

**UPDATED
TENTATIVE
AGENDA***

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT

August 04, 2025

**Monday, August 4
Morning Session**

Room 112-N—Statehouse

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- 9:00 a.m. Presentation on the Family First Prevention Services Act
- Christine Calpin, Managing Director for Public Policy, Casey Family Programs
 - Tanya Keys, Deputy Secretary, Department for Children and Families (DCF)
- 11:00 a.m. Presentations from Preventive Service Providers
- Lindsay Smith, Executive Director, Radical Life
 - Jeremy Cagle, Vice President of Growth and Strategy, FosterAdopt Connect
 - Gail Cozadd, Chief Executive Officer, Kansas Children's Service League
- 12:30 p.m. Working Lunch
- Lunch will be provided to members and staff by Cornerstones of Care.*
- Approval of June 2, 2025, meeting minutes
- 1:00 p.m. Testimony from Individuals, Providers, and Organizations
- Verbal Testimony*
- Peter and Kimberlee Berezuk
 - Rebecca Bryant (Webex)
 - Ashley Crego
 - Cheyanne Dorssom and Dalton Comstock (Webex)
 - Sarah Goble
 - Hannah-Grace Gorman, Administrative Manager, SoHome Kids Foundation
 - Sherry Leshner
 - Jo Petty (Webex)
 - Amanda Raccagno
- Written-only Testimony*
- Deena Gage, Kansas CASA Association
 - Ashli Goodall

* Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in committee meetings. Requests for accommodation should be made at least two working days in advance of the meeting by contacting Legislative Administrative Services at (785) 296-2391 TTY: 711

- Representative Timothy Johnson, 38th District
 - Rob Large
- 2:00 p.m. Family Preservation and Case Management Provider Updates
- Kristalle Hedrick, Chief Executive Officer, Children's Alliance of Kansas
 - 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
- 3:00 p.m. DCF Update
- Laura Howard, Secretary, DCF
 - Caroline Hastings, Northeast Regional Director, DCF
 - Pamela Beach, Northwest Regional Director, DCF
 - David Arnold, Kansas City Regional Director, DCF
 - Stefanie Senf, Southeast Regional Director, DCF
 - Dee Nighswonger, Wichita Regional Director, DCF
 - Stacey Tweedy, Southwest Regional Director, DCF
- 4:00 p.m. Office of the Child Advocate Update
- Kerrie Lonard, Child Advocate, Office of the Child Advocate
- 4:30 p.m. Adjourn