



OREGON JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
Office of the State Court Administrator

Memo

From: Nanci Thaemert, Juvenile & Family Court Programs Division Director
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This memo will familiarize you with the resources we have to support your work in handling juvenile, family, and protective proceeding cases--to introduce the team and provide resources.

In the Juvenile and Family Court Programs Division (JFCPD) at OJD we provide support to judges, court staff, and stakeholders for both the dependency and delinquency systems, domestic relations, and protective proceedings. Our juvenile unit includes the Juvenile Court Improvement Program (JCIP) for dependency cases, the Juvenile Delinquency Improvement Program (JDIP) for delinquency, Family Treatment Court (FTC) programs, and the Citizen Review Board (CRB). JCIP and JDIP staff provide ongoing training and support and are available to answer questions.

The family law unit supports the work of the [Statewide Family Law Advisory Committee](#) (SFLAC), the State Protective Proceedings Advisory Committee (SPPAC), and various other subject matter committees. Family law staff provide subject matter expertise and educational opportunities on multiple areas of the law including domestic relations, child support, facilitation and mediation services, probate, and domestic violence.

JUVENILE RESOURCES

Here are a few juvenile resources that you might find helpful during your time on the bench:

- [Juvenile Dependency Benchbook](#);
- [ORICWA \(Oregon Indian Child Welfare Act\) Benchbook](#);
- [Model Court Forms](#);
- JELI New Juvenile Judge Mentor Program (this is not just for new judges, but also available for experienced judges who are new to juvenile law or experienced practitioners who are new to the bench);
- [Juvenile appellate caselaw outline and updates](#) (cumulative from 2013);

- Juvenile Judges’ [SharePoint](#) (a platform for resources and training for judges, with links to prior program videos and materials).

JCIP hosts an annual juvenile judges conference in early August called “Through the Eyes of a Child,” —[materials are available here](#).

JCIP also hosts an annual multidisciplinary summit in September called the “Model Court Summit,” which is focused on court improvement and supporting the model court teams to make local improvements.

Finally, JCIP hosts a bi-annual Mini-CANI (Child Abuse and Neglect Institute), which is geared towards judges who are newer to handling dependency cases.

Juvenile dependency judges have a group called the Judicial Engagement and Leadership Institute (JELI) that provides curriculum guidance for the Through the Eyes of a Child conference and hosts a semi-annual Spring Convening. JELI also provides an opportunity to be involved in forms development and hosts a judge chat on the Microsoft Teams platform.

Juvenile delinquency judges have a group called the JDIP Judges’ Committee that brings judges’ voices to the JDIP Advisory Committee and curriculum development for the annual Juvenile Justice Judges Conference.

Please let us know if you would like more information about any of these initiatives. You may reach us at:

[Jayne Cooper](#), Legal Policy Advisor for dependency questions.

[Heidi Moon](#), Juvenile Law Analyst for dependency questions.

[Nella Hogberg](#), JDIP Delinquency Analyst for delinquency questions.

[Caroline Meyer](#), Family Connect Analyst for delinquency questions and family engagement.

[Yousef Allouzi](#), JCIP Data Analyst for data and/or business process questions.

[Christina Jagernauth](#), Citizen Review Board Manager

[Joe Vigil](#), FTC/SCMS Analyst for questions on specialty court data and family treatment courts.

FAMILY LAW RESOURCES

Here are a few family law resources that you might find helpful:

- [Family Law Benchbook](#)
 - [Family Law Webinars](#)
 - The Statewide Family Law Advisory Committee coordinates a [family law conference](#) every other year. The next conference will be in 2025. You can find material from previous conferences on the [website](#).
 - The [Probate Court SharePoint](#) site has recorded webinars and forms for courts to use when hearing protective proceeding cases. It includes a [webinar](#) on how an experienced judge handles challenging cases.
 - [Stalking Law Benchbook](#)
 - [Firearm Prohibitions for Protection Orders](#)
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- [Firearm Prohibitions for Misdemeanor Convictions](#)
- [Family Abuse Prevention Act \(FAPA\) Benchbook](#)

For questions about any of the family law initiatives, please contact:

[Bryan Marsh](#), Family Law Legal Policy Advisor

[Chris Hill](#), Child Support Analyst

[Jeffrey Petty](#), Probate Law Legal Policy Advisor

[Amy Benedum](#), JFCPD Legal Policy Advisor for information or questions on domestic violence matters.

Save the date for upcoming educational events:

Juvenile Delinquency Judicial Webinar-

October 26, 2023 12pm-1pm

January 25, 2024 12pm-1pm

March 28, 2024 12pm-1pm

Child Support Judicial Webinar – 2 parts

October 31, 2023 12pm-1pm

November 30, 2023 12pm-1pm

The Juvenile and Family Court Programs Division is here to support your work. Don't hesitate to reach out to me or any of the staff listed above if you have questions, suggestions, or input on how we can provide you the resources and support you need to hear cases efficiently and effectively on juvenile and family law matters.
