

**INDIANA TASK FORCE ON PUBLIC DEFENSE  
SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHINS/TPR  
STATE MODELS**

<b>State</b>	<b>PD oversight board</b>	<b>Type of Funding</b>	<b>Delivery System</b>	<b>CHINS/TPR representation</b>
Colorado	Non-independent statewide commission	State funded	State run	<p>The Office of Respondent Counsel is an independent governmental agency within the Colorado Judicial Branch and is vested with oversight and administration of Respondent Parents' Counsel Representation since July 1, 2016.</p> <p>The ORPC determines eligibility to represent parents, oversees contracts with attorneys, provides a panel of appellate attorneys and provides training.</p> <p>ORPC staff includes lawyers and a social work coordinator. The staff is working to integrate an interdisciplinary model throughout the state.</p> <p>The Office of Child Representation provides best interest representation. A Chief Justice Directive establishes policies and training requirements for representation of children in a variety of civil matters.</p>
Massachusetts	Independent statewide commission	State funding	State run	<p>The Committee for Public Counsel Services includes the Child and Family Law Division (CAFL), which represents children and parents in cases in which the Department of Children and Families (DCF) removes children from their homes because of claims of neglect or abuse. It includes termination of parental rights cases. CAFL also provides lawyers to children and parents in child requiring assistance (CRA) cases, and children and parents in contested guardianship cases.</p> <p>Most CAFL lawyers are private attorneys. Others are CPCS staff members, who work in partnership with CPCS staff social workers. Whether private or staff, our lawyers protect the rights of parents and children to remain together whenever</p>

				<p>possible and their right to be reunited quickly when children are removed from their homes.</p> <p>There are CAFL trial units, a CAFL appellate division, Private Counsel Trial Panel, Private Counsel Appellate Panel, and a CAFL Training Unit.</p>
New York	Independent Commission but limited	Mixed funding	Mixed run	<p>The Center for Family Representation is a 501©(3) nonprofit organization which is primarily publicly funded and includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Initiate representation at investigation stage through all court proceedings</li> <li>*Interdisciplinary representation – attorneys, social workers, parent advocates and paralegals.</li> <li>*Training and practice assistance</li> <li>* Policy reform</li> <li>*Visiting Project</li> <li>* Cornerstone Advocacy focuses on visitation, placement, services and conferences within the first 60 days</li> </ul> <p>This model has been replicated by the Bronx Public Defenders, Brooklyn Public Defenders, Neighborhood Legal Services of Harlem, and Monroe Public Defender in Rochester.</p>
North Carolina	Independent Commission but limited	State funding	Locally run services	<p>The Office of Parent Representation was created to assist attorneys representing indigent parents in abuse, neglect, dependency (A/N/D) and termination of parental rights (TPR) proceedings. They provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*training programs and resources</li> <li>*consultation to attorneys</li> <li>*listservs</li> </ul> <p>The office is responsible for evaluating and assigning A/N/D and TPR appeals to qualified appellate attorneys.</p>

				The office participates in statewide policy and legislative committees to ensure the interests of the parents and their attorneys are protected.
Washington	No commission	Minimum state funds	Locally run services	Office of Public Defense Parent Representation Program: * Contracts with attorneys to represent indigent parents, custodians and legal guardians involved in child dependency and termination of parental rights proceedings. *Maintains caseload limits and professional attorney standards; * Provides access to expert services and independent social workers; *Provides OPD oversight; * Provides ongoing training and support.