Over time the Pelican Center will be involved with each of the following major CIP areas of work:

- Data projects;
- Improving the quality of legal representation for children and indigent parents;
- Improving the quality of hearings, especially through greater participation by children and foster parents;
- Overseeing projects and approaches to improve child well-being outcomes;
- Improving ICWA compliance;
- Ensuring CIP Participation in the federal child welfare system review process;
- Encouraging efforts related to continuous quality improvement (CQI) of global child welfare outcomes.

The Pelican Center for Children and Families is a Louisiana non-profit organization dedicated to improving outcomes for Louisiana’s children and families.

**Our Mission Statement:**
“A statewide, multidisciplinary collaborative strengthening the child welfare continuum from prevention to permanency.”

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Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.

Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.

Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.

Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.

Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.

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