

National Center for Child Welfare Excellence (NCCWE)

Weekly Update 2/4/2015

Adoptions of Children with Public Child Welfare Agency Involvement By State: FY 2004 - FY 2013

This report provides state-specific data on the number of adoptions of children with public child welfare agency involvement from fiscal year 2004 to fiscal year 2013.

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/adoptions-with-agency-involvement-by-state-fy2004-fy2013>

The Donaldson Adoption Institute Newsletter

For this edition of the quarterly newsletter DAI is focused on the Modern Family. DAI and others who have studied adoption and foster care for decades are uniquely positioned to apply what we have already learned about what works in adoption and foster care and apply some of that knowledge base about topics related to healthy identity formation, ethics and openness to all kinds of families. As we explore the needs of the Modern Family we will have the opportunity to apply some of what we already know and continue investigate in order to help provide vital knowledge to all families and professionals.

<http://us5.campaign-archive1.com/?u=b3f6a50aee1287b81857a334e&id=1316f67622&e=1be706ac18>

CWLA Webinar Promoting Kinship Care in Your State: Strategies for State Action to Declare September as Kinship Care Month - Feb. 19, 2015, 3-4:30 p.m. (EST)

Promoting September as "Kinship Care Month" is an opportunity to both acknowledge the tremendous contributions of kinship families, as well as educate legislatures and governors about kinship families and their needs. This webinar will present a brief guide on how to have your Governor and/or state legislators issue a declaration for "Kinship Care Month" September 2015. To reserve your webinar seat, go to:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3630685615424245250>

The Annie E. Casey Foundation's recent KIDS COUNT policy report

Creating Opportunity for Families: A Two-Generation Approach, describes a new approach to reducing poverty, which calls for connecting low-income families with early childhood education, job training and other tools to achieve financial stability and break the cycle of poverty, and recommends ways to help equip parents and children with what they need to thrive.

<http://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-CreatingOpportunityforFamilies-2014.pdf>

Site Visit: Improving Educational Well-Being Outcomes for Children

Using a 17-month Children's Bureau (CB) grant, the Allegheny County (Pennsylvania) Department of Human Services (DHS), the Pittsburgh Public School (PPS) District, and the Allegheny County Family Court continued their work to improve educational stability and permanency outcomes for children being served by all three systems. The project, built on an existing data-sharing partnership between DHS and PPS, began in 2009 and has helped improve collaboration between the school, social services, and the courts.

Site Visit: Waterbury (CT) Educational Stability Initiative

In fiscal year 2011, the Children's Bureau awarded 10 grants to promote collaboration between child welfare and education systems in order to increase educational stability for children ages 10 to 17 involved with child welfare. The Connecticut Department of Children and Families (DCF) received one of these grants to implement the Waterbury Educational Stability Initiative, which provided training on trauma-informed child welfare practice and child traumatic stress to education and child welfare stakeholders, including child welfare professionals, school counselors, parent liaisons, and foster parents. The project also tried to bridge the gap between the schools and law enforcement by training the school resource officers, who are municipal police officers assigned to the schools.