

**Court Improvement Program
Child Protection Across Court System (C-PACS) Committee
Draft Work Plan April 2014**

Goal/Topic	Objectives	Activities	Persons Responsible
<p>1. Clarify boundaries of each contributor's function in child protection.</p>	<p>Each group will have a better understanding of others' roles in child protection, which illuminate ways to coordinate efforts and prevent discord. This will include each group's understanding of "imminent danger."</p>	<p>One or more representatives from each group will draft a description of their group's duties, powers, and limitations in family court, child abuse/neglect, and/or criminal cases related to child safety to share with the committee for discussion at its next meeting, which will be sometime in summer 2014.</p> <p>A guide or other document may be drafted from the descriptions, as the committee decides.</p>	<p>Circuit Court—Judge Johnson or designee Family Court—Judge Tallman Magistrate Court—Janie Moore Prosecuting Attorneys—Jennifer Stephens Guardians <i>ad litem</i> in child abuse/neglect cases—Catherine Munster Guardians <i>ad litem</i> in family court cases—Lisa Tackett Parents' attorneys—Bob Wilkinson or Teresa Lyons Child Protective Services—Kathie King or Toby Lester Youth Services—Kathie King or Alicia McIntire Domestic Violence Advocates—Joyce Yedlosky Court-Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)—Kim Runyons-Wild Child Advocacy Centers—Emily Chittenden-Laird Services, APS Healthcare—Carla Harper or Arlene Hudson Regulatory requirements—Mike Johnson and/or Brenda</p>

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			<p>McPhail Probation officers— not yet assigned Attorneys General—Katherine Bond Education—not yet assigned Law Enforcement—not yet assigned</p>
<p>2. Formulate framework for addressing the impact of substance abuse on children’s safety</p>	<p>The group will collaborate to orchestrate a coordinated response to meet the needs of children and families in which substance abuse impacts children’s safety.</p>	<p>The group will research the impact of substance abuse on children’s safety, including review of available literature, statistics, etc., during 2014.</p> <p>Applying research, the group will draft a plan for ways each member group may contribute to addressing this issue, to be presented to the CIP oversight board no later than April 30, 2014.</p> <p>Working with the CIP training committee, the group will develop collaborative education on the impact of parental substance abuse on parenting capacity and child safety, to be part of the CIP cross-trainings in summer 2014. Member groups may also incorporate the training into their respective education programs.</p>	<p>Application for technical assistance, if any—Nikki Tennis</p> <p>Research from the Child Welfare Information Gateway, other child welfare forums—Kathie King, Toby Lester</p> <p>Research from American Bar Association (ABA) resources—Nikki Tennis</p> <p>Research from the Citizen Review Panel (CRP)— Natalie Sal</p> <p>Statistics available from National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)—Mike Johnson</p> <p>Any relevant statistics from CAN database, other court statistics—Autumn Johnson or Tabetha Blevins</p>

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			<p>Draft plan based upon statistics, discussion—Judge Griffith, Nikki Tennis</p> <p>Developing training—CIP C-PACS, training committees</p> <p>Commission to Study Residential Treatment of Children workgroup on co-occurring best practices</p>
<p>3. As truancy may be a root of multiple types of cases, the system must work together to address the issue.</p>	<p>Coordinate with the CIP Youth Services committee on the proposed truancy study and identifying effective interventions.</p>	<p>The committee will review progress of the truancy study, stay apprised of truancy initiatives, and make recommendations to the Youth Services committee.</p>	<p>C-PACS and Youth Services Committee chairs</p>
<p>4. Reach better understanding of “impending dangers” among contributors</p>	<p>The group aims to be proactive in protecting children by recognizing and addressing impending dangers across disciplines.</p>	<p>The group will research impending dangers, including review of available literature, statistics, etc., during 2014.</p> <p>Applying research, the group will draft a plan for ways each member group may contribute to addressing this issue, to be presented to the CIP oversight board no later than April 30, 2014.</p> <p>Working with the CIP training committee, the group will develop collaborative</p>	<p>Application for technical assistance, if any—Nikki Tennis</p> <p>Research from the Child Welfare Information Gateway, other child welfare forums—Kathie King, Toby Lester</p> <p>Research from American Bar Association (ABA) resources—Nikki Tennis</p> <p>Statistics available from National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System</p>

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<p>5. Review financial forms to determine how child support collection and Title IV-E self-declaration may be improved in child abuse/neglect cases</p>	<p>Explore how to streamline the ways in which respondents in child abuse/neglect cases submit financial information.</p> <p>Maximize the collection of child support and self-declaration of income for Title IV-E eligibility.</p>	<p>The group will compare the multitude of financial forms to find common information that might be consolidated for more than one purpose.</p> <p>The group will decide whether to propose a simpler financial statement for child support in child abuse/neglect cases.</p>	<p>Barb Baxter Pete Conley Mike Johnson Melissa Rosen Nikki Tennis</p> <p>TABLED</p>