



NCSL's Children and Families Program is hosting two web-based audio-conference series in 2006: one on youth policy and one on child welfare. Check your calendars and sign up now for these informative sessions. **Registration is free**, although space may be limited, and participants can sign up for one or all of the sessions. For more information on the youth audioconferences, click [here](#). For more information on the child welfare audioconferences, click [here](#). Log-In Instructions can be found at www.ncsl.org/programs/cyf/webaudioinfo.htm.

"Strengthening Youth Policy In the States" Web-assisted Audio-conferences

Click [here](#) to print registration form. Click [here](#) to register on-line.

NCSL and the Forum for Youth Investment are co-hosting a series of web-based audio-conferences to provide more information to policymakers on successful youth policy initiatives. The youth policy conferences will be scheduled for 3:00-4:30 EDT/2:00-3:30 CDT/1:00-2:30 MDT and 12:00-1:30 PDT.

Jan. 9, 2006: Juvenile Justice System Reform: A Developmental Tool

Some states are beginning to incorporate youth development principles into state juvenile justice reform efforts. They are preparing youth in juvenile justice systems for their future. Learn how juvenile justice agencies can draw from the growing body of evidence on positive youth development to improve services for youthful offenders.

Speakers: **Jeffrey Butts**, Research Fellow, Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago; **Gail Mumford**, Deputy Director, Missouri Division of Youth Services; and **Vince Schiraldi**, Director, Washington D.C. Dept. of Youth Rehabilitation Services

Feb. 13, 2006: Making Smart Investments in Youth: What Is Working?

Speakers will describe tools to take stock of investments in youth such as children's budgets, and creative investment techniques like 'braided' and 'pooled' funding. Policymakers will also hear how improved coordination is leading to better-targeted resources for youth services in some states.

Speakers: TBD

March 13, 2006: Youth as Policymakers: More Than Just Policy Recipients

This session will explore how states are engaging young people in public policy decision making, leading to better policy and invaluable learning opportunities for the young people involved. Speakers will describe the structure and role of youth advisory groups and some of the challenges and benefits of including youth voices in policy-making. Speakers will include a young person who has served on a youth council.

Speakers: TBD

April 10, 2006: Moving Youth Policy Forward: Lessons Learned

This session will describe existing comprehensive, coordinated efforts to address youth policy. Selected states will share their challenges and successes in implementing coordinated approaches to operating within a positive youth development framework.

Speakers: TBD

To download a registration form for the youth audioconference series, click [here](#).

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EXHIBIT 2

Child Welfare Web-assisted Audio-conferences

Wednesday, January 18th, 2006, 1:00-2:30pm ET

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Policy Options for State Legislatures

The goal of this web-assisted audio-conference is to educate state legislators and legislative staff on issues affecting grandparent and other relative caregivers of children, with a focus on children in the child welfare system. Participants will hear from state legislators and child welfare administrators who have been engaged in efforts to support relative caregivers – lessons learned, challenges, successes. *This audio-conference is made possible by a grant from The Retirement Research Foundation.*

Click [here](#) to register for this audio-conference

Charting a Course: A Child And Family Policy Web Conference Series

Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago, in partnership with the National Conference of State Legislatures, is conducting a monthly audio-conference series on public policy affecting children and families. Journalist Martha Shirk, author of *On Their Own: What Happens to Kids When They Age Out of the Foster Care System*, will serve as moderator. Topics will include the stability and educational status of children in foster care, new parent support programs, and keeping kids in foster care after 18. The conferences will take place on the first Wednesday of each month, starting on Wednesday, March 1st, 2006. All of the conferences will be scheduled for 1:00-2:30 PM ET/12:00-1:30 CDT/11:00-12:30 MDT and 10:00-11:30 PDT.

For more information and to register, please visit: www.about.chapinhall.org/ncsl

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Keeping Kids in Foster Care After 18: The Benefits and Costs

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

Behavior Problems Among Foster Children: Special Education and the Child Welfare System

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Home Visitation Programs for New Parents: Lessons Learned from the States

Wednesday, June 7, 2006

Promoting Stability in Foster Care Placement: Understanding Why Children Move and What Can Be Done to Minimize Disruptions

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