

Recommendation	Progress Made (May 2007)	Next Steps
<i>A Central Case Management Process for Cases Involving Families</i>		
<p>#1 All open cases involving a family should be coordinated by a central case management team</p>	<p>Ongoing: The FAMJIS (FAMily Justice Information System) effort began in 2003 with the federally sponsored Strengthening Abuse and Neglect Courts in America (SANCA) project. This project involved the development of management reports, summary information data screens and the real-time electronic exchange of data between the courts and social services. FAMJIS involves electronically sharing information with other state/local entities; improving data integrity through the development of best business practices; collecting relevant information for staffing models and resource allocations and developing more complete, accurate, timely and improved information for decision-making by judicial officers.</p>	<p>SANCA has been rolled out statewide as of February 2007. CIP needs to develop a five-year strategic plan for the 2007 CIP technology and training grants in relation to centralized case management. DHS Child Support was recently awarded a grant to facilitate information sharing with Judicial. Alison Young was hired to assist local districts with connecting cases. A DHS counterpart will be hired in June 2007 to provide similar assistance to social services. These two roles are critical to ensuring full utilization of SANCA.</p>
<p>1 A. Transfer all cases involving the same family to one judicial district</p>	<p>Ongoing. This recommendation has been addressed within the case management capabilities of FAMJIS.</p>	

	<p>1 B. Assign all cases in a judicial district involving the same family to one judicial officer for the duration of all such cases</p>	<p>Ongoing: Family Issues Unit is collecting district plans per CJD 96-08 and 98-02 for judicial district and posting online.</p>	<p>This recommendation needs to be further studied. If pursued, research the viability and benefit of all jurisdictions implementing one family, one judge model. Study and train jurisdictions on the benefits of differentiated case management.</p>
	<p>1 C. Gather for the judicial officer or court facilitator information about out-of-district cases concerning the same family</p>	<p>Ongoing through FAMJIS.</p>	
	<p>1 D. Use court facilitators to monitor progress of the case and determine when the case needs judicial intervention</p>	<p>Ongoing through 16.2 Case Management Procedures and individual district plans. Family Issues Unit is collecting district plans per CJD 96-08 and 98-02 for judicial district and posting online.</p>	<p>Differentiated case management processes should continue to be studied as to case flow, and when/how a case should be referred to mediation and/or other forms of ADR. Family Issues Unit should lend districts assistance in developing and updating case management orders and district plans. Train jurisdictions on the FCF's utility in case management.</p>
	<p>1 E. Use a team approach where applicable</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Utilize new CIP training grants to aid local jurisdictions in developing case management teams.</p>

#2	Information to central case management team regarding all proceedings involving family	<p>Ongoing: The Ethics Subcommittee of the Standing Committee is developing a report on ex parte and ethical issues involved in central case management. Further, ethical/business rules have been drafted to govern the transmission of data between the Court and DHS during the pilot of the SANCA project. Data will include treatment and placement snapshots for children involved in dependency and neglect actions.</p>	Ethical rules to be evaluated during pilot and expanded as needed. Complete the implementation of SANCA and utilize new CIP grants to upgrade case management system. DHS Child Support was recently awarded a grant to facilitate information sharing with Judicial.
#3	Definition of family members to achieve central case management	<p>Ongoing: SANCA development of the Centralized Information Screen achieves many, but not all of the objectives of the "Family Screen."</p>	Continue with FamJIS
#4	Types of cases to include in family case types	<p>Ongoing through FAMJIS.</p>	Continue with FamJIS
#5	Develop case management protocols for family matters within each judicial district	<p>Completed: All courts have CMOs for 16.2 domestic cases posted on courts' internal training page. Districts have also developed local plans for D&N cases. Family Issues Unit is collecting district plans per CJD 96-08 and 98-02 for judicial district and posting online.</p>	Study and develop differentiated case management protocols. Assist districts assistance in developing and updating case management orders and district plans. (ODR: Include protocols for CSE APA cases to include a parental responsibilities/parenting time agreement as part of support. Include paternity and unmarried parents' child support cases. Consider separate filing fee requirement.)

#6	Establish multi-discipline or cross-system teams as an independent community resource to assist the central case management team	<p>Ongoing: In 2005, 3 sites in Colorado selected as "Model Courts" to further collaborative efforts in dependency & neglect case processing.</p> <p>Legislative Session 2004: HB 04-1451 Teams and MOUs developed statewide to streamline provision of services.</p>	Study and develop differentiated case management protocols. Assist districts assistance in developing and updating case management orders and district plans.
	6 A. Identify cases to be included within the central case management approach or those that must proceed independently	Ongoing through FAMJIS.	Study and develop differentiated case management protocols. Assist districts assistance in developing and updating case management orders and district plans.
	6 B. Articulate clearly the extent to which accelerated and non-adversarial procedures will be used and for which cases	Ongoing on a case by case basis.	Study and develop differentiated case management protocols. Assist districts assistance in developing and updating case management orders and district plans. (ODR: per the surveys in the A & V Planning Project, explore whether mediation should be mandatory state-wide).
	6 C. Determine which judicial officer will be responsible for a given case	Study Item	Study and develop differentiated case management protocols. Assist districts assistance in developing and updating case management orders and district plans.
	6 D. If the judicial officer assigned to a case is a magistrate, then determine at what stage the case will be forwarded to a district court judge using what procedure	Study Item	Study and develop differentiated case management protocols. Assist districts assistance in developing and updating case management orders and district plans.

	<p>6 E. Define clearly the roles of the court facilitators, magistrate, and mediator with regard to who may prepare orders and recommend resolutions</p>	<p>In process: revisions to the Magistrate rules are being considered. Human Resources is studying the FCF position.</p>	<p>Develop protocols which define the roles of the court facilitators, magistrate, and mediator with regard to who may prepare orders and recommend resolutions. Consider whether mediation is an FCF function given increased availability of mediation services.</p>
	<p>6 F. As directed by the COA in Tripp v. Borchard, 29 P.3d 345 (Colo. App. 2001), avoid the situation where a judicial officer participates in mediate or settlement discussion in a case where that judicial officer might eventually be required to adjudicate formally</p>	<p>No action called for</p>	

#7	<p>Develop process to require professionals involved in a case to meet prior to a court hearing to assure complete information provided to court</p>	<p>Ongoing: Family Court Facilitators in the local districts ensure that necessary information is provided to the court prior to hearing, and also assist in determining when mediation is appropriate.</p>	<p>Develop protocols which define the roles of the court facilitators, magistrate, and mediator with regard to who may prepare orders and recommend resolutions.</p>
#8	<p>Develop required training of professionals to focus on teamwork among professionals</p>	<p>Ongoing: 2005 and 2006 Family Issues Conference (Judicial) and Adolescent Issues Conference (OCR) addressed teamwork among professionals. Future trainings will revisit the issue. Issue to be addressed in the context of CIC Model Courts project.</p>	<p>The Court Improvement Committee will provide a statewide multidisciplinary conference in partnership with CDHS in June 2007. Work with Family Law Institute, MDIC conferences, DHS/DSS trainings.</p>
#9	<p>Develop methods to address conflicts when family involved in both criminal and civil cases</p>	<p>Study Item</p>	<p>Provide Best Practices to judicial officers for application on a case by case basis.</p>

#10	Minimum rotation of 2 years in family matters; option to extend beyond 2 years	Completed: Letter to Chief Judges requesting examination of rotation policy in October 2005	Find a district that wants to pilot and evaluate a dedicated docket.
#11	Cases should stay with the central case management team	Ongoing through FAMJIS.	Assist districts with implementation of district plan.
#12	Court facilitators coordinate issues involving the same family to avoid multiple treatment plans and/or conflicting orders	Ongoing through FAMJIS. New CIP training and technology grants will support coordination. Also, training has occurred with Family Court Facilitators.	Study FCF job description and perform workload study. Training on the emerging role of for FCFs will be provided to FCFs, District Administrators and Chief Judges in June 2007.
#13	Court facilitators must be given additional funding and resources	Ongoing: Human Resources is conducting a study of the Family Court Facilitator position. Regular bi-annual meetings with FCFs are occurring.	FCF job description has been studied and workload study will be performed Summer 2007. Training on the emerging role of for FCFs will be provided to FCFs, District Administrators and Chief Judges in June 2007. Work with AMAC to establish in SCAO long range planning.
#14	Phase in central case management team over an 18 month period	This effort will need to be revisited at the conclusion of SANCA and FAMJIS.	CIP will develop five year strategic plan for utilization of CIP technology grant funds 2006 - 2010.
#15	Seek funding from General Assembly to measure results from central case management approach	Ongoing: Applied for new CIP training and technology grants in August 2006.	Consider working with the Bar and other private organizations.

#16	Extend use of ICON in identifying cases related to same family	Ongoing through FAMJIS.	
#17	Interdepartmental and interagency work on collaboration and information sharing.	<p>Ongoing: Colorado will participate in the Pew Commission Summit on Children in Foster Care in September 2005, an effort promoting interdepartmental and interagency collaboration. Colorado has also 3 sites designated as "Model Courts" to further collaborative efforts in abuse and neglect case processing.</p> <p>Legislative Session 2004: HB 04-1451 Teams and MOUs developed statewide to streamline provision of services.</p>	Collaborative efforts in individual districts need to be disseminated statewide. This effort is ongoing through the CIP Collaborative Court Model program.

#18	Chief Justice establish performance standards re family cases for Chief Judges	<p>Ongoing: The Case Flow Task Force is currently evaluating performance standards.</p> <p>Completed: The Judicial Performance Subcommittee submitted performance standards to the Nominating Commission. While the Family Law Section was supportive of corollary letters, the Colorado Bar Association ultimately declined to endorse the letters, not wanting to focus on one area of family issues in judicial selection.</p>	Performance Commissions are currently being provided information on Family Law.
Non-adversarial Alternatives			
#19	Amend court rules and statutes to provide non-adversarial procedures	Completed: 16.2 Case Management (Domestic Relations) became effective on 1/1/05.	16.2 Sub-committee Recommendations

#20	Areas to Amend	<p>Completed: 16.2 Case Management (Domestic Relations) became effective on 1/1/05.</p> <p>Ongoing: Non-adversarial procedures are available in dependency & neglect, delinquency, paternity and support.</p>	
#21	Should be a presumption that parties will follow least adversarial process-least adversarial may differ by case	<p>Completed: 16.2 Case Management (Domestic Relations) became effective on 1/1/05.</p> <p>Ongoing: Non-adversarial procedures are available in dependency & neglect, delinquency, paternity and support.</p>	With the addition of the regional Program Administrators, ODR now has more capacity to assist courts. Consider adding ODR as a regular presenter at Family Issues Conferences to showcase different ADR programs including how to design and implement them.
#22	Where implemented, simplified dissolution should incorporate mandatory procedures set forth in Appendix VI [In Process]	<p>Completed: 16.2 Case Management (Domestic Relations) became effective on 1/1/05.</p>	
#23	Request funds from the General Assembly for independent evaluations of non-adversarial alternatives such as simplified dissolution		Develop performance measures through FamJIS? Work with FLS, CJI or Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System?

#24	Develop measurements to assess district success in the area of family matters	Ongoing: The Case Flow Task Force is considering measurements in all areas with the input of the SCAO/Family Unit.	Develop performance measures through FamJIS? Work with FLS, CJI or Institute for the Advancement of the American Legal System?
Status and Role of Judges and Magistrates			
#25	Recognition to judicial officers hearing family matters for exceptional and innovative work	Ongoing: 3 sites designated as "Model Courts" for D&N in Colorado; Colorado Judicial Institute Judicial Excellence Awards; "Spirit of Pew" Nominations	Consider "Best Practice" Court designation. Consider other opportunities for judicial recognition.
#26	Implement system to remove ill suited or burned out judicial officers from family case assignments	Ongoing: A Chief Justice Directive, allowing chief judges to consider judicial assignment, will soon be released.	Consider pilot that provides sufficient support staff and local resources like mediators, parenting coordinators, CFI's, parenting education providers, supervised visitation & exchange and community support resources such as employment, mental health, substance abuse, etc. Training is being provided on wellness at 2007 Conference.
#27	Upgrade computers to meet needs of family cases and implement Family Friendly Facilities (FFF) legislation	Ongoing: The Family Friendly program has expanded into most judicial districts.	
#28	Accord magistrates same increased recognition and enhanced surroundings as recommended for judges	Ongoing: Magistrate authority is currently being studied. Policy amendments may be pursued.	Family Issues Unit working on Best Practices for magistrates.

#29	Develop methods of communication for judicial officers who hear family matters	Continuing: SCAO is working to improve web-based communication. The Family Issues Unit has greatly amplified its postings on Judicialnet. Both domestic and juvenile judges have e-mail distributions to discuss issues. The Family Issues Unit conducts an annual training in child and family law.	
#30	Provide support services/resources to judicial officers to fulfill evaluation, counseling and facilitation roles for the district court	Completed: Legislation regarding child and family investigators, parenting coordinators and decision-makers signed into law in 2005.	Parenting Coordinator and Decision-Maker Guidelines have been published for implementation and comment. Guidelines need to be formalized as a Chief Justice Directive. Oversight mechanisms need to be investigated.
#31	Judicial officers understand the role of mental health and other professionals in family cases, and engage them in cases as appropriate	The Family Issues Unit conducts an annual training in child and family law. ODR can present on parenting coordinators and decision makers at the next Family Issues Conference. ODR could present on mediator roles at another conference.	Parenting Coordinator and Decision-Maker Guidelines have been published for implementation and comment.
<i>Selection and Evaluation of Judicial Officers</i>			
#32	Skills for judicial officers hearing family cases	The Family Issues Unit conducts an annual training in child and family law. AFCC is in the process of establishing a local chapter which will bring increased training opportunities to Colorado.	CIP to develop long term strategic training plan with new CIP grant funds.
#33	Education of nominating commissions, applicants and Governor that over 50% of cases involve families	Completed: Standing Committee submitted educational materials and questions to the Nominating Commissions.	

#34	In districts where judges hear all types of cases, nominating commissions should clearly advise applicants re volume	Completed: Standing Committee submitted educational materials and questions to the Nominating Commissions.	
#35	Magistrates with demonstrated skill and expertise in family matters should be carefully considered for district court judge positions	Completed: Standing Committee submitted educational materials and questions to the Nominating Commissions.	
#36	Train nominating commissions re the nature of a family law assignment	Completed: Standing Committee submitted educational materials and questions to the Nominating Commissions.	
#37	Develop a process to encourage individuals interested and experienced in family matters to apply for judicial openings	<p>Ongoing: With assistance from the Court Improvement Program, the University of Colorado Law School instituted a Juvenile Law Clinic in 2003.</p> <p>Ongoing: The Colorado Women's Bar Association continues to support individuals to pursue judicial openings.</p>	Outreach to minority bar associations and other organizations?
#38	Instruct nominating commissions that political affiliation should not be a factor in selection of judicial officers	Completed: Standing Committee submitted educational materials and questions to the Nominating Commissions.	

#39	Develop a process whereby consumers of court services can register concerns with the process	Ongoing: Court users can register comments on the State Judicial Website. Local courts often circulate customer surveys, as in Adams County or Denver. The Case Flow Task Force is considering the development of statewide survey instruments. ODR currently has an informal process for addressing complaints about ODR mediators/services. ODR is planning to add a policy & procedure on complaints to the ODR policies and procedures manual.	The Standing Committee recently surveyed the bench and bar about the implementation of 16.2.
#40	Develop a system of lay volunteers with family law expertise to observe courtroom proceedings	Study Item	This recommendation needs to be explored more broadly.
#41	Performance criteria for judges hearing family cases	The Standing Committee developed materials that were provided to the Performance Commissions, but not disseminated.	Materials will be included in the Performance Commission training to occur in 2008. Materials need to be updated and sent to Jane Howell by December 2007.
Training of Judicial Officers			
#42	Pursue private funding for judicial education and training	The Family Issues Unit conducts an annual training in child and family law. AFCC is in the process of establishing a local chapter which will bring increased training opportunities to Colorado.	Continue to work with CJI and other private organizations.
#43	Provide docket coverage for judges to allow adequate time for training	Ongoing: Senior judges currently provide docket coverage.	

#44	Training regarding specific family related issues	Ongoing: The Family Issues Unit conducts an annual training in child and family law. AFCC is in the process of establishing a local chapter which will bring increased training opportunities to Colorado.	CIP to develop long term strategic training plan with CIP funds. Consider more partnerships with CBA, CLE and Family Law Section like "In the Best Interest of the Child" training as well as with MDIC, Boulder IC, Family Law Conference.
#45	Training re-imposition of sanctions	May 2005 Family Issues Conference (Judicial) addressed this issue.	Address at 2007 Family Issues Conference?
#46	Training for judicial officers by senior family law bar and mental health professionals	Ongoing: SCAO/Family Unit Check will continue to work with Judicial Education Director. Utilization of new CIP training grant to support efforts.	Consider distance-learning opportunities and web-based training.
#47	Establish peer training through a confidential judicial officer family issues list serve	Completed: established by SCAO in September 2002.	Continue to support dialogue in this forum and through other web-based communication/training efforts.
#48	Incorporate judicial training recommendations in judicial strategic education plan	Ongoing: Utilization of new CIP training grant to support efforts.	SCAO/Family Unit will continue to work with the State Court Administrator regarding inclusion of this item in the Strategic Plan. CIC develop long term strategic training plan with new CIP grant funds.

#49	Provide "distance learning opportunities"	Ongoing: CBA Family Law Section provides phone hook-up for every monthly CLE program for judges. WESTLAW also provides this service through SCAO.	SCAO/Family Unit Check will continue to work with Judicial Education Director. CIC develop long term strategic training plan with new CIP grant funds.
<i>Community Involvement by Judicial Officers</i>			
#50	Encourage community involvement by judicial officers	Completed. Recent ethics opinion addresses this.	
#51	Designated external activities for judges	Ongoing: Individual judges participate in testimony and debates.	Consider policy and/or communication mechanisms for encouraging judicial participation in the legislative process, such as weekly legislative teleconferences.
#52	Authoritative interpretation of Code of Judicial Conduct re community involvement	Completed	
<i>Compensation and Training for Public Sector Attorneys</i>			
#53	Raise compensation for public sector attorneys who represent children to same level as other public sector attorneys	Ongoing: The Court Improvement Committee established a Respondent Parents Counsel Task Force in June 2005 to address training, standards and compensation of Respondent Parents' Counsel. 2003: OCR achieved gradual transition to hourly payment for GALs and attorney special advocates and continues to improve practice.	Training, Compensation and Standards considered in RPC Task Force.

#54	Training for public sector attorneys who represent children	Ongoing: The Office of the Child's Representative provides regular, regional training as well as distance learning opportunities. The Office of Dispute Resolution also provides training state-wide.	Expand effort to RPC. Regional trainings planned with Respondent Parents' Counsel Task Force. CIP to develop long term strategic training plan with new CIP grant funds. Collaborate with AFCC, CBA CLE, Family Law Section, MDIC etc.
<i>Training and Mentoring for Private Attorneys</i>			
#55	CJD requiring attorneys who accept family law cases to obtain a minimum of 8 CLE credits in the area of family law during each 3 year reporting period	Ongoing: Chief Justice Directives 04-05 and 04-06 address practice standards for court-appointed counsel and representatives of children. Training standards are also addressed in contracts with professionals through SCAO contracts.	This recommendation needs to be explored more broadly for all attorneys practicing child or family law.
#56	Family law CLE at no cost or reduced fee for attorneys who agree to take at least one pro bono case during the 3 year period [Is offered now]	Ongoing: Currently offered through CLE at the Colorado Bar Association.	
#57	Creation of a mentoring program	Ongoing through the Family Law Section of the at the Colorado Bar Association.	
<i>Ethics, Professionalism and Accountability of Attorneys</i>			
#58	Issues re non-compliance with court orders should have priority setting	Ongoing: Issue addressed in CJD 04-08 and the model appointment order for child and family investigators.	Continued monitoring and training in this area to occur.

#59	Encourage professionalism and collegiality in domestic bar	Ongoing: Inns of Court program in place.	Collaborate with FLS in developing future projects. Provide conflict resolution training, and for disputing professionals provide free mediation e.g. from the CBA ADR Section and/or CCMO
#60	Encourage law schools to teach real-life ethics in this area of law	Ongoing: With assistance from the Court Improvement Program, the University of Colorado Law School instituted a Family Law Clinic in 2003.	The Ethics Subcommittee may consider a project in this area.
#61	Revisit the representation standard for family law cases	Ongoing: The Ethics Subcommittee of the Standing Committee is currently researching this issue.	Make sure attorneys are aware of Rule 2.1 Advisor
<i>Access and Availability of Legal Services</i>			
#62	Supreme Court and CBA support bar associations pro bono programs and ensure uniform and consistent programs across the state	Ongoing through CBA and FLS. SCAO is currently revising Self-Help website. Pro Se centers are being studied.	
#63	Each district should investigate availability, structure and success of local legal services programs	Ongoing and part of long term planning efforts. SCAO is conducting an inventory of self help resources.	Committee to work with Access to Justice Commission. Make sure that content is appropriate for never married parents as well as divorcing parents
#64	Prepare a video on how to select an attorney	Ongoing: Access to Justice is currently looking at options.	

#65	Committee of judges and attorneys to investigate, study and make recommendations re provision of legal services to middle-class, as well as poor or working poor	Study Item	Committee to work with Access to Justice Commission. Model Court Sites may participate in Poverty Subcommittee of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Promote unbundled legal services as an option.
	65 A. The General Assembly should enhance funding for existing legal services in Colorado	Study Item	
	65 B. Investigate the feasibility and timeliness of certifying a new type of legal practioner with more limited client duties for those clients with more limited needs and means	Study Item	
	65 i. A new, two year college degree	Study Item	
	65 ii. Rejection of any grandfathering of existing legal providers, but possibly allowing for some limited advanced placement based on merit	Study Item	

	65 iii. Primary requirements of a complete and verifiable understanding of the ethical responsibilities of client confidentiality and loyalty and	Study Item	
	65 iv. Close, full-time, accountable attorney supervision of a limited number of legal practitioners	Study Item	
	65 v. Institute as a pilot program, preferably focusing on the area of family law		
#66	Each district should make self help curricula available to parties	Ongoing: Assistance with forms and inquiries on Judicial website. All districts have access to materials and forms. Family Court Facilitators also provide assistance.	Committee to work with Access to Justice Commission.
#67	Each district should investigate the availability of low-cost or no-cost ADR	Ongoing: Office of Dispute Resolution provides reduced-cost or no-cost mediation. ODR increased no- and low-cost mediation in Spring 2005. Additional resources for ODR would enable ODR to increase low or no-cost ADR, e.g. increasing available indigents funds and establishing new low-income funding. Also expanding community mediation services might help.	
<i>Roles, Responsibilities, Guidelines, Accountability of Professionals who Interact with the Courts</i>			
#68	Use of position descriptions set forth in Appendix VII	In process through Other Professionals Subcommittee	Add description of types of professionals and lists of persons by district to website.

#69	Develop standards of practice for professionals by 7/1/03	Completed: Standards for Special Advocates (Child and Family Investigator) and Model Appointment Order. There are voluntary Colorado Standards of Conduct for Mediators.	CJD 04-08 governs Child and Family Investigators. CJD 08-01 governs Decision-Makers. A policy paper provides guidelines for Parenting Coordinators.
#70	Develop legislation to change name Special Advocate to Domestic Relations Advocate	Completed 2005 Legislative Session.	
#71	Develop a universal, enabling contract for CASA volunteers to serve as Domestic Relations Advocates	Study Item, Other Professionals Subcommittee	Discuss with OCR and Colorado CASA.
#72	Out of home placement information	Completed. Final Report (2003) available at: http://www.courts.state.co.us/panda/reports/epp_2003_an_rep.pdf	
#73	Develop procedures re reporting on out of home placements	Ongoing efforts to ensure all districts has an individualized plan to implement Chief Justice Directives 98-02 and 96-08.	SCAO/CIC Coordinator to assist districts in development of district plans, implementing procedures
#74	Train judges and case workers re reporting out of home placements	May 2004 Family Issues Conference.	

Support for Judicial Branch Efforts in the Areas of Pro Se Litigants and Domestic Violence and Restraining Orders

#75	Continue efforts to establish uniform and consistent self-help services for pro se litigants	Ongoing: Pro se litigants can receive assistance with forms and answers to questions on the judicial website. Family Court Faciliators provide assistance in districts. IIS and Legal Aid have a joint grant proposal for kiosks in the courts. Protection Orders Subcommittee has been reconvened.	Develop a hotline for the public to call to get information on family legal and other than legal services and/or support pro se pilot centers.
#76	SCAO develops a standard self-help curriculum		The Standing Committee will continue to work with the Access to Justice Commission and the Colorado Bar Association.
#77	Judicial branch support committee working on a comprehensive restraining order improvement plan	Completed: In March 2005, SCAO redrafted protection orders to allow for multi-state recognition. The Committee was re-convened in Fall 2006 to consider minor amendments and some legislative changes will be pursued.	
General Recommendations			

#78	Staffing pattern study set forth in Appendix IV should be forwarded to Staffing Pattern Subcommittee of Trial Court Resource committee to assist in developing staffing models to assist districts in implementing Comm'n recommendations		The Staffing Pattern Study will be forwarded to the Planning Standing committee to consider this information and develop staffing models that will help the judicial districts implement the Commission's recommendations and/or accomplish district objectives with regard to serving families better.
#79	Chief Justice to create an ongoing, oversight committee to ensure implementation of these recommendations	Completed and Ongoing: In November 2002, the Standing Committee on Family Issues was created. The Standing Committee remains committed to implementing the Commission Report.	