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NIPFC Permanency Blast

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Greetings!

We have short blast this month comprising of part three of our podcast series with Kevin Campbell, the video recording of California's Continuum of Care Reform's Family Finding Webcast, and a link to an ABC Phoenix Nightly News piece on Family Finding within the Department of Child Safety in Maricopa County, Arizona.

We begin with part three of the four part NIPFC Podcast "Let's Have a Conversation". In this powerful episode, "The Impact of 'Casework as Usual' on Innovative Practice", Bob Friend and Kevin Campbell discuss the key experiences, advocacy, and research that have influenced the United States Congress to pass the legislative reforms mandating finding and engaging families over the past 10 years. Kevin and Bob further discuss the implications of continuing to conduct "casework as usual" in light of legislative changes and research findings contraindicating such.

Next, The California Department of Social Services Continuum of Care Reform hosted a Family Finding Webcast for California Social Workers on April 13, 2018. As promised, we provide a direct link to the video recording of Bob Friend and Dr. Denise Goodman on a panel, joined by Jane Gonzalez of L.A. County, and Kim Myers of Shasta County, discussing Family Finding at the front end of the system and other strategies to help California achieve the vision of Continuum of Care Reform. Check out their [Continuum of Care and Reform Family Finding](#) page where the video is also posted as well as video extras, resources, and links.

Lastly, the ABC Nightly News in Phoenix recently aired a piece that highlights Family Finding work as part of their Fostering Sustainable Connections program within the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) to reduce the number of youth unnecessarily living in residential/group care. NIPFC has been training, coaching, and supporting Family Engagement Specialists within DCS and in conjunction with Arizona Children's Association, with the financial support of Casey Family Programs to conduct this work. This short clip focuses on the work by Family Engagement Specialist Sheva Nweabi with youth Jiana Mattucci to find and connect her with family she never knew about.

Happy Reading!

Let's Have A Conversation

We're excited to release the third of our four part podcast series with Kevin Campbell. NIPFC director, Bob Friend, sits with Kevin as he looks back on his experiences and the combined effort that went into the passing of the Fostering and Connections Act of 2008, and the impact on current practice.

[Episode 3- The Impact of "Casework as Usual" on Innovative Practice](#)

Previous Episodes

[Episode 1- The History of Family Finding](#)

[Episode 2- Restoring Hope](#)

We've also made the Podcast available for listening and download on our website [Home Page](#), as well as on our [Resources and Publication Page](#).

Video and Presentation Materials

Empower, Engage, Support

Family Finding - Building Connections for our Youth



Bob Friend

LCSW
Director of the National
Institute for Permanent Family
Connectedness
SENECA

Family Finding on
the front end, hard to place youth,
and county best practices.

Hosted by,
California Department of Social Services
Continuum of Care Reform

Additional Panel Members:
L.A. County - Jane Gonzalez Shasta
County - Kim Myers



Dr. Denise Goodman

ACSW, LISW
Nationally recognized
consultant and child welfare
professional

[Family Finding Page with the Panel Video and Resources](#)

OR

[Direct Video Link](#)

"Fostering Sustainable Connections-Arizona Department of Child Safety Using Special Program to Find Foster Children's Relatives"

by Lexi Sutter, ABC News-Phoenix

April 8, 2018

"Sheva Nweabi is a Family Engagement Specialist with the department but says she feels more like an investigator. 'I go out and get that information, and I try to locate those particular relatives,' explained Nweabi."

[Click Here](#) to watch the news story of Fostering Sustainable Connections featuring Sheva Nweabi.

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