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Good morning:

I am submitting a comment on the proposed JuCR 7.16. I am an attorney for at-risk youth, child in need of services, and truancy cases in Snohomish County. I object to the proposed changes to JuCR 7.16 and am asking the court maintain the current rule. The current JuCR 7.16 allows a youth's family and community – the people best situated to support a child – to provide the youth with housing, education, access to medical and behavioral health services, and other necessary support. Incarceration is harmful to all youth. It removes them from their families, their schools, and their communities. They miss important developmental milestones, even in a short term of detention. I strongly encourage rejection of the proposed changes and am asking that this Court maintain the current rule.

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