

Child Welfare Advisory Committee
February 26, 2026
1 to 3:30 pm

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- I. Co-chairs welcome and report
 - Member role call
 - Approval of minutes from November 13, 2025
 - Co-chairs updates
- II. Director's Welcome
- III. New Business:
 - Update on new CWAC model implementation (Chris Cox)
 - FY27 DCFS Budget presentation (Director)
 - States' response to Federal funding issues (Director)
 - Background check update (Anika Todd)
 - Defining well-being across Child Welfare (Verletta Saxon)
 - KIND act update (Julie Barbosa)
 - Update on transition: day care/licensing function to new Department of Early Childhood Education (Director)
 - Illinois Connect-Focus on 2026 work (Dave Nika)
 - Committee required training (Kara Hamilton)
 - YAB Updates
- IV. Cross Advisory Board updates
- V. Public Comments
- 3:30 Adjournment