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[Response to be sent by e-mail to  
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Re: Comments on CF SR Federal Register Notice (76 FR 18677)

Dear Ms. Rothstein:

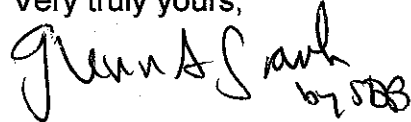
Please accept this as the New Jersey Judiciary's response to the above notice, which seeks comment regarding the federal Child and Family Services Reviews (CF SRs). The Department of Children and Families (DCF), its Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), which is the state's child protection agency, and the Judiciary share the goal of improved outcomes for the children and families of New Jersey. This collaborative relationship between DCF and the courts is illustrated by the active participation of DCF and DYFS in the statewide Children in Court Improvement Committee and the local Children in Court Advisory Committees.

DCF's inclusion of the courts in the 2009 CF SR process further demonstrates this cooperation. Throughout the process, DCF maintained open channels of communications with the Judiciary and sought Judiciary feedback on court-related CF SR action items from the CF SR statewide assessment. DCF invited the Judiciary to participate in CF SR meetings and conference calls leading up to the 2009 CF SR. DCF welcomed court staff representatives to be on the review teams that actually conducted the CF SR. DCF invited Judiciary representatives to attend the local and statewide exit interviews as well as the final statewide meeting where the CF SR review team reported on its preliminary findings. After receiving the 2009 CF SR final report, DCF invited the Judiciary to provide feedback and to assist in developing the program improvement plan (PIP) on court-related issues.

From the Judiciary's perspective, DCF has demonstrated its willingness to partner with the Judiciary in the CF SR process. New Jersey is fortunate that the

Executive Branch and the Judicial Branch actors involved in this exceptionally important area are able to communicate and collaborate effectively and productively on this and other projects.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn A. Grant". To the right of the signature, there are initials "by SBB" written in a smaller, less legible cursive.

Glenn A. Grant

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