



# Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

## MEETING AGENDA

April 22, 2026 / 10:00 AM – Noon

1. **Welcome & Introductions** - Representative Dale DeVon, Chair
2. **Consent Agenda - 10:05 AM** - Representative Dale DeVon, Chair
  - a. Minutes from the February 2026 meeting**Action: Approval of the February 2026 Minutes**
3. **Child Abuse Prevention Initiatives - 10:10 AM**
  - a. Presentation by Shannon Schumacher & Nicholle Probst, Prevent Child Abuse Indiana
  - b. Commission Discussion, Q&A
4. **Handle with Care Update - 10:40 AM**
  - a. Presentation by Chelsie Irwin, Youth & Family Programs Director, Department of Health
  - b. Commission Discussion, Q&A and next steps
5. **School Attendance Update - 11:05 AM**
  - a. Presentation by Stephen Balko, State Attendance Officer, Department of Education
  - b. Commission Discussion, Q&A
6. **2026 Legislative Session Updates - 11:20 AM** - Mark Fairchild, CISC
  - a. [SB 15: Foster Youth Bill of Rights](#)
  - b. [SB 171: Family and Children Matters](#)
  - c. [SB 246: Redaction of Court Records](#)
  - d. [HB 1003: Boards and Commissions](#)
  - e. [HB 1036: Children in Need of Services](#)
  - f. [HB 1257: Child Services Matters](#)
  - g. [HB 1303: Sex Crimes and Child Safety](#)
  - h. Commission Discussion, Q&A and next steps
7. **Status of 2026 Bullying & Online Safety Legislation - 11:40 AM**
  - a. 2026 General Assembly legislation and current status - Sierra Suozzi, CISC
  - b. Commission Discussion, Q&A and next steps
8. **Executive Director Report - 11:55 AM**
  - a. Safe Baby Court Teams Implementation
  - b. YJOC Integration and Grants
  - c. Staffing Updates
9. **Commission Member Announcements and Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: June 17, 2026 @ Indiana Government Center South, Conference Center Room C**

***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.