

## Improving Outcomes for Children through Performance-Based Contracting

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### Patrick Boyle, Moderator

Patrick Boyle is the editor of *Youth Today*, the national trade newspaper for people who run youth programs, and author of a parenting column called “A Father’s Place.” Boyle has covered child and family issues for *The Washington Post*, *Newsday*, *The Baltimore Sun*, ABC News, and several parenting magazines. He teaches at the Philip Merrill College of Journalism and is the author of *Scouts’ Honor*, which examined sex abuse in the Boy Scouts of America.

### Elizabeth Black

Elizabeth Black is executive director of the Office of Child Permanency of the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services (DCS). Black oversees the divisions for foster care and adoptions, permanency planning, child placement and private providers, child welfare reform, centralized permanency services, and community partnerships and support services. Prior to this appointment, she served at DCS as the kinship care program coordinator and she implemented a child welfare reform effort known as Family to Family. Prior to her work at DCS, she coordinated a collaboration to support kinship families in Nashville, Tennessee, between the Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, Family and Children’s Services, and the Vanderbilt University Law School.

### Gino DeSalvatore

Gino DeSalvatore is the director of residential treatment and academy services at Centerstone in Nashville, Tennessee. DeSalvatore is responsible for residential treatment, foster care, adoptions and in-home case management. He has served on a number of committees for the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services to improve the behavioral and mental health delivery system to the state’s children and youth. He has 30 years of experience working with children, adolescents, and their families, both in psychiatric hospitals and in residential treatment centers. He has published a number of articles about children’s mental and behavioral health.

### Fred Wulczyn

Fred Wulczyn is a research fellow at Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago. Wulczyn is the recipient of the National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators’ Peter Forsythe Award for leadership in public child welfare. He is lead author of *Beyond Common Sense: Child Welfare, Child Well-Being, and the Evidence for Policy Reform* and co-editor of *Child Protection: Using Research to Improve Policy and Practice*. He is director of the Center for State Foster Care and Adoption Data, which provides cutting edge information technology to states for use in research and management.

