



Three Branch Institute on Child Social and Emotional Well-Being

June 30—July 2, 2014
Hilton Milwaukee City Center
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Monday, June 30

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM **Registration**
Crystal Ballroom
Prefunction

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM **Breakfast**
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8:00 AM – 8:15 AM **Welcome**
Crystal Ballroom Representatives from the sponsoring organizations will provide a welcome and brief overview of the meeting.

- **Alexandra Cawthorne**, Senior Policy Analyst, National Governors Association
- **Nina Williams-Mbengue**, Program Director, National Conference of State Legislatures
- **Margaret Hunt**, Director of National Partnerships, Casey Family Programs
- **Alicia Davis**, Principal Court Management Consultant, National Center for State Courts
- **Melissa Gueller**, Program Director, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

8:15 AM – 8:45 AM **Defining Well-Being**
Crystal Ballroom Bryan Samuels will provide a brief overview of the well-being framework for child-welfare involved children and families that he developed in his former role as Commissioner at the Administration on Children, Youth and Families. He will discuss how states are starting to integrate well-being efforts across child- and family-serving systems, creating mutual dependencies between agencies for the purpose of advancing improved well-being outcomes among vulnerable families.

- **Bryan Samuels**, Executive Director, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM
Crystal Ballroom

Foster Youth Alumni Panel

A panel of foster youth alumni will reflect on how they define well-being and how states can take actions to improve well-being outcomes for children and youth in care. The alumni will also give their perspective on how states can effectively leverage the youth voice to move a legislative agenda for reform.

- **Liz Squibb**, Senior Associate Director, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative (Moderator)
- **Samanthya Amann**, Young Fellow, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative
- **Michael Peno**, Young Fellow, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative
- **Maegan Soll**, Young Fellow, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative
- **Carleigh Tarbox**, Young Fellow, Jim Casey Youth Opportunities Initiative

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
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State Introductions (Team Time #1)

State team members will spend about half the session reconnecting with other members of their state team and reviewing the state's current work plan. During the second half of the session, each state will introduce itself and its work plan to the entire group.

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Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
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Building and Sustaining an Integrated Approach to Well-Being

As states move into the second year of implementing their Three Branch projects, they are beginning to think about how to sustain their efforts over time to ensure a long-term impact from the Three Branch work. This session will explore specific strategies states can use to integrate and sustain a focus on well-being across agencies, branches and administrations.

- **Karen Pittman**, President and CEO, Forum for Youth Investment
- **Dennis Culhane**, Professor of Social Policy, University of Pennsylvania
- **James M. Henry**, Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Children's Services
- Moderator: **Susan Reilly**, Senior Director, Casey Family Programs

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
Regency Ballroom

Lunch

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM <i>Crystal Ballroom</i>	Evidence-Based Decision Making in Child Welfare Policy and Practice <p>Analyzing evidence to verify and measure the effectiveness of services helps organizations make informed policy and practice decisions, with the ultimate goal of improving outcomes for the children they serve. The field of child welfare can continue to become more skilled and effective by using evidence-based and evidence-informed practices. This session will focus on the role of data and how states can deliberately use evidence to develop effective interventions to address the well-being of children in foster care. It will explore what measures of well-being are currently available and connecting the data to the child welfare system’s vision improved outcomes for children in foster care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Correia, Data Driven Practice Advisor, Casey Family Programs • Lily Alpert, Researcher, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago • John Lyons, Senior Research Fellow, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM <i>Crystal Ballroom</i> <i>Prefunction</i>	Break
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM <i>4th Floor Meeting Rooms</i>	Team Time #2 <p>Facilitated team time and/or meeting with pre-identified experts.</p> <p><u>Room Assignments</u> Connecticut - MacArthur Illinois - Schlitz New Mexico - Pabst Virginia - Mitchell West Virginia - Usinger Wisconsin - Walker</p>
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM <i>Mader’s</i> <i>1041 N. Old World</i> <i>Third Street</i> <i>Milwaukee, WI 53203</i>	Reception <p>Please join us for an authentic German buffet at a historic German restaurant within walking distance of the hotel.</p>

Tuesday, July 1

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM **Registration**
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7:00 AM – 8:30 AM **Breakfast**
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8:30 AM – 8:45 AM **Welcome and Overview of the Day**
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8:45 AM – 10:15 AM **Concurrent Workshops**
4th Floor Meeting
Rooms

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Concurrent Workshop A: Trauma-Informed Care

One important aspect of improving well-being outcomes for children and youth in foster care is to recognize and treat the trauma experienced by young people due to removal from their families and their experiences in foster care. Many of the Three Branch Institute states are focusing on implementing stronger trauma-informed policies and practices. This session will feature an overview of trauma-informed care and practices, along with examples of how several jurisdictions are implementing these trauma-informed principles.

- ***Amelia Franck Meyer***, Chief Executive Officer, Anu Family Services
- ***Jorge Cabrera***, Senior Director, Casey Family Programs
- ***Shawn Marsh***, Chief Program Officer, Juvenile Law, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- ***The Honorable Mary Triggiano***, Judge, Milwaukee County Circuit Court, Branch 13, Wisconsin

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Concurrent Workshop B: Substance Abuse

This session will provide examples of promising and effective state policy and practice as well as discuss key policy issues related to parents with opiate addictions. Participants will engage in discussions around the roles and relationships among child welfare, the courts, the legislature, community providers and other important stakeholders to improve systems and practice for families with substance use disorders who are involved in the child welfare and family judicial systems.

- ***Nancy Young***, Executive Director, Children and Family Futures/National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare
- ***Barbara Cimaglio***, Deputy Commissioner for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs, Vermont Department of Health

MacArthur**Concurrent Workshop C: Psychotropic Medication Management**

A national expert will provide an overview of the mental health needs of children and youth in foster care, the overuse of psychotropic medications among foster youth, and the many questions about the efficacy of psychotropic medication usage among children. The expert will also provide an overview of effective state policies on oversight and monitoring of psychotropic medications for children in foster care. A speaker from Illinois will discuss that state's current monitoring and oversight model. The session will conclude with a discussion about how states can make safe and well-informed decisions around the management of psychotropic drugs in child welfare systems.

- **Christopher Bellonci**, M.D., Associate Professor, Tufts University School of Medicine
- **Michael W. Naylor**, M.D., Director, Clinical Services in Psychopharmacology, University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Psychiatry

10:15 AM– 10:30 AM Break**Crystal Ballroom****Prefunction**

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Affinity Group Discussions**4th Floor Meeting****Rooms**

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 outcomes for kids in care. State teams will split up into facilitated peer groups – legislative, executive (all agencies), judicial, and legislative – to discuss specific topics and strategies.

Mitchell**Executive Affinity Group: Comprehensive Assessments**

The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) is a multi-purpose tool developed for children's services to support decision making, including level of care and service planning, to facilitate quality improvement initiatives, and to allow for the monitoring of outcomes of services. John Lyons, the creator of the CANS, will lead a discussion of how states can use it and what we have learned from the states that have implemented this tool. A speaker from Virginia will discuss how the state is building upon the strengths of the CANS assessment and how it will be used as an integral tool for implementing the Children's Services Practice Model.

Facilitators:

- **Alexandra Cawthorne** and **Meghan Wills**, National Governors Association

Presenters:

- **John Lyons**, Senior Research Fellow, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago
- **Alex Kamberis**, Assistant Director of Family Services, Virginia Department of Social Services

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Judicial Affinity Group

Facilitator:

- **Shawn Marsh**, Chief Program Officer, Juvenile Law, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

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Legislative Affinity Group

Facilitators:

- **Nina Williams-Mbengue, Rochelle Finzel, and Meghan McCann**, National Conference of State Legislatures

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM
6th and Green

Lunch

Weather permitting, please join us for BBQ lunch at the Hilton’s outdoor event space nestled between the hotel towers and 6th Street!

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Crystal Ballroom

Small Group Discussions

Participants will have the opportunity to identify topics and themes that are emerging from the meeting for small table-based discussions.

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM
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3:45 PM – 5:30 PM
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Team Time #3

Facilitated team time and/or meeting with pre-identified experts.

Room Assignments

Connecticut - MacArthur

Illinois - Schlitz

New Mexico - Pabst

Virginia - Mitchell

West Virginia - Usinger

Wisconsin - Walker

Evening

Dinner on your own

Wednesday, July 2

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM **Registration**

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8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

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Closing Plenary

David Sanders will offer reflections on the work of the Three Branch states, particularly the role that states have played in contributing to a better understanding of how the child welfare system can advance well-being for vulnerable children and families.

- **David Sanders**, Executive Vice President, Casey Family Programs
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9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

4th Floor Meeting

Rooms

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 at 11:00 AM. Teams can also schedule consultation appointments with meeting presenters/experts for assistance on specific topics.

Room Assignments

Connecticut - MacArthur

Illinois - Schlitz

New Mexico - Pabst

Virginia - Mitchell

West Virginia - Usinger

Wisconsin – Miller (Room change from previous team times)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Crystal Ballroom

One Year Later: Where Are We Now?

Team leaders (or a designee) will present a two-slide PowerPoint summarizing their plan's goals/strategies and next action steps.
