



STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING TIMELY PERMANENCY

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JOINT INTERIM TASK FORCE ON JUVENILE COURT DEPENDENCY PROCEEDINGS

House Bill 3363 (2013)
Impediments to Timely Permanency
Existing Initiatives

House Bill 3363 (2013)

- Work group:
 - Judges
 - CRB
 - CASA
 - Public Defense Services Commission
 - DHS
 - Attorneys (DOJ, DA, Parents/children)
- Identify impediments to timely permanency
- Report by 1/1/15

Impediments to Timely Permanency

- Lack/delay of services for parents and children
 - Mental health, drug & alcohol rx, visitation
- Lack of system resources
 - Public defense, judicial officer, caseworker, DHS representation
- Lack of education/training
 - Attorney understanding of jurisdiction, discovery from DHS, varying practices regarding developing service plans/action agreements

Existing Initiatives

- Juvenile Court Workload Study (Report due April, 2016)
- Statewide Survey of Visitation Practices for Children in Foster Care
- Child Welfare
 - Oregon Safety Model training, hiring additional caseworkers, permanency roundtables, Safe and Equitable Foster Care Reduction, SPRF
- Parent Child Representation Program Pilot

TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

- HB 2358
Stakeholder Commitments
Collaboration at Local Level

HB 2358

- Four to six pilot counties (including Linn and Yamhill)
 - Reduce attorney caseloads, provide adequate compensation, ensure additional oversight and support and training;
 - Increase representation for state/DHS
 - Increase judicial resources and OJD staff
 - Increase CASA resources
- Measure outcomes to determine if use of foster care declines
- Measure failed during the 2015 session

SB 222 (2015)

- Task Force on Legal Representation in Childhood Dependency
 - Recommend models for legal representation
 - Enable courts to resolve juvenile cases quickly and efficiently
- CJ shall appoint three judges
- Report due July 15, 2016

Stakeholder Commitments

- Process improvements
- Education and training
- Oversight and standards

Courts

- Scheduling of shelter hearings
- Visitation plans
- Pre-adjudication services
- Case stays with one judge
- System of review (every 90 days)

Collaboration at the Local Level

- Model Court Teams
- County level data
 - Timeliness of court proceedings
 - Shelter (24 hours)
 - Jurisdiction/Disposition (60 days)
 - Permanency Hearings (12 months from date of entry; annually thereafter)
 - TPR (six months)
 - Timeliness of permanency
 - Reduction of APPLAs
 - Exits from foster care

Role of CRB

- Periodic meetings with Field Manager
 - Appointment of board members
 - Timing of reviews
 - Are there particular issues you are concerned about? How do you want the FM to alert you?
 - Guidelines for early permanency hearings
- Visitation plans
- Services to parents and child
 - Stability of foster care placement
- Concurrent planning

Parent Child Representation Pilots

- Yamhill
- Linn

MOVING IT FORWARD

