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Welcome

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Roll call**



Initial Public Comment

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Goals of the CJA Task Force

- **Goal 1:** Provide child protection workers and stakeholders “front end” specialty, discipline specific and advanced training. Training should be prioritized, but not limited to, child protection model assessments, Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), sexual abuse, interpersonal violence, forensic interviewing, mandatory reporting, trauma-informed practices, substance use, and co-occurring mental health disorders and training needs identified in collaboration with Court Improvement Program. *(ABC)*
- **Goal 2:** Support the implementation of the Commercially Sexually Exploited Child (CSEC) Model Coordinated Response Protocol and provide training and support for the formation of Multidisciplinary Teams (MDT) and Task Forces. *(ABC)*
- **Goal 3:** Support the establishment of new Children’s Advocacy Centers (CACs) or other multidisciplinary team approaches and improve the capacity of existing CACs to provide a multidisciplinary response for victims of child sex abuse and exploitation, witness to interpersonal violence, physical abuse, and child victims with disabilities. *(AB)*
- **Goal 4:** Fund technology requests to improve the investigation, assessment and prosecution of child abuse and neglect through the through use of latest technology and to support the use of new and existing training technologies. *(B)*
- **Goal 5:** This task force will monitor policy, regulation and/or legislation regarding child abuse and neglect trends and when appropriate collaborate with other parties and/or entities to support new and/or revised policy, regulation, and legislation. *(C)*

- **Key: Required categories for use of CJA funds:**
 1. *A: Investigative, administrative, and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect.*
 2. *B: Experimental, model and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches.*
 3. *C: Reform of state laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols, and procedures*



For Possible Action

5. **For Possible Action**– *Salli Kerr, Chair*

- Consideration , Discussion and to possibly approve the October 14,2025, meeting minutes.



For Possible Action

6. Possible Action– *Dylan Nall, DCFS*

- Consideration, Discussion to possibly approve the 2026 Annual Citizen's Review Panel (CRP) recommendations to DCFS

- See attachment



Information Only

7. For Information: Need for Pediatric Child Abuse Specialist in NV- April Stahl, DCFS

- The Executive Committee to Review the Death of Children (EC) has convened the Pediatric Child Abuse Specialist (PCAS) Subcommittee to address the lack of a Pediatric Child Abuse Specialist in Nevada, and to investigate how to recruit a child abuse specialist to practice in Nevada.
- The PCAS subcommittee has identified the [UCARE](#) (University Child Abuse Recognition and Evaluation) training program through the University of Utah and is currently working with Family Programs Office to identify sustainable funding sources to provide this certification to practitioners across the state of Nevada.



Information Only

8. For Information: Review the Notice of Funding Opportunity , DCFS

- Award TimeLine

Event	Date/Time
Grant opportunity announced	January 05, 2026
Deadline for submission	February 13, 2026
Evaluation period (approximate time frame)	March 2026 – April 2026
Announcement of awards	June 2026
Program start date	July 1, 2026
Program end date	June 30, 2027



Final Public Comment

10. Final Public Comment (Discussion Only: Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting.)

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Adjournment

11. Adjournment- Salli Kerr, Chair

- *Thank you for your time and commitment to improving services for children and youth in Nevada.*