

**TENTATIVE
AGENDA***

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT

November 13 – 14, 2024

**Wednesday, November 13
All-day Session**

Room 582-N—Statehouse

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- 9:00 a.m. Presentation on *McIntyre v. Howard* Settlement Agreement Period 3 Progress Report
- Judith Meltzer, Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Social Policy
 - Brenna Visocsky, Just Campaign Director, Kansas Appleseed
 - Laura Howard, Secretary for Children and Families, Department for Children and Families (DCF)
- 11:00 a.m. Presentation on Strategies for Safely Narrowing the Door to Child Welfare
- Anne Heiligenstein, Senior Director Strategic Consultant, Casey Family Programs
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 2:00 p.m. DCF Update
- Laura Howard, Secretary for Children and Families
- 3:00 p.m. Office of the Child Advocate (OCA) Update
- Kerrie Lonard, Acting Child Advocate, OCA
- 3:15 p.m. Presentation on Challenges of Law Enforcement Related to Child Welfare
- Ed Klumpp, Legislative Liaison, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Sheriffs Association
- 3:30 p.m. Presentation on Children with Special Health Needs in Foster Care
- Dr. Nanette L. Perrin, Senior Director of LifeShare and Social Determinants of Health, Sunflower Health Plan
- 4:00 p.m. Presentation on Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Deena Gage, State Director, Kansas CASA Association
- 4:15 p.m. Child Abuse Review Examination (CARE) Network Update
- Mallory Lutz, Little Government Relations

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4:30 p.m. Adjourn

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- 9:00 a.m. Testimony from Individuals, Providers, and Organizations Concerning the Kansas Child Welfare System
- Sister There Bangert, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth
 - Sherry Leshner, private citizen
 - Shawn Wilson, private citizen
 - Nicholas Reinecker, private citizen
 - Ashley Crego, private citizen (written-only testimony)
- 9:30 a.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
 - Tabitha Gibson, Senior Vice President of Permanency Services, TFI Family Services
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation on Environmental Study of Psychiatric Residential Facility (PRTF) Youth Admissions
- Drew Adkins, Commissioner of Behavioral Health Services, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
- 12:00 p.m. Working Lunch
- *Lunch will be provided for members and staff.*
- 12:30 p.m. State Child Death Review Board (SCDRB) Annual Report
- Sara Hortenstine, Executive Director, SCDRB
- 1:00 p.m. Review of Neglect Definitions and Proposed Changes
- Tanya Keys, Deputy Secretary, DCF
- 1:30 p.m. Approval of Minutes
- Approval of September 11, 2024, meeting minutes
- 1:35 p.m. Committee Discussion and Recommendations
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn