Program Overview: Recognizing that all governments need evidence to inform efficacious, effective, and sustainable policies, strategies, and programs to support appropriate action on behalf of children living outside family care, the overarching goal of this Evidence Summit is to provide expert review of the evidence on effective systems to identify, assess, assist, and monitor such children in lower- and middle-income countries.

This meeting follows a Pre-Summit held October 24-25, 2011 at the National Institutes of Health. The Pre-Summit engaged academics, technical experts and U.S. government program managers in a process to consider the strength of evidence relevant to children outside of family care, including those living on the streets or in institutions, trafficked, participating in armed groups, or exploited for their labor. Four teams were established at the Pre-Summit and have since worked together to review both peer-reviewed and gray literature through the lens of four focal questions:

Focal Question 1: What systems/strategies are most effective in identifying and enumerating children outside of family care?

Focal Question 2: What are the most effective systems/strategies/interventions to assess and address the immediate needs of children outside of family care?

Focal Question 3: What systems/strategies/interventions are effective for sustainable long-term care and protection of children with a history of living outside of family care?

Focal Question 4: What models, systems and strategies demonstrate efficacy, effectiveness, and/or sustainability for monitoring children who are or were outside of family care and/or for evaluating the impact of the programs and systems intended to serve them?

Draft papers from each of the four focal teams will be circulated to Summit participants one week before the Summit. During the Summit, the four focal question teams will present preliminary findings and recommendations, which will be discussed further by Summit participants in interactive small group discussions and in plenary. The Summit format is designed to maximize opportunities for expert feedback and consultation with leading researchers and technical experts. Based on recorded and documented feedback, final papers will be prepared following the Summit and submitted for publication. These will form the basis of recommendations for the U.S. government.

Expected outcomes from the Summit include: 1) clarity on evidence to inform policies, strategies, and programs relevant to protecting children outside of family care in lower- and middle-income countries; and 2) identification of evidence gaps to shape the research agenda. In addition, the Summit will lead to the establishment of guiding principles for U.S. government foreign assistance to children outside of family care. An interagency evidence-to-action strategy will be developed by July 2012 to ensure application of the principles, implement evidence-based best practices, and address critical knowledge gaps in U.S. government-funded initiatives.

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Agenda

The Evidence Summit will be moderated by Joan Lombardi.
Proceedings will be recorded and live streamed via Webinar.

Day 1 – December 12

8:00-8:30 Registration and Coffee
8:30-8:35 Welcome and Introduction
8:35-8:50 Keynote Address
Rajiv Shah, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development
8:50-9:00 Opening Remarks
Senator Mary Landrieu
9:00-10:00 SESSION ONE

Collaborating for Impact: A Whole-of-Government Approach to Protecting Children Outside of Family Care in Lower- and Middle-Income Countries


Roundtable Participants:
- Ambassador Luis CdeBaca, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State and Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State
- Marcia Eugenio, Director, Office of Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking, U.S. Department of Labor
- Alan Guttmacher, Director, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health
- Robin Ikeda, Deputy Director for Noncommunicable Diseases, Injury and Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Ambassador Susan Jacobs, Special Advisor for Children’s Issues, U.S. Department of State
- Caroline Ryan, Director of Technical Leadership, Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator, U.S. Department of State
- Bryan Samuels, Commissioner of the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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SESSION TWO

10:00-10:45

The Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences
Jack P. Shonkoff, Julius B. Richmond FAMRI Professor of Child Health and Development, Harvard School of Public Health and Harvard Graduate School of Education, Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School and Children's Hospital Boston, Director, Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University

The Cost of Inaction
Jacqueline Bhabha, Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Lecturer on Law, Harvard Law School, Director of Research, Harvard's Francois-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights, Adjunct Lecturer on Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

SESSION THREE

11:15-12:00

Child Protection in a Global Context
Susan Bissell, Chief, Child Protection, UNICEF

Addressing the Unique Vulnerabilities of Children Outside of Family Care
Kathleen Strottman, Executive Director, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute

12:00-1:00 Lunch

SESSION FOUR

1:00-3:00

Focal Question 1: Identifying and Enumerating Children Outside of Family Care
Presentation of the Evidence
Claudia Cappa, Statistics and Monitoring Section, UNICEF

Presentation of Recommendations
Tom Pullum, Director of Research, Demographic and Health Surveys, ICF International

Interactive small group discussions and expert feedback

3:00-3:15 Coffee Break

SESSION FIVE

3:15-5:15

Focal Question 2: Assessing and Addressing the Immediate Needs of Children Outside of Family Care

Presentation of the Evidence
Eduardo Garcia Rolland, Child Protection Technical Advisor, The International Rescue Committee

Presentation of Recommendations
John Williamson, Senior Technical Advisor, Displaced Children and Orphans Fund, U.S. Agency for International Development

Interactive small group discussions and expert feedback
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5:15-5:30 Review of Day 1, Plans for Day 2

Day 2 – December 13

8:00-8:30 Coffee

8:30-10:30 SESSION SIX

Focal Question 3: Effective sustainable long-term care and protection of children with a history of living outside of family care

Presentation of the Evidence
John D. Fluke, Vice President, Child Protection Research Center, American Humane Association and Scholar in Residence, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver

Presentation of Recommendations
Philip Goldman, President, Maestral International

Interactive small group discussions and expert feedback

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-2:45 SESSION SEVEN

Focal Question 4: Monitoring children who are or were outside of family care and evaluating the impact of the programs and systems intended to serve them

Presentation of the Evidence
Alastair Ager, Professor of Clinical Population and Family Health, Program on Forced Migration & Health, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

Presentation of Recommendations
Cathy Zimmerman, Senior Lecturer, Gender Violence and Health Centre, Social and Mathematical Epidemiology (SaME), London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Interactive roundtable discussions and expert feedback

12:45-2:00 Lunch

2:00-3:30 SESSION EIGHT

From Evidence to Action
Neil Boothby, Allan Rosenfield Professor of Clinical Forced Migration and Health Director, Program on Forced Migration and Health, Columbia University

Interactive small group discussions and expert feedback

3:30-4:00 SESSION NINE

Planning for Coordination and Impact: Developing a U.S. Government Strategy for Protecting Children Outside of Family Care

Ambassador Donald Steinberg, Deputy Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development