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Virtual Community **Forum Open** For Public Input on State's Foster Care System

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FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 10, 2025 - The public is invited to attend a virtual community forum series in September and October hosted by Citizen Foster Care Review Boards to discuss ways to improve outcomes for Kentucky families and children in the foster care system. All interested individuals are encouraged to attend one of the forums scheduled for Sep. 25 and 29, and Oct. 3 and 8. Registration is required.

The forums are part of the reforms outlined in House Bill 1, passed in 2018 to address challenges within the foster care and adoption systems. The Citizen Foster Care Review Boards (CFCRBs) first held regional forums to gather public input on the foster care system in late October

The forums will focus on prevention efforts, including protecting children from harm, fostering strong and nurturing relationships between children and their parents, and connecting families with essential resources. Due to confidentiality, specific cases will not be discussed.

Discussion points at the community forums will include:

- What early intervention services are available in your community?
- What type of targeted services are available for children and families that are tailored to meet the family's individual needs?
- •What barriers impede prevention efforts?
- What local solutions can be identified to overcome these barriers to prevention?
- How can your community prioritize prevention of child maltreatment?

Findings from the forums will be reported to the Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board and will be included in the CFCRB's annual recommendations to the Supreme Court, the governor and legislature.

FORUM SCHEDULE Registrants will receive a confirmation email with the Zoom meeting link one week before their town hall. For more information, email cfcrb@kycourts.net.



Sep. 25, 2025

11 a.m.-noon CT/ noon-1 p.m. ET

Registration required at https://kcoj.info/ Sep25CFCRB.

For residents in these counties: Allen, Ballard, Barren, Breckinridge, Butler, Caldwell, Calloway, Carlisle, Christian, Crittenden, Daviess, Edmonson, Fulton, Graves, Grayson, Hancock, Hardin, Hart, Henderson, Hickman, Hopkins, LaRue, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, Marshall, McCracken, McLean, Meade, Metcalfe, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Ohio, Simpson, Todd, Trigg, Union, Warren, and

Citizen Foster Care Review Board -The Kentucky General Assembly created the state CFCRB in 1982 to decrease children's time in out-of-home care. More than 700 volunteers across the state serve as members of the Kentucky CFCRB.

Webster.

Thousands of Kentucky children enter foster care each year due to dependency, neglect and abuse. CFCRB volunteers play a crucial role in protecting children by reviewing the cases of each child in the custody of the Department for Community **Based Services within** the Kentucky Cabinet for

Health and Family Services.

CFCRBs review the case of each child in foster care at least once every six months, as required by statute. In fiscal year 2024, volunteers reviewed 19,565 cases involving 11,301 children in out-of-home care. View the latest CFCRB annual report at https://kcoj.info/ CFCRB2024.

Join a CFCRB - Make a difference for the children in your community by serving as a CFCRB volunteer. CFCRBs throughout Kentucky need volunteers. Get more information and apply at bit.ly/CFCRBvolunteer. Contact the state CFCRB at CFCRB@kycourts.net.

Administrative Office of the Courts - The Administrative Office of the Courts administers the CFCRB program.

The AOC is the operations arm for the state court system and supports the activities of nearly 3,300 employees and 412 elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks. The AOC also executes the Judicial Branch budget.

Happy Waste Report Wednesday



U. S. Senator Rand Paul

Every Wednesday, I expose wasteful, ridiculous, and downright insulting ways Washington burns through your tax dollars.

Recently, my team and I uncovered the State Department spent \$123,066 to teach Kyrgyz youth how to go viral.

Nothing says peacekeeping like a viral video.

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need to stand boldly against the direction our nation is headed.

The separation of the wheat and tares has begun. This is becoming clearer each day since the recent Supreme Court decision to try to redefine marriage. It is God who created marriage and only He can change it. Which are you? Do you stand for God's undeniable truth or do you accept something He clearly calls an abomination?

We are to begin in prayer and Bible study. Then we are to carry the message of Jesus Christ to all of those around us. The Gospel Message is needed now more than ever within our communities, our schools, and yes, in our halls of government. As George Washington said, "It is impossible to govern men without God and the Bible."

We cannot remain silent and expect things to change. God gives us time for prayer and gives us hands and feet to use to take action. He gives us a voice that is to be used. Let us get the Gospel to

Would you take a few minutes to pray for some lost soul whom you know?

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everyone we can.

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teacher.

9. Complain because there are very few students in your child's class, and as a result, take them somewhere else to church rather than digging in and trying to build up the

10. Exhibit the attitude, "I'm not getting much out of this class." Perhaps you are not putting much into it, and as a result, the class suffers because of your lack of interest.



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