

Courts & CRB Best Practices Document

Basic Principles

- Schedule shelter hearings at a time that allows attorneys to be appointed and appear at the shelter hearing.
- Review adequacy of visitation plan - for parent & child and child & sibling(s) if not placed together.
- Address DHS referral of parents to preadjudication services with attorney approval.
- In counties where multiple judges handle juvenile cases, establish guidelines for judges to retain cases once they hear them.
- Coordinate and set hearings so there is a review every 90 days by either the court or CRB.

Training

- Ensure all new judges get Basic Juvenile Court 101 training at OJD New Judge School
- JCIP continue to sponsor and support judicial officer and multidisciplinary educational programs

Oversight and Standards

- Courts and CRB to be trained on effecting compliance by all attorneys with standards and expectations.

Court Administration

- Ensure Accurate and Complete Data Entry
- As funding permits, update Judicial and Staff Work Load Study

Citizen Review Board

- Review adequacy of visitation plan - for parent & child and child & sibling(s) if not placed together.
- Emphasize concurrent planning.
- Recommend expedited permanency hearings where appropriate.