



Family Separation Response Task Force Meeting #8

July 8, 2025 | 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. | HYBRID
1500 Jefferson St. Olympia

Meeting Minutes

MEETING AGENDA

- The Rapid Response Team Administrator provided a summary of the recent Community Partners meeting, where upcoming deliverables were reviewed for guidance and recommendations were brought out. The need for mental health services for separated children and for immigration service providers was emphasized.
- It was shared that there is a new federal policy, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Directive 11064.4 (issued July 2, 2025), *Detention and Removal of Alien Parents and Legal Guardians of Minor Children*. Further guidance regarding its potential impacts was requested by many at the meeting.
- The inclusion in HR 1 of a \$300 million increase to federal Office of Refugee Resettlement, including to vet sponsors of unaccompanied children, was discussed.
- Recommendations for the July Report
- We reviewed and discussed the Six Month Review of the Family Separation Rapid Response Team. We evaluated what aspects of the Executive Order 25-04 have been completed, and what activities should take place over the next six months.

Project Updates – Lillian Ferraz

- Moving resource packet to a one-pager with QR codes in collaboration with CHA.
- Policy Review with Chalia Stallings-Ala'ilima with AGO- Keep Washington Working and Personally Identifying Information DCYF Compliance policy review kicking off this week
- Immigration referral talks- a good talk on what to do with the changes around SIJ Visas.
- Community Partners Committee has taken off- a few recommendations presented- service providers have a need for services that may not be directly immigration related-ex: mental health and housing. Lawyers or service providers encounter a deep need for mental health and a lack of resources. How to move those recs forward through our process. Jewish Family Services and ACRS have joined as well.
- This month building the 6 month report- every 3 months according to the EO required to submit an interim report. A more in-depth review will be done by the steering committee.



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- RE: Funding process: Departmental Request have moved forward in internal processes, Task Force members submit DPs separately and then write a shared letter in addendum.

Immigration Landscape Updates

- Increase in Homeland Security/ICE funding.
- Change in ICE Directive (7/2) Detention and Removal of Alien Parents and Legal Guardians of Minor Children.
- HR Federal Level invests \$300 mil in Office of Refugee Resettlement into vetting sponsors of kids that are currently in the care of sponsors and vetting kids as well. This may change the way that the Fed gov is responding to unaccompanied kids as well. Could effect the unaccompanied kids that have been released in Washington and their interactions with ICE. Part of HR 1- Subtitle H of the Labor HHS section of that bill.
- Heavy requirements for sponsors is not new- started earlier this year, people are less willing to come forward as sponsors, no sponsors mean they will be in OR custody instead.

Policy Updates

- OEO has been thinking through what to do with students who do not have a guardian- how as an agency do we serve them as a minor? If no parent to sign off on release to schools etc.
- OEO- gap is what if the complaint is with the school? The school would then not want to sign off on permission to contact. Not a big problem yet, but keenly aware of and looking for an answer.
- Sarah Peterson- finalizing a report for an unaccompanied minor workgroup that will be coming out- sent to the legislature. Recs key to this work group.

Discussion on Recommendations (finalized in July 31 report)

Six Month Executive Order Review

Review Executive Order:

- Thoughts on timeliness around activities included in the EO and if would like to be included in those activities.
- Reviewing Agency Policies- had presentations from agencies, conversations around DCYF, KWW, and data, and Data Protections specifically (August).
 - How we support affected state staff- BRGs that have reached out to the Task Force- WA Immigration Network. Keep Washington Working and Courts Open to All, keeps access to our state courts as well.



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- Tracking down reports of that law not being followed, what does enforcement of COTA look like?
- Language Access- specific agencies where language access needs to be assessed.
 - Conversation around social workers going to prisons to help with visitation and having the challenge where they are not able to bring an interpreter.
- Permit Quick and Responsive Action- reach out to businesses and schools when hear a raid has happened in order to provide resources. Concept of procedure to work on with the steering team.
 - Include mental health support for children
 - Panel being put together around best practices around trauma after separation. Part of one of the activities scheduled.
- Consultation with Immigration and child welfare Experts. Ongoing discussion and collaboration: taking with child welfare experts specifically around trauma. What resources are available and best practices, panel in October.
- Education- good job of collaborating with OSPI on existing work. Continue working with SME for next round of policy coordination.
 - Resource one-pager will be distributed through schools and governments. Need collaboration with school districts in particular.
 - How do we support children who are at risk of separation outside of the classroom- something for recommendations?
 - Make sure school board is in alignment with those policy recs. May have school boards who are not agreeing with what is happening. Ongoing tension.
 - Need to move in the direction of including more school district and school board folks.
 - Have conversations in the Fall- board elections in November but see turnover. Districts are hungry for information- can blast that out as new information comes out. Always a balance of local electeds versus state law.
- State Universities, colleges, community colleges, and running start.
 - Need presentation from Higher Ed Representatives, support for older siblings in care of separated children. Funding element too.
 - Policy discussions around academic credit. Look at changes to Federal regulations- eligibility for Federal student Aid- SBCTC possibly, people's ability to get both Federal and State funding? WSAC- Joel could probably present on this too.
- Housing- how do we support siblings staying together if they lose housing?

Put together a smartsheet survey to the group to review and synthesize that feedback with a projected work plan for August-January. Use the deck and then a couple of question survey to synthesize feedback between now and the next conversation.



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Next meeting in 4 weeks, may be moving to a monthly meeting with smaller subgroups meeting outside of that monthly meeting time.

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