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Do you like collaborating with others to help make a difference? Do you care about children and families? Are you a youth with lived experience or have aged out of the foster care system? A Citizen Review Panel might be the perfect fit for you!



We are looking for professionals and persons with lived experiences to bring their unique experiences to the table. If interested, please email the CRP Coordinator listed helow

The Custody to Transition CRP. consisting of multiple stakeholders, professionals and volunteers, serves the entire state of Kansas.



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 ·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 Custody to Transition panel do?

Custody to Transition's focus is to review policies, procedures and practice of the state child protective service system from custody to transition; to assist the state in determining if they have met their child protection responsibilities as well as areas for improvement; to ensure the consumer voice is included in assessing system effectiveness and identifying areas for improvement.

Organizations represented in the Custody to Transition Panel:

KFAN

LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center

DCF

Saint Francis Ministries

Communities in Schools of Mid-America

Children's Mercy, Child Abuse Pediatrics

Stop Cap Inc.

Office of Judicial Administration

DCF, Tribal Specialist

Restoration Family Services

KS African American Foster/Adoption Coalition

Kansas Child Death Review Board

Want to learn more about who is on the panel? Visit: https://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/CitizenReviewPanel.aspx

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The Kansas Custody to Transition Citizen Review Panel is dedicated to working alongside DCF and other child welfare partners ensuring the safety and well-being of Kansas children and





What is the Custody to Transition CRP focusing on right now?

Objective 1: Engage the public by researching policies for the panel to have a Facebook page or public forum and providing outreach and engage legislature, child welfare agency and Joint Panel.

Objective 2: Ensure youth have resources when aging out of the system by gaining a better understanding of Soul Family, creating a community forum and engage with KYAC and Independent Living, State Universities, and Vocational Rehab. The panel will also research existing resources for youth aging out and how they are being provided to youth and if possible, turn an Independent Living youth Handbook into a mobile app for youth to utilize.

Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) Timeline

1974 CAPTA was established by federal statute in the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) in 1974.

The first re-authorization (1996) occurred as a requirement for state grants, to examine the extent to which states are discharging their child protection obligations. At that time the obligations established were:

- Responsible for reviewing compliance of state and local CPS agencies with respect to the state CAPTA plan and any other criteria the panel(s) considers important
- Required to prepare an annual summary report of activities and recommendations
- Composed of volunteer members that broadly represent the community in which they are operating and include individuals with expertise in the prevention and treatment of child abuse

2010 CAPTA was re-authorized in 2010 and expanded requirements to include:

- Evaluation of CPS practices as well as policy and procedures
- Developing a means for public comment
- Requiring the state's child welfare agency to respond to annual report