

Act 108 – Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Working Group

08/07/2026

In attendance (Working Group Members Highlighted):

1. Jeffrey Mbarushimana, Office of Racial Equity
2. Scotty Tabachnick, School Principal
3. Kara Campbell Morin, Northeast Kingdom Human Services
4. Joy Kitchell, Prevent Child Abuse Vermont
5. Lindsay Barron, DCF-FSD
6. Charlie Gliserman, VT Network for Domestic and Sexual Violence
7. Jenn Poehlmann, Center for Crime Victim Services
8. Matthew Bernstein, Office of the Child Youth and Family Advocate
9. Danielle Jankowski, Lived Experience Expert
10. Hannah Marble, DCF-FSD
11. Nancy Miller, DCF-FSD
12. Ashley Nutbrown, Lived Experience Expert
13. Dolores Long, Casey Family Programs
14. Mike Maughan, Lived Experience Expert

*Please note that three lived experience experts joined the group today as members of the public. As the statute requires, the Vermont Child, Youth, and Family Advisory Council will select one individual to participate in future meetings. The Vermont Parent Representation Center is no longer a functioning entity and has agreed that the OCYFA should appoint a second member to fulfill the legislative mandate.

Welcome & Introductions

- Welcome and introductions of Working Group members
- Confirm quorum for today's meeting (13 members in total; quorum = 7)
- Brief overview of each member's role. Please share:
 - Your name
 - The organization you are representing
 - Your role
 - Your pronouns, if comfortable sharing
 - One thing you hope the Working Group accomplishes through its work

Election of Chair & Discussion of Operating Agreements

- Call for nominations
- Elect a Chair (or co-chairs) for the Working Group: Matthew Bernstein was elected Chair and Jenn Poehlmann was elected as Vice Chair.
- Brief overview of the Chair's role and responsibilities

- Discuss operating agreements for the group / shared values

Background & Current Landscape

- Review the issues and concerns that led to the legislation
- Share relevant background information
- Share the website link
- Walk through of Act 108
- Review the Working Group's responsibilities, scope, membership, timeline, and deliverable
- Discuss the distinction between formal Working Group members and entities the Department is required to consult. Update on members who are not present or designated yet.
- Discuss the key questions and issues the Working Group is charged with examining

Meeting Schedule & Next Steps

- Discuss anticipated meeting frequency and time commitment
- Schedule upcoming Working Group meetings: August 31st from 1:00-4:00 PM and September 29th from 10:00 AM -1:00 PM.
- Confirm immediate next steps and responsibilities
- Review priorities and topics for the next meeting

Before the Next Meeting:

Review the data referenced in the bill from [Child Trends](#).

Complete the new [Vermont Mandated Reporter Training](#).

Review the [DCF-FSD Website](#).