

**Agenda**  
**Maine Justice for Children Task Force**  
**March 17, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

**Welcome** - Hon. Rick Lawrence, Associate Justice, Maine Supreme Judicial Court

- **Review of December 16, 2025 meeting minutes**

**Presentation: “Nothing About Youth Without Youth: Elevating Youth Voice in the Courtroom”** - Julianna Morningstar (Youth Leadership Advisory Team), Judge Michael Duddy, Dulcey Laberge, OCFS Youth Transition Services Program Manager, Ahmen Cabral, Youth Leadership Advisory Team, Taylor Kilgore, Guardian Ad Litem

**Citizen Review Panel Updates**

- **Maine Child Death and Serious Injury Review Panel (CDSIRP)** - Erika Simonson, Child and Family Programs Coordinator, Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, CDSIRP Chair; Dr. Nicholas Miles, MD, Spurwink Center for Safe & Healthy Families, CDSIRP Co-Chair
- **Maine Child Welfare Advisory Panel (MCWAP)** - Andrea Mancuso, Esq., Public Policy Director, Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence, MCWAP Co-Chair; Ahmen Cabral, Senior Policy Associate, Catherine Cutler Institute, MCWAP Co-Chair

**Organizational Updates**

- **Maine Supreme Judicial Court** - Hon. Rick Lawrence, Associate Justice, Maine Supreme Judicial Court
- **Maine Judicial Branch** - Hon. Brent Davis, Chief Judge, Maine District Court
- **Office of the Attorney General** - Ariel Piers-Gamble, Esq., Chief of the Child Protective Division, Office of the Attorney General
- **Office of Child and Family Services at DHHS** - Bobbi Johnson, Director, Office of Child and Family Services, DHHS
- **Maine Commission on Public Defense Services** - Frayla Tarpinian, Esq., Executive Director, Maine Commission on Public Defense Services

**Strategic Plan Updates**

- **Parent Attorney/GAL Retention and Recruitment Subcommittee** - Kaela Scott, Esq. GAL/CASA Services Coordinator, Maine Judicial Branch
- **Continuing Education Subcommittee** - Caroline Jova, Esq., Family Division Manager, Maine Judicial Branch

**Remaining 2026 Meeting Dates:** June 16, September 15, and December 15.