



# Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Special Webinar Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2022 – 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm  
Virtual Meeting

### Welcome and Introductions

DCYF Deputy Director of Community Engagement, Deanna Stewart welcomed attendees and initiated introductions.

### Prevention Service Needs

DCYF Director of Office of Innovation, Alignment, and Accountability (OIAA), Vickie Ybarra introduced Harvard Government Performance Lab Fellow Avantika Thakur who shared that DCYF plans to improve prevention services for Black and Native families and gave an opportunity for the group to provide feedback individually in an activity. Members came together as a large group to discuss feedback.

- [Prevention Service Needs Discussion Question Responses and Feedback](#)

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People need to stay together and actually talk to the parents.</li> <li>• Basic needs need to be met</li> </ul>
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### Follow Up Questions

Members were given an opportunity to provide feedback on follow up questions.

- [Follow Up Discussion Question Responses and Feedback](#)

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I'd rather have someone who understands and supports my values and culture than someone that looks like me. Would rather have someone who understands what it is like having a large family instead of looking like me. Or at least open to listening to how I raise my children.</li> <li>• Offer more support with respite care.</li> <li>• What is this called again...youth petition? Also, what is it for? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ At youth risk petition.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### Closing Remarks and Adjourn

- [Meeting Closing Reflection Question Responses and Feedback](#)

<b>Next Steps/Follow Up</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next Parent Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for March, 23, 2022.</li> </ul>
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