

Law Enforcement Training Workgroup Activities

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Charge

"DHS should convene a working group to make recommendations to the Legislature regarding training of law enforcement officers in child protection removals."

OLA Child Protection-Law Enforcement Training Workgroup

Leadership



Department of Human Services (MN Child Welfare Training Academy) Department of Public Safety (BCA) Tribal Partnership (Tribal Training and Certification Partnership)

Participants

- County (MACSSA) and Tribal CP agencies
- Trauma specialists
- MNCWTA staff
- DHS Child Safety and Permanency Staff
- Guardian Ad Litem,
- County Attorney Association
- Tribal Training and Certification Program
- Resource parents
- Local law enforcement
- BCA/DPS
- POST Board
- Office of the Ombudspersons for Families, American Indian Families
- Children's Justice Initiative
- Youth Leadership Councils
- Parents/youth lived experience
- Tribal law enforcement

National/research scan **Workgroup Process** Gather workgroup Timeline ideas/feedback Draft initial recommendations Policy consultation Identify and engage **OLA Child Protection Removals** additional participants and Reunification report Continue tribal released partnership/consultation 2022 (Fall/Winter) 2024 (Winter/Spring) 2022 (Summer) 2023 (Spring-Fall) Establish charter LE workforce engagement Tribal LE engagement Identify **Finalize recommendations** leadership/participants **Begin Tribal consultation**





Ongoing Engagement

Lived Experience experts

- Outreach and input from youth with lived experience
- MNCWTA Advisory
 Network input
- Report back with ongoing development and feedback

Tribal Nations

- Collective and individual meetings with Tribal law enforcement chiefs
- Presentation and engagement with the ICWA council

Local law enforcement

- Listening sessions targeted for 3/2024 outlining process and goals.
- Opportunity to provide input

Preliminary recommendations for training includes:

- Mandatory, cross-disciplinary training for law enforcement on Child Protection removals statewide
- Required collaboration and consultation with local social services
- Statutory authority, responsibilities for child removals
- Imminent danger definitions and information on child safety and risk
- Understanding implicit bias and socioeconomic and racial disparities
- Trauma-informed, child-centered, and strengths-based practices and approaches
- Family engagement and culturally responsive practice
- Specialized considerations on situations involving domestic violence and substance use.

