

# Legislative Task Force on Child Protection

Thursday, January 11, 2024

1:00 pm

Minnesota Senate Building Room 1100

Co-Chairs: Representative Dave Pinto, Senator Nicole Mitchell

## Agenda

- 1. Approve Minutes – Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**
- 2. Perspectives on the Child Protection System**
  - **Misty Coonce**, Ombudsperson for Office of Foster Youth
  - **Ariana Guerra**, Policy & Advocacy Manager, Foster Advocates
  - **Ann Hill**, Ombudsperson for African American Families
  - **Muriel Gubasta, J.D.**, Ombudsperson for Spanish Speaking Families
  - **Manuel B. Zuniga, Jr.**, MPP, Ombudsperson for Asian Pacific Families
  - **Patrice O’Leary**, Associate Vice President of Family Services, Lutheran Social Services
  - **Jill Kehaulani Esch**, Ombudsperson for American Indian Families
  - **Joanne Hodgeman**, MA, MSW, LSW, Family Liaison, Village Arms
  - **Haile Tegene**, Executive Director, East African Empowerment Center
- 3. State Models for Child Welfare System Operations and Financing: Research & Practice**
  - **Dr. Traci LaLiberte**, Executive Director, Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota
  - **Don Winstead**, Consultant, Casey Family Programs
- 4. Improving Training of Mandated Reporters**
  - **David Kirchner**, Evaluation Coordinator, Office of the Legislative Auditor
- 5. Consideration of Statewide Maltreatment Reporting System**
  - **Dr. Traci LaLiberte**, Executive Director, Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota
- 6. Adjournment**

*Agenda items may be changed or added.*