

# Update on Joint Activities of the Safety and Services Subcommittee

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IACC Full Committee Meeting – July 19, 2011

# Joint Safety and Services Subcommittee Meeting Activities

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- Subcommittees met on May 19, 2011 to hear presentations and discuss seclusion and restraint (S/R)
- Presentations and video link available on IACC Website at [www.iacc.hhs.gov](http://www.iacc.hhs.gov)
- In addition to educating the public and the IACC regarding S/R, the Subcommittees discussed drafting a letter to Secretary Sebelius on S/R

# Summary of S/R Meeting Presentations

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- Sharon Lewis, Co-Chair, Safety Subcommittee and Commissioner, Administration on Developmental Disabilities
  - Background on S/R
- Alexa Posny, Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education
  - Update on the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services' activities to address S/R
- Ellen Blackwell, Co-Chair, Services Subcommittee, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
  - S/R in Medicaid
- Larke Huang, Senior Advisor on Children, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
  - Alternatives to S/R

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- Chas Moseley, Associate Executive Director, National Association of State Directors of Developmental Disabilities
  - A Brief Look at State Policies and Practices
- Curt Decker, Executive Director, National Disability Rights Network
  - An Epidemic in Our Schools
- Bob Putnam, Senior Vice President, School Consultation, May Institute
  - Effective Implementation of School-Wide Positive Behavior Support: Reducing the Need for S/R

# Joint Safety and Services Subcommittee Meeting

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- The minutes and slides are an excellent summary of the status of this important issue across settings (schools, and community-based and institutional settings): <http://iacc.hhs.gov/events/2011/joint-services-safety-subcommittee-mtg-slides-may19.shtml>
- The Subcommittees worked together with Commissioner Lewis to draft a letter to Secretary Sebelius on S/R
- Discussion of draft letter