

**CIP Administrator Survey: Recruitment Script Read by Scott Trowbridge during CIP All Call**

I'd like to draw your attention to an important opportunity and encourage your participation.

As you know, the quality of child welfare court hearings is important to a judge's decision-making process because each hearing is an opportunity for judges to learn about the child and parent as well as the family's strengths, needs, and progress. While some research has been conducted on hearing quality, questions remain about the association between how a hearing is conducted, judges' decision-making in cases, especially around reasonable efforts decision-making, and case outcomes.

To address research gaps, the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation and the Children's Bureau funded James Bell Associates, the American Bar Association Center for on Children and the Law, and Dr. Alicia Summers and Dr. Sophie Gatowski for a future study or studies that will examine the factors associated with judicial decision-making and hearing quality in child welfare cases, and the influence those factors may have on judges' reasonable efforts decisions and case outcomes.

To understand which sites may be appropriate for this research, the team has designed a short survey for CIP Administrators. The survey asks a series of questions about the timing of court hearings and the use of pre-hearing conferences prior to initial hearings in your state and should take no more than 10–15 minutes to complete. Your participation in the survey is voluntary. Your responses to this survey will remain private to the extent permitted by law. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB number and expiration date for this collection are OMB #: 0970-0356, Exp: 06/30/2021.

Please look for an email invitation to participate in the survey in your inbox from project director Anne Fromknecht. That email invite will include the link to the survey.

Do you have any questions about the survey invitation or the research project generally?

We know that you are very busy, especially given the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, so we appreciate you reading the email and considering the survey. Thanks very much!