

Task Force to Study the Needs of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children and Adolescents
December 17, 2003 @ 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
State House Room # 127

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. (8:00 a.m.)

Sen. Edmonds and Rep. Makas, Task Force Chairs, Task Force Members, Staff and Interpreters

- Welcome and introductions
- Preview of meeting agenda and expectations
- Review meeting summary from 1st Task Force meeting

2. Designing a Culturally Competent and Linguistically Accessible System to Serve the Needs of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children and Adolescents. (8:30 a.m.)

Task Force Members and Staff, Dept. of Human Services and Dept. of Behavioral & Developmental Services (Presenters TBA)

- Improving the capacity and delivery of culturally competent, linguistically accessible services
- Identifying and tracking Deaf and hard-of-hearing children in need of specialized services
- Strengthening in-state specialty services and collaborative efforts with other states

Break. (10:00 a.m.)

3. Task Force Discussion: Preliminary Findings, Conclusions and Recommendations. (10:15 a.m.)

Commission Members and Staff

- Review and prioritize key problem areas and policy issues;
- Discuss preliminary findings and conclusions;
- Discuss preliminary recommendations to address the priority problems or issues:
 - A. Improving the capacity and delivery of culturally competent, linguistically accessible services
 - B. Identifying and tracking Deaf and hard-of-hearing children in need of specialized services
 - C. Strengthening in-state specialty services and collaborative efforts with other states

4. Next Steps – Where do we go from here? (11:30 a.m.)

Task Force Chairs, Members and Staff

- Determine the next steps in developing recommendations to address these problems/issues; and
- Discuss plans for the next meeting and completion of the Task Force report.

5. Adjournment. (12:00 p.m.)