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Dear Permanency Warriors,

This will be an active month of permanency news from many sources, given that November is National Adoption Month. Many of you are likely involved in local, state or nationwide activities promoting adoption and permanency. Kudos for your efforts, and if you would like to share news or activities please send us a link or summary which we can post in the "News" section on our website.

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Family Finding Research

The article titled, "Family Finding: Does Implementation Differ when Serving Different Child Welfare Populations?" authored by Karin Malm and Tiffany Allen of Child Trends is linked below. The article highlights some initial data derived from the five national sites evaluating the Family Finding model. The article focuses on two of the sites, one of which targets work with children and families as they enter the system, and one which targets children and youth who have lingered in the foster care system. While this is a first look at preliminary data which does not yet contain comparative results of the control groups, some interesting developments include that the average number of family members or other supportive connections increased between 3.5-5 x when conducting family finding, as compared to who were known to the agency prior to the discovery process. We look forward to the inclusion of the comparison data and further analysis in the future.

[Click here to view the Child Trends article.](#)

Kelly Beck's Article for National CASA Website

Our own Kelly Beck recently authored an article for The Judges Page of the National CASA website, titled "Our Responsibility to Change the Course of Events for Children Through Family Finding". Please [click here](#) to read Kelly's thoughtful article, and take a few minutes to review other permanency information in the judges section as well as on the overall CASA website.

Wendy's Wonderful Kids

Finally, the Wendy's Wonderful Kids (WWK) recruitment program results (compiled by Child Trends) determined that the WWK's child based recruiting approach was 1.7x more successful in achieving adoption than when not used, and 3x more successful for children and youth who are older or suffer from significant mental health problems. The links to the video and executive summary are listed below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aLP3pAfCHgo>

<http://www.davethomasfoundation.org/executive-summary/>

Sincerely,
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