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Dear Permanency Warriors,

We are proud to announce two important releases from NIPFC. The first is a FREE on-line training in which participants can learn about social work mandates stemming from the Fostering Connections Act and its California partner legislation AB 938. We are introducing our new website, familyfinding.org, as well and invite you to update your bookmarks!

Child Trends is also announcing the availability of their Family Finding Case Management Database, which has been a useful tool in our joint efforts to evaluate the impact of Family Finding on child welfare practice.

Look forward to a second blast this November that will include a timely article on internet searching and its importance in meeting the spirit of the Fostering Connections Act through creating quality and effective discovery and engagement practice.

Happy reading!

New Online Training on Meeting Mandates to Locate and Notice Family

We are excited to announce the release of a new online training entitled Relatives Matter - Meeting Child Welfare Mandates to Locate and Notice Family. This FREE two-hour training will cover notice requirements under the Fostering Connections Act and California's mirror legislation, AB 938; how we can ensure fathers are identified, located and engaged for every youth; and how family involvement helps to foster not only permanency but safety and well-being.

This training will provide all participants with two California Board of Behavioral Sciences Continuing Education Units and/or a completion certificate! Please click on this link to learn more and complete this training:

http://familyfinding.org/resourcesandpublications/relatives_matter.html

New Resource Available: Child Trends' Family Finding Case Management Database

Child Trends is pleased to offer the use of their Family Finding Case Management Database to public and private agencies interested in storing, compiling, and analyzing data on Family Finding's relative search and engagement practices. The database serves as a repository allowing for continuous program monitoring, as well as research and evaluation. It also includes a random assignment module which can serve as an important tool for rigorous evaluation designs. Users access the database via the web and can enter data on an ongoing basis. Data are collected on the children and families served and the specific case practices which comprise agency models.

A variety of cost packages are available based on program needs. For more information, contact Sarah Catherine Williams at Child Trends at swilliams@childtrends.org or 240-223-9230.

Update your Bookmarks!

We are excited to announce that we have completed the transition to our new website, familyfinding.org! Here you can find the same wealth of Family Finding information and resources, learn more about our trainings, and explore our Seneca Search Services, all in a more friendly environment. Please be sure to change your bookmarks accordingly! We hope to be revamping and improving our website more in the coming months, so please feel free to contact us if you have any suggestions for improvement.

We also post information via Seneca Family of Agencies' Facebook and Twitter pages, so we encourage you to find us there as well! You can find Seneca Family of Agencies on facebook [here](#) and on twitter [here](#).

Sincerely,

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