial Branch Affinity Breakout
	Moderators
<i>San Marco</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Melissa Gueller, program director, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges ▪ Deborah Smith, senior knowledge and information services analyst, National Center for State Courts
	Legislative Branch Affinity Breakout
	Moderator
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nina Williams-Mbengue, National Conference of State Legislatures
3:30-4:45 p.m. <i>Florida Foyer</i>	Break
3:45-5:30 p.m. <i>Breakout Rooms as assigned on Day 1</i>	Team Time #3
	Teams will have an opportunity to debrief on the day's sessions. Teams will also continue to develop and refine their state plans.
Evening	Dinner (on your own)
Friday, July 22, 2016: Making a Plan	
7 a.m.-Noon <i>Florida Foyer</i>	Registration
7-8 a.m. <i>Dade</i>	Breakfast
8-9:30 a.m. <i>Broward</i>	<p>Plenary 5: Leadership and Accountability: Moving from Reactive to Proactive</p> <p>Leadership and collaboration across the branches is necessary to develop a proactive, preventive and comprehensive approach to child safety. When crises do occur, strategic partnership across all three branches of government allows for a more effective system-level response that can lead to practice, program and policy improvements. State leaders will provide practical insights on building a proactive system.</p> <p>Panelists will also reflect on maintaining the momentum of the Institute upon return home, and how to move the strategic plan towards implementation and outcomes.</p> <p>Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Why Workforce Matters, National Child Welfare Workforce Institute
9:30-11 a.m. <i>Breakout Rooms as assigned on Day 1</i>	Team Time #4

The concluding team time session will allow time for state teams to finalize their immediate next steps and develop a short overview of their current plan, which they will present to the group during the 11 a.m. session.

Noon-12:30 p.m.
Broward

Report Out

Each team will present a two-slide PowerPoint summarizing their plan's goals/strategies and key action steps for the next 12-18 months.

12:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourns
