

The Power of Community



## 16TH NATIONAL CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL CONFERENCE

May 10-12, 2017 | Anchorage, Alaska

# **Citizen participation in child protection COMMON GOALS, MANY PATHS**

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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**Debra Schilling Wolfe** is the founding executive director of the Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice & Research at the University of Pennsylvania. She oversees a multidisciplinary team of nationally recognized child-welfare experts, who work to improve child-protection policy and practice, as well as carrying out research, advocacy, and education. They also provide consultation, training, and technical help to both the public and non-profit sectors. Ms. Wolfe's work has contributed to legislative reform and establishment of innovative child-welfare programs and agencies. She has brought together experts across disciplines to address some of the most vexing problems in the child-welfare system.

In career spanning over 30 years, Ms. Wolfe has served as a child welfare caseworker and supervisor in Massachusetts, held numerous leadership roles, and directed child-welfare programs and initiatives across the country—including the NY Foundling Hospital's Crisis Nursery, Boston City Hospital's Child Sexual Abuse Team, and Catholic Social Services in Michigan. She was instrumental in developing the nationally recognized Family Builders model of community response to child abuse and neglect.

She was appointed to the recently established Pennsylvania Child Welfare Council, charged with statewide strategic planning, and she chairs the citizens advisory council for the Office of Children and Youth in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as well as the county's Child Fatality Review Committee.

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## CONFERENCE AGENDA

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### Wednesday May 10, 2017

- 9:00 AM Registration and Welcome Reception (light breakfast)
- 11:00 AM Conference Welcome
- Noon Luncheon and Panel Presentation
- 1:30 PM Plenary Session
- 2:45 PM Concurrent Break-out Sessions
- 3:45 PM Concurrent Break-out Sessions
- 5:00 PM Adjourn, and Dinner on your own

### Thursday May 11, 2017

- 7:30 AM Breakfast Reception
- 8:30 AM Welcome by Alaska CRP
- 9:00 AM Conference Keynote Speech, Debra Schilling Wolfe
- 10:00 AM Concurrent Break-out Sessions
- 11:00 AM Plenary Session
- Noon Luncheon and Panel Discussion
- 1:30 PM Plenary Session
- 2:45 PM Concurrent Break-out Sessions
- 3:45 PM World Café–Style Break-out Sessions
- 6:00 PM Dinner and Cultural Event

### Friday May 12, 2017

- 7:30 AM Breakfast Reception
  - 8:30 AM Welcome by National CRP Advisory Board
  - 9:00 AM Plenary Session
  - 10:30 AM CRP State Action Planning
  - 11:30 AM Closing
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## HISTORY OF THE CONFERENCE

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Federal law requires all states to establish Citizen Review Panels (CRPs), to help protect children from abuse and neglect. They take public comments on and review policies of agencies responsible for protecting children, and also recommend policy changes. In 2002, coordinators and volunteers from panels in fifteen states met in Lexington, Kentucky, to discuss the common challenges of carrying out this large, complex mandate. That initial gathering evolved into the National CRP Conference, and this year marks the sixteenth annual conference.

Every year, the National CRP Advisory Panel invites local CRPs to host the conference. So far, the conference has been held in 11 locations in 10 states, and typically it attracts about 150 volunteers, CRP coordinators, and child-protection professionals from more than 25 states. It is the annual marquee event for CRPs across the nation, and serves as a forum for discussions of best practices and innovative ideas on structuring and enhancing public participation in protecting children.

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