

**SB 5754-S - DIGEST**

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Expects the new children in families administration to cooperate with communities to deliver services and to prevent child abuse and neglect, to provide intervention services early to preserve the family when high-risk situations are identified, and to provide effective services to protect children and strengthen families when child abuse and neglect have occurred.

Intends that the new children in families administration work with community partners, including foster parents, to provide services to support the efforts of families to care for and parent their own children safely, protect abused and neglected children, and provide quality care and permanent families for children.

Intends that the new administration work with families to create opportunities to strengthen the parent-child relationship, encourage social behaviors that connect parents to beneficial community resources, and eliminate practices that are unsafe for children and youth. The new administration's responsibility will include working with community partners to promote safe and stable placements of children, facilitate the delivery of appropriate treatment services to families and their children, help to connect youth to appropriate services, improve foster parent training and support, and help to maintain connections between siblings in out-of-home placement.