

**Council of the District of Columbia
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE
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**COUNCILMEMBER BRIANNE K. NADEAU, CHAIRPERSON
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT ROUNDTABLE ON

**CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES AGENCY'S SAFE HAVEN AND SAFE & STABLE
FAMILIES REDESIGNS AND NEW POLICIES ON EARLY INTERVENTIONS FOR AT-
RISK NEWBORNS**

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017, 12:00 p.m.
Room 500, John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004**

On Wednesday, September 20, 2017, Councilmember Brianne K. Nadeau, Chairperson of the Committee on Human Services, will hold a public oversight roundtable on the Child and Family Services Agency's (CFSA) foster placement and community services redesign and new policies on early interventions for at-risk newborns. The roundtable will take place in the Council Chambers, Room 500, of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, at 12:00 p.m.

Earlier this year CFSA announced two major changes in its placement and prevention/community services strategies. The Safe and Stable Families Redesign is focused on evaluating and better utilizing the community-based services. The Safe Haven Redesign aims to increase placement stability and decrease length of foster care through several new mechanisms, including, working with a single provider; conducting case management in-house; eliminating the "traditional/therapeutic" designation of foster homes; and adherence to new standards based on national best practices. The Committee is interested in learning more about the implementation of both redesigns and how it will improve the lives of the children in its care.

CFSA is also adopting new policies to better expand its responses to newborns that test positive for controlled substances. Early supports can make a significant difference in the lives of infant children, and CFSA's role in providing those supports can be key in preventing more serious involvement later in life. The Committee seeks to further explore these policies and how they will improve the agency's services.

The Committee invites the public to testify or to submit written testimony. Anyone wishing to testify at the hearing should contact the Committee via email at humanservices@dccouncil.us or at (202) 724-8170, and provide their name, telephone number, organizational affiliation, and title (if any), by **close of business Monday, September 18, 2017**. Representatives of organizations will be allowed a maximum of five minutes for oral testimony, and individuals will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. Witnesses are encouraged to bring **twenty single-sided copies** of their written testimony.

For witnesses who are unable to testify at the roundtable, written statements will be made part of the official record. Copies of written statements should be submitted either to the Committee at humanservices@dccouncil.us or to Nyasha Smith, Secretary to the Council, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 5, Washington, D.C. 20004. **The record will close at the end of the business day on October 4, 2017.**