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2026 DCS Regional Service Council Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026, 12:00 Noon

Microsoft Teams: [Regional Service Council- R2 | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

DCS Region 2

*DCS Regional Service Councils exist to address local child welfare services delivery and needs as well as prevention efforts to keep Indiana families and children safe. For more information, please go to: <https://www.in.gov/dcs/overview/regional-service-councils/>

- Welcome
 - Remarks provided by Erin Shidler-Introductions for Core Team.
- Introduction of R2 Council Members Invited to represent the region.
- Approval of Minutes
 - No minutes as this is the first office Region 2 RSC
- DCS Financials Overview – James Edmonds
 - Robert Daughtery
 - Provided introduction of new report regarding expenditure.
 - Top 10 CHINS highest services costs.
 - LCPA Foster Homes
 - Family Pres Services
 - Supervised visitation
 - Child Caring Institution
 - DCS Foster Care
 - Intensive Foster Care
 - Private Secure
 - Home Based Centered Case Work
 - Group Home
 - Unlicensed Kinship Stipends
- DCS Community Based Services- Dion Smith
 - Announcements



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- Services Coordinators will start setting up a monthly services meeting for the field.-Starting in March 2026.
 - Topic each month
 - April 2026: Will start hosting provider meetings for the Region. (Quarterly)
 - Will send invite to all providers.
 - Reminder to use the Services Hub.
 - Realigned the Regions. Dion Smith and John Macmurdo cover Region 2.
 - **Service Gaps Discussion/Feedback**
 - Child Hearsay
 - If you think of other gaps, please send to Dion Smith.
- Community Partners Reports- Prevention Providers
 - Geminus Community Services
 - Amanda Satterfield-provided Report
 - October: DCS Referrals 110: 76 Non DCS Referrals
 - November: 107 DCS referrals: 61 Non DCS Referrals
 - December: 114 DCS Referrals: 54 Non DCS Referrals
 - 2 CFTM requests during the quarter.
 - 65 requested flex funds-all approved
 - Provided baby items, meals, safety items, etc. during the quarter.
 - Iris Family Support Center
 - Christy Robbins
 - October-December 410 referrals. 414 total families served. 1084 referrals to family (Community resources)
 - Most referrals come from DCS, Community, School, Self, and Medical.
 - Increase in school referrals, DCS referrals, and Medical referrals.
 - Prevention Education Reached 1694 people through community events and 5264 people through education presentations.
 - Firefly Children and Family Alliance
 - Megan Wills
 - Referrals: 590-Referral Source, mostly DCS and second self referral
 - Gave out 30 car seats and provided safe sleep to 85
 - Has a Safe Sleep Grant
 - Family Resource Center-Referrals 1745
 - Susie Stores-Take and Bake Meals, supplies
 - Jill Kelly-updates on prevention funds. Most people are on track for spending.
- Council Member Comments
 - None



- Public Announcements and Questions
 - Brooke Howe-Cooper House-Just opened a location in Fort Wayne. Contact House Manager to tour.
 - Joannie Crum-Omni-openings for Family Pres.
 - Agency Director continues to be on leave. Jennifer Dorfmeier is the acting Director. Foster Care has transitioned back under field team.
- Adjournment
 - Closing Remarks from Erin Shidler-thanking all who attended.



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