



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Child Health and Safety Task Force

Goal: Improve the Health and Safety of Children in Indiana

3/25/2024

10:00 am – 12:00 pm ET

Microsoft Teams (virtual)

Agenda

1. Welcome
 - a. New Members
 - b. Invitation for New Members

2. New Strategic Objectives for Task Force – Recap of January team lead discussion and new updates
 - a. Increase community-based social and concrete support for families with children, including those being cared for informally by relatives.
 - i. **Angela Smith-Grossman – DCS**
 1. *Kinship Caregiver Board already exists, and they are currently working to collaborate on needs of families with other agencies (resources, utilities, aging, etc)*
 - b. Increase housing stability for families with children.
 - i. **Jack Turman – IU Pediatrics**
 1. *COMMISSION – Will present in October to share data and discuss housing needs*
 - c. Recommend ways to increase the power and voice of children in state care.
 - i. **Hannah Milner – Foster Success**
 1. *Grow internal work with youth voices for the Commission.*
 2. *Bring together youth advisory boards across the state.*
 - d. Identify and encourage adoption of effective and promising models for promoting healthy teen relationships, preventing unplanned pregnancy, and reducing the sexual victimization of adolescents.
 - i. **Tammie Carter - LifeSmart Youth**
 1. *COMMISSION – present in June – YRBS update + working with schools + best practices/recommendations.*
 - e. Increase access to early intervention for vulnerable young children.
 - i. **Kristi Linson (IDOH) /Christina Commons (First Steps)**
 1. *COMMISSION – Present in April or June results of IPQIC survey on developmental screening.*
 - ii. **Willie Taylor and Jeffrey Whittman**
 1. *COMMISSION – April presentation re: Family Resource Centers & Safe Place*
 2. *Exploring transportation in rural areas*

3. Other Updates

- a. Covering Kids and Families – School Health Network Conference
- b. Pregnancy Promise – Annual Report
- c. Labor of Love Conference

4. Reminders:

- a. Next Commission Meetings: 4/17, 6/18, 8/21, 10/16, 12/11
- b. Next Committee Meetings: 5/20, 7/29, 9/30, 11/25 (10am – 12pm, virtual)