

FY2018 JCIP Strategic Plan Summary

Outcome #1: Improved quality of dependency hearings

Project 1 – Monitor and increase the percentage of hearings at which all parties are present and represented by legal counsel

Project 2 – Implement a program to provide judges with training and coaching from experienced master judges on how to better engage parents in dependency hearings

Project 3 – Coordinate the development, maintenance, and updating of legally sufficient model forms for juvenile dependency judgments

Outcome #2: Improved System Response to the Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being of Children in Foster Care

Project 1 – Work with DHS on a joint data project ~~to address a permanency related issue identified in its 2016 Child and Family Services Review to increase the percentage of children who have their adoption finalized within 12 months of becoming legally free~~

Project 2 – Provide courts and stakeholders with data on the timeliness of key juvenile dependency filings, judgments, and hearings*

Project 3 – Support participation by judges and staff in multi-disciplinary task forces and work groups convened to make system improvements in Oregon's child welfare system

Project 4 – Work with partners to increase the number of children who receive a first visit with at least one parent within the first week of placement

Project 5 – Collaborate with the National Center for State Courts to implement and evaluate the Reimagining Dependency Courts Project

Project 6 – Work with DHS to establish an automated transfer of data from Odyssey to OR-Kids

Project 7 – Plan and deliver the ~~2017~~ annual Oregon Model Court Summit on Child Abuse and Neglect

Project 8 – Provide training, technical assistance, and data analysis to courts and interdisciplinary Model Court Teams

~~Project 9 – Collaborate with DHS and Oregon's federally recognized Tribes to continue implementation of the QUICWA Project~~

Project 10 – Collaborate with stakeholders to plan, deliver, and support trainings on issues in juvenile dependency cases for attorneys, DHS, CASAs, CRB volunteers, and other stakeholders

Project 11 – Write and disseminate a report on the data and findings from JCIP's 2016 File Review

~~Project 12 – Develop and deliver a training for judges, attorneys and other legal personnel in child welfare cases on federal child welfare policies and payment limitations with respect to children in foster care who are placed in settings that are not a family foster home~~

~~Project 13 – Work with local model court teams in driver counties identified in the DHS Program Improvement Plan (PIP) to reduce the time needed to achieve permanency~~

~~Project 14 – Assist with DHS's on-going Child and Family Services Reviews~~

Project 15 – Conduct Parent-Child Representation Project (PCRP) Summit to bring together system partners from the five PCRP counties to share information, best practices, and lessons learned from their implementation

Outcome #3: Improved judicial practices and leadership in juvenile dependency cases

Project 1 – Develop and deliver the annual “Through the Eyes of a Child” conference to Oregon judges who handle dependency cases

Project 2 – Provide updates to juvenile judges on appellate decisions and changes to state and federal law dependency law

Project 3 – Increase the knowledge of Oregon’s appellate judges about the practical aspects of handling juvenile dependency cases at the trial level

Project 4 – Improve judicial leadership and engagement of judges who preside over juvenile dependency cases

Project 5 – Plan and deliver ~~2018~~biennial Mini-Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (mini-CANI) for new juvenile judges

Project 6 – Develop and disseminate Oregon-specific child sex trafficking bench card

Project 7 – Improve judicial handling of cases involving incarcerated parents

Project 8 – Plan and provide site visits to the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indians and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians

Project 9 – Support judicial participation in national trainings and conferences