

**Children's Bureau
Child and Family Services Reviews
State Team Training Project
Fact Sheet**

JBS International, Inc. (JBS), manages the State Team Training Project for the Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The project supports the Children's Bureau in training State Review Teams on procedures related to the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs). Specifically, the project manages the following activities:

- **Designing and Implementing Training for State Review Teams Preparing for an Onsite Review**

The Children's Bureau requires all State Review Team members who will be serving on the onsite review portion of the CFSR to participate in a training on the CFSR process. The project conducts these trainings for State Review Team members approximately 2 weeks before each State's onsite review. The project-developed curriculum, handouts, and trainer's manual focus on State Review Team member roles in the onsite review and provide participants with hands-on training on the automated review system. The training is experiential, offering participants the opportunity to practice serving in those roles, including conducting case record reviews and case-related interviews. In preparation for each training, JBS conducts all of the substantive and logistical planning required to implement the trainings at locations selected by the State.

- **Developing an Online E-Training Platform**

The project has adapted the core State Team Training curriculum for State Review Teams into an Internet-based E-Training Platform. Through the platform, Children's Bureau Central and Regional Office staff, State agency personnel, consultants, and others will be able to access training on the reviews via the Internet. In addition to providing background about the CFSR process, the platform provides tutorials on the automated CFSR Data Management System.

- **Training State Agency Staff on the CFSR Process**

The project worked with the Child Welfare Review Project to jointly support the Children's Bureau in planning and conducting a series of 10 regional trainings during summer and fall 2006 on the second round of CFSRs. Previously, during summer and fall 2005, the project worked with the Child Welfare Review Project to support the Children's Bureau in planning and conducting 10 regional trainings on the Program Improvement Plan process.

- **Provide Training/Technical Assistance to Engage State Legislators in Support of the CFSRs**

The project manages the overall planning for and provision of technical assistance (TA) to State legislators on the CFSRs, under a subcontract with the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). Under this project component, NCSL promotes and provides TA to State legislators and State child welfare agencies on working together to strengthen State child welfare systems through the CFSRs. This project component also produces materials for distribution on a range of topics related to agency-legislator collaboration through the CFSRs. Finally, under this component, NCSL makes presentations at national meetings on agency-legislator collaboration through the CFSRs.

For more information about the State Team Training Project or the CFSRs, please call (301) 565-3260.