



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

MEETING AGENDA

August 21, 2024 / 10:00 AM – Noon

1. **Welcome & Introductions** - John Hammond, Chair
2. **Consent Agenda - 10:01 AM** – John Hammond, Chair
 - a. Minutes from the June meeting**Action: Approve June Meeting Minutes**
3. **BEST Youth Initiative Update - 10:05 AM**
 - a. Presentation by Aly Leonard - CISC Youth Representative & BEST Youth State Team
 - b. Commission Discussion and Q&A
4. **Department of Child Services Prevention Programs - 10:10 AM**
 - a. Presentation by Hannah Robinson & Ashley Purdue - Department of Child Services
 - b. Commission Discussion and Q&A
5. **Indiana Behavioral Health Access Program for Youth (Be Happy) - 11:00 AM**
 - a. Presentation by Rachel Yoder, MD - Indiana Behavioral Health Access Program for Youth
 - b. Commission Discussion and Q&A
6. **Court Appointed Special Advocates & Guardians ad Litem - 11:10 AM**
 - a. Presentation by Rae Feller, Esq. - GAL/CASA State Director
 - b. Commission Discussion and Q&A
7. **Executive Director Updates – 11:45 AM** – Mark Fairchild
 - a. Presentation of 2024 Annual Report
 - b. BEST Youth Initiative state visit September 23-25
 - c. Introduction of 2024-2025 Sen. Jean Breaux Collaboration Fellows
 - d. Discussion on youth and family engagement progress and staffing need
8. **Commission Member Announcements & Adjournment**

2024 Meeting Dates

October 16 & December 11 @ 10AM - Indiana Government Center South

Vision: *Every child in Indiana will have a safe and nurturing environment and be afforded opportunities to reach their full potential and live a healthy and productive life.*