



**NOTICE OF COMBINED PUBLIC MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY (DCS) COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Arizona DCS Community Advisory Committee and to the general public that the Arizona DCS Advisory Committee will hold a meeting open to the public on Friday, November 18, 2016 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Arizona Council of Human Service Provider Building (2100 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85004). Please park in the garage on the south side of Holly.

**AGENDA**

1. Safety Assessment

A DCS representative will provide information pending modifications on the safety assessment specifically as it relates to the present danger analysis. The Committee will discuss and provide feedback regarding the implications of such pending modification in the areas represented by the various committee members. The Committee will discuss and provide feedback regarding ways they may be able to support the implementation of the changing tool.

2. Guardianship as a Permanency Option

A DCS representative will provide on the newly developed Practice Guidelines entitled Guardianship as a Permanency Option. Then the Committee will discuss and provide feedback on ideas for outreach and education on the topic as well as provide feedback on how the prospect of Guardianship as a permanency option may impact families served by the areas represented by the committee members.

3. Parenting Children with Trauma

Emily Jenkins will discuss the project sponsored by Arizona Council of Human Service Providers, who collaborated with Dr. Bruce Perry and DCS, which involves parenting children with trauma, specifically catered toward assisting foster parents, kinship parents, and adoptive parents. The committee will provide feedback.

4. Staff Retention

A DCS representative will provide an update on staff retention. The Committee may provide feedback based on the information.

5. Call for Public Comments:

The Committee will allow public comments at this time. Those wishing to address the Board do not need to request permission in advance; however, those wishing to speak during this time will be given three (3) minutes to do so. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), the Board can only take action on matters listed on the agenda. No action will be taken today on public matters; however, comments will be kept on the record as the meeting is recorded.

Please do not reveal case specific information as each case participant has the right to confidentiality.

6. Executive Session:

The Committee may vote to go into Executive Session for discussion and consultation with the DCS General Counsel regarding agenda items 1-6 above pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

A copy of the agenda and background material provided to Committee members (with the exception of material relating to possible executive sessions) are available for public inspection at the Committee's office, 3003 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, AZ.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Jenny Bilskie at 602-255-2518. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodation.