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## Child Protection Public Hearings

Montpelier, VT- The legislative Committee on Child Protection will hold nine public hearings in early June on the State's current system of child protection. Hearings will be held all over the State- dates and locations below.

Public hearing participants may testify on their experiences with and observations of the current child protection system. The Committee invites suggestions on system improvements, best practices for family reunification, resources and the State's effectiveness in protecting children from abuse and neglect.

Hearings will last approximately 90 minutes. In the interest of time, participants are asked to be concise. Written testimony can be submitted at the hearing or can be e-mailed to the committee's assistant at any time, Agatha Kessler, [akessler@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:akessler@leg.state.vt.us).

Participants may sign up at the door 15 minutes prior to the hearing's start time.

The Committee on Child Protection was established in response to the tragic death of Dezirae Sheldon earlier this year. The Committee will investigate and evaluate Vermont's current system of child protection for the purpose of protecting children from abuse and neglect.

Please contact Agatha Kessler with any questions, (802) 828-2271, [akessler@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:akessler@leg.state.vt.us).

### **Members of the Committee on Child Protection:**

**Senator Ayer-** Addison District, *co-chair*  
**Senator Sears-** Bennington District, *co-chair*  
**Senator Cummings-** Washington District  
**Senator Flory-** Rutland District  
**Senator French-** Rutland District  
**Senator Kitchel-** Caledonia District  
**Representative Lippert-** Chittenden-4-2  
**Senator Mullin-** Rutland District  
**Representative Pugh-** Chittenden-7-2

**Tuesday, June 3rd**

- 11:00 AM**     **Chester**  
[Chester Town Hall](#)  
556 Elm Street  
Chester, VT
- 2:30 PM**     **Manchester**  
[Park House Activity Room](#)  
340 Rec Park Road  
Manchester, VT
- 6:00 PM**     **Rutland**  
[Rutland High School Theatre](#)  
22 Stratton Rd  
Rutland, VT

**Thursday, June 5th**

- 11:00 AM**     **St. Albans**  
[St. Albans Town Hall](#)  
579 Lake Road  
St. Albans, VT
- 2:00 PM**     **Winooski**  
[O'Brien Community Center](#)  
27 West Allen Street  
Winooski, VT
- 5:30 PM**     **Middlebury**  
[Ilsley Public Library- Jessica Swift Community Meeting Room](#)  
75 Main Street  
Middlebury, VT

**Tuesday, June 10th**

- 11:00 AM**     **Saint Johnsbury**  
[St. Johnsbury Academy- Morse Theater](#)  
1000 Main Street  
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
- 2:30 PM**     **Morrisville**  
[Town Hall- Meeting Room](#)  
43 Portland St  
Morrisville, VT
- 6:00 PM**     **Montpelier**  
[State House- Room 11](#)  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, VT