

HB 39 Working Group
Questions for the Roundtable Discussion
October 12, 2021

1. What benefits have you seen with a 5-day hearing timeframe compared to the current system or what benefits do you anticipate?
2. What barriers do you see to requiring that prehearing conferences or emergency protective services hearings (within 5 days of a child's removal) be used in more areas of the state?
 - a. Do the barriers differ for urban areas and rural areas? If so, how?
3. What costs do you think the judicial and child welfare systems would incur in putting prehearing conferences or emergency protective services hearings in place?
 - a. If you're already involved in those efforts, are you tracking the costs?
4. What aspects of those pilot projects do you think could be most easily replicated in other areas of the state? Which would be most difficult to duplicate?
5. What types of changes – in statutes, procedures, technology, funding, staffing, or other areas – would be needed to overcome the barriers and/or to implement the processes in additional parts of the state?
6. What question needs to be asked that hasn't been asked yet?
7. What information do you, as a working group member, need to have before making recommendations to the Children and Families Committee? (This will be useful in discussing the next steps to take.)