



Family Separation Response Task Force Meeting #6 Minutes

May 27, 2025 | 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. | HYBRID
1500 Jefferson St. Olympia

MEETING MINUTES

Overview

- OneAmerica presented to the Task Force, sharing how they organize *with* communities, not *for* them. They have deep community connections and empower local leaders to give Know Your Rights and Family Safety Planning information. Recommendations for the Task Force are listed below, and in the slides on our website.
- Lillian reviewed the Family Safety Resource Packet outline with the group, finalizing the list of resources
- The Commission and Agency representatives then had a closed-door session to talk about recommendations they want to see in the Task Force, and community partners will review them, and provide more recommendations at the next meeting.

Introduction and Updates

Rebekah (KIND)- Trend at Seattle immigration court and across the country, immigration judges have been terminating full removal proceedings before the immigration judge and coordinating closely with DHS to then subject those individuals to “expedited removal”. Expedited removal- fast track removal process that takes place outside of the immigration court, faster with fewer procedural protections--- can be detained as they go through that process.

Government expanded categories of individuals that can be subject to removal. Trend that started last week and has resulted on individuals abruptly being removed and can impact families pretty quickly in those cases.

Lillian Ferraz (DCYF)- Training offered by NWIRP, and signups for assistance with monitoring court proceedings requested. Sent info to task force members in follow up email

Grace (GOV)- Gov’s office got input that families being held in private facilities, Customs and border patrol or DHS facilities that are not equipped for families, at least one case of small children being held for multiple weeks. Gov’s office looking for info on cases of families being held.



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Tana Senn (Secretary, DCYF)- a few weeks ago had a meeting about SIJ visas with OCLA, OPD, and DCYF- couple of other ideas to explore. Few meetings to check in on direction and then circle back at next meeting with more of a decision.

Lillian Ferraz (DCYF) - Website- translated to Spanish and Somali and imbedded instructional video in there, updated on a monthly basis. FAQ also updated- make more accessible all of the time, send ideas to Lillian. Trying to make the website the landing page for the work the Task Force is doing.

OneAmerica Presentation – Slides linked on Website

- Focused on making sure that early learning includes languages of families served, including dual language program advocacy. In Early Learning space, organize folks who are closest to decisions but farthest from the decision making process
- Family safety planning—training core leaders to bring this knowledge into their own communities- sharing resources and hosting know your rights sessions. Rely on other organizations to provide broader trainings.
- Goal at One America to organize WITH communities, not FOR them.

Recommendations for the Task Force

- Cultural relevance, language, tools and training for communities for preparedness
- From One America experience, Spanish speakers seem to be the most impacted, anecdotally but DCYF does not have data at their disposal.
- Scared, anxious, worried communities who go into hiding, community messaging with resources would help with that anxiety.
- One America willing to distribute materials and to co-host forums in communities they serve—re: Task Force
- Sign up for Immigrant Justice Team and Rapid Response Group with One America

Family Safety Resource Packet Feedback

Lillian (DCYF) - Do these look good? Last point of review will be with community partners. Planning to send packet virtually to multiple community orgs in multiple languages- through DCYF own network and networks of community partners. Will follow up in email with a request for state community engagement staff contact information for rollout.

1. Brief description of the Task Force, Highlight KWW
2. Family Safety Planning LCYC documents and training links
3. OSPI guidance for immigrant families
4. Know Your Rights
5. Instructions on RealID
6. Resources CHA & WAISN, DSHS- live links to those pages



7. Graphic of DCYF care (in development)
8. Immigration legal help

Closed Session on Recommendations: only state agencies and commissions, next is with community partners

Attendees: 38, In Person: 10

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