

## MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Name of Organization: Legislative Committee on Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice  
(*Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] 218E.705)

Date and Time of Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 2012  
9 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Grant Sawyer State Office Building, Room 4412  
555 East Washington Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada

Note: Some members of the Committee may be attending the meeting and other persons may observe the meeting and provide testimony through a simultaneous videoconference conducted at the following location:

Legislative Building, Room 3137  
401 South Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada

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**Note:** Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration. An item may be removed from this agenda or discussion relating to an item on this agenda may be delayed at any time.

- I. Opening Remarks  
Senator Valerie Wiener, Chair
- II. Public Comment  
(Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker may be limited, and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers.)

*For  
Possible  
Action*

- III. Approval of Minutes of the Meeting Held on February 22, 2012, in Las Vegas, Nevada

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Action*

- IV. Discussion of Initiatives Related to Child Abuse Prevention Month  
Shauna Chase, Parenting Coordinator, Advocates to End Domestic Violence  
Amanda Haboush, Director of Programs, Prevent Child Abuse Nevada  
Jill Marano, Acting Deputy Administrator, Child Welfare Services,  
Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Health  
and Human Services (DHHS)  
Lisa Ruiz-Lee, Interim Director, Clark County Department of Family  
Services (DFS)  
Kevin Schiller, Director, Washoe County Department of Social Services

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Action*

- V. Update on Nevada's Differential Response Program for Responding to Allegations of Child Abuse and Neglect  
Amber Howell, Acting Administrator, DCFS, DHHS  
Lisa Ruiz-Lee, Interim Director, Clark County DFS  
Kevin Schiller, Director, Washoe County Department of Social Services  
Betty Weiser, Social Services Program Specialist 3, Family to Family Connection, Grants Management Unit, DHHS  
Patrick White, Differential Response Program Coordinator, The Children's Cabinet

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Action*

- VI. Presentation Concerning Disproportionate Minority Contact in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems  
Ralph Bayard, Ph.D., Senior Director of Strategic Consulting, Casey Family Programs  
Nancy B. Miller, Director, Permanency Planning for Children Department, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges  
The Honorable Deborah E. Schumacher, Family Division, Department 5, Second Judicial District Court of Nevada, Washoe County  
Nina Williams-Mbengue, Program Director, Children and Families Program, National Conference of State Legislatures

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Action*

- VII. Update on the Activities of the Working Group on Revising Laws in this State Governing the Protection of Children  
Denise Tanata Ashby, J.D., Director, Children's Advocacy Alliance

*For  
Possible  
Action*

- VIII. Presentation Concerning Mental Health Care Provided to Children in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Systems
- A. Overview of Children's Mental Health Care  
Susan Mears, Ph.D, Clinical Program Manager, Children, Youth and Family Administration, DCFS, DHHS  
Kelly Wooldridge, Clinical Program Manager, Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services, DCFS, DHHS
- B. Out-of-State Mental Health Care Placements for Children in the Custody of the State  
Jill Marano, Acting Deputy Administrator, Child Welfare Services, DCFS, DHHS  
Steve McBride, Acting Deputy Administrator, Juvenile Services, DCFS, DHHS  
The Honorable Frank P. Sullivan, Family Division, Department O, Eighth Judicial District Court of Nevada, Clark County
- C. Mental Health Care Services Provided to Children in the Juvenile Justice System  
Fritz Reese, Director, Department of Juvenile Justice Services, Clark County  
John Simms, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, Carson City Juvenile Probation Department, and President, Nevada Association of Juvenile Justice Administrators  
Carey Stewart, Director, Department of Juvenile Services, Second Judicial District Court of Nevada, Washoe County
- D. Role of Mental Health Consortia Established Pursuant to NRS 433B.333  
Pam Becker, Chair, Washoe County Children's Mental Health Consortium

*For  
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Action*

- IX. Discussion Concerning Sentencing Juvenile Offenders as Adults  
John Jones, Deputy District Attorney, Juvenile Division, Clark County District Attorney's Office  
Susan Roske, Chief Deputy Public Defender, Juvenile Division, Clark County Public Defender's Office

- X. Public Comment: Opportunity to Present Recommendations Regarding Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice for Possible Inclusion by the Committee During the Work Session to be Held on May 9, 2012

*Individuals with specific recommendations for action by the Committee should present those recommendations at this time. This will allow the Committee members to fully consider and evaluate all suggestions prior to voting on May 9, 2012. Please note that submission of a recommendation to the Committee does not guarantee its placement on the final "Work Session Document."*

- XI. Public Comment  
(Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker may be limited, and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers.)

- XII. Adjournment

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