



Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Multi-System Youth Task Force March 27, 2026; 9:30-11:00 a.m. EDT Virtual via Zoom Agenda

Strategic Goal:

Improve safety and outcomes of children and youth who encounter multiple systems

The Multi-System Youth Task Force shall provide information, present recommendations, and provide followup on Commission approved recommendations regarding:

1. Improving identification, referral, system responses and appropriate services for victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).
2. Identifying gaps and potential solutions for dual status youth and those involved with multiple systems.
3. Integrating the science of child and adolescent development into system responses.
4. Promoting family and caregiver engagement at all stages of system involvement.
5. Improving how systems transition children and youth, including both when they are transitioning between systems and when they are exiting systems

- 9:30 Welcome/Introductions/Check-In
- 9:40 Review and approval of December minutes
- 9:45 Wrap Up 2023-2025 Strategic Plan
Objective #2
Identify and encourage adoption of effective policies and practices that promote family engagement, healing, and growth in juvenile status offense cases
Leah Pezzarossi and Tracy Fitz
- 10:00 Action Items and Updates
1. Prepare and distribute February meeting minutes
Persons Responsible: Sierra Suozzi and Nancy Wever
Status: Completed
 2. Objective #2 (from previous Strategic Plan) Sub-Committee (Status Offenses): Follow-up with Tracy regarding expected completion date and distribution to the Task Force
Person/Group Responsible: Nancy
Status: Completed – Tracy plans to have the report ready for distribution by Thursday, March 26th
 3. SB 111: Family access for youth in detention – Nancy to talk to Mark about meeting with the task force about ways to engage with legislation.
Status: Completed – Mark will attend meeting and share information.
- 10:15 Sub-Committee Reports
1. **Improving identification, referral, system responses and appropriate services for victims of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC).**
Judges Dowling and Harvey

2. Identifying gaps and potential solutions for dual status youth and those involved with multiple systems.

Waylon James and Colleen Saylor

Action Item from February: Colleen and Waylon will continue recruiting members and will send out calendar invitations for the meetings.

3. Integrating the science of child and adolescent development into system responses.

JauNae Hanger and Kate Province

Action Item from February: JauNae and Kate will reach out to the previous/current members to determine interest in remaining active on the sub-committee. They will send out calendar invitations for the meetings.

4. Promoting family and caregiver engagement at all stages of system involvement.

Action Item from February: Judge Harvey and Nancy to meet with Erica Sanders about potentially chairing or co-chairing the sub-committee.

5. Improving how systems transition children and youth, including both when they are transitioning between systems and when they are exiting systems.

Action Item from February: – Nancy to talk to her team member about co-chairing the work group.

10:45 Executive Director Update – Mark Fairchild

11:00 Adjourn