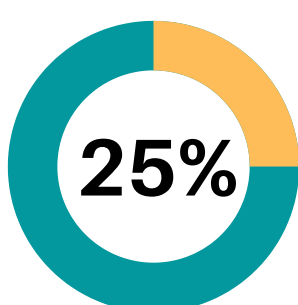




Administrative Office of the Courts Family and Juvenile Court Improvement Program 2022 Budget Request

Supporting courts to produce better outcomes for children and families



of WA counties receive FJCIP funding

10 FJCIP counties



FJCIP provides dependency courts with:

- ➔ **Dedicated Staff:** Coordinators help courts use data and research, provide training, convene stakeholders and improve court programs and processes.
- ➔ **Trained Judiciary:** Dependency judicial officers required to have 30 hours of relevant training.
- ➔ **Stable Leadership:** Chief Juvenile Judge assigned for a minimum of 2 years.

FJCIP courts continuously assess their effectiveness and improve their operations to better serve families, children, and professionals

Local Court Innovations

- Safe Babies Courts
- Parents for Parents Program
- Trauma-Informed Courts
- Finding Fathers expedited paternity testing
- Mediation & settlement conferences

[FJCIP 2020 Legislative Report](#)

Better Case Outcomes for Families

- FJCIP courts exceed statewide averages on all case compliance measures
- Families reunify faster in FJCIP courts:
16 months vs. 18 months (2019)

[FJCIP 2019 Legislative Report](#)

Improved Court Performance compared to non-FJCIP courts

- Ongoing evaluation of case processing and timeliness
- Coordinating court response to COVID
- Cross system collaboration and partnership

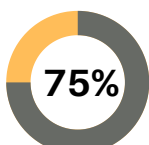
Current Funding

Annual Allocation
\$598,819

Program funding was cut in 2009 from \$800,000 and has remained the same for 12 years.



Court allocations based original amount requested in 2008



Covers 75% of costs for part-time and full-time coordinators in all 10 counties

\$0

No AOC funding to support, train and evaluate

Proposed Funding

Additional Annual Allocation
\$1,167,181

100%

Increase current FJCIP court allocations to fully fund coordinator salaries and benefits **\$336,181**

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Add six new FJCIP Courts **\$510,000**



Provide funding for AOC staff to coordinate, support and evaluate the program across sites

\$321,000