





## Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana Committee/Task Force Minutes

<b>Committee/Task Force:</b>	Child Services Oversight Committee		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)	02/21/2018	<b>Time:</b>	10:30am
<b>Minutes Prepared By:</b>	Victoria Szczechowski	<b>Location:</b>	Indiana Government Center South, Foyer 2 East
<b>5. New Business/Presentations</b>			
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Main Points</b>	<b>Recommendations/Decisions</b>	
General Agency Updates	Indiana's number of children in out-of-home care is significantly higher than the national average.	The Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group's final report comes out in June 2018; it will inform action.	
Bashor Children's Home Update	Foster youth are struggling educationally due to frequent replacement and school district policies.	Virtual charter schools could be an option for them. DCS needs to exhaust all efforts to place foster youth within their current school district.	
State CASA Update	Indiana's CASA program collects data from each county with a CASA program, which has resulted in reduction in children in needs of a CASA. CASA is implementing a pilot model of assigning CASAs based on evidence-based risk assessments of children in need of services.	N/A	
Legislative Update	Rep. McNamara discussed numerous pieces of active legislation regarding DCS.	N/A	
<b>6. Action Items (Include recommendations/queries for Executive Committee)</b>			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	
<b>7. Adjournment</b>			
<b>Action</b>	<b>Time</b>		
Rep. McNamara adjourned the meeting.			11:45am
<b>8. Next Meeting</b>			
<b>Date:</b> (MM/DD/YYYY)	07/18/2018	<b>Time:</b>	10:30am
		<b>Location:</b>	Conference Rm. 12, IN Gov. Center South
<b>Topics/Objective(s):</b>	Discuss the findings of the Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group's Report of the Evaluation of the Indiana Department of Child Services Child Welfare System		