

## Children's Justice Summit - 2009 Action Plan

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

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	120 days
Development of a form order which includes the grounds for continuing the hearing	Judge Jane Spande	120 days
Investigate the utility of the creation of an enrolled order that contains the timelines for a juvenile case. Contact WestLaw	Dave Loy and Jackie Hammers-Crowell, Judge Spande	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	120 days

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

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

ACTION STEPS	LEAD CONTACT	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Develop a standard Guardian Ad Litem order for the entire district. Currently circulating.	Judge Flaherty, Judge Liesveld, Judge Spande and Judge Ellen	60 days
Develop a standard Guardian Ad Litem report for the entire district	Judge Flaherty, Ellen, Judy, Kristin	120 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 re: children's health and education issues.	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"> <li>- Develop ways to deliver the information to parents</li> <li>- Determine whether funding is available</li> <li>- Investigate a child's handbook.</li> </ul>	David Loy, Jackie Hammers-Crowell and Ellen Ramsey-Kacena	6 months

**GOAL: # 5 Continue to Address DMC Challenges**

**6 MONTH OUTCOME:**

ACTION STEPS	LEAD CONTACT	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Continue to evaluate data from "sweeps."	John B., Val.	3 months
Expand pool of mentors and parent to parents.	Dave, Marc	On going
Bring together different groups addressing the issue in the District.	Pat, Marc B., Val, Chris Wyatt	6 months

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