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# Children's Justice Act Task Force

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# Welcome

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# Initial Public Comment

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# For Possible Action

## **4. For Possible Action–** *Rachell Ekroos, Chair*

- Consideration, Discussion and Possible action to edit the 2026 Children's Justice Act Citizen Review Panel recommendations that will be presented for final approval at the January 6, 2026, full commission meeting.



# Proposed CRP Recommendations

• **Recommendation 1:** The Children's Justice Act Task Force (CJA) recommends the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) continues to prioritize training for all child welfare staff and community partners in the State of Nevada to improve the investigation and handling of child abuse, neglect, or cases involving both, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation. This training recommendation includes but is not limited to: • Further enhance family and interpersonal violence training to include screening and safety assessment; • Initial and advanced forensic interviewing training based on evidence-based protocols; • Continuous quality improvement of child protection assessment and system of care models; • Mandatory reporting awareness and responsibilities; • Evidence-based and research-informed medical forensic interventions; • Integrating trauma-informed interventions; • And cultural awareness and responsiveness.

• **Recommendation 2:** The Children's Justice Act Task Force (CJA) recommends the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) support Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) efforts: • To translate best practices and support community-specific needs to coordinate the multidisciplinary response to child abuse, neglect, or cases involving both, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation; • To ensure child victims have access to the constellation of services offered within the Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs); • To establish and maintain access to CACs in conjunction with the Nevada State CAC Chapter as appropriate.



# Final Public Comment

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# Adjournment

## **6. Adjournment- Rachell Ekroos, Chair**

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