

Further Updated
**TENTATIVE
AGENDA***

JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT

October 04, 2023

Wednesday, October 4
Morning Session
Room 112-N—Statehouse

Harmony: <http://sg001-harmony.sliq.net/00287/Harmony/en/PowerBrowser/PowerBrowserV2/20231004/-1/17099>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wndAiZydpd4>

- 9:00 a.m. Child Welfare System Presentations from Individuals, Providers, and Organizations
- Kathryn Meinhardt, President, Kansas Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Support Network, Inc., and CEO, Dream Acres FASD Community
 - Lindsay Prater, private citizen
 - Nick Reinecker, private citizen
 - Ashley Crego, private citizen
 - Sherry Leshner, private citizen
 - Stacy Crow, private citizen
- 9:30 a.m. Department for Children and Families Update
- Laura Howard, Secretary for Children and Families (DCF)
- 10:30 a.m. Presentation on KidsTLC
- Dr. Erin Dugan, President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), KidsTLC, Inc.(Webex)
- 11:00 a.m. Case Management and Family Preservation Provider Updates
- Justin Horton, Chief Programs and Innovation Officer, Cornerstones of Care
 - Jeanette Owens, Chief Child Welfare Officer, DCCCA
 - Linda Bass, President, KVC Kansas
 - Matt Stephens, Vice President of Foster Care Homes, Saint Francis Ministries
 - Rachelle Roosevelt, Senior Vice President of Permanency Services, TFI Family Services
- 12:00 p.m. Working Lunch
- Approval of August 22, 2023, meeting minutes

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Afternoon Session

- 12:05 p.m. Presentation on Representation of Children in Abuse and Neglect Proceedings
- Natalie Nelson, Principal Research Analyst, Kansas Legislative Research Department
 - Kendall Seal, Vice President of Public Policy, The Center for the Rights of Abused Children
- 12:30 p.m. Overview of Kansas SOUL Family Legal Permanency Option
- Verbal Testimony*
- Laura Howard, Secretary for DCF
 - Sandra Gasca, Vice President, Center for Systems Innovation, Annie E. Casey Foundation
 - Mary Bissell, Founding Partner, ChildFocus Partners
 - Alexandria Ware, Founder, Culture Creations, Inc.
 - Kristen Powell, The Lost and Found Institute
 - Rachel Marsh, CEO, Children's Alliance of Kansas
 - John Wilson, President, Kansas Action for Children (Webex)
 - Adina Morse, Child Welfare Advocate, Kansas Appleseed
- Written-only Testimony*
- Nykia Gatson, Sacrifice for Liberation, Inc.
- 1:30 p.m. Discussion of Confidential Information Related to Alleged Child in Need of Care

This portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant KSA 75-4319(b)(8)

- 2:00 p.m. CARE Provider Program Update
- Dr. Emily Killough, M.D., Associate Director, Pediatric Residency Program, Children's Mercy, and Associate Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine
- 2:30 p.m. Kansas Division of Child Advocate Update
- Kerrie Lonard, Child Advocate, Kansas Division of Child Advocate, Office of Public Advocates
- 3:00 p.m. Committee Comments and Recommendations
- 3:30 p.m. Adjourn