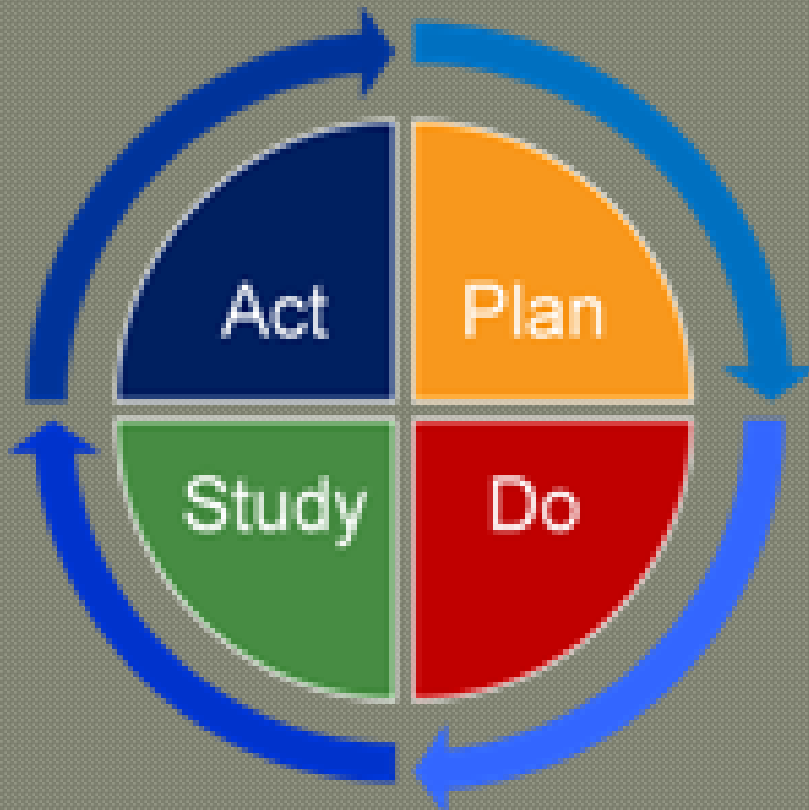# 1st Judicial District Best Court Practice Team Continuous Quality Improvement Project

Overview of the Composite Permanency Rating Index

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How do we measure our progress toward our CQI goal?

CQI Goal: To Improve the permanency outcomes for children in out-of-home care with a goal of Other Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (OPPLA)

Develop a rating system that meets the following criteria:

- ✓ Comprehensive
  - Started with Casey Family Permanency Rating
  - Cover key areas of youth functioning
- ✓ Understandable
  - Easily discernable ratings
- ✓ Timely
  - Capture initial and regular follow-ups to assess progress
- ✓ Measureable
  - Quantitative score, or index, to make it measurable and comparable

What is the tool?

- Composite Permanency Rating Scale

- Consists of 10 questions:
  - Casey Family Perm Ranking
  - Placement Status
  - Education Status
  - Employment Status
  - IL Skills (money mgmt, housing, transportation, health, vital docs)

  - # Permanent Connections
  - Strength of Connections with Bio Parents
  - Strength of Connections with Siblings
  - Strength of Connections with Other Adults
  - Chafee Participation

- Ratings on most range from 1 (Low) to 5 (High)

- Completed when OPPLA goal established and every 90 days thereafter

How does it work?

- Implemented ranking tool in internal "CAT" data system
  - Integrated with Trails data
  - Sends automated emails when youth due for perm rating

- CYF Caseworker completes rating every 3 months

- Tool calculates Individual and overall "Indexes"
  - "Index" represents percentage of maximum possible score in a domain
  - Index scores exclude 'Not Applicable' ratings

How will we use and share the results?

- In aggregate - to measure progress on our CQI goal
  - How are we doing overall
  - In what areas are we doing well
  - Where do we need to improve or focus efforts

- Individually - to inform stakeholders of youth-specific permanency and well-being efforts
  - Added as addendum to court reports
  - Shows summary of permanency ratings with progress over time
  - Includes results of each perm rating factor, worker statement on youth's progress, and list of permanent connections