



Positioning Public Child Welfare Initiative:
Strengthening Families in the 21st Century

GOVERNANCE

National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrator's (NAPCWA) Executive Committee will be continually monitoring the project and is the body ultimately responsible for sanctioning all final products.

In partnership with Casey Family Programs (CFP), NAPCWA established the governance structure supporting the initiative. A sponsor group was formed to be responsible for overseeing the initiative and all issues related to its scope and administration. It provides frequent feedback to the project manager and is available to set operating parameters and test ideas. The sponsor group includes NAPCWA executive committee members, CFP leadership, and external partners from organizations such as Chapin Hall and the Child and Family Policy Institute of California.

A National Advisory Committee (NAC) was established to advise the sponsor group with the development of guidance to include reviewing the analytical framework; determining whether and to what extent there is current and agreed-upon guidance in a particular domain; chartering subcommittees; and reviewing recommended principles and standards. This is a large group representing a wide range of critical stakeholders including all sponsor group members, state and local child welfare administrators and CEOs, subject matter experts, and customers. It will convene twice and it is assumed that many, if not most, of the members will also serve on subcommittees or participate as subject matter experts.

A subcommittee will be established for each domain of the analytical framework. Subcommittees report to the sponsor group within the parameters set by the National Advisory Committee and the charters. Subcommittees are considered working groups and, as such, will be relatively small, with membership determined by the nature of the individual domain. Access to additional expertise will be available as needed.