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**49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2010**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO  
CONTINUE WORKING WITH ITS TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A SUSTAINABLE  
PLAN FOR A CONTINUUM OF GENDER-RESPONSIVE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS  
FOR GIRLS IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the legislature in 2009 enacted House Memorial 13  
to create a task force to conduct a review of current risk  
assessment tools, existing treatment options for gender-  
responsive services and programs and best practice models for  
implementing and sustaining gender-responsive services and  
programs in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, the task force initiated the development of a  
comprehensive strategic plan for implementation of a continuum  
of gender-specific services and programs for girls in the  
juvenile justice system in the state; and

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1           WHEREAS, the children, youth and families department has  
2 recognized that full implementation of a continuum of gender-  
3 responsive services and programs is needed to meet the goals  
4 and objectives of House Memorial 13;

5           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
6 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children,  
7 youth and families department continue working with its task  
8 force to implement a sustainable plan for a continuum of  
9 gender-responsive services and programs for girls in the  
10 juvenile justice system; and

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include the  
12 current representatives from the staff of the children, youth  
13 and families department, who have experience working directly  
14 with girls in the juvenile justice system, juvenile probation  
15 services and youth transitional services; the intervention team  
16 of the Bernalillo county girls probation unit; staff of the  
17 county juvenile detention system, who have experience working  
18 directly with girls; the children's court; the public defender  
19 department; a representative recommended by the New Mexico  
20 district attorney's association; the women's justice project; a  
21 provider of gender-responsive services; and two girls  
22 previously served by the juvenile justice system who have  
23 successfully transitioned into positive adult lives; and

24           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force continue its  
25 review of current risk assessment tools, existing treatment

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1 options for gender-responsive services and programs and best-  
2 practice models for implementing and sustaining gender-  
3 responsive services and programs in the juvenile justice  
4 system; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force finalize a  
6 comprehensive strategic plan for implementation of a continuum  
7 of gender-specific services and programs for girls in the  
8 juvenile justice system in the state; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force present its  
10 final report of its findings and recommendations to the  
11 appropriate interim legislative committee by September 2010;  
12 and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families  
15 and to the heads of the other organizations represented on the  
16 task force.