

# ADVOCACY IMPACT

The Kempe Center's expertise was also engaged at the Colorado State Capitol to support the advancement of research-informed and evidence-based legislation at the state level in partnership with the Kempe Foundation. In the 2025 legislative session, our impact included:

- House Bill 25-1188 (Mandatory Reporter Task Force Recommendations)—This bill reformed child abuse reporting in Colorado; Dr. Kathi Wells and Professor Ida Drury served on the task force, and Professor Drury testified.
- House Bill 25-1287 (Social Media Tools for Minor Users and Parents) and Senate Bill 25-086 (Protections for Users of Social Media) — Both of these bills sought to protect children and youth from online harm, including sexual exploitation and trafficking; Professor Warren Binford collaborated with advocacy groups and testified.
- Senate Bill 25-197 (Tony Grampsas Youth Services Program ) —This bill improved and funded this vital statewide program for vulnerable youth; Professor Michel Holien of Fostering Healthy Futures testified.
- House Bill 25-1204 ( Colorado Indian Child Welfare Act)—This bill strengthened protections for tribal children and families; Professor Kendall Marlowe collaborated on advocacy with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and testified.

