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A Webcast on Tuesday, October 7, 2008

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT

“Permanency for Older Youth: Strategies that Work”

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The National Governors Association Center for Best Practices, in partnership with Casey Family Programs, is pleased to announce the first in a series of web casts related to safely reducing the number of children in foster care. We encourage you to pass this invitation along to your colleagues who might be interested in this event. The first webcast will bring together experts to discuss permanency for older youth and what states can do to so that **all** youth receive the appropriate level of supports and services needed to achieve permanency.

Over 20,000 youth age out from the foster care system each year. Many studies have shown that youth who exit the child welfare system without permanency are at a much higher risk for poor outcomes including homelessness, contact with the criminal justice system, unemployment, etc.

Although older youth are often times more challenging to place in permanency situations, many states are overcoming barriers and moving older youth to permanency. States and localities are developing collaborative efforts with courts, private providers, and community leaders to move more youth to permanency. Increasing youth permanency is an effective strategy to safely reduce the number of children in foster care while increasing positive outcomes.

This webcast will provide an overview of the issue and examples of how leaders in states, the legal community, and youth themselves are responding to this important and complex issue and will feature:

- Krista Penrod, Youth Advocate, Iowa
- Andrea Khoury, Project Manager, Bar-Youth Empowerment Project, ABA Center on Children and the Law
- Michelle Chalmers, Program Manager, The Homecoming Project

Viewers will be able to email in questions during the live event, and the webcast recording will be posted for future viewing. More resources related to the webcast presentations will be posted prior to the event on the event [website](#). To view webcast go to: **<http://www.nga.org/webcast>**. For more information contact Jody Grutza at jgrutza@nga.org.