



**Washington State Supreme Court
Commission on Children
in Foster Care (CCFC)**

**3/08/2021
1:00-3:00 p.m.**

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Agenda

1:00 pm <i>5 min</i>	1. Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice that the Meeting will be Recorded • Please type your name and agency in the chat in lieu of roll call 	Justice Barbara Madsen, Co-Chair
1:05 pm <i>5 min</i>	2. Approval of December 2020 Minutes	Justice Barbara Madsen, Co-Chair
Old Business		
1:10 pm <i>20 min</i>	3. Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) Updates	Jody Becker, DCYF, Co-Chair Kwesi Booker, DCYF Steve Grilli, DCYF Allison Krutsinger, DCYF Jess Lewis, DCYF
1:30 pm <i>5 min</i>	4. COVID Rapid Response Workgroup Update	Steve Grilli, DCYF
1:35 pm <i>5 min</i>	5. Normalcy Workgroup Update	Jeannie Kee, Foster Youth Alumni Representative
1:40 pm <i>15 min</i>	6. Children’s Representation Workgroup	Jim Bamberger & Jill Malat OCLA
1:55 pm <i>5 min</i>	BREAK	
2:00 pm <i>30 min</i>	7. Racial Equity Discussion	Sophia Byrd McSherry Barbara Harris Office of Public Defense
New Business		
2:30 pm <i>25 min</i>	8. Proposal to Designate CCFC as the CIP Multi-Disciplinary Task Force	Cindy Bricker, AOC
2:55 pm <i>5 min</i>	9. Member Updates/Discussion	Justice Barbara Madsen, Co-Chair

3:00 pm	<u>Next Meeting:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 3, 2021	Justice Barbara Madsen, Co-Chair
	Adjournment	Justice Barbara Madsen, Co-Chair
	<u>2021 Meetings:</u> March 8, 2021 May 3, 2021 September 27, 2021 December 13, 2021	

**Washington State Supreme Court
Commission on Children in Foster Care
December 7, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

Members Present:

Jody Becker, Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), Commission Co-Chair
Justice Barbara Madsen, Washington State Supreme Court, Commission Co-Chair
Raven Arroway-Healing, Northwest Intertribal Council
Jim Bamberger, Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA)
Jolie Bwiza, Tacoma Chapter Leader, Mockingbird Youth Network
Senator Jeannie Darneille, Washington State Senate
Judge Kitty Ann van Doorninck, Superior Court Judges' Association
Jeannie Kee, Foster Youth Alumni Representative
Carissa Greenberg, Attorney General's Office (Designee for Bob Ferguson)
Laurie Lippold, Partners for Our Children
Jill Malat, Office of Civil Legal Aid
Jill May, Washington Children & Families
Martin Mueller, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (Designee for Chris Reykdal)
Joanne Moore, Washington State Office of Public Defense
Ryan Murrey, Washington Association of Child Advocate Programs
Rachel Sottile, Center for Children & Youth Justice (CCYJ)
Emily Stochel, Youth who has Reunified (New CCFC Position); Mockingbird Society (Tacoma)

Members Not Present:

Beth Canfield, Foster Parent Allies of Washington State
Mike Canfield, Foster Parent Allies of Washington State
Tory Gildred, Coordinated Care
Tonia McClanahan, Parent Advocate Representative
Representative Tana Senn, Washington House of Representatives

Guests Present:

Kwesi Booker, DCYF Assistant Secretary of Child Welfare Field Operations
Peggy Carlson, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
Laurie Dils, OSPI Sexual Health Education Program Supervisor
Lauren Frederick, Mockingbird Society
Steven Grilli, DCYF Director of Child Welfare Programs
Allison Krutsinger, DCYF Government Affairs Deputy Director
Jess Lewis, DCYF Director of Adolescent Programs
Julie Lowery (attending for Tory Gildred from Coordinated Care)
Angela Murray, Washington CASA Association
Jorene Reiber, WAJCA Representative
Phyllis Sutton, Mockingbird Society
Kelly Warner-King, Court Improvement Training Academy Director

Staff Present:

Cindy Bricker, Administrative Office of the Courts
Cynthia Delostrinos, Administrative Office of the Courts
Moriah Freed, Administrative Office of the Courts
Susan Goulet, Administrative Office of the Courts

Call to Order

Justice Madsen called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Introductions and roll call were conducted virtually through the Zoom meeting chat box.

Justice Madsen announced that Joanne Moore is retiring and this will be her last Commission meeting. The Commission honored Joanne for her service to the Commission and for all the work she has done over the years.

Justice Madsen informed that she, Jody Becker, and Cindy Bricker presented at the Board for Judicial Administration meeting on November 20, 2020, regarding the Commission's work. The presentation included Commission work on the Supreme Court order on dependency and termination cases, the COVID Rapid Response Workgroup; the Youth Leadership Summit; and the State Team Action Plan.

Approval of the Minutes

Justice Madsen noted a correction was needed on page 7 of the September 2020 minutes, correcting Peggy Lewis' name to Peggy Carlson, and asked if any additional corrections were needed. With no further corrections noted, Justice Madsen invited a motion to approve the September 2020 meeting minutes. Jim Bamberger and Jorene Reiber abstained. The motion to approve the minutes passed, with the one clerical correction to page 7.

Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) Updates

Kwesi Booker reported on Field Operations' recent work, including kinship placements, identifying gaps in practice, regional trainings for new staff, properly applying safety framework, and staff response to family time and other pandemic related issues.

Steve Grilli reported on Child Welfare Programs' recent work, which included the following:

(1) They are in the 2nd quarter of implementation of the Program Improvement Plan (PIP) and a child welfare dashboard was created in the 1st quarter. (2) The Permanency From Day One grant is moving forward with the youth-directed process for finding adoptive homes, and the permanency outcomes facilitators are up and running. (3) The Prevention Plan and Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) plan are now approved, and are actively working to get everything in place to draw down funds in accordance with the Family First Prevention Services Act. (4) They are weaving race equity and social justice into the fabric of who they are and practice and programs.

Jess Lewis, reported on Adolescent Programs' work, which includes the following: SB 5718 (housing pilot project) is contracted and underway. HB 1775 (concerning commercially sexually exploited children.) is in the RFP process. They are hiring a Missing and Exploited Youth Program Manager and also going through a reorganization process, which will include orienting

their pillars in these areas: (1) preventing additional trauma, (2) trauma-centered healing, and (3) support of building adult relationships.

Allison Krutsinger discussed DCYF's 2021 legislative priorities. DCYF is working on budget realities and trying to protect funding for DCYF staffing, programs, and services. They are also looking at a DCYF bill to establish a child-specific license to allow their foster care maintenance fee (IV-E funding) and clarify the definition of fictive kin, to provide a more efficient pathway for kin to get licensed. In addition, they are looking to move youth from facilities into communities.

Jody said Commission members may put questions for DCYF staff into the chat box or connect with them outside of the meeting too. In addition, Jody said DCYF is recruiting again for the JRA Assistant Secretary position and asked members to share the recruitment with their networks; in the meantime Rebecca Kelly will continue as Interim Assistant Secretary. Jody also thanked everyone for all they are doing to cope during the COVID-19 challenges, and on behalf of DCYF thanked everyone for coming to the table with them on issues. They appreciate all the conversations and being pushed do as much as they can. Justice Madsen echoed all that Jody said, and said it is amazing how everyone has come together on all of this.

COVID Rapid Response Workgroup Update

Steve Grilli gave an update on the COVID Rapid Response Workgroup. The Workgroup currently meets weekly regarding Family Time. It is co-facilitated (not just DCYF facilitated), mutually supportive, and task oriented. Steve said there is no easy solution to the issues they discuss, but all of the Workgroup members are in it together to support kids and families, increase positive outcomes, etc. In addition, Ryan Murrey, Kelly Warner-King, and others created a really impressive tool for conversations regarding family time during the pandemic. Steve said if there is a problem they talk about it and work on it, and the task-oriented nature of the Workgroup really delivers. He then asked other Workgroup members for their thoughts and feedback.

- Joanne Moore said, although she is not on the Workgroup, it has been a great experience. In 20 years, she has never seen a process like this, but it has moved forward and really made a difference, rather than wasting time and/or miscommunication.
- Jill Malat said she really appreciates Steve and Kwesi's efforts, and it is clear it is a new day. She really appreciates the new approach.
- Laurie Lippold agreed, and she said something action oriented is good and she appreciates people's willingness to do that.
- Justice Madsen said it has been so interesting to her to see so many different perspectives. Being willing as a group to listen, to consider/accommodate other perspectives, and to problem solve has been great.
- Kelly Warner-King talked about a new subgroup: COVID Mental Health of Youth in Care. They want to get data on whether or not there is an increase in suicide for children in care, and what are other impacts of COVID for this population. The workgroup welcomes anyone from the Commission who would like to be part of it.
- Jill May agreed with what others are saying too. Being part of the provider side, it has been difficult, but nothing anyone would have dreamed of having to deal with, and she appreciates

hearing DCYF's perspective on this. Getting everyone to realize the challenges they have has been extremely challenging.

Justice Madsen said that she hopes this collaboration will continue even when COVID ends.

Jim Bamberger asked Kwesi Booker, who is involved in the racial equity conversations and review? Is it purely internal, or does it include external stakeholders and those directly affected/harmed by or witness to the Department's practices? Kwesi said, they are looking at field operations and working with their clients, and as an agency they do have a team who works with external stakeholders. Jim said experience tells us it is critical that those who have perspectives, patterns, and behaviors should be at the table, and when you don't have the right voices at the table, it is preordained we do not have the right solutions. Steve said, it may help to know that DCYF is now talking about how to do that, bring people in. He said it is not solved yet, but it is in their minds on how to go forward that way.

Jody Becker said that was part of the purpose of creating their Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice. They also launched affinity groups that meet regularly and have gotten good feedback on that. Also they have been working on what conversations they should have internally and looking at what needs to be done externally, and they are working on a strategic plan. Jody knows there are a series of webinars, and she will send them to Cindy to send to the Commission. She would like feedback on how to take it on, as everyone has a role to play, and we also want to attack this issue from a Commission perspective. There was also discussion about work being done to prevent families of color from coming into the system.

The issue of training for attorneys to address racial equity issues was discussed. The Office of Public Defense new Disproportionality Legal Training Coordinator, Barbara Harris, has developed, through data and research, ways attorneys can address racial inequity issues and anti-racism for the courts, and plans on reaching out to the department. Carissa Greenberg said the Attorney General's Office is putting together a report of the equity training they've had and thinks it would be great for all their attorneys to get training together, and have discussions through that training. Jim suggested having OCLA, OPD, and AAGs work together on this. Justice Madsen said this is a great start, and if people bring ideas they have into the training, it would help it to be well-rounded. Kelly Warner-King said CITA would also like to be involved, so they can make sure judicial officers receive it as well. Justice Madsen said, if anyone else wants to be involved, please let Cindy know.

Normalcy Workgroup/SB 5395 (Sex Education Bill) Update

Jeannie Kee reported that the Normalcy Workgroup has not met, and that Senate Bill (SB) 5395 (Comprehensive Sexual Education bill) passed. Laurie Dils, OSPI's Sexual Health Education Program Supervisor, provided the Commission with an update regarding SB 5395. She said there has been a lot of misinformation about the bill so she is glad to be able to speak on it. The bill was signed into law in March 2020 and was put on the November 3, 2020 election ballot as Referendum 90. Referendum 90 passed in the November election, and it requires all public schools to teach "Comprehensive Sexual Health Education (CSHE)" to all students by 2022-2023. CSHE is defined in the bill as: Recurring instruction in human development and reproduction that is medically accurate, age-appropriate and inclusive of all students. The bill

phases in over time. Beginning in the 2021-22 school year, CSHE must be provided to all students in grades 6-12. Beginning in the 2022-23 school year, CSHE must be provided in all grades. Parents and guardians will be notified of planned instruction and have the right to opt their child out of CSHE instruction at any time.

In grades K-3, there is no curriculum required for K-3, but districts can do that if they want. Instruction for grades K-3 must be [Social Emotional Learning](#) (learning skills to do things like managing emotions, setting goals, establishing healthy relationships, and making responsible decisions) and must be consistent with [Social and Emotional Learning Standards and Benchmarks](#). There is no sexuality content required for students in grades K-3.

For grades 4-12, most school districts are already providing some sex education. That means there are likely no significant changes for them—just a few updates to reflect current recent changes. Other detailed information about SB 5395 is available on the following webpages: <https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/resources-subject-area/sexual-health-education>, and <https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/resources-subject-area/sexual-health-education/new-legislation-senate-bill-5395-comprehensive-sexual-health-education>. Laurie will also make her PowerPoint presentation available, and Commission members may contact Laurie if they have questions.

Commission Support of Policies and Legislation

At the September 2020 Commission meeting, the Mockingbird Society requested a statement of support for: (1) legal representation issue for children and youth in foster care, and (2) the intergovernmental task force for Native American young people. Commission members were unclear as to whether they could take such a position and if the Commission has done so in the past regarding legislative bills and specifically regarding any positions taken regarding child representation. Research of Commission minutes was requested to determine: (1) whether the topic of child representation has been supported and (2) if there has been any discussion or decision about whether the Commission as a group has previously decided to support something that is a legislative policy and/or budget issue. Cindy Bricker researched the past history and practice of the Commission supporting positions and legislation and provided a written summary of what she found and some excerpts from the minutes in the meeting materials.

As stated in the summary, Cindy reported that the minutes go back through 2005. Research shows that the Commission has shown support in varying degrees at different times, and most hesitation was due to budget issues. As for supporting legislation, there was a statement that said “Also, except for that which is proposed by the Commission, the Supreme Court Commission on Children in Foster Care will not take positions on proposed legislation.” Back in the beginning, on February 17, 2005, there was a press release regarding the newly formed Commission, which included the statement: “Commission members will monitor the effectiveness of policies and programs in the foster care system and the courts; recommend changes in policies, laws and court rules; and report their findings to lawmakers and the public in an annual report, with a goal of increasing awareness of child welfare trends and issues.” At the Commission’s first meeting, held on February 24, 2005, the Commission discussed the mission and goals. The strategic goals were unchanged, and the statement following the strategic goals was revised as follows: “The Commission can achieve its goals through initiating policy decisions and needed legislative and

court rule changes.” At the June 21, 2007, meeting of the Commission, it was moved and unanimously carried that: “Except for that which is proposed by the Commission, the Supreme Court Commission on Children in Foster Care will not take positions on proposed legislation.” At the previous meeting this discussion occurred after the Pew Commission Resolution approval and at the end of the agenda after child welfare budget and legislative proposals had been discussed earlier in the meeting. No details were given regarding the discussion, but proposed language was to be developed for review at the next Commission meeting; then they came up with that statement. Also work Groups were developed, and the March 6, 2006, agenda included reports from several work groups, including Rules for Expedited Appeal and also Legal Representation/Advocacy for Parents and Children. So child representation has been an issue of discussion and action throughout the life of the Commission.

Cindy also reported that in December 2010 the Commission voted unanimously to adopt the report of the Children’s Representation Workgroup to be transmitted to AOC. This included the Children’s Representation Practice Standards, which preface included the statement, “All children subject to dependency or termination of parental rights court proceedings should have legal representation as long as the court jurisdiction continues.” In December 2012, Columbia Legal Services asked for support of the commission regarding a legislative proposal regarding legal representation for most vulnerable children. Justice Bridge summed up the discussion and said there are concerns about the fiscal implications and concerns about competing interests from the levels of government and other stakeholders (i.e. CASA).

Jim Bamberger thanked Cindy for her work and said that it is a very clear statement of the history. It makes it clear that the Commission endorses representation. Jody Becker shared her perspective that it’s one thing to endorse policy and another to endorse specific legislation. There can be a dilemma when asked to support as a Commission, as some members may need to abstain. The Commission is now 15 years old and a lot has evolved since the foundational work at the beginning. It may be time to revisit mission, vision, values and goals, as the landscape has changed.

- Jill May said it would be very hard to say she could or could not, so they would likely have to abstain, and that would be challenging for her.
- Joanne Moore said, having been on the Commission during that time, looking at page 2 of that handout from Cindy, at the June 21 meeting of the Commission, it was moved and unanimously carried: Commission will not take a position on legislation. Six months later the Commission agreed to support obvious legislation. So she wonders if the Commission can agree on policy here but not actually endorse a bill without making any one member take a position. In addition, it is important to be aware of budget constraints, and the Legislature’s job is to figure out funding, not ours.
- As designee for Attorney General’s Office (AGO) Carissa believes there is good in a policy level, and that seems like a better place. She does not have the authority of the Attorney General’s Office (AGO) to commit to anything; she is there on behalf of an elected official that changes every few years. The AGO would need to have something pre-written, so they could look at it before voting on it.

- Judge Van Doorninck thanked Cindy and echoed Jody's comment. She agrees with taking time for the Commission to go back over its mission, value statements, goals, etc., because the landscape, including racial equity, has changed.

Justice Madsen said Jody and she were on same page about policy being the right place for the Committee to land. Be able to discuss legislation at Commission meetings, and those who can endorse can do so. We want to err on side of caution. Also we should look at the mission, value statements, goals, etc., during one of the next couple meetings. Those who would be willing to brainstorm about this between meetings, please let Cindy know. Judge Kitty-Ann van Doorninck, Jim Bamberger, and Jill May volunteered in the chat box. Justice Madsen said, she, Cindy, and Jody will put a proposal together that the Commission can discuss and adopt at a future meeting.

Legal Representation for Children

Jill Malat stated the evaluation report regarding the pilot project for legal representation for children is not complete yet, but they are working on it with the Washington State Center for Court Research, University of Washington, and OSPI. She hopes to have a report at the next Commission meeting.

Youth Leadership Summit Follow Up

Jody said DCYF teams are working with Mockingbird closely to follow up on items from the Youth Leadership Summit. Lauren Frederick said they are working with Representative Senn on a bill she is likely to propose aimed at funding a school nurse or counselor before being able to put a school resource officer on a school campus. Emily Stochel said they have been trying to put together meetings but it has been tough to move ideas forward regarding the Intergovernmental Task Force for Native American young people, so any support with that would be appreciated. Emily said they have been trying to meet with Region 5 Racial Equity Board. The Tacoma Chapter would like a meeting with people regarding what board would look like. Justice Madsen said, if you want people to be at that meeting, please let Cindy know so she can let Commission members know.

State Team Plan

Cindy provided a copy of the state team action plan in the meeting materials. She explained there was a summit on a national level, and each state was asked to create a team and an action plan. The plan is philosophical in nature, and there is a lot of work that still needs to be done involving more stakeholders to further refine the action plan. The areas of focus are: (1) reduce racial injustice, (2) reduce the number of children unnecessarily entering foster care, and (3) improve high quality legal representation upstream. In addition, Cindy will provide Commission members with a handout from David Kelly, Children's Bureau, that includes the following questions he raised at the summit that should be considered when a family comes to our attention: (1) Is this really a poverty issue? (2) Is there a danger present to the child? (3) Are we mistaking surveillance for support? (4) Is this fair to the child and parents, and will they feel that it's fair? If we hold ourselves accountable to asking these questions at every step of our work and acting on the answers that we received, we can move towards justice together.

Cindy reported in order to move forward with this work, AOC plans on hiring a part-time project manager to facilitate the stakeholder workgroups, to further vet these ideas and what that looks like for each discipline involved, and how they can be strategic and tactical in fitting this work in with the systemic change already occurring. Court Improvement Program (CIP) funding, along with possible funding from Casey Family Programs, will support this position.

Cindy also asked the Commission where oversight of the state team should be, and if they want to provide oversight for the state team work or just be kept informed. Justice Madsen informed that the state team agreed, as a team, that they thought the Commission was the right place to oversee their efforts, and she thinks it is a good idea as well. The Commission discussed the question, and Judge van Doorninck made a motion to approve putting oversight of the state team's work under the Commission. Laurie Lippold seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Carissa Greenberg, Julie Lowery, and Angela Murray abstained. The state team will provide a report to the Commission at its next meeting.

Justice Madsen told members the next Commission meeting is on March 8, 2021. Cindy will send members the requested information from today's meeting, and they should contact Cindy if they need anything else.

Adjourned at 3:09 pm by Justice Barbara Madsen.



What is the Office of Public Defense?

The mission of the Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) is *"to implement the constitutional and statutory guarantees of counsel and to ensure the effective and efficient delivery of indigent defense services funded by the state of Washington."* RCW 2.70.005. Originally established in 1996, OPD is an independent judicial branch agency. The director is appointed by the Washington Supreme Court and works with a 13-member advisory committee. The agency has 21 employees and contracts with more than 250 attorneys and 50 social work professionals statewide.

OPD provides statewide indigent defense for appeals, representation of parents in dependency and termination of parental rights cases, and representation of respondents in sexually violent predator civil commitment actions. OPD also distributes state grant funding for trial-level indigent defense programs that are administered by counties and cities. Detailed information about each agency program is available at the OPD web site at www.opd.wa.gov.

➤ **Appellate Program**

OPD contracts with attorneys across the state to provide representation for indigent appellants in cases where federal and state constitutions and state statutes guarantee the right to counsel. These include criminal appeals as well as other appellate cases involving basic rights such as dependency proceedings, parental rights terminations, criminal contempt convictions, and involuntary civil commitments.

➤ **Parents Representation Program**

OPD's nationally recognized Parents Representation Program provides defense services to indigent parents involved in dependency and termination of parental rights proceedings. OPD sets manageable caseload limits, implements professional practice standards, and provides access to independent social workers and experts, so that contracted attorneys can better assist their clients. Effective July 1, 2018, the Parents Representation Program is serving indigent parents in every county in Washington State.

➤ **Chapter 71.09 RCW Civil Commitment Defense (sexually violent predator)**

The 2012 Legislature transferred to OPD the duty to administer indigent defense services in Chapter 71.09 RCW civil commitment cases (sexually violent predator). As directed by the Legislature, OPD contracts with qualified attorneys around the state to represent indigent respondents in these complex and lengthy cases. OPD's contracts limit attorney caseloads and require attorney training, as well as provide access to expert witnesses, investigators, independent social workers, and other defense-related services.

➤ **Trial Defense Services**

OPD administers grant funding to improve trial-level public defense as provided by Chapter 10.101 RCW. This law directs state assistance to counties and cities, and currently includes a \$6.9 million annual appropriation. In addition to disbursing these funds to local governments, OPD managing attorneys conduct training for local public defense attorneys throughout the state and consult with local officials on indigent defense standards, contracting, and other public defense quality issues.



Presentation to the Supreme Court Commission on Children in Foster Care

March 8, 2021

Sophia Byrd McSherry & Barbara Harris

What is OPD doing to address racial equality and social justice?

OPD administers the constitutional and statutory right to counsel in several public defense practice areas statewide. Today's presentation focuses on OPD's Parents Representation Program, which provides counsel to indigent parents in child welfare cases.

OPD Parent Representation Program Purpose Statement:

Ensuring a fair and equitable child welfare system by leading, administering, and supporting the effective and efficient delivery of multidisciplinary right-to-counsel services for indigent parents facing state intervention in the parent-child relationship.

What is OPD doing to address racial equality and social justice?

- OPD is committed to child welfare race equity initiatives through the work of its Parents Representation Program.
- OPD contracts with attorneys and independent social work professionals, to represent indigent parents, custodians, and legal guardians involved in child dependency and termination of parental rights proceedings.
- Effective July 1, 2018, the program operates in all 39 Washington counties.

OPD seeks to build system awareness through professional growth.

- In 2020 OPD conducted, collaborated, and/or facilitated education around understanding bias for legal professionals to gain the tools needed to have difficult conversations.
- OPD emphasizes trainings which consistently address structural, institutional, and systemic racism.

OPD maintains an Advocacy Resource Page.

<https://www.opd.wa.gov/index.php/program/trial-defense/12-pd/223>

- This resource provides attorneys with technical assistance to develop arguments around race, inequity, and disproportionality in cases.
- Using Data to Strengthen Disproportionality Advocacy.
- Systemic, disproportionality in case outcomes for Black, Brown, and Indigenous peoples is a reality of the justice system. The resources and tools compiled here, are intended to provide attorneys with information that will strengthen their advocacy for their clients.

A few of the OPD training events held in 2020.

- *July 16, 2020* – Anti-Racism for Appellate Lawyers (statewide indigent appellate webinar)
- *August 19 and 20, 2020* -- OPD Facilitator Training on Race and Equity Conversations
- *September 19, 2020* -- Addressing Bias and Interrupting Racism & Oppression to Advance Equity & Justice Work (OPD staff attended training)
- *September 28, 2020* -- PRP Part II: Anti-Racist Legal Strategies in Child Welfare Cases
- *October 23-25, and 30-31, 2020* -- OPD Trial Program Managing Attorneys - Criminal Defense Training Academy (statewide race equity and trial advocacy)
- *December 11, 2020* -- PRP Part III: Anti-Racist Legal Strategies In Child Welfare

OPD continues to develop training strategies for attorneys and non-attorney contractors to utilize data as a tool in advocacy on behalf of their clients.

We teach attorneys to assemble different data sources to tell their client's story or to challenge bias that may be occurring at a particular point in the process or the case. For example, an attorney could compile data from these tables:

- Washington State DCYF Racial Disparity Indices Report (2018)

https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/reports/Washington_State_DCYF_Racial_Disparity_Indices_Report_2018.pdf

- Dependent Children in Washington State: Case Timeliness and Outcomes 2019 Annual Report

<http://www.courts.wa.gov/subsite/wscrr/docs/2019DTR.pdf>

- Dependency Dashboard, Washington State Center for Court Research

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/wscrr#!/vizhome/DependencyDashboard/MonthlyUpdates-CurrentYear>

- Under 5 and Under 18 population by Race/Ethnicity Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center

<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/data#WA>

OPD has responsibility to develop the lens through which the attorney advocates on behalf of their clients.

Importance of acknowledging and advocating on the issues and asking the “why” questions about what data reveals in child welfare settings.

- Historical -- paternalistic approach
- Poverty related conditions, Continued Social Vulnerability Index Factors
- Lack of trauma training for social workers and other system players
- Lack of cultural understanding and explicit/implicit bias
- Racist policies and practices in child welfare service delivery

Quality Management Oversight

OPD implements performance measures and practices that ensure contract attorneys meet standards to improve outcomes for children and families.

- Through its contracts, OPD implements Supreme Court standards that limit caseloads.
- Frequent intervals of court observations of the OPD contract attorneys (approx. 200 PRP contract attorneys).
- OPD has a client complaint process.
- Every two years OPD managing attorneys conduct a comprehensive face-to-face with contractors to determine the depth to which attorneys have utilized experts and social work resources - this reveals the heart of what went into advocating for the clients. Anti-racist legal practices are also discussed.
- OPD tracks the percentage of time attorneys spend on client communication.

A few of OPD's upcoming 2021 training events in collaboration with our justice partners.

- Train the Trainer: Strategies for Facilitating Courageous Conversations on Race, April 20, 27, & May 4, 2021. (3 OPD staff attending.)
- Collaborate with Washington Defender Association (WDA) on a future “data camp” training curriculum, which can be offered to a diverse legal professional audience statewide.
- Continue discussion with Office of Civil Legal Aid (OCLA) and the Attorney General's Office for the joint development of a statewide race equity training for legal professionals.

Thank You!

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**PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE
AS THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TASK FORCE REQUIRED FOR THE
COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

BACKGROUND:

Washington State has an admirable tradition of convening cross-system groups to support child welfare court system cooperation, some required by statute and others developed by agreement. In the past year or so, there have been discussions about the proliferation of child welfare-related committees that are often attended by the same or similar stakeholders. Court and child welfare partners agreed to review the purpose of these various committees to determine whether efficiencies could be identified, while maintaining important collaborative efforts and relationships.

Attached you will find a detailed description of this effort, but in summary, it was determined that it makes sense to place federal Court Improvement Program (CIP) related committee work under the Commission on Children in Foster Care. Section 438 of the Social Security Act authorizes CIP funding through a grant that the highest state court of each state may apply for—in Washington State, that is the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court delegated management and operations of the CIP and related funding to the Administrative Office of the Courts. As a condition of receiving CIP grant funds, each state is required to operate a collaborative, multi-disciplinary group focused on improving the dependency court system. Two years ago, AOC partnered with DCYF to create the Innovative Dependency Court Collaborative (IDCC) to do this work. Since then, several important collaboration projects have emerged, including the need to work together to respond to the COVID pandemic. Staff and committee member resources were stretched thin and the work and meetings of IDCC were put on hold. In addition, the CIP Steering Committee convenes once per year as an advisory group to AOC regarding the CIP strategic plan, annual assessment and budget. We propose eliminating the IDCC and the CIP Steering Committee, and absorbing the key functions of these groups into the work of the Commission. This move will create a more efficient approach to child welfare/court system reform and ensure that our CIP requirements are met.

In order for this transformation to happen, a few changes regarding the Commission will need to be considered. Many of the current members of the Commission fit the required and recommended members of the CIP multidisciplinary task force, however, some membership changes will need to be considered. Also, the meeting schedule and content will require modifications.

CIP STATEWIDE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TASK FORCE REQUIREMENTS (ACYF-CB-PI-20-12)

State courts must maintain a statewide multidisciplinary task force that includes, state and local judges, preferably including a justice of the highest court of appeals; top child welfare agency leadership; attorneys for parents, children and the child welfare agency; and, where applicable, Indian tribes or tribal consortia.

The Children's Bureau (CB) expects that representatives from the state IV-B/IV-E agency will be individuals who are involved in child welfare program planning and improvement efforts, and are

equipped to participate in discussion of how CIPs can become meaningfully involved in these processes and ensure action.

State courts are strongly encouraged to include the following representatives on the task force:

- the IV-B/IV-E agency administrator,*
- the IV-B-IV-E agency quality assurance/continuous quality improvement lead,*
- the Child and Family Service Plan (CFSP)/Annual Progress Services Report (APSR) lead,*
- IV-B/IV-E agency official responsible for Child and Family Services Review (CFSR)/Program Improvement Plan (PIP) processes,*
- the IV-B/IV-E agency permanency division director,*
- the IV-B/IV-E agency training lead,*
- Court Appointed Special Advocate leads,*
- other related Children’s Bureau grantees in the state, such as the Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) lead,*
- key service providers,*
- state department of education representatives,*
- an Indian Child Welfare Act specialist, and*
- parents and youth with lived expertise in the child welfare system.*

State courts must provide an especially strong rationale in their grant application for not including the above identified agency representatives as task force members.

State courts are strongly encouraged to convene the task force at least quarterly. Task force meetings should include joint review and discussion of child welfare data, data that may be available from court or attorney data systems (including toolkit measures) and discussion of what those data may mean with this multidisciplinary group. Meetings shall be used as an opportunity to monitor and review goals, identify opportunities for interventions and plan CIP involvement in program planning and improvement efforts with the title IV-E/IV-B agency.

State courts must provide an especially strong rationale in their application for holding meetings less than quarterly.

OTHER CIP CONSIDERATIONS

The CIP also leads the efforts of the State Team Action Plan, which the CCFC voted to oversee at the December 2020 meeting. These efforts will be incorporated into the CIP 5-Year Strategic Plan.

CCFC MEMBERSHIP

RECOMMENDED CIP TASK FORCE MEMBERS	CURRENT CCFC MEMBERS	SUGGESTED ADDITIONS
State and local judges, preferably including a justice of the highest court of appeals	Justice Barbara Madsen Judge van Doorninck	
Top child welfare agency leadership	Jody Becker	
Attorneys for parents, children and the child welfare agency	Sophia Byrd McSherry Jim Bamberger/Jill Malat Carrie Wayno	
Indian tribes or tribal consortia	Raven Arroway-Healing NW Intertribal Court System	
IV-B/IV-E agency administrator		Steve Grilli Kwesi Booker Jess Lewis
IV-B-IV-E agency quality assurance/ continuous quality improvement lead		Doug Savelesky
Child and Family Service Plan (CFSP)/Annual Progress Services Report (APSR) lead		Barb Geiger
IV-B/IV-E agency official responsible for Child and Family Services Review (CFSR)/Program Improvement Plan (PIP) processes		Melissa Krouse
IV-B/IV-E agency permanency division director		Doug Allison
IV-B/IV-E agency training lead		Christina Coad, Alliance
Court Appointed Special Advocate leads	Ryan Murrey	Angela Murray?
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) lead		Erinn Havig
key service providers	Jill May Tory Gildred	HCA?
state department of education representatives	Chris Reykdal/Martin Mueller/Peggy Carlson	
Indian Child Welfare Act specialist		Tleena Ives
parents and youth with lived expertise in the child welfare system	Tonia McClanahan Jolie Bwiza Emily Stochel Jeanie Kee	Alise Morrissey

Members are expected to be a conduit of information to and from their specific disciplines regarding the work of the Commission and other child welfare related information that is shared across disciplines.

CCFC MEETING SCHEDULE

In the past CCFC conducted 3-hour meetings quarterly in March, May, September, and December; and participated in the Youth Leadership Summit in July/August.

Moving to an online platform, CCFC has reduced meetings to 2 hours, which limits the amount of business that can be conducted on a quarterly basis.

In order to include more topics for discussion and for incorporating CIP requirements, it is recommended that the CCFC meet monthly for 2 hours. CIP requires that data be shared and discussed at least quarterly. Meetings will be used to monitor and review court and agency goals (including CIP and PIP plans), and identify opportunities for collaborative interventions. Annually CIP will seek feedback on the draft 5-year strategic plan (including updates), annual CIP assessment, and CIP budget. It is recommended that the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) also share and receive input on the APSR.

Workgroups will meet as needed and report back to Commission on progress and to request support of recommendations.

SUGGESTED WORKGROUPS

- COVID Rapid Response Workgroup
- Normalcy Workgroup
- Children's Representation Standards Workgroup
- State Team Plan Workgroup? (or just form workgroups based on specific topics/needs in the plan?)
- Communication Across Child Welfare Disciplines (or something like that) (from IDCC)

CHILD WELFARE/COURT STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

COURT LEAD - ONGOING			
Commission on Children in Foster Care (CCFC)	Innovative Dependency Court Collaborative (IDCC)	Court Improvement Program (CIP) Steering Committee	State Team
Established by Supreme Court Order in 2004	CIP Program Instruction Requirement	Initially established to oversee CIP grant, but doesn't meet current requirements for task force.	National Court and Child Welfare Organizations Request
QUARTERLY	MONTHLY + WORKGROUPS	ANNUALLY	4-6 ANNUALLY, AS NEEDED
<p>Established to monitor and report on the extent to which child welfare programs and courts are responsive to the needs of the children in their joint care; to make recommendations for systemic improvements; and to broaden public awareness of and support for meeting the needs of vulnerable children and families, including provision of sufficient mental health, health care, education, and other services.</p> <p>Commission shall file an annual report with the Washington State Supreme Court, recommending appropriate action to serve and meet the needs of children in foster care and in the child welfare system.</p>	<p>IDCC serves as the multidisciplinary task force required in the federal Court Improvement Program (CIP) <u>grant program instruction</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet at least quarterly. Task force meetings should include joint review and discussion of child welfare outcome data on court-involved youth and families, data that may be available from court data systems (including toolkit measures) and discussion of what those data may mean and how court or attorney practice may be contributing to such data. • Meetings shall be used as an opportunity to monitor and review goals, identify opportunities for interventions and plan CIP involvement in program planning and improvement efforts 	<p>The mission of the Court Improvement Program (CIP) Steering Committee is to provide input to the Washington State Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts regarding the administration of grant funds for improving permanency, safety and well-being of children in the child welfare system.</p> <p>Meets annually to provide advice regarding CIP grant budget, assessment, and strategic plan.</p>	<p>The two teams described below feed off of each other to inspire states to move toward realization of the new vision for child welfare.</p> <p>1) Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators invite Chief Justices to assemble a state team to participate in the National Judicial Leadership Summit on Child Welfare. Teams are expected to develop action plans based on specific themes created by national leaders. (National partners are Children's Bureau, Casey Family Programs, Annie E. Casey Foundation, and National Center for State Courts.) Meeting occurs in late summer/fall.</p>

	<p>with the title IV-E/IV-B agency.</p> <p><u>IDCC Charter states:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports the CIP Strategic Plan and court related Child and Family Services Plan, Program Improvement Plan, and permanency grant plan objectives. • Encourage, generate, and support innovation with interested dependency court stakeholders and communities to empower and achieve justice for families. In order to achieve this mission, the collaborative will identify and implement key initiatives/projects which will move the needle on the IDCC goals and objectives. • The members will act as a conduit of information to and from their specific discipline. • On an annual basis the IDCC will identify the top key initiatives the collaborative will focus on for the next 12 months, and will have flexibility as new, emerging issues arise. • The IDCC will track a portfolio of projects and initiatives and report out on status 		<p>2)Serves as annual CIP grantee meeting bringing together CIP leadership, child welfare leadership and CBCAP leads (prevention). The meeting focuses on aligning state CFSP/APSRs, CIP strategic plans and CBCAP work to promote the goals of primary prevention to reduce child maltreatment and the need for foster care; reasonable efforts to prevent removal and finalize permanency goals; and improving the foster care experience for those children and youth that must enter care and their parents. Meeting occurs in spring.</p>
<p>Co-chaired by a justice of the Supreme Court (designated by the Chief Justice) and by</p>	<p>CIP Instructions Require: Mandatory agency representation: Agency administrator</p>	<p>Members appointed by Chief Justice: Co-Chairs are the Co-Chairs of the</p>	<p>1)Teams are limited to 10 members, which include the Chief Justice (or designee),</p>

<p>the Assistant Secretary Department of Children, Youth, and Families.</p> <p>Commission shall consist of the following members, appointed by the Chief</p> <p>Justice:</p> <p>Attorney General of the State of Washington</p> <p>Superintendent of Public Instruction</p> <p>President-Judge of the Superior Court Judges Association</p> <p>Executive Director of Washington State CASA</p> <p>President/Co-Presidents of the Foster Parents Association of Washington State</p> <p>Chair of the Northwest Inter-Tribal Council</p> <p>Chair of the House Committee with oversight for issues relating to the child welfare system</p> <p>Chair of the Senate Committee with oversight for issues relating to the child welfare system.</p> <p>Director of the Office of Public Defense</p> <p>Director of the Office of Civil Legal Aid</p> <p>One youth currently in foster care</p> <p>One youth who has been reunified</p>	<p>Quality assurance/continuous quality improvement lead</p> <p>Child and Family Service Plan (CFSP)/Annual Progress Services Report (APSR) lead</p> <p>Permanency division director</p> <p>Agency attorney</p> <p>Training lead</p> <p>Tribal child or Indian Child Welfare Act specialist</p> <p>Other important members:</p> <p>Parent’s counsel/bar</p> <p>Children’s attorneys and/or guardians ad litem</p> <p>Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs</p> <p>Mental health/behavioral health treatment provider community</p> <p>Substance abuse treatment provider community</p> <p>Domestic violence programs including domestic violence coalition executive directors and family violence prevention and services state administrators</p> <p>State departments of education</p> <p>Substance abuse, and mental health</p> <p>Other relevant state departments or agencies</p> <p>Relevant county agencies</p> <p>Local school districts</p>	<p>Superior Court Judges’ Association</p> <p>Family and Juvenile Law Committee.</p> <p>Members:</p> <p>Attorney General’s Office</p> <p>CASA/Child Advocate Program</p> <p>Casey Family Programs</p> <p>DCYF Secretary or designee</p> <p>Judicial Officer knowledgeable about CSEC</p> <p>Juvenile Court Administrator</p> <p>Office of Civil Legal Aid</p> <p>Office of Public Defense</p> <p>Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction</p> <p>Children’s Home Society</p> <p>Prior Co-Chair (judicial officer)</p> <p>Tribal Court</p> <p>Youth in Care/Alumni</p> <p>Staff: CIP Supervisor</p> <p>CIP Team: WSSCR Manager and Sr. Research Associate</p> <p>CITA Director</p>	<p>State Court Administrator, Court Improvement Program Director, state Child Welfare Director, trial court judge, agency attorney, parent attorney, and children's attorney. We always include a parent ally, as well, and one other person based on theme.</p> <p>2) Teams are limited to 7 participants: CIP director, child welfare director, CBCAP leads, judge, child attorney, parent attorney, additional partners. We always include a parent ally.</p>
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<p>One alumni of foster care One parent who has been involved in a dependency proceeding One representative of foster care physical/mental health system One representative of child and family services providers President of Center for Children and Youth Justice One representative of Partners for Our Children</p>	<p>Neighboring tribal court and Indian child welfare leaders and last, but not least, foster care alumni</p>		
<p><u>CURRENT MEMBERS:</u> Justice Barbara Madsen – Co-Chair Jody Becker – Co-Chair Raven Arroway-Healing Jim Bamberger Jolie Bwiza Mike Canfield Senator Jeannie Darneille Tony Gildred Jeannie Kee Laurie Lippold – POC Jill Malat Jill May Joanne Moore Martin Mueller Ryan Murrey Representative Tana Senn Rachel Sottile – CCYJ Judge Kitty-Ann van Doorninck Carrie Wayno Staff: Cindy Bricker Susan Goulet</p>	<p><u>CURRENT MEMBERS:</u> Cindy Bricker – Co-Chair Steve Grilli – Co-Chair Autumn Adams Brett Ballew Annie Blackledge Kwesi Booker Jason Bragg Payton Burkhardt Sarah Burns Mike Canfield Jacob D’Annunzio Ambrosia Eberhardt Commissioner Terri Farmer Barb Geiger Darcey Hancock Erinn Havig Michael Heard Melissa Krouse Laurie Lippold Commissioner Brandon Mack Jill Malat Regina McDougall Sally Mednansky Rachel Mercer Alise Morrissey Ron Murphy</p>	<p><u>CURRENT MEMBERS:</u> Judge Cindy Larsen – Co-Chair Commissioner Jennie Laird – Co-Chair Jody Becker Peggy Carlson Judge Barbara Mack (Retired) Jill Malat Mockingbird Youth (vacant) Joanne Moore Alise Morrissey Ron Murphy Ryan Murrey Bobbie Jo Norton Dennis Rabidou Commissioner Michelle Ressa Carrie Wayno Staff: Cindy Bricker Team: Carl McCurley Matt Orme</p>	<p><u>CURRENT MEMBERS:</u> 1) Justice Barbara Madsen Dawn Marie Rubio Cindy Bricker Judge Elizabeth Berns Steve Grilli (DCYF) Shrounda Selivanoff (Parent Ally) Jacob D’Annunzio (OPD) Jill Malat (OCLA) Lisa LaGuardia (AAG) Barbara Harris (OPD-Racial Disproportionality Trainer) 2) Cindy Bricker Steve Grilli (DCYF) Laura Alfani (CBCAP) Judge Elizabeth Berns Amelia Watson (OPD) Lisa LaGuardia (AAG) Gina WasseMiller (Parent Ally)</p>

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COURT LEAD – TIME LIMITED			
COVID Rapid Response	BJA Court Recovery TF Child Welfare Co.	Hearing Quality Project Evaluation Workgroup	
Ad hoc workgroup of CCFC – time limited	Ad hoc committee of BJA task force – time limited (expires June 2022)	Ad hoc workgroup of CIP – time limited	
BI-WEEKLY	MONTHLY + WORKGROUPS	AS NEEDED	
Multidisciplinary group identifying and resolving child welfare/court issues due to COVID.	<p>The BJA Court Recovery Task Force is formed to assess current court impacts from COVID-19; develop and implement strategies to ensure that every court can provide fair, timely, and accessible justice; and provide recommendations for ongoing court operations and recovery after the public health emergency subsides.</p> <p>Child Welfare Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess challenges and options for modified practices • Identify short-term and long-term goals based on identified priorities 	Capacity Building Center for Courts is providing technical assistance to develop an evaluation plan for our safety guide project, which meets the CIP requirement for a hearing quality project and also correlates with PIP strategies. The effort started with a workshop in May 2020, and the group has met a few times since then. CBCC is taking the lead in conjunction with CIP. Membership will change, based on project needs and timelines.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a work plan and timeline for activities • Discuss/identify the following considerations when developing your committee goals and activities: race and equity, access to justice, technology, self-represented litigants, and funding • Coordinate with and report to the whole Task Force 		
<p><u>CURRENT MEMBERS:</u> <u>Leadership Team:</u> Steve Grilli Alise Morrissey Lauri Lippold Jacob D’Annunzio Esther Taylor Joseph Cooke Cindy Bricker</p> <p><u>Members:</u> Doug Allison Katie Biron Kwesi Booker Mike Canfield Arick Erechar Brianna Fenske Sydney Forrester Patricia Haynes Juliette Knight Allison Krutsinger Justice Barbara Madsen Jill Malat Jill May Joanne Moore Sheila Morley Deanna Morrison Angela Murray Ryan Murrey Jim Richardson Shrounda Selivanoff Shannon Selland Kelly Warner-King Carrie Wayno</p>	<p><u>CURRENT MEMBERS:</u> Linnea Anderson – Chair Cindy Bricker – Staff Kwesi Booker Sophia Byrd McSherry Ambrosia Eberhardt Carissa Greenberg Steve Grilli Jana Heyd Jill Malat Commissioner Tom Middleton Commissioner Patrick Moriarty Ryan Murrey Jenn Nguyen Matt Orme Commissioner Michelle Ressa Carrie Wayno</p>	<p><u>CURRENT MEMBERS:</u> Alicia Summers Allison Olson Melissa Krouse Tim Jaasko-Fisher Kelly Warner-King Carissa Greenberg Tarassa Froberg Judge Amber Finlay Jenne Renne Christine Kiesel Rob Wyman Nadia Nijim Jess Sucherman Jacob D'Annunzio Kelly Boyle Diane Shimizu</p>	

DCYF Court Focused Meetings		
Children’s Justice Task Force	Safety Language Workgroup (PIP Strategy 4.2)	External Advisory Committee – Permanency from Day One (PFD1) Grant
Ad hoc workgroup of CCFC – time limited	Time-Limited	Through PFD1 Development and Implementation
QUARTERLY; Ad-Hoc Meeting	Q2 of the PIP (October – December 2020)	THREE TIMES PER YEAR
<p>The purpose of the CJTF is, (1) to serve as an advisory group to help improve and promote the safety and protection of children through a comprehensive review and evaluation of law and policy every three years, and, (2) to make training and policy recommendations to DCYF in the categories governed by Children’s Justice Act.</p> <p>To fulfill the CJTF mission:</p> <p>a. At three-year intervals:</p> <p><i>i. Comprehensively review and evaluate State investigative, administrative and both civil and criminal judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment related fatalities and cases involving a potential combination of jurisdictions, such as interstate, Federal-State, and State-Tribal.</i></p> <p><i>ii. Make policy, training and funding recommendations with regard to the following areas:</i></p> <p><i>(a) Investigative, administrative and judicial handling of cases of child abuse and neglect, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, as well as cases involving suspected child maltreatment related fatalities and cases involving potential combination of jurisdictions, such as interstate, Federal-</i></p>	<p>Establish a short-term multi-disciplinary workgroup of IDCC subgroup members, FJCIP coordinators, field AGO, HQ program managers, DCYF field, Court Improvement Training Academy (CITA), the Alliance, and other identified stakeholders to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a crosswalk of DCYF Safety Framework, safety principles and existing court safety-related training and guidance. • Identify impacted/related procedures and forms. • Identify supportive resources available (i.e. safety framework posters for courtrooms) • Make revisions (as needed) to current judicial/multi-disciplinary Child Safety Framework training as determined through the crosswalk including guidance for judges on specific questions related to safety threats and conditions for return home to be 	<p>Agency and organizational stakeholders that work on permanency issues through various initiatives and projects happening in specific field offices, regions and statewide. To ensure that this grant project complements and builds on all of the permanency-related work happening in Washington State in both the public and nonprofit sectors.</p>

<p><i>State, and State-Tribal, in a manner which reduces the additional trauma to the child victim and the victim's family and also ensures procedural fairness to the accused;</i></p> <p><i>(b) Experimental, model, and demonstration programs for testing innovative approaches and techniques which may improve the prompt and successful resolution of civil and criminal court proceedings, or enhance the effectiveness of judicial and administrative action in child abuse and exploitation cases, including the enhancement of performance of court-appointed attorneys and guardians ad litem for children, and also ensure procedural fairness to the accused; and</i></p> <p><i>(c) Reform of State laws, ordinances, regulations, protocols and procedures to provide comprehensive protection for children from abuse, particularly child sexual abuse and exploitation, while ensuring fairness to all affected persons.</i></p> <p><i>iii. Make comments and recommendations relevant to its advisory role, as requested by DCYF.</i></p> <p>b. Serve in an advisory capacity to assist DCYF with regard to the implementation of the recommendations in the areas outlined in section II.B.1.a.</p> <p>2. To fulfill the CJTF mission, the role of DCYF is to:</p> <p>a. Administer the CJAG and assign the function of Grant Manager to a position within the DCYF staff.</p> <p>b. Make the final determination of grant funding allocation, based on recommendations it receives from the CJTF.</p>	<p>addressed at every court hearing.</p>	
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<p><u>Members:</u> Seabaugh, Paul (DCYF) Amelia Watson Andy Miller Cindy Bricker Darcy Johnson DeAnn Yamamoto Donald Kinney Fawn Schott Greenberg, Carissa Ann (ATG) Heyd, Jana John Nowels Karen Kirk-Brockman Karen Winston Kateri Bishop Krista Ironbear Lydon, Lisa L (ATG) Stewart, Maggie (DCYF) Megan Winder Pugsley, Drew (ATG) Sally Olsen Teresa Forshag Maggie Stewart</p>	<p><u>Members:</u> Melissa Krouse, DCYF Kelly Boyle, DCYF Tarassa Froberg, DCYF Doug Savelesky, DCYF Lori VanClifford, DCYF Molly Rice, DCYF Melissa Sayer, DCYF LD Drew Pugsley (ATG) Kristin Valore (ATG) Haley Jo DeBell (ATG) Barbara Bailey (ATG) Katie Christopherson (ATG) Elizabeth Ensign (ATG) Brian Ward (ATG) Kim Witherspoon (ATG) Cindy Bricker (CIP) Alise Morrisey (P4P) Ambrosia Eberhardt (P4P) Avrey Tuttle (Mockingbird) Buffy Via (Pierce County Court) Sally Mednansky (FJCIP) Judge Amber Finley Commissioner Michelle Ressa Jacob D’Annunzio (OPD) Kelly Warner-King (CITA) Rob Wyman (Casey Family) Ryan Murrey (WA Child Advocates) Lisa Ball (Alliance) Deanne Bedell (Alliance)</p>	<p><u>Members:</u> AOC ATG CASA/GAL Casey Family Programs Children’s Home Society of WA Chemical Dependency Provider Court Judicial Rep DCYF CW Programs DCYF Field Operations DCYF PFD1 Team (Project Director, Grant Administrator, CQI PM) DCYF Change Management DCYF Tribal Representative DOC Foster Parent/Kin Provider FPWAS Juvenile Rehabilitation MH Provider NWRA Office of Civil Legal Aid OPD Parent Representative Alliance CITA Youth Representative</p>
Implementation Team – PFD1		
Through PFD1 Development and Implementation		
THREE TIMES PER YEAR		
The Implementation Team includes critical DCYF HQ and regional programmatic staff, evaluation staff and external partners who are critical to implementing the selected interventions and to provide key implementation supports. It includes staff		

<p>at all levels of the organization (workers, facilitators, supervisors, administrators and leadership, as well as parent allies, youth and a tribal representative)</p>		
<p><u>Members:</u> Melissa Krouse (DCYF) Debbie Marker (DCYF) Stefanie Harmon (DCYF) Barb Geiger (DCYF) Brandy Otto (DCYF-Tribal) Holly Luna (DCYF) Xuan Chung (DCYF-LD) Peggy Lewis (DCYF-Adolescent Programs) Darcey Hancock, (DCYF – Field) Vickie Ybarra, OIAA Cindy Bricker, AOC Jason Bragg, Parent Cindy McKinney, Parent William Mendoza, Youth Christy Stretch, (DCYF – Field) Lori Blake (DCYF – Field – QA/CQI) Andrea Goberville (DCYF – Field) Jamie Belieu (DCYF – Field) Tamara Page (DCYF – Field) John March (DCYF – Field – DRA) Bolesha Johnson (DCYF – Field – DRA) Nicole Muller (DCYF – Field) Lori VanClifford (DCYF – Field) Heather Allan (Kempe Center Evaluator) Grant POFs and intervention office representatives</p>		