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CWLA Community Forum on Implementation of the Fostering Connections Act

December 8, 2009

New York, NY

Location: To Be Announced

- 9:00 -9:30 AM** **Opening Remarks**
Welcome and Introductions
- 9:30-9:45 AM** **Overview of Fostering Connections to Success Act**
Brief summary of seven general areas covered by the act: Kinship Care, Youth in Transition, Education needs of Children in Care, New Tribal Access to Title IV-E, Adoption Improvements, Workforce Training, Health Care Planning
- 9:45-11:00 AM** **Title IV-E Training**
For more than two decades CWLA has advocated for extending Title IV-E training funds to private agencies. The new law now allows this. We will have an extensive panel discussion on the use of IV-E training funds and how to use this expanded authority. We will talk about strategies to pool funds, expand training and to help the child welfare workforce
- 11:00-12:00 PM** **Education and Foster Care**
New requirements in Fostering Connections requires foster children to remain in their same school when in their best interest
- 12:00—1:30 PM** **Lunch**
Carmen Nazario, Assistant Secretary
Carmen Nazario in her position as Assistant Secretary oversees the Administration for Children and Families. In her role she not only oversees important departments such as the Administration for Children Youth and Families (ACYF) and the Children’s Bureau and all the child welfare programs under their jurisdiction, she also oversees departments and programs as vital as child care, Head Start and TANF to name a few. She will talk about her vision for the department and the new Administration

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1:30-2:30 PM

Kinship Care and State Options

A presentation by experts on the implementation and challenges of kinship care policies.

2:30-3:45 PM

Health Care Planning

The Fostering Connections to Success Act now requires more extensive health planning between state child welfare and Medicaid agencies. This new process is to include other partners such as pediatricians and has a list of health items states must address.

3:45-4:15 PM

Other current federal policy developments

- White House Conference
- Home Visiting
- Health care
- CAPTA
- TANF

4:15 PM

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