



Suicide Prevention, Bullying, and Online Safety Task Force

Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2025

The Suicide Prevention, Bullying, and Online Safety Task Force met on September 10, 2025, from 2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m. via Zoom. Minutes were prepared by Blane Cook.

Members Present:

The following members of the Committee were present via Zoom:

- Kelsey Aaron, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- Muna Abraham, Youth Representative
- Jodi Alexander, One Community One Family
- Brandy Anderson Willis, Essential Virtual Solutions
- Stephen Balko, Indiana Department of Education (IDOE)
- Charity Black, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA)
- Annie Cole, Bring Change 2 Mind
- Jason Craig, Mental Health America Indiana (MHAI)
- Karin Gilbert, Bring Change 2 Mind
- Jayma Girdler, Youth Representative
- Jeremy Greenlee, Indiana Youth Services Association
- Olivia Hesler, Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)
- Sarah Iwinski Wallace, Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)
- Esther Lewis, Holistic Evolution
- Jason Murrey, Indiana Department of Education (IDOE)
- Brigitt Nasby, Indiana Youth Services Association
- Myeshia Price, Indiana University
- Lorrie Ramsey, Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)
- Melanie Roberts, Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)
- Caitlyn Short, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA)
- Rai Singh, Youth Representative
- Crystal Sisson, Holly's House
- Larry Smith, Males with a Plan
- Bethany Stewart, Sagamore Institute
- Nikki Sullivan, LifeSmart Youth
- Erin Tuttle, Attorney General's Office

Staff/Guests Present:

Mark Fairchild, Blane Cook, Audrianna Lingren, and Sierra Suozzi, Commission on Improving the Status of Children (CISC). Sophia Schadewald, Indiana Department of Health.

Meeting Objectives:

- Timeline Tasks Accomplished Since Last Meeting
- Update on Subcommittee Co-Chairs & Membership
- Next Steps

Welcome and Introductions:

Blane asked members to introduce themselves and their role.

Updates/Old Business:

- Blane shared that he and Commission staff/members are shopping for co-chair replacements and hope to have those ready for approval at its October meeting.
- Blane recapped the Commission's August meeting, which included a task force's recommendation on family access in secure detention.
- Mark shared that CISC will conduct strategic planning later in the month and Blane added that subcommittee co-chairs have been invited to the in-person event and all members have been sent a survey.

New Business/Presentations:

- Caitlyn shared that the Suicide Prevention subcommittee has been discussing conducting a needs assessment.
- Sarah shared that the Bullying Subcommittee has its first meeting scheduled and asked if anyone wanted to be added.
- Blane mentioned that the Online Safety co-lead has had to step down and that staff is looking for a replacement. Esther shared that they've talked about the strategic planning sessions that are upcoming and are collecting ideas about the existing surveys. Sarah and Sophia added that IDOH can help answer some data requests.

Action Items:

- Subcommittee leads attend strategic planning day on Sept 23 and other members fill out survey if interested.
- Sophia to ask CDC if questionnaire can be shared with the group.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45PM.

Next Meeting:

November 12th 2-4pm eastern time via Zoom.