



16th National Citizen Review Panel Conference

Citizen Participation in Child Protection: Common Goals, Many Paths

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On the Campus of the University of Alaska Anchorage

The 2017 national conference of Citizen Review Panels (CRPs) will be held in Anchorage, hosted by the Alaska Citizen Review Panel. Federal law requires all states to establish CPRs, to help protect children from abuse and neglect. The panels give the public opportunities to comment on policies of the agencies responsible for protecting children, and they also review child-protection policies and make recommendations for change.

This year's conference will explore the challenges of—and opportunities for—fostering good relationships between CPRs and child-protection agencies. The keynote speaker will be Debra Schilling Wolfe, a nationally recognized expert on child welfare and executive director of the Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice, and Research at the University of Pennsylvania. She will discuss best practices and innovative ways of enhancing public participation in child protection.

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