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Dear Permanency Warriors,

There is some exciting news to share from Pennsylvania this month! The Pennsylvania legislature recently passed House Bill 1075, introduced by Republican Dan Moul, which will mandate Family Finding practices for all children in care across the state, both before entry into and throughout their time in care.

The bill received strong support from both parties, passing unanimously in the Pennsylvania House and 40 to 10 in the Senate. It was signed into law on July 9th and will go into effect in 60 days on September 7th, 2013.

This is an exciting time for child welfare and permanency in Pennsylvania and we are thrilled to see such leadership from the lawmakers in Pennsylvania in regards to the needs of their children and youth in care.

A Call for Presentations for the 17th National Conference on Family Group Decision Making and Other Family Engagement Approaches

The Kempe Center is now accepting applications to present at their 17th National Conference on Family Group Decision Making and Other Family Engagement Approaches, to be held in Vail, Colorado on June 10-13, 2014. This year's theme, "Reaching New Heights with Families" will explore what genuine partnership with families looks like in action, and things to consider to determine if we are on the right path to reach new heights.

Their vision for the conference sessions is far-reaching. Coordinators, facilitators, researchers and evaluators, administrators, family members, advocates, foster and resource providers, educators, faith-based organizations, legal professionals, medical personnel, mental health and substance abuse providers, community leaders and elders, and others that utilize Family Group Decision Making or other family engagement approaches to actively include broader family groups in planning and decision making are

encouraged to consider responding to this call for presentations.

You can learn more by visiting their website [here](#) and clicking on the conferences tab or see their [Call for Presentations](#) for more information. The deadline for presentation submissions is September 30, 2013.

If you have any questions, please email: anita.horner@childrenscolorado.org

Updates on our Upcoming Webinar!

Spots are filling up rapidly for our webinar, *Family Finding - What Have We Learned?*, to be held on August 15th from 10:30am to 12:00pm PDT (1:30pm - 3:00pm EDT)! To date, we have over 250 registrants, with more joining every day. If you have not yet registered, you can do so by clicking on the link below. We encourage you to reserve your seat now as space is limited!

[Click Here to Register](#)

This informative webinar will examine current research results and ongoing research on Family Finding, review what is working and assess the implications for practice, fidelity and implementation, as well as consider the ramifications for future research design.

I will be hosting and facilitating a discussion among the following panelists:

- **Karin Malm, MS**, Director for Child Welfare and Senior Research Scientist at Child Trends
- **Kevin Campbell**, Expert Consultant/Trainer and Author of the Family Finding Model with Seneca Family of Agencies
- **Melissa Martin-Mollard, PhD**, Director of Research at Seneca Family of Agencies

For questions or difficulties registering, please email us [here](#) or call us at (888) 927-6710.

Sincerely,

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