

Child and Family Services Review

**State of Montana
Dept of Public Health & Human Services
Child and Family Services Division**

**Statewide Assessment
May 2008**

As Submitted to:

**Children's Bureau
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
Administration for Children and Families
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

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4. Flathead County (Kalispell) –Kalispell was also considered and eliminated. According to county performance data reported with the data profile, Flathead County fell below the 75th percentile in 6 of the 15 elements measured. There is a good array of services there and a sufficient number of foster care cases, but there would not be a sufficient sample of in-home/reunification cases. Also, during the period under review, Kalispell experienced a serious shortage of staff, including a vacancy in the CPS Supervisor position; and for that reason, it was felt that a review of that period of time might not produce a true assessment of practice in that area.

- 4) *Provide **comments** about the State’s experience with the Statewide Assessment Instrument and process. This information will assist the Children’s Bureau in continually enhancing the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) procedures and instruments.*

The Statewide Assessment process is well organized. It’s a very time consuming, tedious process, but there is obvious value to the State in that it provides such a comprehensive look at the child welfare system. Frustration remains around outside entities that child protective services is reliant upon in order to provide valuable services and to meet timelines, but over which they have no control.

Assistance with data issues is valuable and appreciated. It would be interesting though to have someone research the effect of comparing percentages from states with small populations (e.g. the percentage of re-entries of children returned home within 12 months) to states with very large populations. A measure different from a straight percentage might produce a more accurate comparison especially where there are a large number of multiple sibling families.

One last comment, the page limit requirement seems unreasonable when assessing so many different practice areas.

- 5) *Provide the names and affiliations of the **individuals who participated in the Statewide Assessment process; please also note their roles in the process.***

NAME	AFFILIATION	LOCATION	ROLE
Boyle, Cinna	Addiction Counselor	Miles City	Concerned Stakeholder
Bullen, Charlene	Adoptive Parent	Hi-Line	Concerned Stakeholder
Domph, Melody	Adoptive Parent	Kalispell	Concerned Stakeholder
Lee, Ann	Adoptive/Foster Parent	Scobey	Local Advisory Council
Llewellyn, Pat	Adoptive/Foster Parent	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
Richey, Richard/Kristi	Adoptive/Foster Parent	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
Bovingdon, Peter	Attorney	Helena	State Advisory Council
Crum, Darcy	Attorney	Great Falls	Local Advisory Council
Schwickert, Randy	Attorney	Whitefish	Local/State Advisory Council
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Banghart, Carol	CASA	Lake County	Local Advisory Council
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Albert, Kris	Chemical Dependency	Miles City	Concerned Stakeholder
Macfadden, Joan-Nell	Children's Advocate	Great Falls	Local Advisory Council
Toole, Dana	Children's Advocate	Helena	Local Advisory Council
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Fleming, Caroline	CNADA	Miles City	Local Advisory Council
Nielsen, Lureta	Community Incentive Program	Plentywood	Local Advisory Council
Barnes, Melody	Counselor	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
Fahlgren, Mary	Counselor	Hi-Line	Concerned Stakeholder
Florez, Katherine	Counselor	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
Garner, Dorothy	Counselor	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
Rothman, Mark	Counselor	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
Tururen, Julie	Counselor	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
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Moll, Graydon	Disability Services	Lake County	Local Advisory Council
Anderson, Emilie	Education	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
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Burnham, Sheryl	Education	Hi-Line	Concerned Stakeholder
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Wahl, Larry	Education	Scobey	Local Advisory Council
Wilkerson, Larry	Education	Miles City	Local Advisory Council
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Eagle, Carol	FCRC	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
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Carlson, Linda	Foster Parent	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
Grob, Sandi	Foster Parent	Kalispell	Concerned Stakeholder
Marks, Nancy	Foster Parent	Townsend	Local/State Advisory Council
Mayberry, Ed	Foster Parent	Miles City	Concerned Stakeholder
Mears, Katherine	Foster Parent	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
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Meyer, Debbie	Foster Parent (Kin)	Miles City	Concerned Stakeholder
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Murray, Mensa	Foster Parent/Education	Kalispell	Concerned Stakeholder
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Penilee, Justin	Health	Kalispell	Concerned Stakeholder
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Sharkey-Know, Sandie	Juvenile Probation	Kalispell	Concerned Stakeholder
Ruitnez, Jeanse	Kinship	Kalispell	Concerned Stakeholder
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Nelson, Rosalee	Residential Treatment	Hi-Line	Concerned Stakeholder
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Tiernan, Shirley	Retired CFSD	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
VanDenElzen, Lisa	School Psychologist	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder
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Walters, Ron	Youth Court	Billings	Concerned Stakeholder
Davis, Keith	Youth Programs	Kalispell	Concerned Stakeholder
Slattery, Kelly	YWCA	Missoula	Concerned Stakeholder