

## THE SUPREME COURT OF MINNESOTA MINNESOTA JUDICIAL CENTER 25 REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD. SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA 55155

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## <u>Update on Minnesota Supreme Court Child Protection Task Force</u>

The Minnesota Supreme Court Child Protection Task Force held their first official meeting on August 21, 2024. The anticipated plan is for the Task Force to meet twice a month.

So far, thirteen (13) people have been asked to join the Council. I expect the Chief Justice will sign orders appointing them in the next week or so. When all members have been appointed, there will be a press release. So far, members are from both rural and urban communities; their professions range from a family service provider, pediatrician (child abuse expert), county attorney, education specialist, social worker, parent attorney, and a person with lived experience, along with some national experts who will help advise the group. This Task Force is fully committed to the project, and each member has invaluable insight and knowledge to share. We are fortunate all of these individuals have agreed to generously share their time and expertise on the Task Force.

We plan on holding a multitude of virtual town halls and have already held several business partner meetings (with many more to come). We have a working outline of goals we seek to accomplish, all through the eyes of (and the common goal of helping) children.

I have been in contact with the Minnesota American Indian Council and await word on their Appointee.

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