



NEW JERSEY TASK FORCE ON CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

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“In compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, notice of this meeting was given by way of notice filed with the Secretary of State, the Trenton Times and the Newark Star Ledger and posted at the Department of State, 125 West State St., 1st Floor, Trenton, New Jersey.”

**Please note the meeting was recorded for the transcription of minutes.*

NJTFCAN Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2025

Attendance:

Mary Coogan, Advocates for Children of New Jersey
Christine Beyer, Commissioner, Department of Children and Families
Jason Butkowski, Department of Children and Families
Sanford Starr, Department of Children and Families
Katherine Stoehr, Department of Children and Families
Sonia Moticha, Department of Education
Natasha Johnson, Department of Health
Wendi White, Department of Corrections
Martin Finkel, public member
Marygrace Billek, public member
Richard Stagliano, Center for Family Services
Jennifer Underwood, Department of Community Affairs
Nydia Monagas, New Jersey Children's Alliance
Traci Telemaque, Office of the law Guardian
Corissa Kazar, Embrella
Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz, District 21
Henry Owen, NJ Senator
Hon. Rodney Thompson, Superior court family division
Concetta Lapergola, designee for Hon. Thompson
Hon. Sohail Mohammed, Superior court criminal division
Debra Leigh Barksdale, Designee for Senator Turner

Staff:

Bethany D'Amelio, Department of Children and Families

I. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was officially opened with a welcome message followed by the reading of the public notice.

II. Membership Applications

A comprehensive review of subcommittee membership applications was undertaken. All applications unanimously received approval from the task force. Subsequently, applicants will be notified of their acceptance via email.

III. Call for Volunteers

Members were invited to volunteer for the drafting of the 2025 15th Annual Task Force Report. Interested parties were encouraged to reach out to the task force coordinator.

IV. 2025 Fall Conference Planning

An update was provided regarding the 2025 Fall Conference. The date and location are confirmed, and the theme along with the keynote speaker has been identified. Financial discussions led to approval of a motion to use Child Trust Fund (CTF) resources, if necessary. This motion garnered unanimous support.

V. Subcommittee Updates

- **SORS Subcommittee:**
 - A new Chair was selected.
 - Collaboration with Montclair University to renew an 18-month work plan is progressing.
 - Data is being updated to draft the annual report with inputs from member surveys focusing on the top three priorities for the 2026 report.
- **Family Support and Child Wellbeing:**
 - The committee is in the process of drafting the 2025-2028 Prevention Plan, targeting a November 2025 deadline to prepare for presentation to the Governor.
 - Targeted recruitment efforts will begin to fill vacant positions.
- **Subcommittee on Race, Poverty, and Neglect:**
 - A presentation highlighted the subcommittee's two-year efforts in collecting data on mandated reporting.
 - A consultancy, Outside Voice, is assisting in formulating recommendations.
 - Workgroups focusing on training, liability, and innovative pilots across the country are actively working on their respective objectives.
 - Discussions are underway regarding potential changes to the subcommittee's name and work scope, in response to federal funding requirements.
- **Subcommittee on Marketing, Development, and Fundraising:**
 - The subcommittee has identified three focus areas: expanding corporate giving, partnership with non-profits, and public engagement.
 - A prospectus development for the CTF and branding updates, including logo redesign, are underway.

VI. PSB Legislation Update

The PSB Framework has been successfully implemented statewide with the initial annual report circulated earlier this year. Proposed legislation aims to safeguard the established work and associated funding. Assembly Bill A562 is being introduced by Assemblywoman Speight, alongside Senate Bill S4512 by Senators Ruiz and Burzichelli. Members are encouraged to provide letters of support to further these legislative efforts.

This memo aims to maintain transparency and provide the public with an overview of the task force's recent deliberations. The committee values community input and engagement as we collectively strive to enhance the welfare of children and families across New Jersey. This meeting report was prepared, in part, with the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

For further information or queries, the public can reach out via the contact channels provided by the Department of Children and Families.