

HB09-1007
Rep. Frangas/Sen. Newell
Health and Human Services Committee
February 26, 2009

TITLE: Concerning Improving Child Protection Efforts by Adding Domestic Violence Experts to Interagency Oversight Groups in the Collaborative Management Program

PURPOSE: Coordinated intervention across agencies, especially first responders, is necessary in domestic violence situations to improve early identification of child maltreatment that would otherwise go unreported. The addition of a domestic violence representative on the Collaborative Management Program (24-1.9 C.R.S. HB04-1451) Interagency Oversight Group (local Program governance) will provide the guidance to identify the cause and action necessary to decrease the recurrent number of child abuse and neglect reports involving domestic violence where children are living in the home.

WHAT THE BILL WILL DO:

- Adds domestic violence representation to Collaborative Management Programs.
- Improves early identification of child maltreatment that may otherwise go unreported.
- Improve coordination and intervention among multiple agencies for the purpose of serving children and families involved in child protection

BACKGROUND:

The Governor's Child Welfare Action Committee interim report of October 31, 2008 calls for domestic violence representation in Collaborative Management Programs. Domestic violence was co-occurring in 30% to 40% of child maltreatment cases as reported in the Department of Human Services Child Maltreatment Fatality Report 2007.