

Task Force to Study the Needs of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children and Adolescents
November 20, 2003 @ 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.
State House Room # 127

AGENDA

1. Convening of the Task Force and Introductions. (9:00 am.)

Sen. Edmonds and Rep. Makas, Task Force Chairs, Task Force Members, Interpreters & Staff

- Welcome and introduction of Task Force members and staff;
- Review guidelines for working with interpreters; and
- Review of Task Force purpose and duties (pursuant to Resolve 2003, c. 84).

2. The Way Life Is: Overview of the Current System. (9:30 a.m.)

Presentations & Discussion (Presenters TBD)

- Perspectives on existing services available to meet the behavioral and mental health needs of Deaf and hard-of-hearing children and adolescents. (9:30 a.m.)

Break (10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

- Demographic data: How do we currently identify and track this population? (11:00 am)
(Presenters TBD)

Lunch Break (12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

3. The Way Life Should Be: Proposals Designed to Improve Service Delivery (12:30 p.m.)

Presentations and Discussion (Presenters TBD)

- Strengthening in-state specialty services
- Collaborative efforts with other states

4. Next Steps – Developing a Work Plan (2:00 p.m.)

Task Force Chairs, Members and Staff

- Task Force members will establish a meeting schedule and the process to be used in arriving at findings, conclusions and recommendations.

5. Adjournment.