



Family Services

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A MEETING OF THE CLARK COUNTY CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING:

Thursday, January 15, 2026

TIME: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

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General Public: David Johnson, Chair

Parent Advocate: Ali Caliendo, Vice Chair

Foster Parent: Donna Smith, Deputy Chair

CASA: Sheila Parks

CCSD: Christopher Merritt

Juvenile Probation: Judge Margaret Pickard

Foster Youth: DaShaun Jackson

Mental Health: VACANT

Child Welfare: VACANT (2)

General Public: VACANT

AGENDA

**Items on the agenda may be taken out of order. The Committee may combine two or more agenda items for consideration; and the committee may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. No action may be taken on any matter not listed on the posted agenda.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call.**
- II. Comments by General Public** – This is a period devoted to comments by the general public about items on the agenda. No discussion, action, or votes may be taken on this agenda item. If you wish to speak to the Committee about items within its jurisdiction but not appear on this agenda, you must wait until the “Comments by the General Public” period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.
- III. Approval of July 17, 2025, Minutes (for possible action)**
- IV. Clinical & Community Services Director’s Report Out (information only)**
- V. Clark County Juvenile Justice Services Report Out (information only)**
- VI. Discussion of follow-up items from previous meetings, discuss possible recommendations to the Policy & Fiscal Affairs Committee, and direct staff accordingly (information only):**
 - Stacie Dastrup to clarify if children with intellectual or developmental disabilities who are receiving services through DRC are not eligible for extended foster care
 - Visitation Discussion
 - Who qualifies observer/supervision (eligible fictive kin, CASA, community partner)
 - Documenting visitation plans
 - Additional child and family bonding opportunities / unique visitation experiences with community partners
 - Discussion on making policies more readily available to the public as discussed at 10/17/2024 meeting (Pending Clark County Deputy Manager Approval)
 - Communication on Independent Living (IL) services availability without IL caseworker
- VII. Clark County Family Services Report Out (information only):**
 - 1) Notable department goals, changes, and programs
 - 2) Child Haven population, & duration of stay
 - 3) Intake/Placement:
 - How many children were brought in, placed with family, placed in foster care, how many in child haven or other placements/group homes.
 - 4) Intervention, Accountability, Policies and Procedures:
 - Status of plans to potentially adopt federal “Kin First” approach to reducing barriers to/requirements for relative and Fictive Kin licensing.
 - 5) Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living:
 - Independent Living/Aging Out Program
- VIII. Receive a Foster Parent Champion’s update, discuss possible recommendations to make to the Policy and Fiscal Affairs Committee based upon the update, and direct staff accordingly. (information only)**

IX. Discussion of CAC priorities and if adjustments should be made (information only):

- 1) Family of Origin
 - Reporting on referrals to parents that go beyond the standard parenting class and substance abuse classes.
 - Reporting on referrals at the beginning and end of the case.
 - Thorough investigation of family/kinship placements at the beginning of the case, not at the time of termination and move to adoption.
 - Reunification rates
- 2) Children
 - Child Placements statistical reports
 - Services and programs for teens and aging out youth
 - High-needs youth-Mental health, dual diagnosis, overlap with JJS
 - Mental Health and access to care-easier access to Medicaid prior authorizations and testing
 - CCSD-School of origin reporting, monitoring higher expulsion rates, etc.
- 3) Placements
 - Safety at visitation centers both inside the buildings and out.
 - Transparent reporting and accountability from the Ombudsman's office
 - New Licensing Requirement updates
 - Respite Care

Execution on partnership agreement

X. Identify Emerging Issues to be addressed at future meetings and receive updates on activities of the CAC members related to their duties as committee members (information only)

XI. Next Meeting date to be set. (for possible action)

XII. Comments by General Public - This is a period devoted to comments by the general public about any topic within the jurisdiction of the committee, but not necessarily on the agenda. No discussion, action, or votes may be taken on this agenda item. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes

XIII. Adjournment