

Hennepin CRP Meeting

on Monday, Sept 15th, 2025

4:30 PM

<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Get to know you question. (Scott Hemenway, co-chair)• ACTION ITEM: Approval of June meeting minutes.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome and Icebreaker<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Quick intros and favorite season.2. Approval of Prior Minutes<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. June minutes: No corrections requested.b. Decision: Approved for posting to the website.3. Laura mentioned that Scott has resigned the panel.
Department updates from Hennepin County	<p>Community Engagement Highlights (Cathy, Marquita, Dominique)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Events: Report shows 49 events Jan-Aug (report currently shows 34; to be updated). Two additional events scheduled this week; October events planned (Halloween, talking circles, year-end family gathering)ii. Focus areas & partners:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Latino Community: Coffee & Conversations; presentations at St. Nicholas and Tapestry (Spanish-speaking congregations).2. French-speaking/Liberian Community: Outreach with St. Boniface (Northeast Minneapolis)3. Native Community: Partnerships with Little Earth of United Tribes, MIWRC, Indian Health Board, Division of Indian Work; recent talking circle (9/11) with Research in Action hosted at DIW.4. Fathers' engagement: Ongoing father sessions; recent "musical feud" activity. Distributed fully stocked backpacks; meaningful/triggering for some fathers--encouraged saving for reunification moments.iii. Family Resource Centers (FRCs):<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 3 FRCs in development.2. South Minneapolis (Lake Street corridor) - active steering committee (MAD DADS, Itasca? * / St. David's, Greater Minneapolis Crisis Nursery, DIW, The Family Partnership, Bridge for Youth). Family nights held, distributed gift cards, diapers, strollers, cribs.3. South Suburban (Bloomington, VEEP co-location): Steering committee growing (Tapestry, Diamond Resource Center, Father's Project, additional churches)4. North Minneapolis: Early exploration phase (no committee yet).5. Target opening for South Mpls & South Suburban: Q1 2026iv. Metrics framing: Events mapped to disparities domains (education, income, health, housing, justice, connectivity). Emphasis on information campaigns, consulting with residents, and focus groups.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Native American Engagement (Afton)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Talking Circles: Combined cultural format (prayer/drum) with research prompts; strong participation; topics include trust, child protection experiences, opioid impacts, mental health. ii. Upcoming sites: Little Earth (closed resident session with security), Indian Health Board Elders Circle, elder breakfasts at the Indian Center, Goal: meet people where they already gather; reduce barriers. b. Wilder Event Cancellations (process issue) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Report of last-minute cancellations/turn-aways (gift card handling, registration list issues). ii. Impact: Erodes trust; community members traveled and were denied entry. iii. Action: Laura to elevate feedback to leadership; request improved contingency plans (e.g. proceed without gift cards, follow-up mailings, broader notification beyond registrants.)
Dept. of Children, Youth, and Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Translations quality of Bulletins/forms?: Some Spanish materials/forms read like machine-translated; plan to secure proper human review and consult Ombudsman's office; ensure rights information is accurate, culturally/dialect appropriate. b. ICE/immigration guidance: Smaller counties requesting direction; DCYF discussing sensitive policy guidance; circulating immigration hotline resources; more work to do. c. Non-custodial/caregiver understanding: Need clearer education on foster care and process (example: Spanish-speaking grandmother case). d. ICWA/CWDA definitions: Ongoing work to finalize definitions and prepare non-initiative counties; updates to be shared when ready.
Collaborative Safety Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Final report (13 pages) completed on Critical Family Response (CFR) meetings (occurrence/non-occurrence) b. Next step: Matt to consult with peer reviewer (Jamal) before presenting to the panel. c. Orientation training: Tomorrow 9:00 AM-12:00 PM (virtual); email Matt if attending.
Hennepin cases reviewed during CFSR Federal Review process (Lori Munsterman, Sr. Admin. Manager, CQI, Data Analytics and Planning)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Statewide cases: 66 (25 in-home; 41 out-of-home) b. Please request full presentation from Lori if needed c. Hennepin Cases: 10 total (5 in-home: 3 CMH, 1 PSOP, 1 Child Welfare; 5 out-of-home: all Child Protection) d. Outcome ratings (Substantially Achieved)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. note: Very small sample (5 out-of-home cases) -- not sufficient for broad changes but useful to target further analysis. f. Next steps (state-led): Final federal report --> Program Improvement Plan (PIP) -> 2 years of monitored implementation. g. Action: Lori to check whether any of the Hennepin cases were ICWA cases and report back.
<p>CRP/CJA Annual Retreat Debrief</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel member and Hennepin County staff feedback • Evaluation summary shared by DCYF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retreat Debrief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Overall: High energy, clear/concise content, good turnout, excellent facilitation. b. Feedback themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. More time for dialogue & networking ii. Add wellness elements iii. Name tags and clearer parking/wayfinding next time. c. Planning: Laura to structure future meetings to allow work time and training/presentations requested by panel (e.g. system overviews via MN Child Welfare Training Academy)
<p>Project ideas for 2026 (see notes from retreat)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging and Assessing Noncustodial or Unadjudicated Parents A Child Welfare Practice Guide (attached) • Focus on cases involving children with disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Father Engagement - Justice-Involved/Incarcerated Fathers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Map communication pathways between County and justice settings. ii. Leverage Father's Project audiences; assess supports for incarcerated parents (visitation, case planning, reunification prep). iii. Identify existing programs and data; recommend improvements to reduce barriers. b. Mandated Reporting & Screening - Youth with Disabilities (and broader screening quality) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Examine training for mandated reporters; clarify neglect vs unmet services; disability-informed practice. ii. Explore Intake Review Team processes, alignment with state screening guidelines. iii. Analyze report sources and outcomes for youth with disabilities; elevate language access considerations.
<p>Request from members regarding trainings, presentations, or data at upcoming meetings?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional Training/Info Requests 2. Potential session on state screening guidelines (invite Amanda from state) and a county screening walk-through (Ramsey model as reference).

	<p>3. Access to MN Child Welfare Training Academy on-demand modules for panel members (Laura to explore).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Co-Chair nominations & election CFR report presentation (pending) ICWA status on CFSR cases Subcommittee roster confirmation & early work plans <p>4. Project focus: Proceed with two parallel workstreams (father engagement; mandated reporting/screening with disability lens). Finalize rosters next meeting.</p> <p>5. Leadership need: With Scott resigning as chair, panel needs a Co-Chair to support Dr. B and coordinate subcommittees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Action: Hold co-chair nominations/election next meeting <p>Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-Chair nominations & election CFR report presentation ? ICWA status on CFSR cases Subcommittee roster confirmation & early work plans 																																				
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