

- The Governor's Child Welfare Action Committee made 35 recommendations.
- Of these 35, 11 were completed, 23 are ongoing or partially completed, and 1 has had no action taken.

WHAT IS THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE GOVERNOR'S CHILD WELFARE ACTION COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS 1-25?

1. Mandatory Reporters of Child Maltreatment: To allow professionals to receive status of the investigation unless waived. (Completed)
2. Quality Assurance and State Leadership on Cultural and Diversity Issues: To address disparities and reduce disproportional representation of minority children in the system. (Ongoing)
3. Pre-Service Training for Child Welfare Caseworkers, Supervisors and Case Aides: To ensure that staff have required competencies before they take a case. (Ongoing)
4. Pre-Service Training for Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline Staff: To ensure that staff have required competencies before they take a case. This recommendation requires new funding. (09/2011)
5. Expansion of the Child Welfare Educational Stipend Program: To provide incentives for highly educated professionals to enter the child welfare workforce. (Budget Decision Item 09/2011)
6. Evaluation of Training Effectiveness: To ensure that the Academy curriculum is congruent with current policy and practice standards. (Ongoing – Budget Decision Item 9/2011)
7. Domestic Violence Representation in Collaborative Management Programs: To enable case planning and service delivery to be more collaborative across systems. (Completed)
8. Assessing Domestic Violence in Child Abuse and Neglect Reports: To address the co-occurrence of child maltreatment and domestic violence to ensure proper coordination of services. (Completed)
9. Utilizing Judicial Records: To give county investigators information about existing criminal records to improve their assessments and safety of children. (Completed)
10. Utilize Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Reserves to Support Domestic Violence Intervention and Prevention: To provide additional resources for the prevention of domestic violence. (Completed)
11. Child Welfare Organizational Study and Workload Analysis: To understand the best organizational design and staffing resources needed for an ideal system. (Completed except for the workload study – Budget Decision Item 9/2011).
12. Child Welfare Division Research and Performance Improvement Team: To make sure that program decisions and services are based on good research, analysis, and evaluation. (Completed - Ongoing)
13. A - Task Force Recommendation # 5: Oversight of Counties Compliance and Workload Study: To ensure that an analysis of county-state relationship and workload study of CDHS, county departments of human/social services is

completed; to create administrative rules and progressive disciplinary process; and to establish consistency throughout the state in the provision of child welfare services. (Ongoing - Budget Decision Item 9/2011)

13. B- Task Force Recommendation # 11: Youth Will Be Adequately Prepared for Emancipation: To improve permanency outcomes for youth, ensure that youth have access to their vital records, access to Medicaid benefits when emancipating from foster care and have sibling visitation. (Completed)
13. C- Task Force Recommendation # 13: Provide Increased Support and Services to Kinship Caregivers for Children in Out-of-Home Placements. (Completed)
13. D- Task Force Recommendation # 15: Develop a Funding Strategy to Support Casework Staff Training on the Colorado Safety Assessment Instrument: To ensure that casework staff understands, utilizes and implements the Colorado Safety Assessment Instrument. (Completed)
14. Centralized Call Center: To provide citizens one central place to call to report allegations of child abuse or neglect. (Committee Voted to Not Pursue)
15. Accountability Mechanisms (Office of Child Advocate): To provide an independent, impartial place to voice concerns regarding the response of the system to protect children. (Completed)
16. Improve Child Welfare Data Quality and Evaluate Practice: To collect and report consistent information related to client demographics to address issues of disparity and disproportionality. (Completed - Ongoing)
17. Differential Response: To engage families in an alternative approach to traditional investigations that keeps children safer and families stronger. (Completed - Ongoing)
18. In-Service Training for Child Welfare Caseworkers, Supervisors, Case Aides (not included) and Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline Staff: To ensure that key child welfare staff has core competencies before they begin their new jobs. (Completed - Rules 3/2010, Training 3/2010, and Budget Decision Item 2/2011)
19. Use of a Family Centered Engagement Method: To promote family leadership in culturally appropriate case planning and services delivery. (Completed - Ongoing)
20. Access to Services: To promote the consistent delivery of high quality services throughout all of Colorado. (Completed - Ongoing)
21. Establish a Statewide Training Program to Address Concerns Around Cultural Competency: To promote and advance culturally competent child welfare practices. (7/2011)
22. Child Welfare System of Care: To provide a practice model that ensures quality, consistency, and accountability for a full comprehensive service system. (Ongoing)
23. Increase the Number of Kinship Care Homes and Culturally Appropriate Foster Homes: To give placement staff more culturally appropriate options for children who must be placed outside their own homes. (Ongoing)

Feedback to Mandatory Reporters of Child Abuse/Neglect: To provide needed information to professionals who report abuse and maintain an ongoing role with the child. (Ongoing)
24. Corrective Action Plans and Sanctions: To develop progressive steps to bring counties into compliance with basic requirements of rules and regulations. (12/2010)
25. Corrective Action Plans and Sanctions: To develop progressive steps to bring counties into compliance with basic requirements of rules and regulations. (Completed)