

Child Trauma and Well-Being: Working Across the Branches of State Government

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Introduction to Casey Family Programs

Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest operating foundation focused on safely reducing the need for foster care and building Communities of Hope for children and families across America. Founded in 1966, we work in 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to influence long-lasting improvements to the safety and success of children, families and the communities where they live.

We believe that:

- Every child deserves a safe, supportive and permanent family.
- Every family should have the support of a strong and caring community.
- Every community can create hope and opportunities for its children and families.
- Everyone has a role to play in building Communities of Hope.

We are committed to 2020: Building Communities of Hope, a nationwide effort to improve the safety and success of children and their families. We work in support of a broad range of public, private, tribal and community partners to:

- **Safely reduce the need for foster care 50 percent by the year 2020:** We partner with child welfare systems, families, policymakers, American Indian tribes and courts to support practices and policies that safely reduce the need for foster care, increase the safety and success of children and strengthen the resilience of families.
- **Demonstrate how every child can have a safe and permanent family:** We provide and improve foster care and related services to demonstrate how every child can have a safe, permanent and supportive family.
- **Support more effective investments in children and families:** We contribute nonpartisan information, data and resources to help public officials make more effective investments in children and families.
- **Encourage a shared vision for success:** We encourage community leaders to think, plan and act collectively to improve the long-term safety and success of children and their families.

Our Work. Our approach is based on learning from and collaborating with those who are working to improve the safety and success of children and their families at the local, state, tribal and national level.

- We offer ongoing strategic consultation, technical assistance, data analysis and independent research and evaluation at no cost to child welfare systems,

- policymakers, courts and tribes across America to support long-lasting improvements that safely reduce the need for foster care.
- We share what we learn by providing direct services, conducting research and working collaboratively with child welfare systems, courts, private providers and community partners.
 - We support federal, state, tribal and local governments by providing comprehensive, nonpartisan child welfare information and education driven by data and based on evidence of what works best to improve the lives of children and families.
 - We create opportunities for leaders to learn from each other, develop innovative solutions and implement collaborative approaches that measurably improve the lives of children and families.