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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Page 79 DFPS has not demonstrated the level of commitment needed to reflect its clear responsibility for prevention and early intervention efforts.

The Legislature effectively endorsed DFPS. I agree with this statement and have seen personally that DFPS has too much on their plate to do much with prevention. This is not their priority and I believe the Legislature should do an interim study to determine if the state is getting the bang for the buck on all the dollars spent on this and if DFPS should even be the agency responsible for this. At this time, DFPS, TEA and TJJD all get prevention money for services, but are the services really effective and being used to help families and protect children. DFPS wants to hold on to these dollars, but are they in fact addressing the needs of these families and are they identifying them early enough and following through with resources and programs to help them. How many of these families are in fact being served, How many are referred and do not participate in services, and How many still end up in the system after referral early on??? DFPS is not going to do their own evaluation of this and so it is up to the Legislature to appoint a interim committee to evaluate and make recommendations.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: It might be more effective to put all the money for prevention services in one place or agency and then have a real evaluation of services and follow-up of those being served to see if the money is making any difference in the long run. Since three agencies are all receiving prevention money are their over laps and who is making the best use of it with the best results??

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree