

Task Force Updates

Colorado Child Welfare Interim Study Committee

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POLICY COLLABORATIVE
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Improving child protection services, policies and laws together

- Launched by CPO in 2022
- Neutral, Non-Partisan Space
- Research & Data-Driven
- Local & National Experts
- Statewide Participation
- Engages the Public

Mandatory Reporting Task Force

Background

Sept. 2021: CPO Releases Issue Brief

May 2022: General Assembly
Creates Task Force with HB22-1240

Dec. 2022: Task Force Launches



HOUSE BILL 22-1240

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Froelich and Young, Amabile, Burnett, Boesenecker, Cutter, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Hooton, Jodeh, Kipp, Lindsay, Lontine, Michaelson Jenet, Ricks, Sullivan, Titone, Valdez A.; also SENATOR(S) Fields and Simpson, Buckner, Cooke, Danielson, Hansen, Lee, Pettersen, Rodriguez, Story, Fenberg.

CONCERNING ENHANCING MANDATORY REPORTING FOR PEOPLE REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Mandatory Reporting Task Force

Membership & Meetings

- 34 Multidisciplinary Members
- Government, Non-Profit, Lived Experience
- Meet Every Month

Independently Facilitated by:



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Mandatory Reporting Task Force

Task Force Directives (19 Total)

- Analysis of Existing Law
- Reporting Time Frames
- Standardized Training
- Clarifications for Reporters
- Institutional Reporting
- System Improvements

Mandatory Reporting Task Force

Lessons Learned

- Lived Experiences of Parents, Youth & Professionals
- Disproportionate Impact on Communities of Color
- Disconnect Between Intention of Law and Results
- Need for a Secondary, Alternative System

Mandatory Reporting Task Force

What's Ahead

July 19: Education & Non-Profit Panels

Aug. 2: Victim Advocacy & Legal Panels

Sept. 20: Hotline & Intake Panel

Oct. 4: Enforcing Mandatory Reporting Laws Panel

Jan. 1, 2024: First-Year Status Report Due

Jan. 1, 2025: Final Report Due



Timothy Montoya Task Force

Background

June 2020: Death of 12-year-old Timothy Montoya

April 2021: CPO Opens Case

June 2022: General Assembly Creates Task Force with HB22-1375

Sept. 2022: Task Force Launches



HOUSE BILL 22-1375

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Michaelson Jenet, Amabile, Bacon, Bird, Cutter, Duran, Esgar, Exum, Froelich, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Herod, Kennedy, Lindsay, Lontine, McCluskie, McLachlan, Mullica, Ricks, Titone, Valdez A., Woodrow, Young, Sirota;
also SENATOR(S) Buckner, Fields, Ginal, Lee, Zenzinger.

CONCERNING MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE OUTCOMES FOR THOSE PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT FACILITIES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

Timothy Montoya Task Force

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Timothy Montoya Task Force

Task Force Directives

- Sufficiency of Data
- Root Causes
- Runaway Behaviors
- Regulations & Protocols
- Best Practices
- Coordinated Response

Timothy Montoya Task Force

Lessons Learned

- Lack of Prevention/Intervention Policies
- Existing Quantitative Data is Insufficient
- Best Practices in Other States
- Facility Quality (QAQI) = Decrease in Runaway Behaviors

Timothy Montoya Task Force

What's Ahead

Aug 9: Developing a Statewide Response

Sept 6: Finalize First-Year Status Report

Oct. 1: First-Year Status Report Due

Oct-Dec: Prevention & Intervention

Oct. 1, 2025: Final Report Due



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- Materials & Presentations
- Minutes & Recaps
- Schedule of Meetings

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