

MAINE RESOURCE

# RFC How to Review Draft Citizen Initiative

A review guide for improving the family-law reform materials while keeping child and family details out of review notes.

<p><b>You may be here because</b> Things feel urgent, confusing, tense, or scattered, and you need one safe first step instead of trying to fix everything at once.</p>	<p><b>This guide helps you</b> A review guide for improving the family-law reform materials while keeping child and family details out of review notes.</p>
<p><b>First safe step</b> Check safety first. Then pick one task you can complete today: a call, a folder, a note, or a support request.</p>	<p><b>This is not</b> This does not replace 911, crisis help, legal advice, medical or mental-health care, safety planning, official forms, or current local verification.</p>

**Safety first:** Immediate danger belongs with 911. Call or text 988 for crisis support. Maine Crisis Line: 1-888-568-1112. If abuse, coercive control, stalking, or fear may be present, use a safe device and trusted support before joint communication, counseling, or mediation.

**Current online version and related tools**  
<https://focaf.jtforme.com/resources/>



## Review without private family details

Helpful review improves wording, safety, due process, implementation, and clarity. It should not include private child or case facts.

- Name the section or topic you are reviewing.
- Explain the issue in policy or process terms.
- Suggest safer or clearer wording.
- Flag safety, abuse, coercive-control, constitutional, or implementation concerns.
- Keep child names, medical details, allegations, and confidential records private.

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## Reviewer note template

Use this for your own draft before sending review notes.

Topic or section reviewed	
Suggested improvement	
Reason it helps families or children	
Safety or due-process concern	
Source or official link	

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## Official help reminders

These pages are not substitutes for urgent help or official procedures.

Need	Where to start
Immediate danger	911
Mental-health crisis	988 or Maine Crisis Line
Resource navigation	211 Maine
Legal forms or procedure	Maine Judicial Branch or legal aid
Counseling or support	Qualified local provider or school/care team

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## Keep personal details private

Use these pages for your own planning. Share sensitive details only with trusted helpers, qualified professionals, official agencies, legal counsel, or emergency/crisis support when needed.

- Do not put child names, medical records, sealed records, confidential court materials, or private allegations into broad emails, social media, or untrusted forms.
- Store sensitive documents somewhere safe.
- Ask a qualified professional or official office when safety, health, legal process, or deadlines are involved.
- Use general review notes only for wording, policy, process, safety, clarity, and implementation suggestions.

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## Before you stop

Pick one next step that is safe, realistic, and helpful.

One thing I can do today	
One support door to check	
One document or note to organize	
One person or provider to update	
One thing to leave for later	

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