



**State of Florida  
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Mr. Tom Lukasik, Chairman  
Florida Faith-Based And Community-Based Advisory Council  
c/o Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection  
The Capitol, Suite 2002  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Mr. Lukasik:

I wish to designate the Florida Faith-Based And Community-Based Advisory Council (FBCB) as one of Florida's citizen review panels for the Federal Fiscal Year 2014, in support of the requirements of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). By so designating FBCB, we are in part providing national recognition of the important role the Council plays in shaping Florida's system. The structure and functions of FBCB are truly reflective of the national intent to have citizen input and review of child welfare as required by CAPTA.

In brief, CAPTA requires states to establish citizen review panels. These panels must be a diverse group of volunteers with knowledge of the child protection system. Panels evaluate the extent to which the state child protection agency is effectively discharging child protection responsibilities, provide for public outreach, and make recommendations to improve the child protection system. Each panel must prepare an annual report, such as FBCB already does. I remain confident that the FBCB is an effective CAPTA designee.

I look forward to continued collaboration, and, as always, appreciate your commitment and effort. Feel free to contact me or Ms. Audrey Ressler, CAPTA Specialist, via email at [audrey\\_ressler@dcf.state.fl.us](mailto:audrey_ressler@dcf.state.fl.us) or at (850) 717-4680.

Sincerely,

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