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On behalf of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention of the California Department of Social Services, we invite you to apply to become a member of California's child welfare Citizen Review Panels (CRPs).

California is implementing three new CRPs. Each CRP will focus on one area of the continuum of child welfare: one will focus on the prevention/early intervention of child abuse and neglect, one will focus on child and family services for those in the child welfare system and a third will focus on critical incidents. The CRPs will meet quarterly and all 2018 meetings will be held in Sacramento with an option to join through technology. Meeting agendas and logistical details will be sent to all selected members in January 2018.

The responsibilities of the CRPs involve evaluating child welfare policies, practices, and procedures, assessing systemic barriers, and making recommendations to improve and remove barriers. The CRPs will focus on matters throughout the continuum of the child welfare system and will be data-informed, evaluating "on the ground practice" and policies that could be improved upon. Each year, the CRPs will make recommendations to the state of best practices that will improve the well-being of children and families throughout California.

We are inviting community members and professionals with an interest in child welfare to apply to be on one of the three panels. If you are looking for an opportunity to help positively shape child welfare system improvement in California, we urge you to apply.

Prospective members must submit a completed online application by Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Applications and a description of the application and selection process can be obtained by visiting <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/OCAP/Citizen-Review-Panels>

Please direct any questions regarding the CRP application or selection process to Erin Manske, CRP Project Coordinator, at emanske@bprac.com.