

SUMMARY AGENDA FOR THE 80TH TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION

ISSUE 1: MODIFY THE PRIVATIZATION OF CPS TO ENSURE CHILD SAFETY AND BEST-FIT PLACEMENT.

- **Recommendation 1a: Modify the CPS privatization model: Provide TDFPS the flexibility to contract for foster/adopt home care as needed. Support HB363.**
- **Recommendation 1b: Enhance TDFPS'S ability to care for removed children and all children in the Conservatorship of the State.**
- **Recommendation 1c: Increase TDFPS accountability to achieve best outcomes for children**

IMPROVE CPS CASEWORKER RETENTION AND QUALITY RECRUITMENT

- **Recommendation 2a: Increase compensation of caseworkers and supervisors to parity with the average Texas Teacher /Law Enforcement/Fire Fighters' salary**
- **Recommendation 2b. Significantly reduce caseloads of CPS Conservatorship Caseworkers to the National Average of 24 cases per worker, or two times the accredited and professionally recommended levels.**
- **Recommendation 2c: Reinstate and maintain funding for the successful "hire-ahead" caseworker program** which fills vacancies as workers resign in order to manage spiraling caseloads (SB 962 77/R).
- **Recommendation 2d: Increase caseworker quality and retention with enhanced recruitment standards:**