

Children's Justice Summit - 2009 Action Plan

DISTRICT 6
Goal #1: Reduction of Unnecessary Continuances
6 MONTH OUTCOME: Established Protocol for Scheduling and Factors to be Considered in Continuances

ACTION STEPS	LEAD CONTACT	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Coordinated scheduling practices for all counties within our district which will include input from all parties for scheduling hearings from adjudication forward Sub-goal – set standards/parameters for scheduler	Judge Jane Spande and Carroll Edmondson	90 days
Development of a form order which includes the grounds for continuing the hearing	Judge Jane Spande	90 days
Investigate the utility of the creation of an enrolled order that contains the timelines for a juvenile case	Dave Loy and Jackie Hammers-Crowell	6 months
Creation of a self-assessment tool to monitor continuances	Charlotte Brandig and Carroll Edmondson	6 months
Training for attorneys/GALs/DHS providers -Development of a form with time standards from state and federal governments for case processing	Judy, Kristin and Ellen	6 months
Develop a better mechanism for getting attorneys appointed and financial affidavit completed	Valarie Lovaglia and David Loy	90 days

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GOAL: #2. Evaluation of the Process
6 MONTH OUTCOME: Administration of a Self-Assessment Tool

ACTION STEPS	LEAD CONTACT	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Develop survey or evaluation or other self-assessment tool to determine how we are doing -Determine where and how to administer the surveys	David Loy, Jackie Hammers-Crowell, John Burke and Judge Flaherty	90 days
Administer the survey or assessment tool	David Loy, Jackie Hammers-Crowell, John Burke and Judge Flaherty	6 months
Disseminate the survey or assessment tool	David Loy, Jackie Hammers-Crowell, John Burke and Judge Flaherty	9 months

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GOAL: #3 Improved Guardian Ad Litem Practice
6 MONTH OUTCOME: Consistent Use of GAL Report Throughout the District

ACTION STEPS	LEAD CONTACT	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Develop a standard Guardian Ad Litem order for the entire district	Judge Flaherty, Judge Liesveld, Judge Spande and Judge Ellen	60 days
Develop a standard Guardian Ad Litem report for the entire district	Judge Flaherty, Judge Liesveld, Judge Spande and Judge Ellen	90 days
Review and Revisit the standard orders in light of the self-evaluation tools	Group	1 year
Identify barriers to GAL job performance	Judy, Ellen, Kristen and Jay Stein	90 days
Develop mentoring program for new attorneys/GALs in the district	Judy, Ellen, Kristen and Jay Stein	6 months
Review DHS report to determine if items can be included in their report	Valarie Lovaglia	90 days

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GOAL: # 4 Education of Parents and Other Participants in the Court Process
6 MONTH OUTCOME:

ACTION STEPS	LEAD CONTACT	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Better education of parents and children regarding juvenile court and resources available <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Develop ways to deliver the information to parents- Determine whether funding is available	David Loy, Jackie Hammers-Crowell and Ellen Ramsey-Kacena	6 months