

American Legion Auxiliary
New Mexico Girls State
Resolution



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Simple Title of Resolution: CYFD

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 **72nd SESSION – AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE – 2019**

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5 A RESOLUTION

6 CYFD enhancement

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

8 NEW MEXICO GIRLS STATE:

9 **SECTION 1. Children are put into foster home more frequently than some**

10 **people may realize. Approximately 2,300 children are put into foster are in New**

11 **Mexico. Those children are usually put into foster are because of neglect, abuse, and**

12 **in some cases addiction. Children that are put into foster care can be scarred wether**

13 **that be mentally and/or physically. Children in some of these situations can come**

1 into the foster care system with mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety.

2 Being a employee with the CYFD can be a scary and heart breaking job.

3 These employees are there to rehabilitate children put into foster care into better
4 homes. Because their goal requires them to take the child away from the family, that
5 can spark some unwanted conflicts. It can become a dangerous job for the
6 employees of the CYFD. These employees are required to investigate every
7 accusation made, wether it be true or made up. If a child says the parents beat
8 him/her (even if the child shows now signs of abuse nor neglect), the CYFD is
9 required to put in the time to investigate the situation.

10 I'm order for the CYFD to take a child that is in danger, they must get a order
11 from a judge or law enforcement officer before taking action. Once a child's custody
12 is granted the CYFD can no longer touch that child, even if they know that child is
13 not in a safe environment. If they feel that the child in in immediate danger, the CYFD
14 has 48 hours to prove that the child is indeed in danger. If they do not find any event
15 within that time the child stays with that guardian, no matter what.

16 The foster care system or CYFD (children youth & family department) goal is
17 "reunification". The CYFD gives families multiple chances to resolve their problems.
18 In a lot cases this can be dangerous for the child. It could cause the child stress,
19 anxiety, and/or depression. The CYFD strives to make the best environment for the
20 children that are put into foster care. They make sure the children are put into good
21 foster homes. The CYFD tuns background checks and living condition check to
22 make sure the child they will be fostering will be in a good and safe place.

23 In conclusion there are good things and some bad things that can come
24 along with being apart of CYFD. CYFD's goal is to reunify those children put into
25 foster care, with their families. By allowing the CYFD to be more

1 **involved in a child's life that is in danger would change the way the CYFD can take**
2 **care of a child. If we were to let foster care services to interfere when they know a**
3 **child is in a unsafe environment; they can change that child's life quicker than they**
4 **would going through the process of getting a order form from the judge or a law**
5 **enforcement officer. Perhaps if we were to keep that aspect. We could create a judge**
6 **that could help with child services trial, purely. This could help out with speeding up**
7 **the process to getting children in a safer environment**

8 SECTION 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the
9 people for their approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election
10 prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

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