



Atlantic Coast Child Welfare Implementation Center

Partners for Change

A member of the National Child Welfare Training and Technical Assistance Network, a service of the Children's Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

WHO WE ARE:

The **Atlantic Coast Child Welfare Implementation Center** (ACCWIC) is one of five Child Welfare Technical Assistance Implementation Centers established by the Children's Bureau in October 2008. The ACCWIC serves State and Tribal child welfare agencies in Region III (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia) and Region IV (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee).

WHAT WE DO:

The ACCWIC actively partners with States and Tribes to carry out implementation projects to improve the quality and effectiveness of child welfare services for children, youth, and families. Individualized Implementation Projects will be supported for a minimum of 2 years to assist jurisdictions in their efforts to reform child welfare services and systems. The ACCWIC also supports peer-to-peer networking across jurisdictions to facilitate the active exchange of information about promising child welfare system strategies and practices.

Planned Activities in 2009:

- Coordinate technical assistance and training provided by the National Child Welfare Training and Technical Assistance Network to support multi-year Individualized Implementation Projects
- Distribute a Request For Concept Papers and Request for Applications to support Individualized Implementation Projects
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** - Hold a Regional Forum from March 17–19 in Atlanta to kick off ACCWIC's activities with workshops about the National Child Welfare Training and Technical Assistance Network, systems change, promising child welfare reforms and practices, and how to apply for implementation projects. **Funding is provided for three participants from each State or Tribal child welfare organization to attend.**
- Establish peer-to-peer information exchange opportunities through resource materials, conference calls, and Webinars
- Award two cohorts of Implementation Projects to publically funded child welfare agencies in Federal Regions III and IV (Start July 1 or October 1)

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