



Suicide Prevention, Bullying, and Online Safety Task Force

Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana

Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2025

The Suicide Prevention, Bullying, and Online Safety Task Force met on November 12, 2025, from 2:00 p.m.-4:05 p.m. via Zoom. Minutes were prepared by Sierra Suozzi.

Members Present:

The following members of the Committee were present via Zoom:

- Kelsey Aaron, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
- Muna Abraham, Youth Representative
- Jodi Alexander, One Community One Family
- Brandy Anderson Willis, Essential Virtual Solutions
- Stephen Balko, Indiana Department of Education (IDOE)
- Charity Black, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA)
- Annie Cole, Bring Change 2 Mind
- Jason Craig, Mental Health America Indiana (MHA)
- Karin Gilbert, Bring Change 2 Mind
- Jayma Girdler, Youth Representative
- Jeremy Greenlee, Indiana Youth Services Association
- Olivia Hesler, Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)
- Sarah Iwinski Wallace, Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)
- Esther Lewis, Holistic Evolution
- Jason Murrey, Indiana Department of Education (IDOE)
- Brigit Nasby, Indiana Youth Services Association
- Myeshia Price, Indiana University
- Melanie Roberts, Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)
- Caitlyn Short, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA)
- Crystal Sisson, Holly's House
- Larry Smith, Males with a Plan
- Bethany Stewart, Sagamore Institute
- Nikki Sullivan, LifeSmart Youth
- Erin Tuttle, Attorney General's Office
- Brooke Lawson, Carmel Clay Schools
- Sophia Schadewald, Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)

Staff/Guests Present:

Mark Fairchild, Blane Cook, Audrianna Lingren, and Sierra Suozzi, Commission on Improving the Status of Children (CISC). Dr. Laura Schwab Reese, Purdue University.

Meeting Objectives:

- Dr. Laura Schwab Reese's Presentation on Online Safety
- Subcommittee Updates
- CISC Updates

Welcome and Introductions:

Blane asked members to introduce themselves and their role.

Updates/Old Business:

- Approval of September meeting minutes. Motioned by Brigg Nasby, seconded by Karin Gilbert, and approved unanimously.
- Blane announced that the task force officially has 2 co-chairs. The newest co-chair being Brooke Lawson, the Director of Mental Health for Carmel Clay Schools.
- Mark and Blane reminded the task force members to share the strategic plan with subcommittee members to gain feedback on the document.
- Blane reported Sophia will ask what content will be included in the upcoming YRBS questionnaire from the CDC. Sarah advised it's a little too soon to know what content will be on the questionnaire from 2025 and has still not heard anything regarding sharing the results from 2023 with the task force.
- Blane discussed agenda items for the December commission meeting including finalizing the strategic plan and discussing initial legislation. Mark reminded members to send him any legislation that the Commission could potentially endorse. Mark advised that task force chairs will be invited to share out things they have been working on at the December meeting.

New Business/Presentations:

- Dr. Laura Schwab Reese shared a presentation about her research on online safety among children and youth. She examined topics such as online help-seeking among children and youth, online child sexual exploitation rates, rates of reporting abuse, ways social media platforms responded to reports of abuse, and shared some key implications of the research. Dr. Schwab Reese opened the floor and answered questions from task force members.
- Sarah Iwinski-Wallace shared that the Bullying Prevention subcommittee was able to meet for the first time last month. The group went over their new objective and discussed items they would like to focus on like school culture and media safety literacy.
- Ester Lewis reported the Online Safety subcommittee has been focused on creating their new objective for the strategic plan. Mark and Blane helped clarify some questions Ester brought up to ensure the objective isn't too specific.
- Caitlyn Short shared that the Suicide Prevention subcommittee has been talking about conducting a needs assessment to identify gaps. After some discussion, the group decided a needs assessment may not be a feasible option and instead would like to have

conversations with other youth councils across the state to gain insight. Caitlyn suggested an edit to the group's objective to include "increasing protective factors".

Action Items:

- Share draft strategic plan to subcommittee members and send additional feedback to Mark and Blane.
- Sarah to check in about what questions will be on the 2025 YRBS questionnaire.
- Task force members to meet to discuss potential questions that would be helpful to include in the YRBS questionnaire.
- Blane to create a shared folder for questions for Dr. Schwab Reese.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05PM.

Next Meeting:

January 14th 2-4pm eastern time via Zoom.