# ADOPTION, FOSTER CARE, AND CHILDREN'S WELL-BEING: RESOURCES FROM THE CHILDREN'S BUREAU

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#### AGENDA FOR WEBINAR

- Overview of the Children's Bureau
- Disclaimers
- Tour of the CB web site
- Questions

#### PURPOSE OF CHILDREN'S BUREAU (CB)

- Created in 1912 "to focus exclusively on improving the lives of children and families."
- → U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  - → Administration for Children and Families
    - → Children's Bureau

## DISCLAIMERS/CLARIFICATIONS

- (1) The Children's Bureau web site (<a href="https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb">https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb</a>) provides data, policies and legal resources on the national level.
- (2) The site also provides resources, referrals and links (including FAQs) to answer legal questions.

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- (1) "States and tribes are primarily responsible for implementing their own child welfare systems; however, federal laws and regulations provide guidance and structure for their child welfare policies and practices."
- (2) The state governments administer the child welfare systems. They also make the laws and policies for that system (within their own states).
- (3) The state agency web sites will provide more detailed data on the local level (state, region, county, city).