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WYCRP Newsletter

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Wyoming Citizen Review Panel

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- New Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming Chapter opening
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PCA Wyoming is Back

The Wyoming Citizen Review Panel will be opening a Prevent Child Abuse America Chapter in Wyoming thanks to funding from the Wyoming Children's Trust Fund and United Way of Laramie County! The prior chapter closed its doors at the end of 2009 after many years of service. This new chapter will operate as a program of the Wyoming Citizen Review Panel, Inc. Kelly Hamilton, Executive Director of the WYCRP said, "It is our intent to use the findings from our review of child welfare services in

Wyoming and apply that information to effect early child maltreatment prevention across the state." For



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the first year of operation, Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming will focus on developing it's A.C.E. model based on the concepts of Aware-

ness, Coordination, and Education. The chapter will also strive to have a presence in as many counties as possible by years-end and get a solid fundraising effort in place. Allison Anderson will be the program manager of this new endeavor and believes that this program will become a strong and highly beneficial child abuse prevention effort statewide. For more information on the new PCA Wyoming program, you can contact Kelly or Alli at 307.632.0032 or 307.637.8622.

Welcome WYKA

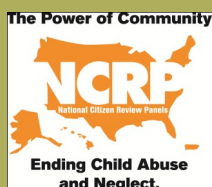
The WYCRP is now operating as the fiscal agent for Wyoming Kinship Advocacy or WYKA. WYKA is a program run by Alice Carter and works with grandparents (and other kin) who are looking to raise their grandchildren with a goal to keep the chil-

dren safely out of the system. In Wyoming, WYKA has improved the lives of hundreds of children and is recognized statewide as an incredibly valuable resource to children and families. For more information, visit their website at www.wyka.org.

WYOMING KINSHIP ADVOCACY



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WYCRP Welcomes New Program Manager

Allison (Alli) Anderson comes to the Panel from the State of Wyoming Department of Workforce Services. She began as the program manager for WYCRP, but will be transitioning to program manager of the new Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming chapter. She has a passion for the well-being of children and is hoping to make more of an impact working for the Wyoming Citizen Review Panel. She has already worked with the

Mini-CFSR's, SYNC Reviews and Child Major Injury and Fatality Cases. She is looking forward to learning even more and plans to bring some fresh ideas that will help WYCRP continue to be an invaluable asset to the State of Wyoming. Alli also hopes to bring a fresh, creative impact to the new Prevent Child Abuse Wyoming program and help it really take off in its first year. She was born in Thermopolis, WY and raised in Southeast Wy-

oming most of her life. She is a 2008 graduate of the University of Wyoming and lives in Cheyenne with her husband, Ryan and dog, Bentley. Contact Alli at aanderson@wycrp.org or 307.637.8622



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The Wyoming Citizen Review Panel is on Twitter! This

form of social networking is a positive for the Panel and we hope to build followers and post upcoming events so people around the state can stay better connected with us! If you have a twitter account, please find us at WYCRP or you can search for the Wyoming Citizen Review

Panel, and become a follower! We feel like social networking ventures such as Twitter will help us to increase our statewide communication and expand our horizons as a panel. It will also allow any followers to know where we will be throughout the state during that month!

Northern Arapaho Forming Own CRP

The Northern Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Indian Reservation has appointed Chuck Anderson to coordinate their newly forming citizen review panel. James Trospen, administrator of the Northern Arapaho Department of Family Services,

feels strongly that the involvement of citizens is essential to his department's delivery of services and that the formation of their own Citizen Review Panel could be of great benefit. National coordinator for Citizen Review Panels, Dr. Blake Jones has also been as-

sisting with the creation of a citizen review panel for the Northern Arapahoe Tribe. When created, this will be a first in the nation! Chuck Anderson can be reached at cander6@state.wy.us.



Find Us On Facebook!



As of December 2010, the Citizen Review Panel has its own page on Facebook! We see this as a great opportuni-

ty to expand our public awareness through the fast growing world of social networking. We will be continually adding status updates regarding current information and upcoming events, photos as available, and providing information on what the Wyoming Citizen Review Panel has to offer. This Facebook page joins our Twitter profile. We

hope to continue enhancing both of these and utilizing them to expand our public awareness and fundraising efforts.

If you have a Facebook you can access our page and 'Like' us today!

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National
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Conference will
be held
May 17-20 in
Charleston, SC.

10th Annual NCRP Conference

The National Citizen Review Panel Conference will be held May 17-20, 2011 in Charleston, SC! There are a number of great topics to be discussed at this year's conference, including two presentations from our Executive Director, Kelly Hamilton. He will be joining the NCRP Co-

ordinator, Dr. Blake Jones, along with James Trosper of the Wind River Indian Reservation to discuss the development of a CRP for the Northern Arapaho Tribe. This would be a very exciting venture and could greatly help the Family Services offices that currently exist on

the Reservation. Kelly will also be sitting on a panel to discuss 'Laying the Groundwork for a National Health and Education Passport.' We are really looking forward to sharing our successes with other states and bringing back some great ideas for Wyoming!



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A DFS Best Practice...

In June of 2010 the investigative unit of the Sweetwater County DFS office began responding to professional reporters with a letter form in the “hope that it would improve communication and relationships with those reporters if they know the status of the intake that they reported” according to Beth Roberts. The document is a form letter titled “**Confirmation of Receipt of Abuse/Neglect/Prevention Referral.**” The form contains the child’s name, parent’s names, intake number and the date of intake. The form also relays the status of the matter such as whether the referral was accepted as an investigation/assessment/prevention along with the worker’s name and phone number.

If the case is rejected, then the reason for the rejection is noted such as requires additional information or outside of DFS rules and then a brief explanation as to why the intake was specifically rejected. According to Roberts, she has found that by providing the explanation as to why the intake was rejected gives the reporter an opportunity to gather additional information that DFS could use or if that cannot be done on the intake they referred, future intakes from that reporter generally provide more information for DFS to make an informed decision as to how to proceed.

Roberts has also noted in police reports, where law enforcement responded to a call with DFS, that the law enforcement officer makes reference to the letter and the current status of the case with the DFS office when forwarding reports to the county attorney's office.

The letter format being used is from the Natrona County DFS office; Roberts typically tries to send out the letters within a week of receipt of the intake. The Wyoming Citizen Review Panel sees this as a “best practice” and commends Beth Roberts and the Rocksprings DFS Office!

