

REVISED AGENDA
CHILD WELFARE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT PANEL
UTAH LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, July 11, 2012 • 11:00 a.m. • Room 450 State Capitol

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(This meeting is scheduled to end by 1:00 p.m.)

1. Committee Business

- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting

2. Legislative Audit Follow-up

In January 2011, the Office of the Legislative Auditor General released "A Performance Audit of the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS)." The audit provided 19 recommendations to improve DCFS efficiency and effectiveness. At its November 29, 2011, meeting, the Panel received a report from DCFS on how it is responding to each of the audit findings and recommendations. The Panel will receive an update on the implementation of each of the audit recommendations.

- Division of Child and Family Services
- Committee discussion/action

3. Guardian ad Litem—District Court Cases/Other Issues

During the 2012 General Session, the Legislature passed H.B. 357, Guardian ad Litem Amendments (sponsored by Rep. LaVar Christensen), which replaces appointment of a guardian ad litem from the Office of Guardian ad Litem in district court cases with appointment of private attorneys guardian ad litem. The legislation specifies that any savings to the Office of Guardian ad Litem resulting from the change, which takes effect July 1, 2013, remains with the Office. The Panel will consider the expected impact of the legislation and follow up on other issues raised by the Office at the Panel's November and January meetings.

- Mr. Rick Smith, Director, Office of Guardian ad Litem
- Public comment
- Committee discussion/action

4. Annual Report by the Office of Child Welfare Parental Defense

Utah Code Ann. Section 63A-11-106 requires the Office of Child Welfare Parental Defense to annually report to the Oversight Panel on the "operations, activities, and goals of the office." The Panel will receive the Office's report.

- Office of Child Welfare Parental Defense

5. Adjourn