Welcome!

Strategies for
Reducing the
Long-Term
Foster Care Population

Panelists:

- · Karen Gunderson, CDSS
- · Lisa Parrish, LA Gay & Lesbian Center
- Bob Friend, Seneca Family of Agencies
- Don Pickens, CA State Parent Team
- Katie Howard, CFCC



Overview

- CAPP
- RISE
- Practice: Collaboration at the local level
- Voice of Parents and Youth



Federal, state, and local efforts focused on SYSTEM CHANGE

Federal Efforts:

- PII: Permanency Innovations Initiative
 - CAPP: California Partners for Permanency
 - RISE: Recognize Intervene Support Empower

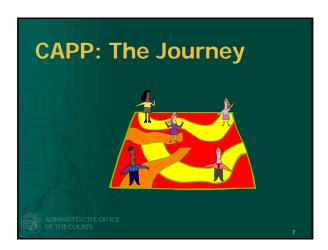
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Message from Commissioner Bryan Samuels (Administration on Children, Youth and Families)

"We're connecting science to programs, data to decisions, and research to practice.

And more importantly, we're connecting children in care to the resources and relationships they need to be successful."

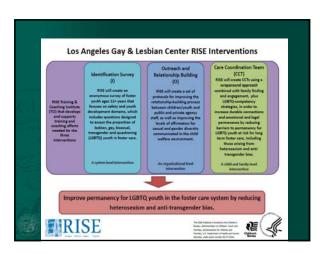
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The RISE Initiative

- Recognize Intervene Support Empower
- Permanent Families for LGBTQ
 Children and Youth in Foster Care in
 Los Angeles

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Care Coordination Team (CCT) Intervention

 Technologies and materials to reduce family rejection, increase family support, and improve permanency for LGBTQ children and youth at risk of long-term foster care.

Permanency in Practice

Collaboration at the local level

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Local Collaborative Efforts

- FFE: Family Finding & Engagement
- Permanence what does it mean?
- Merging of perspectives

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Voice of Parents and Youth

- Building trust is a process
- Shared responsibility and commitment
- Barriers, apprehensions are natural

Ask: who is <u>not</u> at the table?

Questions?

Comments?

What's Next?

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