



# Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

## MEETING AGENDA

December 6, 2023 / 10:00 AM – Noon

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – Senator Donato
2. **Consent Agenda – 10:05 AM** – Senator Donato
  - a. Minutes from the October meeting  
**Action: Approve October Meeting Minutes**
3. **Legislative Affairs & Engagement – 10:10 AM**
  - a. Issues for Monitoring and Potential Legislative Action – Mark Fairchild
    - i. Strategic plan objectives
    - ii. Additional issues suggested by Commission members:
      1. Early childhood mental health
      2. Suicide prevention
      3. Bullying prevention
      4. Improving YRBS participation rates
      5. Supporting the Youth Justice Oversight Committee
      6. Increasing access to quality childcare
      7. Other issues for consideration?

**Action: Approve Issues for Potential Legislative Action**
  - b. Proposed Legislative Engagement Agenda – Mark Fairchild
    - i. Note of introduction to all legislators w/ meeting invite
    - ii. Follow-up with all legislators at mid-session
    - iii. Ensure all legislators are receiving Commission email updates
    - iv. Joint Family and Children Committee meeting w/ reception - 1/11/24
    - v. State of the Child Presentation / Youth Advocacy Day - 2/19/24 (pending)
    - vi. Other opportunities?

**Action: Approve Legislative Engagement Agenda**
4. **Family and Youth Engagement Summit Recap – 10:30 AM** – Blane Cook and Youth Representatives
  - a. Audience Demographics
  - b. Early Audience Feedback
  - c. Discussion on Future Engagement Activities
5. **Youth Risk Behavior Survey Presentation – 10:45 AM**
  - a. Presentation from Indiana Department of Health – Dr. Weaver & Kate Schedel
  - b. Commission Member Discussion
6. **Task Force Updates – 11:15 AM** – Task Force Chairs
  - a. Child Health and Safety Task Force
  - b. Educational Outcomes Task Force
  - c. Juvenile Justice and Cross-System Youth Task Force
  - d. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force

**7. Announcements & Adjournment**

- a. **Indiana Public Defender Council Announcement** – Julia Stevens
- b. **Lunch reception following today's meeting**

**2024 Meeting Dates**

February 7, April 17, June 19, August 21, October 16, December 11 @ 10AM - Indiana Government Center South

**Vision:** *Every child in Indiana will have a safe and nurturing environment and be afforded opportunities to reach their full potential and live a healthy and productive life.*