



The Timothy Montoya Task Force To Prevent Children From Running Away From Out-Of-Home Placement

Member Position Statements for Final Recommendation “No” Votes

- Recommendation 1a
 - Anna Cole: “Until a single definition of running away from care is developed, this recommendation is unable to be implemented. This recommendation needs to be edited to include all out of home placement types. The recommendation identifies the youth is at risk, however the language indicates the youth is unsafe. Before supporting this recommendation, we would need a solid estimate of cost, as there is not enough funding for our current data systems.”
- Recommendation 1b
 - Anna Cole: “This training would be needed only if the data system is implemented.”
- Recommendation 5c
 - Ashley Chase: “I don't understand this recommendation or what a good faith provision would mean.”
- Recommendation 5e
 - Anna Cole: “Need to identify the STSU is to be utilized if the stabilization for the youth cannot be completed in their original placement. Also, this seems duplicative to current efforts to increase options for “High-Acuity” children and youth. If a child/youth needs to stabilize, it seems that would be a high-acuity situation.”
- Recommendation 6a
 - Kelly Abbott: “This recommendation does not take into consideration the repercussions of creating a secure out-of-home placement and the Core Requirements of the JJDP Act. Deinstitutionalization of status offenders (DSO): 34 U.S.C. 11133 (a) (11).”
- Recommendation 7a
 - Anna Cole: “Youth who run from care should not be able to be detained, restrained, or physically forced to return to care. The professionals, family, kin and community who know they youth should be included in the efforts to locate youth who run from care in conjunction with law enforcement.”