



Washington State Family & Juvenile Court Improvement Program (FJCIP) *Highlights from the 2020 FJCIP Report*

FJCIP Courts in Washington State



Chelan Clallam Island Jefferson King
Kitsap Pierce Snohomish Spokane Thurston

Creative FJCIP strategies to address COVID impacts

- Developed tool to manage case flow
- Created new public health emergency code to track COVID continuances
- Served as communication hub for court and system partners
- Helped courts pivot from in-person to virtual hearings
- Developed virtual hearing guidance for court parties
- Increased use of e-filing



FJCIP courts compliance percentages were higher than the statewide average on all dependency measures!



Why is this program important? *BETTER OUTCOMES FOR FAMILIES*

- Improved court performance
- Programs addressing needs
 - ➔ Baby Court
 - ➔ Community wrap-around services
 - ➔ Finding Fathers in Dependency Cases
 - ➔ Parents for Parents Program



Why do FJCIP courts provide better results?

- Provide case management to improve dependency timelines
- Convene dependency stakeholders to identify trends impacting cases
- Implement projects and programs to address identified needs

What about finances?

2020 State Funding

\$ 598,819.00



2020 County Funding

\$ 175,698.00



If this program is so successful, why is it not available statewide?

Need increased state funding to hire FJCIP Coordinators in every county



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