



Family Services

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A MEETING OF THE CLARK COUNTY CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING:

Thursday, July 17, 2025

TIME: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

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General Public: David Johnson, Chair

Foster Parent: Donna Smith, Deputy-Chair

Parent Advocate: Ali Caliendo, Vice-Chair

CASA: Shelia Parks

CCSD: Christopher Merritt

Juvenile Probation: Judge Margaret Pickard

Foster Youth: Dashun Jackson

Child Welfare: Kimberly Abbott

Mental Health: VACANT

Child Welfare: VACANT

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 vote 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 April 17, 2025, and May 15, 2025, Minutes (for possible action)

IV. Receive a presentation from Foster Parent Champions and determine any necessary recommendations that should be made (for possible action)

- 1) Help Ticket system to track time to resolution for caregiver issues and prevent repetitive explanations of issues to multiple departments.
- 2) More active involvement for the Foster Parent Champions to help resolve issues or access appropriate resources.
- 3) Communication of policy changes and higher level or point of contact, customer service.
- 4) AI trained on policy to support FPC (Pending Clark County Deputy Manager)

V. Clark County Family Services Director's Report (information only) – Frank Prado

- 1) Notable department goals, changes, and programs
- 2) CCFS Staffing vacancies impact, and acquisition and retention strategy
- 3) 3 Years Longitudinal trends visual presentation
 - Child Haven population, & duration of stay
 - Address Foster Parent Acquisition & Retention Strategy
 - Caseload by Caseworker type
 - Address SB183 30 Caseload limit Implementation - July 1, 2026

VI. Clark County Family Services Report Out (information only) – CCFS Representative(s)

- 1) 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.
- 2) Intervention, Accountability, Policies and Procedures:
 - Status of plans to potential adopt federal “Kin First” approach to reducing barriers to/requirements for relative and Fictive Kin licensing.
- 3) Transitional Aged Youth Supports & Independent Living:
 - Independent Living/Aging Out Program

VII. Information Items/Announcements (information only)

- 1) Process staffing the vacancies on the CAC

VIII. 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)

- 1) Committee Membership Check in: successes, experiences, challenges, and opportunities for continuous improvement

IX. Discussion on date for the next meeting (information only)

- X. Discuss follow-up items from previous meetings and determine what recommendations should be made to PFAC **(for possible action)**
- Share kinship caregiver incentive and process map (<https://www.fosterkinship.org/dfs/>)
 - Rise of 300+ children in the foster care category between Feb and March with no associated increase in regular foster homes
 - 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
 - Judge Pickard to discuss with peers' default to Supervised & Unsupervised Visits / Community Visits
 - 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. Discuss the decision to not count as visitation.
 - Provide update on CAC's request to the PFAC regarding the request to continue Clark County Community & Clinical Services Presentation on Prevention & Family First
 - Provide an update from chair's conversation with Clark County Deputy Manager regarding the 10/17/2024 Policy transparency request
 - Communication on IL services availability without IL caseworker
 - Ombudsman process review/communication improvement (Pending Clark County Deputy Manager)
- XI. Review and determine necessary next steps to address committee's concerns and approach regarding previously approved priorities **(for possible action)**
- 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 of 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
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XIII. Adjournment