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Examining the New York Child Welfare System and its Impact on Black Children and Families

Hosted By:

The New York Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

In addition to each meeting and briefing including time for public comment, the Committee has scheduled a forum on April 19, 2023, specifically to hear from members of the public who are individuals directly impacted by New York's child welfare system. Please see the times listed below to know when to join to share your comments:

Wed., April 19, 2023, 1:00-3:00 pm

- 1:10 pm—1:55 pm: Children/ Youth
- 1:55 pm—2:40 pm: Parents/Family Members
- 2:40 pm—2:55 pm: Caseworkers, Foster or Adoptive Parents, any other interested individuals

If the Committee does not hear from you in the time available during the forum, public comment is also available during each meeting and briefing. Written testimony may also be submitted to mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov by August 20, 2023 for inclusion in the public record.

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The New York Advisory Committee to the <u>U.S. Commission on Civil Rights</u> is hosting a series of public, online briefings in 2023 regarding the New York Child Welfare System and its impact on Black children and families in order to submit findings and recommendations to the Commission on this topic. The Committee held its first virtual panel briefing on November 18, 2022. Upcoming virtual panel briefings will take place on:

Panel II: Wed. February 15, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 pm: Researchers Panel, Public Comment at 2:30 pm, register at: https://tinyurl.com/2sefj27t; telephone access (audio only): (551) 285-1373; Meeting ID: 160 065 6097#

Panel III: Fri. February 17, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 pm: Academics Panel, Public Comment at 2:30 pm, register at: https://tinyurl.com/2sefj27t; telephone access (audio only): (551) 285-1373; Meeting ID: 160 065 6097#

Panel IV: Wed. April 19, 2023, 1:00–3:00 pm: Forum of Impacted Individuals, register at: https://tinyurl.com/2b2h43ny; telephone access (audio only): (551) 285-1373; Meeting ID: 161 071 0272#

Panel V: Fri. April 21, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 pm: Advocates Panel, Public Comment at 2:30 pm, register at: https://tinyurl.com/y3w5sxx8; telephone access (audio only): (551) 285-1373; Meeting ID: 161 119 5762#

Panel VI: Fri. May 19, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 pm: Government Officials Panel, Public Comment at 2:30 pm, register at: https://tinyurl.com/8pkedp64; telephone access (audio only): (551) 285-1373; Meeting ID: 160 225 8882#

Panel VII: Fri. July 21, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 pm: Multi-Sector Final Speakers, Public Comment at 2:30 pm, register at: https://tinyurl.com/43zbkrtr; telephone access (audio only): (551) 285-1373; Meeting ID: 160 094 0395#

The Committee will accept written testimony submitted to Mallory Trachtenberg at mtrachtenberg@usccr.gov by August 20, 2023. The Committee will be drafting findings and recommendations based on the testimony received following this date.

All times listed are in Eastern Time. Closed captions are available. People who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 and providing the Service with the above listed conference details. Individuals requiring other accommodations should email Sarah Villanueva at svillanueva@usccr.gov ten business days prior to the meeting to make their request.

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Opening Remarks (1:00 p.m.-1:10 p.m.)

Panel Presentations & Committee Q&A (1:10 p.m.-2:30 p.m.)

- Hina Naveed, Aryeh Neier Fellow, American Civil Liberties Union and Human Rights Watch
- Tim Ross, Managing Partner, Action Research
- Fred Wulczyn, Director, Center for State Child Welfare Data; Senior Research Fellow, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago; Crown School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, University of Chicago
- Naomi Schaefer Riley, Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute

Public Comment (2:30 p.m.–2:55 p.m.) Closing Remarks (2:55 p.m.–3:00 p.m.) Adjournment (3:00 p.m.)

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Opening Remarks (1:00 p.m.-1:10 p.m.)

Panel Presentations & Committee Q&A (1:10 p.m.-2:30 p.m.)

- Dorothy E. Roberts, George A. Weiss University Professor of Law & Sociology; Raymond Pace & Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Professor of Civil Rights; Professor of Africana Studies; Director, Penn Program on Race, Science & Society, University of Pennsylvania
- Tarek Ismail, Associate Professor of Law, City University of New York School of Law
- Martin Guggenheim, Fiorello LaGuardia Professor of Clinical Law Emeritus, NYU School of Law
- Glenn N. Saxe, Director, Trauma Systems Therapy Training Center; Director, Center for Child Welfare Practice Innovation; Professor of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, Hassenfeld Children's Hospital at NYU Langone

Public Comment (2:30 p.m.–2:55 p.m.) Closing Remarks (2:55 p.m.–3:00 p.m.) Adjournment (3:00 p.m.)

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Opening Remarks (1:00 p.m.-1:10 p.m.)

Adjournment (3:00 p.m.)

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Panelists to be determined by the Committee at their March 17, 2023 Meeting**

Public Comment (2:30 p.m.–2:55 p.m.) Closing Remarks (2:55 p.m.–3:00 p.m.) Adjournment (3:00 p.m.)

Panel VI: Friday May 19, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 pm: Government Panel Opening Remarks (1:00 p.m.–1:10 p.m.)

Panel Presentations & Committee Q&A (1:10 p.m.–2:30 p.m.)

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Panel Presentations & Committee Q&A (1:10 p.m.–2:30 p.m.)

Panelists to be determined by the Committee at their June 16, 2023 Meeting**

Public Comment (2:30 p.m.–2:55 p.m.) Closing Remarks (2:55 p.m.–3:00 p.m.) Adjournment (3:00 p.m.)

**Federal Advisory Committees to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights are charged with seeking testimony that incorporates diverse viewpoints as part of their mission in hearing balanced testimony.

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