

**Oregon CAPTA Panel
ANNUAL REPORT**

County: Malheur	Date: May 10, 2011
Time Period: 7/1/2010 – 6/30/2011	

Panel Members

Name	Agency
Chair: LaDonna Wiedenman	Project DOVE
Co-Chair: *Jennifer Fugate, Lead Advocate	Project DOVE
*Cindy Ranae, Fiscal Coordinator	Project DOVE
Claudia Wilcox, Board Member	Treasure Valley Children's Relief Nursery
Bobbi Rudell	Malheur County CASA
*Dennis Savage	Malheur County CASA
Jane Padgett	DHS
Kelly Poe, Executive Director	Malheur County Commission on Children & Families
Angie Uptmor	Malheur County Commission on Children & Families
Tanya Ebbers, MSW Intern	Northwest Nazarene University
*Anne Bolin, Student	Treasure Valley Community College
Wendy Hill, Region 14 Manager	DHS
Sharron Kipling	DHS
*Theresa Mairs	The Family Place
Onie Mansor, Executive Director	The Family Place
*Vicky Espinoza	Malheur County Child Development Center – Head Start
*Susan Robinett	Malheur County Child Development Center – Head Start
*Sue Faw	DHS Child Welfare
*James Aalgaard, Minister	St. Paul's Lutheran Church
*Kelley Richardson, Family Law Attorney	Oregon Law Center
*Perry Tolman, Bishop	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
*Christine Phillips	DHS
*Juli Gundle, Student	Eastern Oregon University

* denotes a new member who joined during the reporting year. A highlighted name denotes a member who left during the reporting year.

Meetings

July 22, 2010 August 19, 2010 September 16, 2010
 November 18, 2010 January 20, 2011 February 17, 2011
 March 17, 2011 April 22, 2011 May 19, 2011
 June 16, 2011

Activities:

1. In July 2010 the panel renewed the lease for the “prevent child abuse and neglect” bulletin board which also displays the child abuse reporting phone number.
2. In August 2010 the panel established a constant meeting time of every third Thursday of the month.
3. At the September 2010 meeting, the panel began planning the support for the Treasure Valley Relief Nursery’s Fun Run event set for April 2011. Panel members agreed that donating \$1000 to the Foster Parents Association during the holidays would be a good use of CAPTA funds. However, that did not happen because the donation did not fit within one of the fourteen grant areas.

Also during this month, prevention information and child abuse awareness items were displayed and available to participants of the Jordan Valley, Oregon “Kids Fair.” This is an isolated and small community in Malheur County, but the event drew a good sized-crowd of parents and children of all ages. Several of the educators from that community were involved in the Kids Fair as well.

4. January 2011 the panel received a very precise and informative training on the Oregon Safety Model by Sue Faw in Child Welfare at DHS. This training created a good foundation of understanding which immediately preceded our first case review.
5. CAPTA panel reviewed its first case in February 2011. The case was extensive. Because it dealt with two different children who had different final outcomes, it was a heavy way to begin the review process. There are some concerns that it may have scared away some members. In general, though, most viewed the process as both informative and beneficial.
6. During March, the panel agreed to support the Treasure Valley Children’s Relief Nursery with \$2500. The Relief Nursery works directly with parents to prevent child abuse and neglect. Among other services, the Nursery facilitates home visits using the “Parents as Teachers” curriculum.
7. For Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention month, CAPTA supported the Fun Run hosted by TV Children’s Relief Nursery. There had been an all community partners event planned immediately following the fun run/walk, but inclement weather cancelled the Family Fun Day.
8. CAPTA plans to provide funding for The Family Place’s “Parenting Inside Out” class. Specifically, the workbooks for the participants will be purchased with CAPTA funds. This class provides direct instruction to parents and provides child abuse and neglect prevention strategies.

9. Focused efforts to recruit new panel members is an on-going process. We have recruited and maintained twelve new members. Two presentations related to CAPTA panel member recruitment occurred in May—one at a city chamber of commerce meeting in Nyssa, Oregon and the other at the local MCS meeting.
10. A second case review is planned for May 2011.
11. Restructuring plans will be proposed and implemented at the June 2011 meeting. A training that discusses the CAPTA program areas to the panel members is planned.
12. The Make a Difference Awards are forthcoming for the CAPTA panel.

Subcommittees:

Make a Difference Award Subcommittee: This group is in charge of selecting individuals from our community who have made a difference in the lives of children by working to prevent child abuse and neglect either through their jobs or through their voluntary service.

Future Plans/Next Steps

1. Establish clear and concise structure for the organization of the panel. This will include pre-determining the meeting dates, setting the meeting agendas and maintaining good communication among members. The core panel members are a dedicated and strong group of individuals; however, diversity for the panel is a goal, and efforts to recruit will continue.
2. We will continue to focus on the prevention of child abuse and neglect in our community. Major events like the April activities need re-evaluation and pre-planning. The panel needs to focus on what the goal of the activity is and make it workable. Our Family Fun Days events in the past were not well attended for several reasons.
3. Clear understanding of the CAPTA program areas and negotiating how the panel can make improvements are on the future agenda.

Recommendations:

1. Ensure that wrap-around services are provided to clients who enter the system. Communication among community partners seems critical at all junctures of case planning.

DHS Response:

This recommendation is consistent with the agency's priority to ensure a child's safety, permanency, and well-being needs are addressed when there is agency involvement. We support our local offices to utilize team meetings, FDMs, and CSMs. In Malheur County, the local office works with Lifeways, the medical community, specifically the care coordinators from Treasure Valley Pediatric Clinic, ACT team, MDT, DV Team, the faith community, Dove, Treasure Valley Children's Relief Nursery. In addition, referrals are made to Legal Aid, Boys and Girls Club, Season Youth Program, ILP Program, Juvenile Dept, The Commission on Children and Families, CASA, local bar association, Community Members, Parole and Probation, the DA's office, and The Family Place Parenting program coordinators.

2. Maintain connections when it is feasible among siblings who have been given separate outcomes in a case.

DHS Response:

The Department is firm in the commitment to sibling connections. Eight counties, including Malheur participated as a Casey pilot which further solidified the need for connections for our kiddos. Workers do a great job district wide of maintaining connections for siblings.

3. Several panel members expressed a need for a summary page which could be added to a case review and serve as direction for the reader. Additionally, ample time to read through the material would be appreciated.

DHS Response:

This recommendation is consistent with the needs of the Panel, in order to provide timely and appropriate consultation to the local office during its case reviews. This could easily be accomplished and the local office has committed to providing this summary page for future staffings. In addition, the local District and Program Managers believe that three days to review the material is adequate time for committee members.