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# **Presentation Overview**

**Current status of NM child welfare**

**Overview of recent reform efforts**

**Solutions-focused conversation**

**Review of key legislation efforts from  
2023**

**Question & Answer**



**“These are kids who  
need services now.  
These are kids who  
are in really bad  
places and they’re  
suffering tonight.”**

**MARCIA LOWRY**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF A BETTER CHILDHOOD



# **Current Status of Child Welfare in New Mexico**

# Recap: Recent CYFD reform efforts

 The LFC Memo re: CYFD Child Welfare Member Concerns: Staffing, Safety, and Oversight [2021]

The Kevin S Class Action Lawsuit, Settlement & Now Corrective Action Plan [Ongoing, 2023] There are

The Collaborative Safety Review Report & Recommendations [2022]

The CYFD Steering Committee Report [2022]

The HJM10 Task Force & Report [2020]

The Executive Advisory Council [2023]

# SOLUTIONS EXIST

Data-Driven, Evidence Based

we can do  
better.





# HB10: Revising the Children's Code Confidentiality Clause



**HB11: Office of a Child  
Protective Services  
"Ombudsman" or "Office of  
the Child Advocate"**



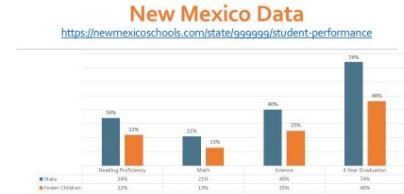
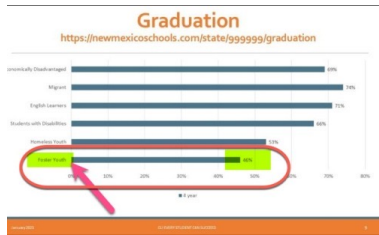


# SB150: CARA NM Statute Loophole Fix



# WIN: Preserving Federal Benefits for Foster Youth

# UP NEXT:



**Sept 6<sup>th</sup>: CYFD & APS Collaborative Meeting to discuss ParentVUE access & improving collaboration to ensure better outcomes for students**

**Sept 15<sup>th</sup>: CYFD/DOH hosted public-CARA townhall & roundtable**

**Thank You.**

**Q & A**