



National Association of Public  
Child Welfare Administrators

an affiliate of the American Public Human Services Association

**NATIONAL SPRING CONFERENCE  
March 26–29, 2010**

*The Fairmont Hotel, Washington, D.C.*

**AGENDA  
(3/15/10)**

***Partnering for Safety, Permanency and Well-Being—Engaging Families,  
Communities and Agencies***

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010**

7:30–8:30 a.m. *Continental Breakfast*

8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. **NAPCWA Executive Committee Meeting  
(Executive Committee Members Only)**  
(Room TBD)

12:30–1:45 p.m. ***Lunch on Your Own***

1:45–2:45 p.m. **NAPCWA Policy Update (*Open to All Registrants*)**  
NAPCWA staff will speak about the reauthorization of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. The session will also provide a legislative and administrative overview on activity that has taken place in Congress and within the administration in preparation for participants' Hill visits.

**Rashida Brown**, Policy Associate, APHSA/NAPCWA  
**Courteney Holden**, Senior Policy Associate, APHSA/NAPCWA

2:45–3:00 p.m. ***Break***

3:00–5:00 p.m. **Child Welfare Financing Town Hall Meeting (*Open to All Registrants*)**  
Conference delegates will participate in an open dialogue with congressional and other national leaders on the impact of child welfare financing to state-supervised/state-administered and state-supervised/county-administered child welfare agencies. Leaders will hear from executives and stakeholders in the field about the affect the APHSA CW Financing Reform Policy Initiative will have on the various public child welfare agency structures.

**Marc Cherna**, Director, Allegheny County Department of Human Services  
**Greg Rose**, Deputy Director, Children and Family Services Division, California Department of Social Services  
**Erin Sullivan Sutton**, NAPCWA President and Director, Child Safety and Permanency, Minnesota Department of Human Services  
**Pat Wilson**, Commissioner, Department for Community Based Services, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

5:30-7:30 pm

**NAPCWA Executive Committee Dinner Meeting  
(Executive Committee Members Only)**

Special guest speakers include **Bryan Samuels**, Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth, and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and **Joe Bock**, Associate Commissioner, Children's Bureau

**SATURDAY, March 27, 2010**

7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. **Registration**

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

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **NAPCWA Forum  
(Open to all NAPCWA Registrants)**

This year's conference theme is **Partnering for Safety, Permanency and Well-Being—Engaging Families, Communities and Agencies**. Today, public child welfare leaders have met the economic challenges and fiscal constraints with creative and innovative approaches to providing services for children, youth and families in need. As the field celebrates legislative victories (Passage of Fostering Connections), launches a comprehensive initiative to position public child welfare in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (PPCWG), and reflects on the past 10 years since the Passage of the landmark Chafee Bill, there is acknowledgment that these and many other efforts have been based on collaboration and coordination.

NAPCWA, the national leading group representing public child welfare agencies has paved the way for increased opportunities for partnering to meet the goals of safety, permanency and well-being for those at risk through a number of strategies. This conference will showcase some of the promising practices in partnering with governmental and private-sector entities, as well as engaging families, communities and the systems of care network to improve outcomes.

8:30-9:00 a.m. **President's Welcome and NAPCWA Business Discussion  
Erin Sullivan Sutton**, NAPCWA President and Director, Child Safety and Permanency, Minnesota Department of Human Services

NAPCWA's president will officially open the conference and deliver a welcome address to conference attendees. Her keynote address will address the current opportunities underway for partnering and engaging public child welfare agencies, as well as strategies that NAPCWA is taking to build a stronger federal state partnership.

9:00-10:00 a.m. **Opening Plenary: Carmen Nazario**, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Join us for a dynamic kick off to our two-and-a-half-day conference program with a welcome address from an administration official who has states and NAPCWA building a bridge to a stronger partnership. In accordance with one of APHSA's and NAPCWA's policy agendas, conference participants will hear from the new administration on ways to enhance the federal-state relationship.

10:00-10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:15-11:15 a.m.

**Workshop Session I**

**Strategic Partnerships: Child Welfare and The Courts**

The panelists for this session will present information on how the courts and judicial systems can coordinate and collaborate more effectively with child welfare agencies in improving the outcomes for children, youth and families.

**Moderator:**

**Audrey Deckinga**, Assistant Commissioner, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services

**The Honorable Carlos R. Moreno**, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of California; Chair, California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care

**The Honorable John Specia**, Senior District Judge, Judge in Residence, Texas Office of Court Administration, Judicial Commissioner on Children, Youth, and Families

11:15-11:30 a.m.

**Break**

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Positioning Public Child Welfare Web Site Launch Luncheon**

NAPCWA is pleased to announce and showcase the Positioning Public Child Welfare Guidance web site. The Positioning Public Child Welfare Guidance is a culmination of work by the field to define what we do, how we do it and how we hold ourselves accountable. The guidance represents a set of markers that is based on a solid body of knowledge that enables the field to examine its performance in fourteen critical areas and provides a roadmap from which agencies can maximize their performance, innovate and change.

**Cari DeSantis**, Interim Executive Director, APHSA

**Melissa Kanaya**, Senior Program Associate, APHSA/NAPCWA

**Anita Light**, Director, National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators

**David Sanders**, Executive Vice President of Systems Improvement, Casey Family Programs

1:00-1:15 p.m.

**Break**

1:15-5:00 p.m.

**Emerging Issues for Child Welfare Administrators**

The afternoon sessions will address additional topics related to public child welfare agencies partnering with a variety of entities (public and private), as well as those in the systems of care network to enhance the provision of services improve outcomes related to permanency, safety, and well being..

1:15-2:15 p.m.

**Workshop Session II**

**PPCWG Symposium/Practice Model Guidance: The Minnesota Experience**

This special symposium will guide conference participants through a facilitated dialogue for developing a Practice Model based on the Positioning Public Child Welfare Guidance. Participants will learn how one state has used the guidance to make changes in their organization to improve performance and receive practical steps to using the guidance in their respective agencies or organizations.

**Jon Rubin**, APHSA Organizational Effectiveness Consultant

**Erin Sullivan Sutton**, NAPCWA President and Director, Child Safety and Permanency, Minnesota Department of Human Services

2:15-2:30 p.m.

**Break**

2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Workshop Session III: Sharing Ideas: Implementing the Education Requirements of Fostering Connections**

States and localities are currently developing strategies to improve educational outcomes for children in foster care. With the passage of Fostering Connections, states are focusing on the educational stability and continuity requirements of the law. This session will provide a scan of the progress that states have already made and showcase the efforts of one state child welfare agency that is collaborating with the department of education to improve educational outcomes for children in care. Participants will receive technical assistance and information on strategies to address potential barriers to effectively implementing the educational provisions of the new law.

**Richard Gold**, Deputy Secretary, Office of Children, Youth, and Families, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare,

**Kathleen McNaught**, Assistant Director for Child Welfare, Center on Children and the Law, American Bar Association

**Ngozi Onunaku**, Program Associate, APHSA/NAPCWA

3:30-3:45 p.m.

**Break**

3:45-5:00 p.m.

**Workshop Session IV: Workforce Planning**

**How States Are Addressing Workloads, Training, and Competency**

This session will provide attendees with an opportunity to engage in open dialogue about workforce issues confronting public child welfare leaders. Facilitators will guide participants through discussions on workload standards, developing a competent workforce and administering effective training programs. Linking these threads as components of workforce planning is essential in managing an agency in the most efficient and effective manner possible.

**Susan Coppage**, Assistant Director, Queen Anne's County Department of Social Services

**Moderators:**

**Jan Flory**, Deputy Commissioner, Child Protection, New York City Administration on Children's Services

**Pat Wilson**, Commissioner, Department for Community Based Services, Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

5:30-7:00 p.m.

**NAPCWA Awards Reception (For All NAPCWA Registrants)**

Join us as we celebrate the recipients of the Betsy R. Rosenbaum award and the Peter Forsyth award. We will wrap up the opening day of the conference and celebrate the accomplishments of our award recipients.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010**

7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**Registration**

7:30-8:30 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast**

8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**NAPCWA Forum**

**Engaging Families, Communities and Agencies**

Today's half-day symposium will focus on specific programs and strategies to engage all partners in the work of improving safety, permanency and well-being. The NAPCWA sessions will present on engaging private providers through the use of data and performance-based contracting, partnering with the business communities, and working with the courts and juvenile justice partners.

8:30–9:30 a.m.

**Workshop Session V: Engaging Business Communities to Support Child Prevention Programs**

The economic downturn has played a critical role in states' ability to adequately support families in crisis. Federal, state and local dollars are steadily decreasing and limited funding has created a negative impact on child prevention programs. Many states are partnering with community- and faith-based, nonprofit and business organizations to help launch promising innovations working to reduce child abuse and neglect. Learn more about how public child welfare agencies are reaching out to various business and community partners to help implement these initiatives.

**Thomas Morton**, Director, Clark County (Nev.) Department of Family Services  
**Eric Woods**, Executive Director, The Pipeline Crisis

9:30–10:45 a.m.

**Workshop Session VI: Center for State Foster Care and Adoption Data—Engaging Partners to Address a Critical Need: Revamping the CFSRs**

The center is a partnership of APHSA/NAPCWA and three leading universities. Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago and The Social Services Center at Berkeley are national leaders in identifying the flaws of the federal CFSR process. Each entity has worked in partnership with APHSA/NAPCWA to align the priorities of states in revamping this accountability and oversight program. Conference participants will learn about the work being done at the university level and within the national association on this pressing issue.

**Moderator**

**Larry Brown**, Consultant, Larry Brown Associates

**Barbara Needell**, Principal Investigator/Research Specialists, Center for Social Services Research

**Fred Wulczyn**, Research Fellow, Chapin Hall Center for Children

10:45–11:00 a.m.

**Break**

11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. **Workshop Session VII: Serving Crossover Youth: Successes for Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice**

Child welfare and juvenile justice leaders strive to improve outcomes and better serve youth who are either involved or at-risk of having contact with multiple systems, also known as crossover youth. States and localities are implementing various initiatives to provide better support and intervention for these youth. Learn about what states and localities are doing on the front line to break down cross systemic barriers and effectively build strong collaborations.

**Molly Armstrong**, Coordinator of Demonstration Projects, The Vera Institute of Justice

**Laura Velez**, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Child Welfare and Community Services, New York State Office of Children and Family Services

**Cindy Walcott**, Deputy Commissioner, Family Services Division, Vermont Department for Children and Families

12:00–1:30 p.m.

**Lunch on Your Own**

1:30–3:00 p.m.

**APHSA Opening Plenary Part I: (open to all NAPCWA registrants)**

• **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Bruce Goldberg**, Chair, APHSA Policy Council

**Howard Hendrick**, President, APHSA Board of Directors

**Cari DeSantis**, Interim Executive Director, APHSA

- **Implications of Health Care Reform**  
*Cindy Mann*, Director, Center for Medicaid and State Operations  
*Ann Kohler*, Director, APHSA Health Services Department and Director,  
National Association of State Medicaid Directors

- 3:00–3:30 p.m.      **Networking Break—Meet and Greet Fellow APHSA Members**  
An opportunity for members and APHSA leadership to network with each other and engage our speakers and other guests
- 3:30–5:00 p.m.      **APHSA Opening Plenary: Part 2 (*open to all NAPCWA registrants*)**
- **State Strategies for Dealing with the End of ARRA Funding**  
A panel of state and local administrators will discuss their plans and strategies for the post-FY 2010 environment when most ARRA funding will cease.
- Moderator:**  
*John Wagner*, Director, California Department of Social Services
- Panelists:**  
*Uma Alhuwalia*, Director, Montgomery County (Md.) Department of Health and Human Services  
*Kevin McGuire*, Executive Director, Family Investment Administration, Maryland Department of Human Resources  
*Carol Steckel*, Director, Alabama Medicaid Agency and President, National Association of State Medicaid Directors

## MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2010

- 7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.      **Registration**
- 7:30–8:30 a.m.      **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:30–10:00 a.m.      **APHSA Keynote Address**
- **Perspectives from the Department of Health and Human Services**  
The Secretary of HHS will present the administration’s plans and priorities for health and human service programs.
- Kathleen Sebelius*, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- 10:00–10:30 a.m.      **Break**
- 10:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.      **NAPCWA Hill Preparation/Conference Closing Session**  
NAPCWA registrants will participate in an open forum to officially adjourn the 2010 Annual Conference. This session will provide an opportunity for members to engage NAPCWA staff, conference participants and peers through direct networking. This session will also launch the afternoon Convergence on the Hill. NAPCWA Policy staff will provide information and resource materials to those planning to meet with their congressional staff and representatives.
- 12:00–1:00 p.m.      **Lunch on your own**
- 1:00–4:30 p.m.      **Hill Visits**
- NAPCWA Conference Delegates Converge on Capitol Hill to Voice Support for Children, Youth and Families**  
APHSA/NAPCWA staff will coordinate visits and meetings with either congressional staff from conference attendees’ states or those that sit on committees related to child welfare. This is a great opportunity to come together and speak on behalf of the children, youth and families our agencies serve.

- **Child Welfare—*Courteney Holden*, [courteney.holden@aphsa.org](mailto:courteney.holden@aphsa.org), or *Rashida Brown*, [rashida.brown@aphsa.org](mailto:rashida.brown@aphsa.org)**

3:30–5:00 p.m.

**APHSA Breakout Session (Round 3)**

- **Recent Initiatives to Reduce Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy**  
 Teen and unplanned pregnancies have profound consequences for the families involved and the health and human services agencies serving them. Children born as the result of an early or unplanned pregnancy are more likely to end up in poverty, on welfare, and in the child welfare system, with serious cost implications for both Medicaid and child welfare systems. By age 21, over half of young women and nearly one-third of young men in foster care have had at least one child. Learn about state and national efforts to address these issues including new tools for child welfare administrators developed through a partnership between APHSA/NAPCWA and The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. There will also be an update on federal funding and policy opportunities related to preventing teen and unplanned pregnancy.

**Presenters:**

***Howard H. Hendrick***, Board President, APHSA; Cabinet Secretary, Oklahoma Department of Human Services

***Elizabeth Black***, Executive Director, Office of Child Permanency, Tennessee Department of Children’s Services

***Itege Bailey***, Senior Manager of State and Local Outreach, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

***Andrea Kane***, Senior Director of Policy and Partnerships, The National Campaign

***Bertha Levin***, Senior Program Associate, APHSA

***Marilyn Parker***, Chief Counsel, Lucas County Children Services

5:30–7:30 p.m.

**APHSA Networking Reception: *Open to All NAPCWA Conference Participants***