



# PARTICIPANT GUIDE

## *Foster Kids Count: Nurturing Well-Being for Youth in Out-of-Home Care*

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**A Live National Satellite Broadcast and Web-Cast**

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## AGENDA

### *Foster Kids Count: Nurturing Well-Being for Youth in Out-of-Home Care National Satellite Teleconference and Web cast*

Tuesday, November 18, 2003  
1:00-3:00 p.m. EST

- **1:00 Introduction**
- **1:05 Census Methodology (Video Segment)**
- **1:10 Well-Being Indicators (CFSR)**
- **1:20 Background of Census (Video Segment)**
- **1:30 The Challenges facing Out-of-Home Care**
- **1:40 Results of the Census: Child Needs and Agency Practices**
- **1:55 Participant Call-in**
- **2:05 Innovative or Best Practices in Child Well-Being**
- **2:25 Results of the Census: Nurturing Family Contacts**
- **2:30 Participant call-in**
- **2:40 Child Well-Being/ Census Experiences (Video segment)**
- **2:55 Summary/ Closing comments**

**Broadcast Overview**  
**Foster Kids Count: Nurturing Well-Being for Youth in Out-of-Home Care**

**Purpose:** This live teleconference will provide a forum for exploring states' attempts to improve the quality of foster care and achieve the standards of the Child and Family Services Review. The Kentucky Foster Care Census described the interaction of child well-being, foster system capabilities, and agency practices. These results and national experts will stimulate a discussion of the policies and practices needed to improve adult success among children in care.

Providing care for children in out-of-home placements is arguably the most complex responsibility of state child welfare agencies. The public, legislators, child advocates, and the Child and Family Service Review seek answers to questions about the quality of care provided in the foster system and its impact on child capabilities and well-being. The answers to these questions ultimately involve consideration of the interaction between child needs, family and foster family capabilities, system functions, and policies and practices. The Foster Care Census was designed to verify the placement of every child in the Kentucky's system and to evaluate the interaction of these system components on child well-being.

A CD will be available for purchase after the teleconference with measures and guidelines used in conducting the Kentucky Foster Care Census and summary findings. Opportunities to continue the dialogue will be available online after the teleconference.

**Broadcast Objectives:**

- Describe the challenges facing the out-of-home care system and the opportunities for innovation and restructuring the system to achieve the federal standards of the Child and Family Service Reviews.
- Describe the methodology used to conduct the Foster Care Census
- Disseminate key findings from the census on child-well being indicators and adult care provider needs.
- Explore Out-of-home care policies, practices and CFSR outcomes.

**Expected Participant Outcomes:**

For youth in out-of-home care, participants will understand:

1. The potential benefits of a statewide census.
2. The importance of well-being as an indicator of how these youth are faring.
3. The functional, social, and health needs and strengths of these youth.
4. Resources for innovative practices to enhance youth outcomes.

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Website: [www.trc.eku.edu/fostercare](http://www.trc.eku.edu/fostercare)

## **Program Panelists**

### **Bart Baldwin**

**Child Welfare League of America, 440 First St., NW Third Fl. Washington, DC 20001-2087**

Bart Baldwin is the National Director for Regional Public Policy for the Child Welfare League of America. In this role he works closely with CWLA members, Regional Directors, Government Affairs and other units within CWLA to provide support to local, state, regional and federal policy strategies that benefit CWLA members and ultimately children, youth, and families.

He has previously served as the President of the Children's Alliance in Kentucky. The Children's Alliance is the state association for private child welfare and juvenile justice providers. As President he served as the lobbyist with the executive and legislative branches of government as well as managing the member service and fiscal operations of the association. Prior to the Children's Alliance he worked for the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities (KAHCF) a statewide trade association for the nursing home industry. Prior to joining KAHCF, he was a nursing home administrator for several years.

Bart graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Health Sciences degree in Health Care Management. He lives in Shelbyville Kentucky with his wife of nine years Stephanie and two young children Harrison age five and Kathleen age three.

### **Wendy Whiting Blome, LICSW, DSW**

**Child Welfare League of America, 440 First St., NW Third Fl. Washington, DC 20001-2085**

Wendy Whiting Blome, LICSW, DSW, has been with CWLA since 1996, initially as a Senior Consultant with the field consultation unit. For the past two years she has been directing the National Center for Research and Data, which combines and enhances the analytical and evaluative capacities of CWLA.

Dr. Blome has more than 25 years experience in child welfare and social services as a direct service practitioner and administrator. She has written numerous curricula to prepare workers and supervisors, has directed multi site research projects, and has served on national and local task forces. Her publications cover a mix of programmatic and research venues.

### **Arnetia Horton**

**Foster Parent**

### **Ruth A. Huebner, Ph.D**

**Cabinet for Families and Children, 275 East Main Street 4W-B, Frankfort, KY, 40621**

Dr. Huebner is the Director of Program Evaluation for the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children and a Professor at Eastern Kentucky University. Her background includes program evaluation, research design, data collection and analysis, professional development, and education of graduate and undergraduate students. She earned a PhD in psychology from the University of Wisconsin and is both a licensed psychologist and an occupational therapist. Dr. Huebner has conducted research using attachment, interpersonal, and resilience theories and specializes in outcome research that is implemented in collaborative partnerships with service providers. She initiated an annual statewide research conference and child and family welfare and coordinates the Kentucky Child and Family Research Consortium that promotes collaborative research that improves Cabinet outcomes. Dr. Huebner has conducted several statewide program evaluation efforts including the Kentucky Foster Care Census. She serves on the National Council for Research in Child Welfare through the CWLA.

**Secretary Viola Miller, Ed. D.****Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children**

Dr. Viola Miller was appointed by Governor Paul Patton as the Secretary of the Cabinet for Families and Children in December 1995. In this position she is responsible for over 6,000 employees, and numerous service delivery programs.

Prior to her appointment as Secretary of the Cabinet for Families and Children Dr. Miller was employed by Murray State University. Dr. Miller was Chair of the Department of Special Education from 1985-1988. Dr. Miller holds a doctoral degree in Special Education from the University of Alabama. During her career in higher education, she has directed numerous federal and state projects. She was involved in the development of the Murray State University Honors Program and was chair of the Presidential Scholars Program for a number of years.

In July of 1988, Dr. Miller became Dean of the Center for Continuing Education and Academic Outreach. In this capacity, she supervised and managed all aspects of the University's extended campus activities, distance learning, the Bachelor of Independent Studies Degree, community education, professional conferences and workshops, special events, and adult student services. During the Spring of 1994, Dr. Miller was on loan to the Council on Higher Education to work with Kentucky's universities to develop cooperative funding proposals in distance learning.

In her role as Secretary of the Cabinet for Families and Children, she has been responsible for the implementation of the Federal Welfare Reform Law and the Adoption and Safe Families Act. She has restructured the Cabinet to support a "blended services" model for the agency, which focused on the needs of each family and child rather than on isolated programs. She has supported the concept of human services focused on community involvement and partnership among service providers. Her emphasis on quality has led the agency to seek national accreditation for its programs in child and adult protective services.

Dr. Miller is a nationally certified speech-language pathologist. Her doctoral is in Special Education with an emphasis on the severe, profound, multiple disabled. Dr. Miller has published and presented nationally in the areas of child language and early communicative development.

**Linda Mitchell****Children's Bureau, DHHS/ACF/R01/Goal 2, JFK Federal Bldg, Rm. 200, Boston, MA 02203**

Linda Mitchell is a Senior Child Welfare Specialist with the U.S. Children's Bureau, where she is responsible for working with States and federal regional offices to implement the Child and Family Services Reviews. Prior to her position with the Children's Bureau, Ms. Mitchell worked for nine years in the Boston regional office of the Administration for Children and Families. Ms. Mitchell is a former caseworker and CPS supervisor at the New Hampshire Division for Children, Youth, and Families, where she also served as the State's program specialist for child protective services.

**Kristin Moore, Ph.D.**

**Child Trends, 4301 Connecticut Ave., NW Ste. 350, Washington, DC 20008**

Kristin Moore PhD, President and Senior Scholar of Child Trends, is recognized as a national expert in the areas of child well-being and teen pregnancy. Dr. Moore is a social psychologist who studies trends in child and family well-being, positive development, the determinants of early sexual activity and parenthood, the consequences of adolescent parenthood, the effects of family structure and social change on children, and the effects of welfare and poverty on children. She served on the Advisory Council for the National Institute for Child Health and Development and is a member of the advisory group for the National Survey of Family Growth and the journal of *The Future of Children* and she serves on the technical review panel of the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study Birth Cohort. In 1999, Dr. Moore was awarded the Foundation for Child Development's Centennial Award for her achievements on behalf of children, and she was designated the 2002 Society for Adolescent Medicine Visiting Scholar.

**Elaine Ryan**

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Elaine M. Ryan is Deputy Executive Director for Policy and Government Affairs. Ryan has directed policy for APHSA since 1993. Under her leadership in 2001 APHSA issued "Crossroads: New Directions in Social Policy" outlining recommendations for federal policy reform in the areas of food stamps, child support enforcement, child welfare, TANF, child care, Medicaid, and health. In 2002, more than a dozen of APHSA's recommendations for food stamp reform were signed into law. Numerous TANF, child support, child welfare, and Medicaid recommendations have been incorporated in the legislation currently pending before Congress.

Prior to joining APHSA, from 1989-1993, Ryan served as a Chief of Staff and Budget Committee Staff Associate in the U.S. House of Representatives. She served in New York State government for nine years. From 1983-1989, she served on the executive staff of the New York State Governor as Assistant Director of State Operations and Policy Management. From 1980 to 1983, Ryan served as a policy advisor to the New York State Lieutenant Governor. Ryan earned her B.A. in Economics from Fordham University and a Master of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She currently serves on the University of Kentucky School of Social Work Advisory Committee and on the Board of Directors for a Washington, DC nonprofit organization and a New York corporation.

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## Resources

### **American Public Human Services Association**

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### **Children's Bureau**

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### **Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children**

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