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Meeting Date: August 22, 2012  
Meeting Time: 1:00 P.M.  
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., House Chambers  
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana  
Meeting Number: 1

### MEETING AGENDA

- (1) Call to Order.
- (2) Various updates and presentations by the Department of Child Services (DCS):
  - (A) Review and study the progress and improvements made by DCS since it creation in 2005.
    - Judge James Payne, Director of DCS, Introductory Remarks.
    - John Ryan, Chief of Staff of DCS, Presentation.
  - (B) DCS personnel issues including staff training and turnover.
  - (C) Funding of DCS including all services provided.
  - (D) Life of a Child in Need of Services (CHINS) case:
    - (i) Assessment.
    - (ii) Distinction between CHINS and Informal Adjustment (IA).
    - (iii) Placement/Safely Home.
    - (iv) Termination of Parent-Child Relationship.
    - (v) Adoptions.
  - (E) Review and study the DCS child abuse and neglect hotline, including the process used to refer a report to a local office.

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- (3) Receive and review status reports from the DCS Ombudsman  
-Susan Hoppe, Director of the DCS Ombudsman Bureau.
- (4) Other Business.

The second meeting of the Department of Child Services Interim Study Committee will be held on September 5, 2012, at 1:00 PM in the House Chambers. Please see the agenda for the second meeting at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/interim/committee/csic.html>. Public testimony will be taken regarding the DCS child abuse and neglect hotline at this meeting.

(The meeting will be broadcast over the Internet for those unable to attend. Please visit <http://www.in.gov/legislative/2441.htm> and select the video stream for the appropriate room from the drop down list to watch the Webcast.)