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**GOV. GUINN ANNOUNCES DIVISION OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
SELECTED TO ATTEND POLICY ACADEMY**

CARSON CITY – Gov. Kenny Guinn today announced that the State of Nevada’s Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) has been selected as one of only five delegations nationwide to attend the fifth federal Policy Academy on Transforming Mental Health Care for Children and Families Through Planning, Policy and Practice. The delegation from Nevada will attend the training from Aug. 8-11 in Albuquerque, N.M.

The federal Policy Academy, on behalf of the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch of the Center for Mental Health Services and the Georgetown University National Technical Assistance Center for Children’s Mental Health, congratulated DCFS and Nevada on the commitment the State is making to design, implement and assess the effectiveness of this major mental health policy initiative for children and their families. “The selection of DCFS to the federal Policy Academy supports our goal to strengthen and streamline the statewide coordination and funding needed to support our state’s developing System of Care for Nevada’s children and families,” Gov. Guinn said. “Attendance by Nevada’s key policymakers representing children’s mental health will be a crucial component in helping our state move toward achieving the goals of the President’s New Freedom Commission Report, which recognizes that optimal mental health care must be consumer and family driven.”

Jone Bosworth, Administrator of the Division of Child and Family Services, said that Nevada’s delegation will include key policymakers from the Department of Human Resources as well as Assemblywoman Barbara Buckley. “Selection to the federal Policy Academy presents an incredible opportunity for Nevada to help align relevant federal programs to improve access and accountability for children’s mental health services,” Bosworth said. “We are thrilled that DCFS was able to write and receive the selection – being one of only five states selected by the Review Committee from among fourteen applications submitted.”

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