



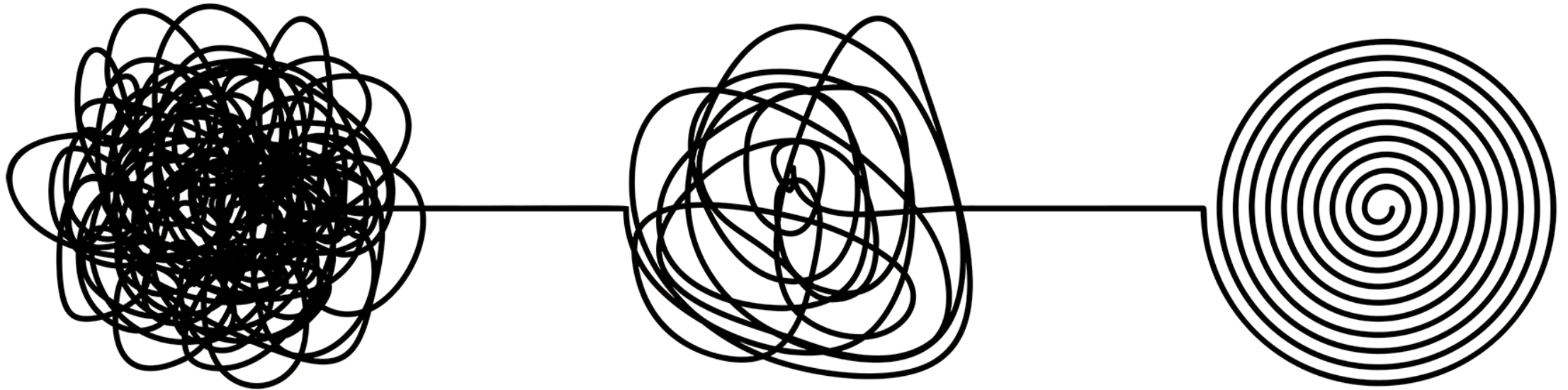
Child Welfare Interim Study Committee

Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman
Issue Presentation

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Why are we here?



Issues Impacting the Child Welfare System

1. Inconsistent face-to-face contact with parents in open child welfare cases.
2. No effective method to ensure caseworkers who act unethically or unlawfully are not able to continue providing services to families.
3. Colorado does not have an adequate safety assessment tool.
4. 24-hour behavioral health facilities do not have quality control standards for the treatment and care of children.



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