



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH & WELFARE

Family and Community Services

Child Welfare Advisory Board

Member Nomination

This form can be used to nominate yourself or others. If you are a person with lived experience in foster care, reimbursement for your time is available. Send questions and/or completed nomination form to Laura.Pape@dhw.idaho.gov by October 6th, 2023. Thank you for your interest!

Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Name of Nominee: Click or tap here to enter text.

Mailing Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

City: Click or tap here to enter text. Zip: Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please describe why you believe the nominee would be an asset to the Child Welfare Advisory Board.
Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Please describe the skills, knowledge, and strengths the nominee brings to Child Welfare Advisory Board: Click or tap here to enter text.

3. How has the nominee been involved with services and supports for children, youth or young adults and families? Click or tap here to enter text.

4. Is the nominee able to attend quarterly meetings, in Boise or virtually? Choose an item.

5. What role does the nominee hold in the child welfare system? Choose an item.
If your role isn't listed, please add it here: Click or tap here to enter text.

Child Welfare Advisory Board: Collaborative Excellence for Idaho's Child Welfare System

Introduction:

The Child Welfare Advisory Board of Idaho is a pivotal platform that brings together key stakeholders, including Child Welfare Staff, community partners, and child welfare advocates, to collaboratively enhance the state's child welfare system. This document outlines the board's purpose, structure, and functions, demonstrating its commitment to facilitating meaningful stakeholder engagement, strategic prioritization, and effective improvement strategies.

Purpose and Objectives:

The primary purpose of the Child Welfare Advisory Board is to collaboratively identify priority improvement areas within Idaho's child welfare system. By fostering a multi-perspective approach, the board aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Collaborative Prioritization: The board will leverage the collective expertise of its diverse members to recommend areas within the child welfare system that require focused improvement efforts.
2. Progress Monitoring: Through in-depth analysis and reporting, the board will assess the progress made within each priority improvement area from various stakeholder perspectives.
3. Strategic Elevation: Once sufficient progress is achieved in a particular area, the board will facilitate the elevation of other priorities, ensuring continuous improvement.
4. Recommendation of Strategies: While respecting the diverse strategies that support improvement, the board will also provide recommendations for interventions and strategies in alignment with the Children's Bureau's requirements for the Program Improvement Plan (PIP) and the Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP).

Structure and Composition:

The Child Welfare Advisory Board represents a cross-section of expertise and experience within the child welfare landscape. Members include Child Welfare Staff, community partners such as law enforcement, courts, service providers, foster parents, and other child welfare stakeholders. Membership is determined through appointment by the director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, reflecting a commitment to inclusivity and collaboration.

The Child Welfare Advisory Board is dedicated to regular and meaningful engagement. To ensure consistent collaboration and progress, the board will convene on a quarterly basis. These quarterly

meetings will provide a forum for members to discuss priority improvement areas, review Situation Group analyses and reports, and collectively recommend focus and direction for enhancing the child welfare system in Idaho. The regularity of these meetings underscores the board's commitment to driving sustained improvement and ensuring that the voices of all stakeholders are heard in shaping the future of child welfare in the state.

Function and Collaboration:

The board collaborates closely with the Child Welfare Steering Committee, a leadership body comprising the Family and Community Services Administrator, deputy administrator, and Family and Community Services Bureau Chiefs. The board recommends priority improvement areas to the steering committee, which then plays a decisive role in finalizing these priorities.

To ensure comprehensive analysis and actionable insights, the board forms Situation Groups. These groups consist of experts possessing deep knowledge of specific focus areas. Situation Groups conduct detailed analyses and generate reports on the current state within each priority improvement area. These reports serve as the foundation for the board and steering committee's decision-making process.

Leveraging Knowledge and Progress:

The insights and analyses generated by Situation Groups form the cornerstone of the board's efforts to monitor improvement progress. Additionally, these analyses guide the activities of A3 improvement teams responsible for implementing strategic interventions.

Conclusion

The Child Welfare Advisory Board stands as a testament to Idaho's commitment to enhancing its child welfare system through collaboration, data-driven insights, and strategic prioritization. By embracing the strengths of diverse stakeholders and leveraging their expertise, the board plays a crucial role in shaping Idaho's child welfare landscape, ensuring the well-being and safety of its children and families.