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Christian. Sorry, I didn't know the Gov has a Silent Tears event. What is it? My staff and I have read the Silent Tears report very carefully and there are a lot of suggestions in it that SCDSS can do. However, there is one big thing in the report which is totally wrong -- it's a "Rosanna Danna Danna" mistake, if you know what I mean! It's the section of the report on "Alternative or Appropriate Response." I wouldn't be surprised if the GAL's also have the same misconception. The report thinks we're outsourcing case management of some of our CPS cases and we are definitely NOT doing that! the report thinks we're doing "differential response" which is being done in the other States the report cites -- it's confusing because States use this term but are doing different thing. Even in SC, a long time ago, there was a statute that authorized SC to do a form of "differential response" that the statue called "alternative response" but the SC statute expired and, again, that's NOT what our "Appropriate Response or "AR" is. Please tell me more about what the Gov's Silent Tears event is. I'd love to participate, if I can. I'm in Seneca today to do a group home site visit (about 150 miles away) but I'll be able to get you by early Friday my bullet points on which of the recommendations in the Silent Tears report we endorse and will implement at SCDSS. I'd also appreciate reviewing whatever the GAL program suggests to you. I recently spoke with Christine Glover about some problems in Barbara Darley's leadership of the GAL program. I am following up with Christine in a few weeks to give her more specific examples but, in the meantime, I wouldn't think the Gov should take what Barbara recommends that DSS should do without my reviewing it for input. Like I said, I think Barbara is likely to have the same "Rosanna Danna Danna" misconception about our "AR" as the Silent Tears report has. Thanks! Lillian
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Hi Lillian,

The Governor's event with the Silent Tears folks is next Monday – I wanted to touch base to see what steps DSS might take in the wake of the study (and/or other steps you might think are appropriate for her to discuss, for instance, relating to prevention, training, or mandated reporting). Guardian ad Litem is going to get back to us with some points today/tomorrow as well. Thanks.

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