



DRUG-ENDANGERED CHILDREN WORKGROUP MEETING

Workgroup Meeting. The Drug-Endangered Children (DEC) Workgroup held its first meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2016, in State Capitol room 102 in Des Moines.

Purpose. The Workgroup was established in [Senate File 2258](#) during the 2016 Legislative Session. The Workgroup's goal is to improve the current Department of Human Services Differential Response Program by examining the impact of Differential Response on the health and safety of drug-endangered children and by providing a concrete definition of the term "drug-endangered child." The Workgroup is scheduled to submit recommendations to the Legislature by December 15, 2016.

Discussion. Dale Woolery, Office of Drug Control Policy, reviewed Iowa drug abuse statistics and trends, and Janee Harvey, Child Welfare Bureau Chief at the Department of Human Services, provided an overview of criteria for child abuse assessments and shared drug-related child welfare data.

The next Workgroup meeting will be held on November 17, 2016, at the State Capitol.

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