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## STATE OF MAINE TASK FORCE ON KINSHIP FAMILIES

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting #2, September 7, 2010

Room 209, Cross State Office Building, 10 am to 4 pm

- 10:00 am Department of Education roles and responsibilities relating to kinship care
- Surrogate Parent Program
  - Maine Children's Cabinet Initiative "Keeping Maine's Children Connected"
  - Federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008
- *David Stockford, Policy Director and Team Leader, Special Services, Maine Department of Education*
- 10:30 am Legal processes and issues – presentation and discussion
- For children in the child welfare system
  - For children not in the child welfare system
- *Virginia Marriner, Director of Child Welfare Policy and Practice, Maine Department of Health and Human Services*
- *Barbara Kates, Director of Maine Kids-Kin, Families and Children Together*
- 11:30 am Initiatives and approaches in other states relating to kinship care
- *Nina Williams-Mbengue, Children and Families Program, National Conference of State Legislatures*
- 12:30 pm Break for lunch
- 1:30 pm Kinship family initiatives and research
- *Jennifer Crittenden, Research Associate, University of Maine Center on Aging*
- 2:00 pm Presentations by families in informal and formal kinship care systems
- 2:45 pm Work session – discussion of next steps

**Meeting #3, Tuesday, September 28**  
**Meeting #4, Tuesday, October 19**  
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