Connecting federal initiatives to local transformation

Translate broad priorities into specific decisions about roles, data, services, and implementation.

Morning discussion | Carol Self

Participants discussed how CBC organizations can contribute to state system design and improvement, including conversations about the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) and A Home for Every Child. They distinguished state oversight from local operations and asked for earlier involvement in decisions that shape services. Prevention, rural capacity, data, and the practical effects of implementation were recurring concerns. A useful next step was to separate federal requirements, state choices, and contract provisions so partners can address the right decision maker.

Afternoon discussion | Thea Ramirez

The afternoon discussion emphasized the difference between being consulted and having a meaningful role in design. Participants raised questions about Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) changes, access to information, and the ability to preserve useful local practices. They connected data and technology decisions with prevention, rates, innovation, and service capacity. The conversation also highlighted that having a home available is only one part of meeting a child's needs; families need appropriate supports and a workable service pathway.

Put the learning to work

- Choose one initiative and list the operational decisions it creates, including the effect on families, staff, information, and providers.
- Maintain a question log that distinguishes a verified requirement from a local interpretation or unresolved issue.
- Identify the decision owner, where CBC and family input enters, and what information must remain available during implementation.

Questions for your team

At what point can local experience still change the design? Which dependency could interrupt services if it is missed?

Proposed CY2027 connection

May LX; State/Federal Government quarterly work, linked with CIO/CTO and CQO implementation questions.

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