

# KANSAS CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL

## INTAKE TO PETITION

Do you like collaborating with others to help make a difference? Do you care about children and families? A Citizen Review Panel might be the perfect fit for you!



We are looking for individuals with lived experience and professionals to bring their unique experiences to the table to help us create change. If interested, please email the CRP Coordinator listed below.

**The CRP-ITP, consisting of multiple stakeholders, professionals and volunteers, serves the entire state of Kansas. Please visit the website to view members.**



### What are Citizen Review Panels?

Citizen review panels are a group of volunteers charged with reviewing the state child protective service system and making recommendations for improvement. CRPs were established by federal statute in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) re-authorization (1996) as a requirement for state grants, to examine the extent to which states are discharging their child protection obligations. There are three CRPs in the State of Kansas: Intake to Petition; Custody to Transition; and the Child Death Review Board.



### What does the Intake to Petition panel do?

Intake to Petition's focus is to review policies, procedures and practices of the state child protective service system from intake to petition; to assist the state in determining if they have met their child protection responsibilities; to ensure the consumer voice is included in assessing system effectiveness and identifying areas for improvement.

The CRP-ITP also serves as the Children's Justice Act (CJA) task force for the state of Kansas. The CJA Task Force provides grants to States to improve the investigation, prosecution, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, in a manner that limits additional trauma to the child victim. CJA funding provides assistance for states and territories to improve their approach and response to child abuse and neglect. The focus of the funding is to create systemic changes that prevent additional trauma to child victims, and to more effectively protect their rights.

## WANT TO LEARN MORE?

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You can also visit us online by scanning the QR code below.



*The Kansas Intake to Petition Citizen Review Panel is dedicated to working alongside DCF and other child welfare partners ensuring the safety and well-being of Kansas children and families.*

