

Oregon Judicial Department

JUVENILE COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

1. Key Strategic Activities for FFY 2017-2019

A. **Hearing quality**

JCIP will monitor and increase the percentage of hearings at which all parties are present and represented by legal counsel. In addition, JCIP will provide judges with training and coaching from more experienced judges on how to better engage parents during dependency hearings. Finally, JCIP will continue to maintain and provide training to judges on a core set of Model Forms that include legally required findings for Shelter, Jurisdiction, Disposition, Review and Permanency Hearings.

B. **Timeliness/Permanency**

JCIP will work with DHS on a joint data project to address a permanency related issue identified in its 2016 Child and Family Services Review. JCIP will provide courts and stakeholders with data on the timeliness of key juvenile dependency filings, judgments and hearings on a quarterly and annual basis. JCIP will continue to support participation of judges and staff in select multi-disciplinary task forces and work groups convened to make system improvements in Oregon's child welfare system. Finally, JCIP will work with partners to increase the number of children who receive a first visit within the first week of placement.

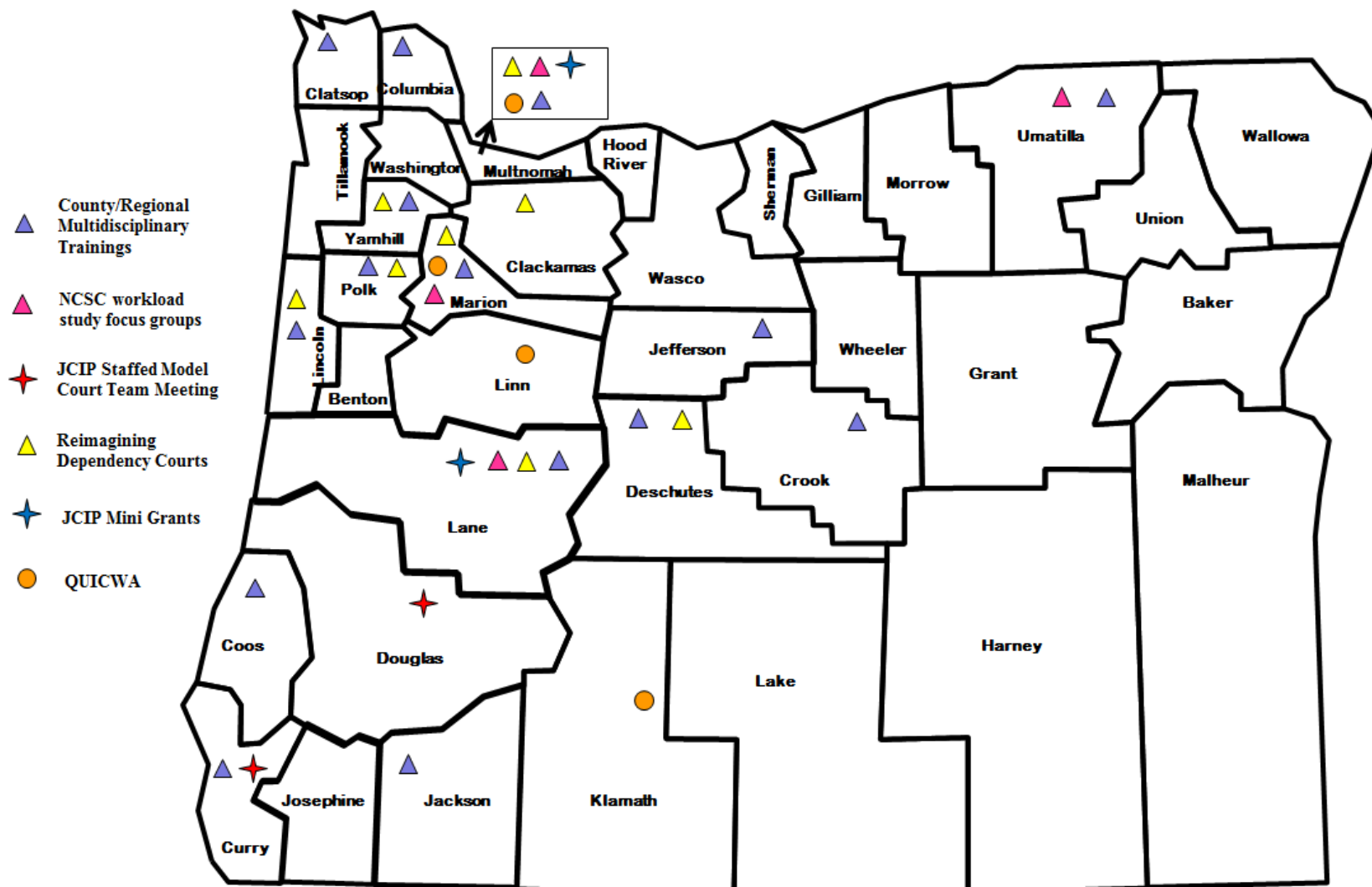
C. **Improved judicial practices and leadership in juvenile dependency cases**

JCIP continues to provide training and support for juvenile judges to stay apprised of changes in the law and latest best practices in juvenile dependency. JCIP will deliver an annual "Through the Eyes of a Child" conference to Oregon judges who handle dependency cases. JCIP will also send out updates regarding changes in state and federal law that impact decision making in juvenile dependency cases. Finally, JCIP will offer opportunities for appellate judges to learn about the practical issues in dependency court through seminars and juvenile court judge shadowing opportunities.

2. **Discontinued or Scaled Back Activities.** The following activities will be discontinued or scaled back without continued federal grant funding for data and training activities:

- Training:
 - Statewide Model Court Summit on Child Abuse & Neglect
 - ICWA trainings
 - Local multidisciplinary model court trainings, including trainings on forms, data and "refresh" sessions
 - JELI Convening
 - Juvenile data entry staff training
 - Other webinars/on demand training/multi-disciplinary training
- JCIP support for judicial officer and JCIP staff attendance at state and national conferences
- JCIP Mini-Grants
- Staff participation in statewide committees: Shoulder to Shoulder; Children's Justice Act
- Monthly juvenile dependency data reports and special reports for OJD and external stakeholders
- Scale back QUICWA project

JCIP Activities 2015-2017 Biennium



In addition to the local/regional events on this map, JCIP provided educational programming at numerous statewide conferences and trainings attended by people from all 36 counties in Oregon. JCIP served 4,720* people across the state including judges, court staff, attorneys, DHS child welfare staff and other stakeholders. JCIP funds also supported the attendance of 36 people at out-of-state conferences.

* attendance estimated for activities planned in May and June 2017