



Michigan Child Welfare Improvement Task Force

MAY 28, 2021

Child Welfare Improvement Task Force

Purpose: Time-limited task force to provide legislative, policy, and practice recommendations to MDHHS on the following:

Redesigning a front-end response to allegations of abuse and neglect that is free from bias and distinguishes between crisis and a need for family services and support.

Reducing racial disparities in foster care outcomes through:

- Increased use of supported, safe kinship care
- Improved access to community based mental health services
- Elimination of improper placements in residential settings





Workgroup Updates

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- GOAL
 - PLAN
 - ACTION

Prior Reports Recommendations

MDHHS Updates



Upcoming Tentative Meeting Schedule

Task Force Meetings

June 25, 11:00-1:00PM

July 23, 11:00-1:00PM

August 27, 11:00-1:00PM

September 24, 11:00-1:00PM

Data Workgroup

TBD

Chair: Joe Ryan

MPHI Staff: Monica Trevino mtrevino@mphi.org

Practice Workgroup

June 18, 2021, 10am-11am

Co-Chairs: Lara Bouse, Lillie Pinder

MPHI Staff: Katie Mauter kmauter@mphi.org

Legislative/Budget Workgroup

TBD

Co-Chairs: Tommy Stallworth, David Sanders

MPHI Staff: Alison Benoit abenoit@mphi.org

Prior Reports Workgroup

*Ongoing meetings bi-weekly,
Mondays from 1:00-2:00*

Co-Chairs:

Michael Williams, Savator Selden-Johnson

MPHI Staff: Dondre Young dyoung@mphi.org

**Additional dates to be added if needed*