

**Juvenile Court Improvement Program Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2024  
In Person and WebEx**

Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division  
1133 Chemeketa Street NE, Salem, OR 97301  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>			
X	Hon. Manuel Perez, Marion County Circuit Court	X	Hon. Eva Temple, Umatilla and Morrow Counties Circuit Court
X	Hon. Darleen Ortega, Oregon Court of Appeals	X	Hon. Amy Holmes Hehn, Multnomah County Circuit Court
	Hon. Megan Jacquot, Oregon Court of Appeals	X	Hon. Valeri Love, Lane County Circuit Court
X	Hon. Bethany Flint, Deschutes County Circuit Court		Lacey Andresen, Deputy Director, ODHS Child Welfare
	Mark Hardin, Retired Director, Child Welfare Center on Children & the Law, American Bar Association	X	Jenna App, Director, Oregon CASA Network
X	Darin Mancuso, Foster Care Ombudsman, Governor's Advocacy Office	X	Kim Keller, Child Permanency Manager, ODHS Child Welfare
X	Gail Schelle, Assistant Child Permanency Program Manager, ODHS Child Welfare		Kristi Petite, Confed. Tribes of Grand Ronde
X	Maggie Carlson, Attorney, Youth Rights and Justice	X	Tabitha Stevenson, PCRPD Case Manager, UVPD
	Megan Brazo-Erickson, Asst. Manager of Federal Policy and Resources, ODHS Child Welfare	X	Joanne Southey, Chief Counsel, Child Advocacy Division, DOJ
X	Mandi Montgomery, TCA Yamhill County	X	Christine Kamps, ICWA Consultant, Office of Tribal Affairs, ODHS
	Becky Mastne, Parent Mentor at Morrison Child and Family Services	X	Jennifer Ricks, ODHS, Child Welfare CQI Manager
	Aprille Flint-Gerner, ODHS Child Welfare Division Director		Marlie Magill, Foster Care Liaison with Oregon Department of Education
	Jennifer Holman, Family Preservation Manager for Self Sufficiency, ODHS		Shannon Flowers, Chief Juvenile Trial Counsel, OPDC
X	Kim Lorz, Training & Workforce Development Manager, ODHS Child Welfare	X	Daniel Schneider, Training Program Administrator, Child Welfare Partnership, Center for Improvement of Child and Family Services
X	Wade Calkins, Parent Mentor, The Family Nurturing Center	X	Suzanne Callahan, CRB Field Manager
<b>INTERESTED PARTIES</b>			

	Helen Terry, Lead Trainer, Child Welfare Partnership, PSU Center for Improvement of Child & Family Services	X	Kevin Hupy, OPDC, Juvenile Resource Counsel
X	Tricia Swallow, CRB Field Manager		
<b>JFCPD STAFF</b>			
X	Nanci Thaemert, Director, JFCPD		Jordan Bates, OGC, OJD
	Amy Miller, Asst. Deputy Director SCA	X	Rachel Woods, Data Analyst, BFSD
X	Jayne Cooper, ICWA & JCIP Analyst, JFCPD		Nella Hogberg, JDIP Analyst, JFCPD
X	Heidi Moon, Juvenile Law Analyst, JFCPD	X	Yousef Allouzi, Data Analyst, BFSD & JFCPD
X	Nikki Hahn, Management Assistant, JFCPD		Christina Jagernauth, Asst. Director of CRB
X	Adrea Korthase, ICWA Analyst		

1. Welcome
2. Community Building
 

Partners interact with others to discuss how their roles impact a family's experience and an example of what success would look like in prioritizing family experience.
3. CQI Data Review-*Yousef Allouzi & Rachel Woods*
  - a. Quarterly Statistical Reports
  - b. ORICWA Data
  - c. JCAMP Data
    - i. Lessons learned
    - ii. Review of data related to family experience
4. Learning About Family Experience from Parents Impacted by the System
 

Wade Calkins and Tabitha Stevenson speak about their experiences within the child welfare system.
5. JCIP Projects Review & Discussion
  - a. Safety Decision Making Questions Project
    - i. Feedback Sessions Scheduled—April 18 & May 20

b. State Tribal Partnership

*Adrea Korthase:* Working with tribes to expand the ICWA courts.

Developing the ICWA data dashboard. Requested data from DHS regarding tribal cases. Developing an on-demand online training with an in-person component. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is developing a training to be used nationwide. In the upcoming ICWA events, the June 10<sup>th</sup> date has been changed to July 10<sup>th</sup>. Working with Foster Club to bring in youth with lived experience. Subawards have been received, which will cover a part-time housing specialist, 50% family advocate, and a consultant. The other grantees are Alaska, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Minnesota.

*Jayne Cooper:* The grant requires a partnership between CIP and one or more tribes. OJD is working with the Klamath tribe, a resource center is being worked on in Klamath County.

6. Family Experience and Quality Legal Representation

*Jayne Cooper:* Four needs were identified, the first one worked on was around training and education. Other needs were recruitment and retention; lack of resources and support for attorneys; and adherence to ethics and practice standards. Review of root-cause analysis and which could contribute to high quality safety decisions and impact family experience.

7. Planning for the 2024 Model Court Summit—A Compassion-Based Approach to Dependency Cases

8. Model Court Team Liaison

*Nanci Thaemert:* Suzanne Callahan will be the Model Court liaison and report back to this committee.

### Upcoming JCIP Events

- Mini-CANI—May 16 & 17, 2024
- ICWA Community of Practice for Judges
  - a. May 23, 2024 – Topic: Active Efforts Facilitator: Hon. Andrea Janney
  - b. July 10, 2024 – Topic: Reason to Know, Inquiry, and Notice Facilitator: Hon. Eva Temple
  - c. July 25, 2024 – Topic: Placement Preferences Facilitator: Hon. Morgan Long
- Through the Eyes of a Child—August 5 & 6

- Model Court Summit—September 13<sup>th</sup>

**Other Juvenile Court Programs Events**

- Conditions of Probation in Juvenile Delinquency Cases—April 25, 2024
- Juvenile Justice Judges Conference, June 3 & 4, 2024
- Juvenile Justice Summit, November 15, 2024

**Next meeting: June 10, 2024 via WebEx from 1:30pm-3pm**