

**TENTATIVE
AGENDA***

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT

September 11, 2024

**Wednesday, September 11
All-Day Session**

Room 582-N—Statehouse

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- 9:00 a.m. Office of the Child Advocate Update
- Kerrie Lonard, Acting Child Advocate, Office of the Child Advocate
- 9:30 a.m. SOUL Family Legal Permanency Update
- Kristalle Hedrick, Vice President of Kansas Programming, FosterAdopt Connect
 - Jennifer Townsend, Vice President of Children and Youth Programs, FosterAdopt Connect
 - Nykia Gatson, Authentic Youth and Family Engagement Practice Subgroup
- 10:00 a.m. What the Research Tells Us About Well-Functioning Child Protection Systems
- Dr. Peter J. Pecora, M.S.W., Ph.D., Managing Director of Research Services for Casey Family Programs
- 11:30 a.m. Testimony from Individuals, Providers, and Organizations Concerning the Kansas Child Welfare System
- Dr. K'Arissa Annette Grellner, private citizen
 - Deena Gage, State Director, Kansas CASA Association
 - Mike Kriwiel, President Pyxis
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Approval of Minutes
- Lunch will be provided for committee members and staff.*
- Approval of June 26, 2024, meeting minutes
- 12:15 p.m. Department for Children and Families Update
- Laura Howard, Secretary for Children and Families
- 1:45 p.m. Presentation on Therapeutic Foster Care
- Tanya Keys, Deputy Secretary, DCF

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- Justin Horton, Chief Programs and Innovation Officer, Cornerstones of Care
- Jeanette Owens, Chief Child Welfare Officer, DCCCA
- Ellen Standlee, Operations Director, Kansas Foster Care and FFT Programs, Eckerd Connects
- Lori Gonzales, President, EmberHope Youthville
- Kristalle Hedrick, Vice President of Kansas Programming, FosterAdopt Connect
- Angela Hedrick, Vice President, KVC Kansas
- Kimberly Young, Chief Business Development and Governmental Relations Officer, Pressley Ridge

2:45 p.m.

Family Preservation and Case Management Provider Updates

- Justin Horton, Chief Programs and Innovation Officer, Cornerstones of Care
- Jeanette Owens, Chief Child Welfare Officer, DCCCA
- Brenda Watkins, President, EmberHope Connections
- Linda Bass, President, KVC Kansas
- Matt Stephens, Vice President of Advocacy, St. Francis Ministries
- Emily Hermes, Vice President of Permanency Services, TFI Family Services

3:45 p.m.

Legal Representation for Children in the Child Welfare System

- Natalece Washington, Policy Counsel, National Association of Counsel for Children
- Grant Brazill, Morris Laing Law Firm

4:30 p.m.

Supreme Court Permanency Planning Task Force

- The Honorable Kellie Hogan, 18th Judicial District Court Judge

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn