

# Commission To Develop a Pilot Program To Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System

## Third Meeting

Monday, October 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

State House, Room 228 (AFA Committee Room)\*

\*The meeting will be streamed live at the following link: <https://legislature.maine.gov/Audio/#228>

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## AGENDA

- I. Welcome** (*Commission co-chairs*)
- II. Responses to Information Requests & Follow-up from Previous Meetings** (*Staff*)
  - a. Family risk factors identified during child welfare investigations:
    - DHHS, OCFS, [Child Welfare Annual Report: Calendar Year 2020](#) (p. 9-10)
    - DHHS, OCFS, [Child Welfare Annual Report: Calendar Year 2021](#) (p.8)
  - b. Potential Sources of Federal Funding - Update
  - c. Example Memoranda of Understanding and PACAP excerpts from Iowa and Colorado (related to Title IV-E reimbursement for independent legal representation)
  - d. Program Design and Outcomes of Selected Pre-Petition Legal Representation Programs - Update
- III. Social Work Advocacy in Pre-Petition Legal Representation Programs** - *Jill Cohen, Social Worker & Director of Programs, Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (CO)*
- IV. Public Comment**
- V. Presentation: Designing a Pre-Petition Legal Representation Pilot Project** - *Vivek Sankaran, Clinical Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School*
- VI. Lunch Break**
- VII. Pilot Project Design - Preliminary Discussion** (*Commission Members*)
- VIII. Discussion of Next Steps**

Final Commission Meeting: Monday, October 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.