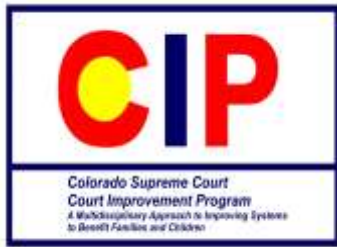


Colorado Court Improvement Program



DESCRIPTION OF COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND BEST PRACTICE COURT TEAMS

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The Court Improvement Program consists of multi-disciplinary group of Juvenile Court and Child Welfare professionals who are responsible for monitoring and implementing the CIP Strategic Plan. The fundamental goal of the strategic plan is to improve the safety, permanency, due process, and well being of children in foster care and that is accomplished through ongoing and sustainable systems change across the Juvenile Court and Child Welfare system. Projects of the Court Improvement Program involve development of infrastructure at the state and local levels for the delivery of training and technical assistance to all stakeholders.

BEST PRACTICE COURT TEAMS (BPCT)

Best Practice Court Teams are multi-disciplinary teams created by Lead Dependency and Neglect judges at the district court level. All twenty-two judicial districts support BPC Teams and some districts have more than one team. Team goals vary depending upon local need, but it is the charge of each BPC Team to set goals that can realistically be implemented to effect system change. Examples of system change are electronic data sharing of D&N/Child Welfare information, restructuring D&N dockets, revising District Plans for processing D&N cases, and standardizing Child Welfare Reports. Membership of BPC Teams include local child welfare representatives, guardians ad litem, respondentparents' counsel, county attorneys, family court facilitators; court clerks (Super-users) education representatives, service providers, foster parents, faith based organizations, and other stakeholders who are involved in the child welfare system. Membership on a BPC Team is by invitation of the Lead Dependency and Neglect Judge and persons who are interested in becoming a member of a local BPC Team should contact the Lead D&N Judge.