

## CWAC Prevention Committee

### August 18, 2015 Meeting Summary

#### Major themes surrounding prevention:

- Promotion of kinship care/fictive kin placements (prevention of foster care)
- Barriers to providing prevention— services are voluntary and what keeps families from participating in prevention cases?; what are best practice models that promote family engagement from the beginning of a case (most important time to build partnership with a family)?; what barriers exist that prevent LDSS from providing prevention services?
- How are agencies in Virginia providing prevention services? How are other states providing prevention services and what are the outcomes?
- What funding opportunities are available to enhance prevention services (CSA, federal IV-E money, etc.?)

#### Action Steps:

- Suggestion made by Rick to reach out to court/political contacts for participation in committee—Pat will reach out to Delegate Peace's aide and Bragail will reach out to Lelia Hopper
- Rebecca will send out draft questions to committee members for survey to be sent to LDSS to try and gauge what current prevention practices are in LDSS
- Rebecca will reach out to CSA to see if they are willing to participate on committee
- Latanya will research prevention models/outcomes in other states

#### Meeting Structure:

- Meetings will be every other month for 1.5 hours
- Next meeting tentatively scheduled for late October (Bragail will confirm date and location)