

Juvenile Court Improvement Program Strategic Plan

Note: Additions to this strategic plan from the June 2017 submission are in red. Deletions are in ~~red strikethrough~~.

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Overall Goal/Mission of CIP: *Raising the profile and priority of child abuse and neglect cases in Oregon courts.*

Priority Area #1: Quality Court Hearings

Outcome #1: Improved quality of dependency hearings

Need Driving Activities & Data Source: *How do you know this is a need in your state?* In 2015, the National Center for State Courts, as part of a workload study of Oregon's courts, conducted hearing observations aimed at measuring the quality of Oregon's dependency hearings. The observations revealed that many topics regarding the child's well-being and the parents' progress are frequently not discussed during court hearings, suggesting that there is considerable room for improvement in the depth and breadth of discussion at Oregon's dependency hearings. Other JCIP court observation projects have shown that children are rarely present in court, which means that increasing the frequency with which youth attend might also improve the quality of hearings. JCIP has also received feedback from judges and stakeholders that, in some jurisdictions, agency caseworkers often appear in court without legal representation, and that this can reduce the quality of a hearing and also cause delays if the hearing needs to be continued so that counsel can be present.

Theory of Change: Increases in the frequency with which children, parents, children's attorneys, parents' attorneys, State/Agency attorneys, tribes, and tribes' attorneys attend dependency hearings will improve the quality of those hearings.

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Project 1 – Monitor and increase the percentage of hearings at which all parties are present and represented by legal counsel This project was selected as a way to continue and build on current work to improve the quality of dependency hearings and the availability of legal representation for parties in such hearings.							
Develop 'push-button' data reports showing the percentage of various types of dependency hearings in each court at which each type of party and attorney is present	JCIP	Statistical reports showing the percentage of dependency hearings at which each type of party and attorney is present	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the percentage of pre-TPR dependency hearings with one or both parents present Increase the percentage of dependency hearings where the child is present Increase the percentage of Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) hearings where the Tribe is present 	1/2019 9/2017	Staff time and report-building expertise	Data on the percentage of dependency hearings at which each type of party and attorney is present	Ongoing
Work with courts to ensure data quality	JCIP Circuit Courts	Accurate data on party and attorney presence at dependency hearings	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the percentage of hearings (particularly shelter hearings) where attorneys for the parents are present 	12/2018 and Ongoing beginning 1/2019	Staff time		
Run and disseminate reports on a quarterly and annual basis	JCIP	Dissemination of accurate data on attorney presence at dependency hearings to courts and stakeholders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the percentage of hearings where an attorney for the State or Agency is present 	Ongoing beginning 7/2019	Staff time		

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Project 2 – Implement a program to provide judges with training and coaching from experienced master judges on how to better engage parents in dependency hearings							
Work with the Judicial Education and Leadership Institute (JELI) and DHS Parent Advisory Committee to develop 1) a curriculum for judges to improve engagement of parents in hearings and 2) a plan for master judge observations/coaching	JCIP, JELI, Judges, DHS Parent Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Curriculum to educate judges about engaging parents in dependency cases Plan for master judge observations and coaching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve in judicial engagement of parents in dependency hearings Increase in the percentage of parents who have positive perceptions of their dependency hearings Increase parental attendance at dependency hearings Increase the percentage of children who are reunified with their parents 	3/2020	Staff and judge time	Comparison of pre- and post-implementation data on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent perception of dependency hearings Parent attendance at dependency hearings % of children reunified Time to reunification 	Not begun
Develop tool to assess parental perspective of court hearings	JCIP, NCSC	Tool to assess parental perspective of court hearings (did the parent feel heard, did the parent feel the judge had enough information to make decisions about their child, etc.)		3/2020	Staff time; NCSC time; Survey design expertise		
Survey parents after participating judges' hearings to establish baseline for parent perspective of hearings	JCIP	Baseline data on parental perspective on dependency court hearings		6/2020	Staff time; Volunteers		
Implement training and judge observations/coaching	JCIP, JELI, Judges	Judge-to-judge coaching on parent engagement in dependency hearings		9/2020	Volunteer judges		
Conduct follow-up parent surveys	JCIP	Post-training data		12/2020	Staff time; Volunteers		

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Collaborate with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) to evaluate whether the coaching led to improvements in reunification or party hearing attendance data	JCIP, DHS	Evaluation of impact program had on reunification and hearing attendance		9/2021	Staff time; DHS staff time		
Project 3 – Coordinate the development, maintenance, and updating of legally sufficient model forms for juvenile dependency judgments This project was selected to continue ongoing work to ensure that forms used by courts in dependency cases meet all the requirements of state and federal law.							
Convene the JELI Model Forms Workgroup of Oregon's Judicial Education and Leadership Institute (JELI) on a quarterly basis to discuss and approve updates to JCIP's model forms to reflect changes in state and federal law	JCIP, JELI Model Forms Workgroup	Updated, legally sufficient forms for use in dependency cases	Increase the number of judges who use the JCIP model forms or forms that have been reviewed by JCIP for legal sufficiency.	Ongoing	Staff time	Feedback from judges on the usefulness and adequacy of the model forms	Ongoing
Work with OJD's Communication, Education, and Court Management Division (CECM) to make updated versions of forms available in the Odyssey case management system	JCIP, CECM	Updated, legally sufficient dependency forms available for use in the Odyssey case management system					

Outcome #1 Updates for Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Project 1 – Monitor and increase the percentage of hearings at which all parties are present and represented by legal counsel

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Work on this project has not begun due to JCIP focusing its data analyst's work in the first half of 2017 on participating in DHS's ongoing Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR) and Program Improvement Planning, the development of the joint agency – CIP permanency project, and the Reimagining Dependency Courts project. Work on monitoring and increasing party and attorney presence at hearings will begin later in 2017.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

Work on this project has still not begun because in Year 2 because the JCIP data analyst's CIP-funded work focused primarily on the following projects:

- the Reimagining Dependency Courts Project (see Outcome 2, Project 5)
- the data transfer from OJD's Odyssey case management system to the DHS OR-Kids case management system (see Outcome 2, Project 6)
- the joint – agency CIP permanency project (see Outcome 2, Project 1)
- ongoing work to disseminate JCIP's quarterly statistical reports, train courts on proper data entry procedures, and improve data quality (see Outcome 2, Project 2).

JCIP is in the process of hiring an additional full-time data analyst, and once that person has begun work, they will begin work on Project 1.

Project 2 – Implement a program to provide judges with training and coaching from experienced master judges on how to better engage parents in dependency hearings

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

This project is planned for the later years of this CIP funding cycle, and work will begin in 2019.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

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Project 3 – Coordinate the development, maintenance, and updating of legally sufficient model forms for juvenile dependency judgments

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

JCIP finished collecting data from its 2016 survey of courts regarding their model court form usage, and presented the information to the JELI Model Forms Group and discussed further improvements that can be made to the model court forms and to form usage. JCIP and JELI Model Forms Group also discussed changes to improve orders regarding visitation during the shelter hearing and changes to orders that may be needed to implement the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

JCIP made several improvements to its juvenile dependency forms over this period. As part of a project with the DHS, the Department of Justice (DOJ), and the Office of Public Defense Services (OPDS) to provide children with early and frequent visitation, OJD updated its shelter order to prompt the court to consider whether a visit should be ordered within 48 hours or within a week of the child's removal from the home. The dependency judgments were also revised to allow courts to make findings regarding the appropriateness of a child's attendance in his or her "school of origin" under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.

JCIP also worked on improvements to its permanency judgment. JCIP has received consistent feedback that the permanency judgment is too complicated. During the fall of 2017, JCIP simplified some of the findings required for adoption. Currently, it is working with the OJD Forms Manager, Holly Rudolph, to explore new technologies for filling out the permanency judgment. Holly will be meeting with the JELI Model Forms Group in June 2018 to demonstrate how the permanency judgment could be completed with OJD Guide and File. The goal is to come up with a more user-friendly solution by the end of 2018.

JCIP is also working with DHS and stakeholders on revisions to the uniform court report to improve readability and ease of completion by caseworkers. The goal is to create a document that is easier for parents to understand and that complies with both case planning and court reporting requirements, so separate documents aren't needed. This work began in March 2018 and is expected to continue for several months.

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Priority Area #2: Timeliness/Permanency

Outcome #2: Improved System Response to the Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being of Children in Foster Care

Need Driving Activities & Data Source: *How do you know this is a need in your state?* Lack of timely permanency has been identified as an area needing improvement in the Department of Human Services’ (DHS) ~~Child and Family Services Review (CFSR)~~ self-assessment, as well as the Round 3 CFSR file reviews. It has also been identified as an area needing improvement by the JCIP Advisory Committee. Finally, data analysis conducted by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) shows that Oregon has a higher percentage of children in care longer than two years than the national average. With the help of the NCSC’s Reimagining Dependency Courts project, Oregon is currently conducting file reviews to isolate practices that need to be improved to decrease the time to permanency.

Theory of Change: Through joint review of data and targeted measures to address barriers to permanency, compliance with the hearing timeliness measures, and early contact with a parent, the percentage of foster children achieving permanency within two years will increase.

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<p>Project 1 – Work with DHS on a joint data project to address a permanency related issue identified in its 2016 Child and Family Services Review. This project was jointly agreed to at the 2016 CIP meeting as part of the new application requirement, and the goal for the project is to increase the percentage of children who have their adoption finalized within 12 months of becoming legally free</p>							
Jointly review CFSR findings, other agency data, and JCIP data on permanency to identify an issue on which to focus	DHS, JCIP, Courts, Citizen Review Board (CRB), court appointed special advocates (CASAs), Office of Public Defense Services (OPDS), Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ)	Identification of problem areas	Improve coordination of JCIP and DHS efforts to achieve more timely permanency	Complete 4/2017	Staff time at JCIP, DHS, and stakeholder agencies; final CFSR report	DHS data on the percent of children who become legally free who have adoptions finalized within 12 months	Ongoing
Jointly agree on a plan that stakeholders can implement to improve permanency outcomes	DHS, JCIP, Courts, Citizen Review Board (CRB), court appointed special advocates (CASAs), Office of Public Defense Services (OPDS), Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ)	Plan to improve performance in problem areas	Improve coordination of JCIP and DHS efforts to achieve more timely permanency	Complete 6/2017	Staff time at JCIP, DHS, and stakeholder agencies; final CFSR report	DHS data on the percent of children who become legally free who have adoptions finalized within 12 months	Complete

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Disseminate to courts on a quarterly basis data from DHS on the percentage of children in each jurisdiction who have adoptions finalized within 12 months of being legally free	JCIP, DHS	Data disseminated to courts on the percentage of children who have adoptions finalized within 12 months of being legally free	Increase court knowledge of how their system performs at finalizing adoptions; increase court capacity to conduct CQI around adoption finalization	8/2017 and Ongoing	DHS data	DHS data on the percent of children who become legally free who have adoptions finalized within 12 months	Not begun Ongoing
Incorporate 1) information on the adoption process and the DHS Adoption Tracking page, and 2) time to create local plans to improve the timeliness of adoption finalization, into the 2017 Oregon Summit on Child Abuse and Neglect	JCIP, DHS	Training on the adoption process and the DHS Adoption Tracking Page; local plans to increase the percentage of children who are adopted within a year of becoming legally free	Improve judge, CRB, and stakeholder understanding of the adoption process and information in the Adoption Tracking Page; improve court and CRB oversight over the adoption process; encourage planning and collaboration at the local level to address barriers to finalizing adoptions	Complete 8/2017	JCIP and DHS staff time		Ongoing Complete

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Provide support, as needed, to multi-disciplinary Model Court Teams in implementing and evaluating the success of local plans to increase the percentage of children who are adopted within a year of becoming legally free	JCIP, Model Court Teams	Support for Model Court Teams in implementing and evaluating local plans	Increase court capacity to conduct CQI around adoption finalization	Ongoing through 6/2018	JCIP staff time		Not begun Ongoing
Work with DHS to create a new Adoption Finalization Report to pull information on the status of the adoption paperwork from OR-Kids for submission to courts and CRBs	JCIP, DHS	New Adoption Finalization Report for submission to courts and CRBs	Improve judge, CRB, and stakeholder understanding of where each case is in the adoption process; improve court and CRB oversight over the adoption process	12/2018	DHS Staff time and expertise	Survey of judges and CRBs on usefulness of the Adoption Finalization Report and needs for further training	Ongoing
Create and hold a webinar to train judges and CRBs on the adoption process, the information in the Adoption Finalization Report, and ways courts and CRBs can provide constructive oversight on the adoption process	JCIP, DHS	Webinar on the adoption process, the information in the Adoption Finalization Report, and ways courts and CRBs can provide constructive oversight on the adoption process	Training of 25 judges and CRB volunteers on the adoption process, the information in the Adoption Finalization Report, and ways courts and CRBs can provide constructive oversight on the adoption process	12/2018	OJD and DHS staff time and expertise		Ongoing

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Survey judges and CRBs to evaluate the usefulness of the Adoption Tracking Page and to be- developed DHS Adoption Finalization Report and identify systemic barriers to adoption finalization and needs for further training	JCIP, Judges	Data on judge opinions on the usefulness of the Adoption Tracking Page, barriers to adoption finalization, and needs for further training	Identify areas for additional training and systemic improvements	4/2018 4/2019	JCIP staff time	DHS data on the percent of children who become legally free who have adoptions finalized within 12 months	Not begun
Collaborate with DHS to address any systemic barriers to finalization of adoption that are commonly identified by judges and Model Court Teams across the state	JCIP, DHS	Coordinated work to address systemic barriers to finalization of adoption	Improve timeliness of adoption finalization	Ongoing beginning 9/2018 6/2019	JCIP and DHS staff time	DHS data on the percent of children who become legally free who have adoptions finalized within 12 months	Not begun

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Run and disseminate quarterly and annual dependency timeliness reports	JCIP	Quarterly and annual data reports for CQI use at the state and local level	Increase the percentage of cases meeting statutory timelines for jurisdiction, permanency hearings, and termination of parental rights	Ongoing	Staff time and data analysis expertise; existing 'push-button' statistical reports	JCIP data on timeliness of jurisdiction, permanency hearings, and termination of parental rights proceedings	Ongoing
Configure Odyssey to allow court staff and judges to run existing JCIP statistical reports, and to access lists of their court's cases included on the JCIP reports	JCIP, OJD Enterprise Technology Services Division (ETSD)	JCIP statistical reports configured in Odyssey to be run by judges or court staff	Increase judge and court staff access to and interaction with JCIP data, increase data quality on JCIP statistical reports; increase the percentage of cases meeting statutory timelines for jurisdiction, permanency hearings, and termination of parental rights	3/2019 6/2018	Staff time and data analysis expertise; existing 'push-button' statistical reports	JCIP data on timeliness of jurisdiction, permanency hearings, and termination of parental rights proceedings	Not begun
Create and disseminate push-button report(s) measuring the time to achieving reunification, adoption, and guardianship in each court	JCIP, Circuit Courts	Quarterly and annual reports on Time to Achieving Permanency for CQI use at the state and local level	Increase the percentage of children achieving legal permanency and decrease the time needed to achieve each permanency outcome	3/2019 6/2018; Reports disseminated on an ongoing basis	Staff time and data analysis and report-building expertise	Data from created report	Not begun

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Create push-button report that lists all children in a given court that are in foster care and/or have open dependency cases, and configure report to be run in Odyssey by court staff or judges	JCIP, ETSD, Circuit Courts	Push-button report available to court staff and judges listing all children in their court's jurisdiction	Increase court capacity to monitor caseload and identify cases in need of hearings; decrease the percentage of cases that do not have permanency hearings in a timely manner; decrease in the time needed to achieve each permanency outcome	6/2018 6/2019	Staff time and data analysis and report-building expertise	Data from JCIP timeliness reports	Not begun
Create push-button report that shows the percentage of dependency hearings completed, continued, and rescheduled, and the mean number of days needed to complete continued and rescheduled hearings	JCIP, Circuit Courts	Push-button report showing the percentage of dependency hearings completed, continued, and rescheduled, and the mean number of days needed to complete continued and rescheduled hearings	Increase court capacity to monitor delays due to continued and rescheduled hearings; decrease delays due to continued and rescheduled hearings	6/2019	Staff time and data analysis and report-building expertise	Data from JCIP timeliness reports	Not begun
Monitor data quality on JCIP statistical reports and notify courts of data entry issues	JCIP, Circuit Courts	Assistance to courts in identifying data entry issues	Improve data quality on JCIP statistical reports	Ongoing through 6/2018	Staff time	Ongoing review of reports for data quality	Ongoing

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Collaborate with CECM and ETSD to make needed Odyssey configuration changes for juvenile cases, and to document and disseminate statewide data entry business processes	JCIP, CECM, ETSD, Circuit Courts	Configuration changes to Odyssey when needed; documentation and dissemination of statewide business processes	Ensure that data entry practices conform with changing statutes; improve JCIP's ability to collect data on relevant performance measures	Ongoing through 6/2018	JCIP, CECM, and ETSD staff time		Ongoing
Provide technical assistance and training to courts on proper data entry procedures	JCIP, Circuit Courts, CECM	Technical assistance and training on proper data entry procedures	Improve data quality on JCIP statistical reports	Ongoing through 6/2018	Staff time	Ongoing review of reports for data quality	Ongoing
Provide technical assistance to CRB in creating statistical reports on CRB reviews of children in foster care	JCIP, CRB	Statistical reports on CRB reviews, including timeliness or reviews and attendance of parties	Availability of data for evaluating the timeliness of and party engagement in CRB reviews	3/2018 Ongoing	JCIP and CRB staff time	Data from created reports	Ongoing

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Project 3 – Support participation by judges and staff in multi-disciplinary task forces and work groups convened to make system improvements in Oregon’s child welfare system This project was selected to allow JCIP to continue to effectively collaborate with partners on systems change.							
JCIP and judicial officer participation in statewide committees, task forces and work groups: 1. Governors Foster Care Advisory Committee 2. Unified Child and Youth Safety Implementation Plan Steering Team 3. Child Welfare Advisory Committee Three Branch Core Team & Expanded Team 4. DHS Rules Advisory Committee 5. DHS ICWA Advisory Committee 6. Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee 7. Youth with Specialized Needs Work Group 8. Attorney Standards Work Group 9. Customary Adoptions Work Group 10. DHS Caregiver Training Redesign Workgroup	All child welfare and juvenile dependency stakeholders	Effective recommendations for child welfare systems change	DRIVE 1. Improve communication and collaboration between JCIP, courts, child welfare and other stakeholders 2. Increase coordination of system improvement efforts 3. Improve JCIP’s ability to provide technical assistance and training to courts targeting identified problem areas	Ongoing	Staff and judge time; funding	The effectiveness of task forces, work groups, and their recommendations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in collaboration with system partners.	Ongoing

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Project 4 – Work with partners to increase the number of children who receive a first visit with at least one parent within the first week of placement This project was selected with the cooperation of JCIP's partners at the Region 10 Parent Representation Leadership Forum.							
Prepare caseworkers to arrange for a first visit at or before the shelter hearing	DHS, OPDS, JCIP, DOJ	Caseworkers prepared to schedule first visit at shelter hearing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the percentage of children entering care who receive a first visit with a parent within 48 hours of placement • Increase the percentage of children entering care who receive a first visit with a parent within one week of placement 	Initial training complete; ongoing	Staff time	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DHS data on the percentage of cases in which a visit occurs within 48 hours of placement in foster care (the goal is at least 60%) 2. DHS data on the percentage of cases in which the first visit occurs within one week of placement in foster care (the goal is at least 90%) 	Ongoing
Prepare attorneys to advocate for an early visit at the shelter hearing		Attorneys prepared to advocate for first visit at shelter hearing		By Complete 8/2017; and ongoing			
Prepare judges to entertain requests for an order regarding visitation at the shelter hearing		Judges prepared to consider ordering first visit at shelter hearing					

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Project 5 – Collaborate with the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) to implement and evaluate the Reimagining Dependency Courts Project							
Plan, implement, and evaluate Differentiated Case Management (DCM) project for dependency cases in four pilot courts	JCIP, NCSC, Pilot Courts	New DCM system for handling dependency cases	Improve timeliness of permanency in pilot courts; more effective use of court and stakeholder resources in pilot courts; determination of whether DCM practices should be implemented more widely	Implemented 5/2017; project ongoing through 6/2019	Staff time; funding and technical support from NCSC	Statistical analysis of outcomes for children assigned to each DCM track	Ongoing
Work with NCSC on predictive analytics project to identify risk factors for children staying in foster care longer than two years	JCIP, NCSC, Deschutes County Circuit Court, Deschutes County DHS, Other Circuit Courts	Predictive model for determining risk factors for children staying in foster care longer than two years	Improve capacity to identify of high-risk dependency cases; better allocate of court resources toward high-risk cases	Complete 3/2018	Staff time and querying expertise; NCSC predictive analytics expertise	Statistical analysis to determine whether identified factors are predictive of long stays in foster care	Ongoing Complete
Consider changes to the DCM project and case assignment factors based on preliminary evaluation findings and other research regarding predictors of long stays in foster care	JCIP, NCSC, DCM pilot courts	Decisions on changes to the DCM project and case assignment factors	Improve the effectiveness of the DCM project and the ability of the case assignment factors to identify children at risk of a long stay in foster care	3/2019	JCIP staff time, pilot court judge and staff time, and NCSC staff time	Analysis of impact on time to permanency of any changes to DCM project	Not begun
If evaluation shows that DCM project is successful, provide technical assistance to other circuit courts in implementing project	JCIP, Circuit Courts	Expanded use of DCM model in dependency cases	Better allocate court resources toward high risk cases; increase in the percentage of children reaching permanency in a timely manner	Ongoing from 6/2019	Staff time; Court time and willingness to implement	Analysis of whether implementation of DCM tracks improve timeliness of permanency	Not begun

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<i>If predictive analytics project identifies risk factors for long stays in foster care, provide technical assistance for courts in implementing findings and assessing risk for incoming cases</i>	<i>JCIP, Circuit courts</i>	<i>Use of predictive model in assessing long stay risk in dependency cases</i>	<i>Improve capacity to identify high-risk dependency cases; better allocate court resources toward high-risk cases; decrease the percentage of children who are in foster for longer than two years</i>	<i>6/2018</i>	<i>Staff time and querying expertise</i>	<i>Analysis of whether implemented interventions lower risk of long stay in foster care</i>	<i>Not begun</i>

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Project 6 – Work with DHS to establish an automated transfer of data from Odyssey to OR-Kids							
Work with ETSD and DHS to determine whether resources are available for project	JCIP, DHS, ETSD	Determination of whether project is feasible	Improve data-sharing and collaboration between courts and DHS; improve accessibility of court information to caseworkers	Complete 3/2018 6/2017	DHS and ETSD staff time and technical expertise; JCIP staff time	n/a	Ongoing Complete
If project is feasible and resources are available, work with DHS and ETSD to determine details of data transfer, including the data points to be included		Determination of scope and technical details of project		10/2017 10/2018		n/a	Not begun Ongoing
Begin automated data transfer		Automated transfer of data to DHS		3/2018 3/2019		n/a	Not begun
Work with DHS and ETSD to troubleshoot issues with data transfer		Mitigation of problems with data transfer		6/2018 3/2019 and ongoing		Number of data transfer issues arising	Not begun

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Project 7 – Plan and deliver annual 2017 Oregon Model Court Summit on Child Abuse and Neglect							
Collaborate with stakeholders on JCIP Advisory Committee (AC) to formulate and finalize agenda for Summit	JCIP, JCIP AC, DHS, Attorneys, other stakeholders	Agenda and planning for Summit	Improve stakeholder understanding of key issues in Oregon's child welfare system; provide opportunity for Model Court Teams to discuss key issues and make plans for system improvement around the DHS CFSR and Public Knowledge reports; improve county-level collaboration between courts and stakeholders; increase the percentage of children who are adopted within a year of becoming legally free	Complete 6/2017;	Staff time; JCIP AC participation	Attendee evaluations; percent of children who are adopted within a year of becoming legally free improvements in data relating to areas of emphasis at each summit	Complete for 2017; Ongoing for 2018 Ongoing
Collaborate with stakeholders to identify and finalize presenters for Summit		Finalized speakers for summit		Complete 6/2018; 6/2019; 6/2020	Staff time; stakeholder participation		
Deliver annual 2017 Oregon Model Court Summit on Child Abuse and Neglect		Multi-disciplinary summit for 250 attendees; court-specific plans for improving the performance of the local child welfare system percent of children who are adopted within a year of becoming legally free		Complete 8/2017; 8/2018; 8/2019; 8/2020	Staff time; funding; attendee participation		

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Project 8 – Provide training, technical assistance, and data analysis to courts and multi-disciplinary Model Court Teams							
Provide technical assistance, as needed, for local Model Court Teams	JCIP, Model Court Teams	Training and facilitation for local Model Court Teams	Increase capacity for Model Court Teams to identify areas for system improvement and to collaborate to bring about systems change; improve system performance	Ongoing through 6/2018	Staff time; funding	Attendee evaluations; court performance on JCIP statistical reports	Ongoing
Provide data analysis, as requested, to assist Model Court Teams in 1) identifying potential areas for system improve and 2) measuring progress toward goals	JCIP, Model Court Teams	Analysis of court performance over time on JCIP and DHS statistical reports	Increase ability for Model Court Teams to use JCIP and DHS data for CQI at the local level; improve system performance	Ongoing through 6/2018	Staff time and data analysis expertise; statistical report data	Court performance on JCIP statistical reports	Ongoing
Project 9 – Collaborate with DHS and Oregon’s federally recognized Indian Tribes on the QUICWA Project							
Collaborate with other members of the QUICWA Steering Committee to provide direction to the Project and evaluate progress toward performance goals	JCIP, QUICWA Steering Committee, DHS, Oregon Tribes,	Guidance for and evaluation of the QUICWA project	Improve court and agency compliance with ICWA; improved outcomes for Native American children in the foster care system; decrease in the over-representation of Native American children in Oregon’s foster care system	Ongoing	JCIP staff time	QUICWA data on identified performance measures	Ongoing
Provide assistance in training volunteer data collectors	DHS ICWA Advisory Committee	Training for volunteer data collectors	Improve court and agency compliance with ICWA; improved outcomes for Native American children in the foster care system; decrease in the over-representation of Native American children in Oregon’s foster care system	Ongoing through 6/2018	JCIP staff time	Attendee evaluations	Ongoing
Provide data analysis showing statewide and court-specific progress on QUICWA performance indicators	DHS ICWA Advisory Committee	Statewide and court-specific data analysis of QUICWA data	Improve court and agency compliance with ICWA; improved outcomes for Native American children in the foster care system; decrease in the over-representation of Native American children in Oregon’s foster care system	Ongoing through 6/2018	JCIP staff time and data analysis expertise	QUICWA data on identified performance measures	Ongoing

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Project 10 – Collaborate with stakeholders to plan, deliver, and support trainings on issues in juvenile dependency cases for attorneys, DHS, CASAs, CRB volunteers, and other stakeholders							
Provide planning and financial support to the Juvenile Law Training Academy, Shoulder to Shoulder Conference, and the DHS ICWA Conference	JCIP, DHS, OPDS, Shoulder to Shoulder Conference	Trainings for attorneys, foster parents, DHS staff, Tribal child welfare staff, and other stakeholders	Improve stakeholder understanding of legal issues relating to Oregon’s child welfare system	10/2017 Ongoing through 6/2018	JCIP staff time; funding	Attendee evaluations	Ongoing
Collaborate with stakeholders to identify training needs and plan and deliver multi-disciplinary trainings to address those needs	JCIP, JCIP Advisory Committee, DHS, other stakeholders	Multi-disciplinary trainings for child welfare stakeholders					
Project 11 – Write and disseminate a report on the data and findings from JCIP’s 2016 File Review							
Write and disseminate a report explaining and discussing the data and findings from JCIP’s 2016 File Review	JCIP	Report explaining and discussing the findings from JCIP’s 2016 File Review	Increase judicial and court awareness of the areas where judgment are often legally insufficient; improve the legal sufficiency of circuit judgments	10/2017 12/2018	JCIP staff time	Subsequent file reviews in next grant cycle (subject to resource availability)	Ongoing
Project 12 – Develop and deliver a training for judges, attorneys and other legal personnel in child welfare cases on federal child welfare policies and payment limitations with respect to children in foster care who are placed in settings that are not a family foster home							
Develop and deliver a training on child welfare policies and Title IV-E payment limitations for children in non-foster family homes	JCIP, DHS, DOJ, OPDS	Training for judges, lawyers and other legal personnel	Improve judge, lawyer and legal personnel knowledge of the new restrictions on federal funding for children who are placed in non-foster family homes.	8/2019	JCIP staff time	Attendee evaluations	Ongoing

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Project 13 – Work with local model court teams in driver counties identified in the DHS Program Improvement Plan (PIP) to reduce the time needed to achieve permanency							
Work with DHS to identify driver counties for improving the overall timeliness of permanency	JCIP, DHS, Circuit Courts	List of two or three driver counties on which to make intensive efforts to improve timeliness of permanency	Improve the timeliness of permanency	9/2018	JCIP and DHS timeliness data	Data on time to permanency (specific measures will depend on the goals identified by the driver counties)	Ongoing
Work with local model court teams to identify areas for improvement, and formulate, implement, and evaluate strategies to improve the timeliness of permanency	JCIP, DHS, Circuit Courts and Model Court Teams	Implementation and evaluation of local plans in driver courts to improve the timeliness of permanency		Ongoing starting 10/2018	JCIP, DHS, Judge, and Stakeholder time; JCIP and DHS timeliness data		Not begun
Project 14 – Assist with DHS’s on-going Child and Family Services Reviews							
Assist DHS in its ongoing Child and Family Services Reviews	JCIP, DHS	Assistance with the review of 4-10 foster cases each year	Identify issues for system improvement; collect data for monitoring the progress and success of PIP implementation	Ongoing	JCIP staff time	n/a	Ongoing
Project 15 – Conduct Parent-Child Representation Project (PCRCP) Summit to bring together system partners from the five PCRCP counties to share information, best practices, and lessons learned from their implementation							
Conduct Parent-Child Representation Project (PCRCP) Summit to bring together system partners from the five PCRCP counties to share information, best practices, and lessons learned from their implementation	JCIP, DHS, DOJ, OPDS, and system partners in PCRCP courts	Summit for system partners from the 5 PCRCP counties;	Facilitate information sharing between system partners at PCRCP courts; identify best practices in implementing PCRCP	12/2019	JCIP and system partner staff time; funding	Attendee evaluations	Not begun

Project 1 – Work with DHS on a joint data project ~~to address a permanency-related issue identified in its 2016 Child and Family Services Review~~ to increase the percentage of children who have their adoption finalized within 12 months of becoming legally free

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Prior to the start of FFY2017, JCIP and DHS met and decided that the joint project should focus on a permanency issue identified in the DHS's CFSR Program Improvement Plan (PIP) process. Starting in early 2017 JCIP participated actively on the Permanency Committee that DHS convened to work on the permanency portion of its PIP, and the committee's analysis of both DHS and JCIP data focused the joint project on increasing the percentage of children who become legally free who have adoptions finalized within twelve months.

After the committee completed its work, JCIP worked with DHS Central Office staff to create a joint plan for achieving the goal of having 59.5% of children who become legally free have a finalized adoption within 12 months. The strategic plan above has been updated to include the details of this plan, which include the submission of the Adoption Tracking Page from DHS's OR-Kids system to courts and CRBs; training for courts, CRBs, and stakeholders on understanding the Adoption Tracking Page and general adoption finalization process; and support for multi-disciplinary Model Court Teams in counties that do not meet the current goal in creating county-specific plans to increase the percentage children who become legally free who have an adoption finalized within twelve months.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

As part of the joint plan to improve the timeliness of adoptions, in fall 2017 DHS caseworkers began submitting screenshots of the OR-Kids Adoption Tracking Page to courts and CRBs ahead of hearings and CRB reviews on cases with a permanency plan of adoption. JCIP and DHS collaborated on a session at the 2017 Model Court Summit to train judges, CRB members, and stakeholders on the information in the Adoption Tracking Page. Judges and Citizen Review Board members, however, did not find the screenshots of the Adoption Tracking Page to be useful for overseeing progress toward finalizing adoptions because the various screens and drop-down menus on the Adoption Tracking Page often required several screenshots, and because the screen shots themselves were often difficult to understand or illegible. DHS is now working on a report that can be pulled from OR-KIDS that is simpler to read than the tracking pages.

Three Model Court Teams, however, did develop plans at the 2017 Model Court Summit to increase the percentage of children adopted within less than 12 months of becoming legally free. Strategies included having dedicated CW staff focusing on finalizing adoptions; CRBs and courts utilizing the adoption checklists; and CRB providing more detail in reports to let the judge know which steps still needed to be completed for an adoption. Each of the three courts (Coos, Deschutes and Washington) showed improvement in the latter part of 2017 in the percentage of children who became legally free who were adopted within a year, but overall state percentage dropped from 45% for children who became legally free in 2015 (and were therefore due to be adopted in 2016) to 41% for children freed for adoption in 2016.

Project 2 – Provide courts and stakeholders with data on the timeliness of key juvenile dependency filings, judgments, and hearings

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

JCIP has continued in FFY2017 to run and disseminate its juvenile statistical reports to judges and stakeholders on a quarterly basis. JCIP has also provided training to statewide court staff at the OJD's Clerk College, and has worked with CECM on documentation of business process and Odyssey updates. The other activities under Project 2 are new activities that will be funded by the FY2017 data grant, and have not yet begun.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

JCIP continued to disseminate its quarterly statistical reports to judges and stakeholders on a quarterly and annual basis in Year 2, and continued to work with courts to improve data quality, particularly around time to jurisdiction on both parents and the timeliness of termination of parental rights petitions and judgments. JCIP also updated its reports at the end of the 2017 to use entered dates, rather than filed dates, for events filed after January 1, 2017, and to include specialty court hearings and miscellaneous court hearings on its juvenile event statistics reports. JCIP also met with judges and courts staff in one of Oregon's largest juvenile courts (Lane County) to discuss its statistical reports and the data entry needed to produce high-quality data. In June 2018, JCIP will be conducting a webinar on juvenile data entry for court staff across the state.

Project 3 – Support participation by judges and staff in multi-disciplinary task forces and work groups convened to make system improvements in Oregon's child welfare system

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

The following has been the work accomplished in December 2016 through June 2017 through JCIP's support of staff and judge involvement on statewide task forces, work groups, and committees:

Governor's Foster Care Advisory Committee: JCIP assisted the Chief Justice by identifying several potential OJD candidates for this commission. A CRB volunteer board member was selected by the Governor and approved by the legislature to serve on the commission. The Commission is planning a first meeting in July. JCIP staff will monitor the meetings and provide technical assistance and information as needed.

Unified Child and Youth Safety Implementation Plan Steering Team: JCIP has been participating in the Unified Child and Youth Safety Implementation Steering Team since March of 2017. Since that time, we have provided input regarding the mission statement, work priorities and measures needed to improve child safety.

Child Welfare Advisory Committee: JCIP staff and a juvenile court judge represent OJD on this advisory committee. They report regularly on system issues and projects of the courts that impact stakeholders. They provide advice and assistance to the DHS CWP as requested.

Three Branch Core Team & Expanded Team: JCIP staff and a juvenile court judge meet every other month with 2 legislators and 2 members of the DHS CWP leadership. This group 1) provides information to legislators about the impact of legislation on the child welfare system, 2) identifies strategies and commits resources for the three branches to collaborate on state level projects or activities that impact the entire child welfare/juvenile dependency system. This past year this group has provided information on the importance of legal representation for all members of the juvenile dependency system, advocated for the implementation of a centralized child abuse reporting system, and advocated for increased education and support for child welfare case workers.

DHS Rules Advisory Committee: JCIP staff worked with this group to develop Oregon Administrative Rules for the implementation of the new ICWA regulations and guidelines.

DHS ICWA Advisory Committee: JCIP staff serving on this Council meets quarterly to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to DHS leadership on policy, programs, practice, and data that impact Indian children as defined by the ICWA. The Council includes members of the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon and considers impact on both children who are members of or eligible for membership in one or more of the nine federally recognized tribes in

Oregon and those Indian children who are placed in Oregon but are members of or eligible for membership in tribes outside of Oregon and who are involved or at risk of involvement in the child welfare system in Oregon.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

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Governor's Foster Care Advisory Committee: The JCIP has been monitoring and providing technical assistance to the work of the Governor's Foster Care Advisory Commission. In 2016, House Bill 4080 established the Oregon Child Foster Care Advisory Commission (CFCAC) to study the issues within the Oregon foster care system and advise the Governor and the Director of DHS on those issues. JCIP staff attend Commission meetings and provide information on court and CRB processes and data. The Commission has established three subcommittees, and JCIP staff is actively involved in the Judicial Processes Issues Committee, which has just started its work and is gathering judges' perspectives on allegations of abuse and neglect of children who are in substitute care. JCIP has specifically begun gathering information from judges on the following questions posed by the Committee:

- What and when do judges learn about abuse of children in foster care?
- What expectations do judges have of DHS, attorneys, CASAs when judges when abuse in care happens?
- What authority do judges feel that they have - or need - in reviewing these allegations and making placement decisions?
- what would judges like to see happen when abuse in care happens?

Unified Child and Youth Safety Implementation Plan Steering Team: JCIP staff and a juvenile court judge serve on this team. The team is addressing systemic problems to ensure that all children in foster care are safe. As part of this effort, JCIP is working collaboratively with DHS to ensure that systems are put in place to give CRBs notice when a child in foster care is found to be the victim of abuse. The CRB is also providing guidance to volunteers on their responsibilities when they receive notice of a report of abuse in foster care.

Child Welfare Advisory Committee: JCIP staff and two juvenile court judges participate in the CWAC. This group is a legislatively-mandated 21-member Advisory Committee that provides the child welfare program with advice on the development and administration of child welfare policies, programs and practices. The group meets every other month. Members represent other state agencies, representatives of professional, civic or other private organizations and private citizens.

Three Branch Core Team & Expanded Team: Oregon's official "Three Branch" group focused on DHS's implementation of a statewide hotline and screening process. Those plans are well underway, so the Three Branch group decided to discontinue meetings. Instead, leaders from the three branches have committed to encourage and strongly support three branch efforts where they will be helpful to address system improvements in the foster care system.

DHS Rules Advisory Committee: After working with this group to develop Oregon Administrative Rules for the implementation of the new Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) ICWA regulations and guidelines, JCIP staff participated in the Train the Trainers for the new rules and, in collaboration with DHS and the Klamath Tribes, provided training in Klamath County for CASA and CRB.

DHS ICWA Advisory Committee: In Year 2, JCIP became an official member of the ICWA Advisory Committee, and participated in discussions on: implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act, including the Best Interest Finding that the court must make if a child is going to change schools and the

educational surrogate requirements; the ICWA Addendum for the Oregon CFSR; the new Verification of American Indian/Alaskan Native Membership or Enrollment form; the Child Welfare Training Redesign; protective action plans involving Indian Children; reasonable vs. active efforts; and the definition of imminent physical damage or harm. JCIP also provided data and updates on the QUICWA Project and participated on the QEW Subcommittee and the Customary Adoption Subcommittee.

Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee: JCIP staff and a juvenile court judge serve on a statewide trafficking advisory committee convened by the Oregon DOJ. The group provides advice and direction for the statewide commercial and sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) coordinator in her work assisting local teams in identifying and responding to trafficking within their counties. JCIP is working with this group on the development of an Oregon bench card for juvenile judges.

Youth with Specialized Needs Work Group: In 2017, JCIP staff worked with staff from the Governor's Office and Senator Peter Courtney's Office to convene a group to address children with serious behavioral health needs who aren't being adequately served by current systems. The Work Group began meeting in January of 2018 and will be making recommendations for funding and legislative concepts by June 1, 2018 for consideration during the 2019 legislative session. The current focus is to divert children who primarily need mental health services from emergency rooms, juvenile detention, and out-of-state residential placements to less restrictive and more appropriate placements. It is likely the group will continue meeting beyond June in some capacity to conduct long term strategic planning.

Attorney Standards Work Group: JCIP staff participated in this Work Group's efforts to establish performance standards for government attorneys practicing dependency law. These standards are new for Oregon lawyers, developed at the recommendation of the Oregon Task Force on Juvenile Dependency Representation. The draft standards were distributed to juvenile judges for comment and will be finalized in 2018. JCIP will provide a session on the new standards, along with standards for juvenile defense attorneys that were finalized in June of 2017, at the Through the Eyes of a Child Conference in August 2018.

Customary Adoptions Work Group: One of the nine Oregon Tribes indicated interest in establishing Customary Adoption legislation in Oregon. A workgroup was formed and JCIP staff worked with the Tribes, the DOJ, and DHS to research legislation in other states. The group provided information to the Tribes to help them decide how to proceed.

Project 4 – Work with partners to increase the number of children who receive a first visit with at least one parent within the first week of placement

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

In November 2016, JCIP participated in the Parent Representation Leadership Forum with Idaho, Washington and Alaska. At that forum, JCIP and our statewide partners developed an action plan to improve early visitation between children and parents when children are removed from the home. Pursuant to the plan, DHS has conducted outreach with caseworkers about working with parents and care providers to provide a first visit with 48 hours to a week, in accordance with DHS policy. JCIP has also been working with partners on a shelter hearing protocol to be presented to judges at the Through the Eyes of a Child conference in August, 2017. Part of the protocol includes an instruction to consider ordering a first visit at the shelter hearing. JCIP has been working with the JELI model forms group on revising the model Shelter Order to include a prompt to order a first visit.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

In the second half of 2017, JCIP staff continued working on implementation of the Oregon plan that was developed with DHS, DOJ, and OPDS to increase the percentages of children entering foster care who receive a first visit with parents within 48 hours of removal and within one week of removal. JCIP staff presented at the Through the Eyes of a Child Conference to judges, the Model Court Summit to Model Court Teams, and at the Juvenile Law Training Academy to lawyers to explain the goals of the project, and to present the elements of the Model Shelter Hearing Protocol that was developed to help Model Court Teams improve their processing of cases at the shelter hearing.

DHS is collecting data regarding the number of visits occurring within 48 hours of removal and within a week of removal for each county. These statistics will be shared with Model Court Teams at the annual Model Court Summit in August 2018, where the morning sessions will focus on enhancing visitation as a way to decrease the time to reunification.

Project 5 – Collaborate with the National Center for State Courts to implement and evaluate the Reimagining Dependency Courts project

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Since December 2016, JCIP has continued work on two pieces of the Reimagining Dependency Courts project: a Differentiated Case Management Project (DCM) focusing on four pilot courts, and a predictive analytics project utilizing data on one of the four pilot courts. Work on the DCM project has included working closely with judges and staff from pilot courts to develop, document, and implement six case management tracks to which dependency cases may be assigned; creating an instrument to use for assigning new cases; and working to configure Odyssey to record the track assignments and alert staff to which track a case has been assigned.

JCIP has simultaneously been working with court and DHS data to assemble a dataset containing information on parent and child characteristics and case histories for dependency cases filed in Deschutes County Circuit Court in 2012, 2013, and 2014. Once the dataset is complete, it will be sent to NCSC for analysis of whether the factors in the dataset – which include child and parent age, size of the sibling group, and parent prior court involvement, are predictive of whether the child will remain in foster care for over two years, whether the child will achieve each permanency outcome, and of how timely the child's permanency will be.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

In Year 2, JCIP continued working with NCSC and select Oregon circuit courts on both the DCM and predictive analytics parts of the Reimagining Dependency Courts project. After the DCM Project rolled out in late May 2017, JCIP held monthly calls with the four pilot courts to ensure consistency between the courts. JCIP staff created a Microsoft Access form and database to collect information on case characteristics that are driving case assignments, and provided data to the pilot courts on the numbers of cases assigned to each track, the characteristics driving case assignment, and differences in assignments and characteristics between the pilot courts. JCIP also worked with the pilot courts to create and distribute a survey to assess stakeholder attitudes toward the project. The survey went out in late February 2018, nine months after the start of the DCM Project, and the results showed that many stakeholders believe it remains too early to evaluate the success of the Project, but that those that have formed opinions generally believe that the additional hearings from the Project have been somewhat or very productive, that the Project is an improvement on how the court ran previously, and that the Project should continue.

JCIP also worked with NCSC in Year 2 on a predictive analytics project aimed at finding a list of factors that identify children who are likely to stay in foster care for two years or more, and then incorporate those factors into the criteria for assigning cases to tracks in the DCM Project. NCSC's analysis of data provided by JCIP from

Deschutes County showed promising results for several case characteristics, and NCSC recommended attempting the analysis on a larger sample of cases. JCIP then assembled data from eight additional courts, but the subsequent analysis showed that only two factors – the child having a previous dependency case, and the child having no legal father on the dependency case – were consistently associated with a long stay in foster care, and that those two factors themselves were not strongly predictive.

In light of the implementation of the DCM Project and the lack of strong predictors from the predictive analytics research, JCIP has worked with NCSC on developing an evaluation plan and has asked NCSC and Dr. Alicia Summers for a cost estimate. The plan includes a process evaluation report exploring whether the pilot courts have implemented the DCM Project with fidelity and whether the DCM tool is succeeding in identifying high risk cases, and, in 2020, an outcome report examining whether the Project has resulted in children exiting foster care more quickly.

JCIP has also been working on pursuing funding for two part-time positions that are funded by NCSC through September 2018, and is submitting a Policy Option Package to the Oregon Legislature to provide ongoing funding for the Project.

Project 6 – Work with DHS to establish an automated transfer of data from Odyssey to OR-Kids

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

This project was added to the JCIP Strategic Plan in June 2017 contingent on data grant funding, and JCIP did some work with ETSD and DHS to lay the ground work for a data transfer in fall 2016 and spring 2017.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

In Year 2, JCIP has worked with DHS, ETSD, and CECM to determine whether resources are available to work on the data transfer, and, once a determination was made that work could proceed, identify the specific case types and data points to be transferred. JCIP has worked with DHS to develop a tentative list of case types and data elements, and stages for implementation, and ETSD is beginning to work on the technical aspects of the transfer. JCIP however, is waiting the completion of an unrelated OJD data transfer, and the completion of a legal agreement between DHS and OJD, before detailed planning can begin.

Project 7 – Plan and deliver annual 2017 Oregon Model Court Summit on Child Abuse and Neglect

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Not applicable - this project not included in the FY2017 strategic plan due to loss of the training grant, but was reincorporated in June 2017 contingent on restoration training grant funds.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

JCIP held the 2017 Model Court Summit on Child Abuse and Neglect on August 8, and there were 274 attendees. There were sessions on safety, permanency, and well-being. Respondents to the evaluation found it very helpful to have blocks of time after each presentation to have discussion with their team; 88% said there was

sufficient opportunity to exchange ideas with other participants and 77% said it will assist their team's work to improve the way their county handles child abuse and neglect cases.

Planning for the 2018 Summit began in late 2017, and the Summit will focus on visitation and permanency (including finalization of adoption), with a closing session on ICWA emergency placements, active efforts, and placement preferences.

Project 8 – Provide training, technical assistance, and data analysis to courts and multi-disciplinary Model Court Teams

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Not applicable - this project not included in the FY2017 strategic plan due to loss of the training grant, but was reincorporated in June 2017 contingent on restoration training grant funds.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

JCIP staff facilitated a Model Court start up session in Deschutes County in January 2018 in response to a request from the court for assistance with its planning in response to the budget note in Oregon House Bill 5006 (2017), which required all courts to “solicit input on, develop, and implement strategies to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Oregon’s juvenile dependency system and to determine the appropriate level of legal services.” JCIP staff shared the court’s data with the team and then led them through a facilitated discussion to examine their Juvenile Court system using their court’s responses to a survey designed to assist in identifying strategies to fulfill the requirements of the HB 5006 Budget Note. The team prioritized the top three improvements that could be made in their court and began to develop strategies to accomplish one of them.

Project 9 – Collaborate with DHS and Oregon’s federally recognized Tribes to continue implementation of the QUICWA Project

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

JCIP’s involvement with the QUICWA Project was curtailed after the loss of the data and training grants, but JCIP has continued to participate on the QUICWA Steering Committee, which has guided DHS’s work to provide a scope of work to the Oregon CASA Network in the hopes that they may be able to take on and coordinate data collection for the project.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

JCIP continued to provide data analysis and data entry support to the QUICWA Project, and, as part of the QUICWA Steering Committee, helped guide the Project’s implementation. JCIP produced statewide QUICWA data reports for the ICWA Advisory Committee in August 2017 and January 2018, as well as a more detailed report to introduce new DHS leadership to the Project and assist them in considering whether to prioritize it.

JCIP also put together a report on data collected in Marion County and facilitated a meeting between the Marion County judges, JCIP, and leaders from the Grand Ronde Tribe. The data led to a rich discussion about ICWA compliance in which the judges shared the difficulties they face and learned about details of the new ICWA regulations.

JCIP also assisted in exploring options for supporting QUICWA data collection, which, for the nearly five years of the Project, has been piecemeal and inconsistent. DHS has shown some willingness to contract with local CASA programs to support data collection in the four target counties, but no progress has been made beyond receiving estimates from two local CASA programs as to what ongoing, CASA-supported data collection would cost.

Due to the lack of progress on support for data collection, JCIP brought up the future of the QUICWA Project at the May 2018 DHS ICWA Advisory Committee Meeting, and the Committee decided to put the Project on pause. Based on this decision, JCIP is removing the QUICWA Project from its strategic plan, but will reinsert it if DHS, Oregon's federally-recognized tribes, and JCIP jointly determine that it is a priority for monitoring and improvement ICWA compliance.

Project 10 – Collaborate with stakeholders to plan, deliver, and support trainings on issues in juvenile dependency cases for attorneys, DHS, CASAs, CRB volunteers, and other stakeholders

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Not applicable - this project not included in the FY2017 strategic plan due to loss of the training grant, but was reincorporated in June 2017 contingent on restoration training grant funds.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

In Year 2, JCIP worked with partners in planning and delivering several multi-disciplinary trainings on juvenile dependency cases, and provided both staff planning and financial support to two key stakeholder conferences. The first was the Juvenile Law Training Academy, which took place in October 2017 and included a JCIP presentation on the new Model Shelter Hearing Protocol, which is intended to increase the percentages of children who visit with their parents within 48 hours and within a week of removal.

JCIP staff also provided financial support and served on the planning committee of the Shoulder to Shoulder Conference, a conference open to foster parents, CASAs, CRB volunteers, and other professionals and volunteers who work with families in child welfare. One former judge/JCIP employee provided a session on implicit bias, and a current judge conducted a session on domestic violence.

Finally, JCIP staff collaborated with DOJ on a training on the new BIA ICWA Regulations for attorneys, DHS staff, CASAs, CRB volunteers, judges, and tribal child welfare staff in Newport. JCIP and DOJ conducted a webinar on the same topic for judges across the state. JCIP also collaborated with the DHS and with the Klamath Tribe to conduct a similar training for CASAs, CRB volunteers, and tribal child welfare staff in Klamath Falls.

JCIP staff also facilitated a multi-disciplinary panel discussion at the CRB Conference on how to understand the difference between reasonable and active efforts. The panel included two judges, two attorneys, and an ICWA consultant from DHS.

Project 11 – Write and disseminate a report on the data and findings from JCIP's 2016 File Review

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Not applicable - this project was added to the strategic plan in June 2017 contingent on data grant funding.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

JCIP did not make progress on this project in Year 2, as the JCIP data analyst's work focused primarily on other data-related projects:

- the Reimagining Dependency Courts project (see Outcome 2, Project 5)
- the data transfer from OJD's Odyssey case management system to the DHS OR-Kids case management system (see Outcome 2, Project 6)
- the joint – agency CIP permanency project (see Outcome 2, Project 1)
- ongoing work to disseminate JCIP's quarterly statistical reports, train courts courts on proper data entry procedures, and improve data quality (see Outcome 2, Project 2).

Project 12 – Develop and deliver a training for judges, attorneys and other legal personnel in child welfare cases on federal child welfare policies and payment limitations with respect to children in foster care who are placed in settings that are not a family foster home

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Not applicable – this is a new project in the JCIP strategic plan, added in June 2018.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

This is a new project added as a result of the new court improvement plan training requirements in the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) of 2018. A workgroup has been convened by State Senator Sara Gelsler to coordinate Oregon implementation of the FFPSA. JCIP and DHS are represented in this group and have had initial discussion about the timing of implementation of qualified residential treatment program provisions. At this time, all indications are that Oregon will not request a delay in implementation. JCIP will be working later in 2018 with DHS, DOJ and OPDS on efforts to implement the new requirements of the FFPSA, and developing a training consistent with Oregon's implementation.

Project 13 – Work with local model court teams in driver counties identified in the DHS Program Improvement Plan (PIP) to reduce the time needed to achieve permanency

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

This is a new project added to the strategic plan in June 2018 to participate in and support DHS's work to improve the timeliness of permanency through its CFSR PIP. JCIP participated in PIP permanency discussions in which five DHS target districts were chosen, but later versions of DHS's PIP have narrowed the focus to two or three jurisdictions, and work will begin in Year 3 to identify those locations.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

This is a new project added to the strategic plan in June 2018 to participate in and support DHS's work to improve the timeliness of permanency through its CFSR PIP. Work will begin in Year 3.

Project 14 – Assist with DHS’s on-going Child and Family Services Reviews

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

This project has been a priority for JCIP for years but was not formally added to the Strategic Plan until June 2018. In Year 1, JCIP’s data analyst participated in two follow-up CFSRs in Marion County, and CRB field managers participated in reviews in Jackson and Clackamas Counties.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

This project was not formally added to the Strategic Plan until June 2018, but JCIP did assist in follow-up CFSR reviews in Year 2 in Washington County, and will be assisting with reviews at the end of Year2 in Jackson County.

Project 15 – Conduct Parent-Child Representation Project (PCRP) Summit to bring together system partners from the five PCRP counties to share best practices and lessons learned from their implementation

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Not applicable – this project was not added to the Strategic Plan until June 2018.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

Not applicable – this project was not added to the Strategic Plan until June 2018. JCIP will begin working with the five PCRP counties (Yamhill, Linn, Columbia, Coos, and Lincoln) later in 2018 to plan the summit.

~~***Projects 6-8 and Project 10 are new projects that have been added due to the restoration of the data grant. Work on these projects will not begin until summer 2017.***~~

Priority Area #3: Other

Outcome #3: Improved judicial practices and leadership in juvenile dependency cases

Need Driving Activities & Data Source: *How do you know this is a need in your state?* JCIP receives consistent feedback from judges that juvenile law is complicated and difficult to navigate and that JCIP-sponsored training provides them an otherwise-unavailable opportunity to improve their handling of juvenile cases. It also provides them an opportunity to find out how judges in other jurisdictions handle similar issues within their courts and to discuss best practices. Finally, it provides a forum where JCIP can deliver in-person training to judges about changes in state and federal law, including Title IVE requirements, such as the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act and the latest information about best practices.

Theory of Change: Training and technical assistance will provide Oregon judges with the knowledge and capacity they need to improve judicial practices and provide strong leadership in dependency cases.

Activity or Project Description <i>Specific actions or project that will be completed to produce specific outputs and demonstrate progress toward the outcome.</i>	Collaborative Partners <i>Responsible parties and partners involved in implementation of the activity.</i>	Anticipated Outputs of Activity <i>What the CIP intends to produce, provide or accomplish through the activity.</i>	Goals of Activity (short and/or Long-term) <i>Where relevant and practical, provide specific, projected change in data the CIP intends to achieve. Goals should be measureable.</i> Progress toward Outcome	Timeframe <i>Proposed completion date or, if appropriate, "ongoing".</i>	Resources Needed <i>Where relevant identify the resources needed to complete the activity.</i>	Plans for Evaluating Activity <i>Where relevant, how will you measure or monitor change?</i>	Status of Project/ Activity <i>Completed, Ongoing, Abandoned</i>
Project 1 – Develop and deliver the annual Through the Eyes of a Child conference to Oregon judges who handle dependency cases. This project was selected to ensure that Oregon’s judges are trained in judicial best practices in dependency cases.							
Meet with JCIP Advisory Committee to develop agenda	JCIP, JCIP Advisory Committee	Draft Agenda	Improve judicial handling of juvenile dependency cases	December, annually	Staff time, funding	Participant evaluations	Ongoing
Work with judges and stakeholders to plan the sessions outlined in the agenda	JCIP, Judges	Two days of training for juvenile judges designed to improve outcomes in dependency cases		January through July, annually			
Deliver the training	JCIP, Judges, Presenters from state agencies and outside organizations			August, annually			

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Project 2 – Provide updates to juvenile judges on appellate decisions and changes to state and federal law dependency law. This project was selected to ensure that decisions made by Oregon’s juvenile judges reflect current federal law, state law, and appellate case law.							
Provide technical assistance to courts when there are changes in state and federal law	JCIP, Judges	Written summaries of changes in case law and statute; technical assistance as needed	Improve judicial compliance with juvenile state and federal law	Ongoing	Staff time	Feedback from judges on the usefulness of the assistance and information provided	Ongoing
Project 3 – Increase the knowledge of Oregon’s appellate judges about the practical aspects of handling juvenile dependency cases at the trial level. This project was selected to ensure that Oregon’s appellate judges and staff have an understanding of practical issues in the dependency court process.							
Meet with Court of Appeals staff to determine scope of seminar	JCIP, Court of Appeals	Draft Agenda	Tailor the seminar according to the need	Complete for 2017 seminar; 8/2018	Staff time	Participant evaluations	2017 seminar complete; work for 2019 seminar not yet begun
Meet with presenters to plan seminar	JCIP, Presenters, Court of Appeals	Seminar materials		Ongoing			
Deliver seminar	JCIP, Presenters, Appellate judges and staff	Seminar for appellate judges and staff	Increase knowledge among appellate judges and staff of practical issues in dependency cases	Complete for 2017 seminar; 2/2019			
Encourage and support appellate judges to participate in annual Through the Eyes of a Child conference for judicial officers	JCIP, Court of Appeals	Appellate judge attendance at Through the Eyes of a Child Conference	Increase knowledge of appellate judges on issues pertinent to dependency cases	8/2017 and Annually	Staff time	Participant Evaluations	
Coordinate and support juvenile court judge shadowing opportunities for appellate court judges	JCIP, Circuit Court Judges, Appellate judges	Appellate judge shadowing visits to circuit courts	Increase knowledge among appellate judges of practical issues in dependency cases	9/2017 and ongoing Annually	Staff time, resources	Participant Evaluations	

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Project 4 – Improve judicial leadership and engagement of judges who preside over juvenile dependency cases. – This project was selected in response to the JCIP Advisory Committee and judicial officer identified training needs.							
Work with judges to create and deliver a biennial program that will prepare judges to better lead model court teams and improve judicial handling of dependency cases	JCIP, JELI	Biennial one-day training highlighting judicial leadership and reviewing dependency cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve judicial leadership of model court teams • Increase judicial knowledge about child well-being issues 	Complete for 2017 convening, 4/2019, and 4/2021	Staff time	Participant evaluations	2017 convening complete; planning for 2019 convening not yet begun
Project 5 – Plan and deliver 2018 biennial Mini-Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (mini-CANI) for new juvenile judges							
Plan and deliver two-day mini-CANI training for new juvenile judges	JCIP, Circuit courts	Two-day training for new juvenile judges	Increase understanding for new juvenile judges of juvenile law, juvenile court processes, and juvenile performance measures	Complete for 6/2018; 6/2020	Staff time; funding	Participant evaluations	Ongoing Complete for 2018; Not begun for 2020
Project 6 – Develop and disseminate Oregon-specific child sex trafficking bench card							
Work with members of the Trafficking Advisory Committee and judges to develop Oregon-specific content for a trafficking bench card	JCIP, Trafficking Advisory Committee, Judges	Oregon Specific Trafficking Bench Card	Improve ability of judges and Model Court Teams to recognize cases that may involve a trafficking victim. Improve ability of judges and Model Court Teams to offer appropriate interventions when a trafficking victim is identified.	6/2019	Staff time	Feedback from judges on usefulness of bench card	Ongoing

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Project 7 – Improve judicial handling of cases involving incarcerated parents							
Present session at the Through the Eyes of a Child Conference on court review of reasonable efforts for incarcerated parents	JCIP, JELI Incarcerated Parents Work Group, DOC	Reasonable Efforts for Incarcerated Parents Session for juvenile judges	Improve judicial evaluation of reasonable and active efforts when a parent is incarcerated, thereby reducing appellate reversals and decreasing the time to permanency.	8/2018	Staff time, Funding for Keynote Speaker	Participant evaluations	Ongoing
Present session at the Model Court Summit on providing visitation to children of incarcerated parents	JCIP, JELI Incarcerated Parents Work Group, Department of Human Services, DOC	Visitation for children of incarcerated parents session for model court teams.	Improve judicial and model court team understanding of appropriateness of visitation when a parent is incarcerated so that appropriate interventions are utilized to maximize visitation in appropriate cases.	8/2018		Participant evaluations	
Work with the JELI Incarcerated Parents Work Group and the Children of Incarcerated Parents Implementation Team to improve the availability of services to serve foster children and parents when a parent is incarcerated	JCIP, JELI Incarcerated Parents Work Group, Children of Incarcerated Parents Implementation Team	Improve the ability of parents to participate in hearings; improve the availability of services and visits to incarcerated parents and their families.	Reduce trauma to children and parents by improving the quantity and quality of contact in appropriate cases. Improve the time to reunification by motivating parents to change, thereby reducing the time that parents are incarcerated and reduce recidivism through ongoing contact with family members.	Ongoing		Number of cases overturned by Court of Appeals due to judicial error on findings regarding reasonable / active efforts regarding incarcerated parents.	

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Project 8 – Plan and provide site visits to the Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indians and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians							
Plan and facilitate two State Court/Tribal Court Visits	JCIP, State and Tribal Court Judges	State court visits to two Oregon Tribes	Increase circuit judge understanding of Oregon Tribes and tribal courts and promote peer to peer collaboration	12/2019	Staff time; funding; state and tribal court participation	Participant evaluations	Not begun
Project 9 – Support judicial participation in national trainings and conferences							
Support judicial officer and JCIP staff attendance at state and national conferences.	JCIP staff, judges	Participation of eight individuals (judicial officers and staff) will participate in a state or national level conference designed to improve their practices in child abuse and neglect cases.	Improve judicial oversight of juvenile dependency cases.	Ongoing	funding	Feedback from attendees on the usefulness of the conferences	Ongoing

Project 1 – Develop and deliver the annual “Through the Eyes of a Child” conference to Oregon judges who handle dependency cases

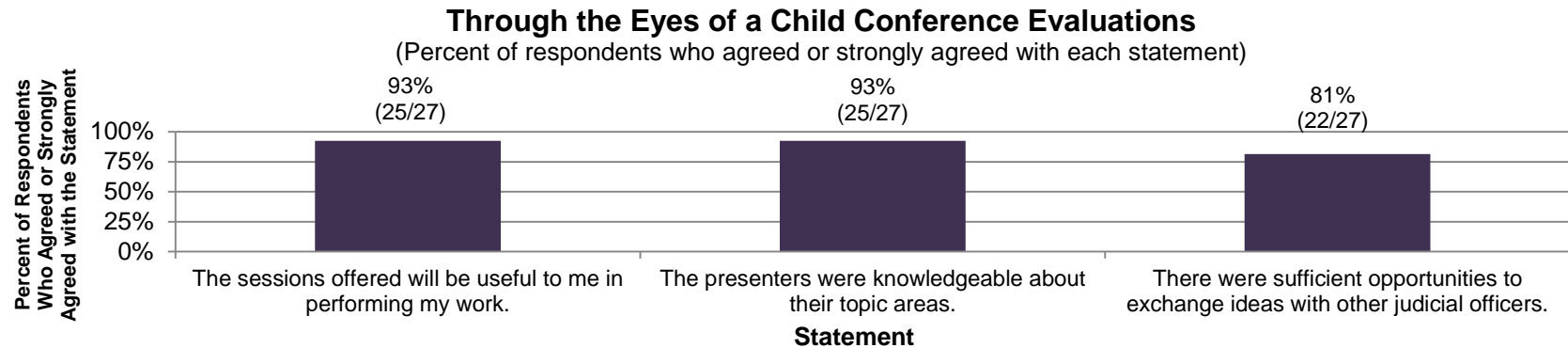
Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

JCIP began planning for the 2017 Through the Eyes of a Child conference by consulting with the JCIP Advisory Committee about training topics in December 2016. By February 2017, JCIP had an agenda outlined and speakers confirmed. JCIP is currently meeting with speakers for various panels regarding the content and method of delivery of the presentations. JCIP is also developing materials for appellate and legislative updates that will be delivered by JCIP staff at the conference.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

In August 2017, JCIP delivered the Through the Eyes of a Child conference to 61 judges. During the conference, JCIP educated judges on appellate and legislative changes; in camera review and disclosure of DHS records; the new BIA ICWA Regulations; how to conduct shelter and permanency hearings; the latest research on the impact of screen time on children; and how judges and Model Court Teams can use JCIP data reports to improve outcomes. The conference also provided opportunities for judges to convene and discuss specific issues in small groups. The chart below provides the data regarding the percentage of respondents who agreed or strongly agreed with various statements in a post-conference evaluation.

In December 2017, JCIP began working with the JCIP Advisory Committee on proposed focus areas for the 2018 conference. Over the past six months, JCIP has identified topics, secured presenters, and worked on developing content for the conference.



Project 2 – Provide updates to juvenile judges on appellate decisions and changes to state and federal law dependency law

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

JCIP’s Juvenile Law and Policy Counsel provides regular appellate updates to juvenile judges statewide, and maintains and distributes a cumulative case law outline that catalogs the holdings by subject matter. JCIP also continues to monitor state and federal legislative changes that impact juvenile dependency practice. At the conclusion of the legislative session in June or July of 2017, a summary of those changes will be provided to dependency judges.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

JCIP’s Juvenile Law and Policy Counsel provides regular appellate updates to juvenile judges statewide, and maintains and distributes a cumulative case law outline that catalogs the holdings by subject matter. This outline has been maintained since 2013, and has become a valuable resource to judges and attorneys. JCIP also continues to monitor state and federal legislative changes that impact juvenile dependency practice, and conducts outreach with judges to communicate legislative changes. JCIP will deliver annual appellate and legislative updates at the Through the Eyes of a Child Conference in August 2018.

Project 3 – Increase the knowledge of Oregon’s appellate judges about the practical aspects of handling juvenile dependency cases at the trial level

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

JCIP organized and delivered a half day presentation to Oregon Court of Appeals judges, Supreme Court Justices and their staff in February about the practical aspects of handling juvenile dependency cases. With about 50 judges, justices and staff in attendance, the seminar provided additional context to appellate courts as to what happens in the juvenile court both before and after cases go up on appeal. We also provided information to appellate judges about observation opportunities at the trial court level. The results of the post seminar evaluation were very positive, with all of those responding to the survey agreeing or strongly agreeing that the seminar increased their understanding of practical issues in juvenile dependency cases.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

Over this reporting period, JCIP conducted outreach with appellate judges regarding opportunities for observation in juvenile court. JCIP also extended invitations to appellate judges to attend the Through the Eyes of a Child Conference in August, and currently has several appellate judges registered to attend. JCIP will be exploring potential topics for its February 2019 program for appellate judges over the next several months.

Project 4 – Improve judicial leadership and engagement of judges who preside over juvenile dependency cases

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

JCIP planned and delivered a training in April 2017 in collaboration with the Judicial Engagement and Leadership Institute (JELI). The training topics were chosen based on a survey of juvenile court judges conducted in August 2016, and feedback received from the JCIP advisory and JELI executive committees. Approximately 30 judges attended, and feedback on attendee evaluations was positive, with respondents particularly reporting that the panel of appellate judges had increased their understanding of what the Court of Appeals considers when cases are heard on appeal.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

This project was not a focus for this reporting period. JCIP has scheduled a meeting in September 2018 to begin planning the 2019 JELI Convening.

Project 5 – Plan and deliver ~~2018~~biennial Mini-Child Abuse and Neglect Institute (mini-CANI) for new juvenile judges

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Project 5 has been newly added to the JCIP Strategic Plan as part of JCIP's plan for using the training grant. Planning for the Mini-CANI will begin in fall 2017, with the Mini-CANI taking place in the first half of 2018.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

JCIP planned and delivered a two-day Mini-Child Abuse and Neglect Institute for new juvenile judges in January of 2018. Nine new judges attended. The program focused on the nuts and bolts of holding hearings, and also provided sessions on entry into foster care, ICWA, Trauma Informed Care, and Case Management. Judge-presenters from courts around the state provided practical insights to handling each hearing. Five out of six judges responding to our post institute survey agreed or strongly agreed with the statement that “the information presented will be useful in my day to day work.”

Project 6 – Develop and disseminate Oregon-specific child sex trafficking bench card

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Not applicable - this is a new project added in June 2018.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

In 2017, Multnomah County judges received technical assistance from the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges to examine how they could better respond to victims of sex trafficking. During that process, Multnomah County identified a need for an Oregon-specific bench card that provides information about how to identify and respond to victims of sex trafficking that may appear in court. They asked for a bench card that incorporates Oregon-specific information regarding applicable laws and resources. In 2018, JCIP agreed to collaborate with the CSEC Coordinator at the Oregon DOJ and the DOJ statewide Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee to develop the bench card.

Project 7 – Improve judicial handling of cases involving incarcerated parents

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Not applicable – this is a new project added in June 2018.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

Over the past several years, there have been several appellate reversals of trial court findings that DHS made reasonable efforts when a parent was incarcerated. The underlying facts usually involved an incarcerated parent who was interested in having visitation and participating in services and a caseworker who does little to have contact with the parent, evaluate available services, and arrange for visitation. JELI formed a work group to examine this problem in 2018.

In the spring of 2018, JCIP staff has provided assistance to the JELI Incarcerated Parents Work Group to plan and deliver a session at the Through the Eyes of a Child Conference on how courts should evaluate reasonable efforts when a parent is incarcerated. Over this same time period, JCIP staff also worked with the JELI Incarcerated Parents Work Group, Dr. Marty Beyer, DHS, and DOC on a session at the Model Court Summit devoted to the topic of the appropriateness of visitation when a parent is incarcerated.

JCIP staff and a judge who serves on the JELI Incarcerated Parents Work Group will also serve on the Children of Incarcerated Parents Implementation Team. The team, consisting of representatives from the DHS, the DOC, and other related entities that serve incarcerated parents, will be working on implementation of SB 241 (2017), which established the Oregon Children of Incarcerated Parents Bill of Rights. The new law requires DOC to develop guidelines for policy and procedure decisions using the rights outlined in the bill, including the right to be heard and respected by decision makers when decisions are made about the child; to speak with, see, and touch the incarcerated parent; and to have a lifelong relationship with the incarcerated parent. The Governor's Office is currently assembling the team and scheduling a first meeting.

Project 8 – Conduct tribal-court/state court visits to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians.

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Not applicable - this project had been included in prior strategic plans, but was not included in the FY2017 strategic plan, in part due to the loss of the training grant.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

This is a new item added to JCIP's strategic plan. In the previous grant cycle, JCIP coordinated visits of circuit court judges and staff to five of Oregon's nine federally-recognized Tribes. Previous site visits by judges to Oregon Tribes were successful and tribes and judges are now asking for additional visits. JCIP will begin planning for visits to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians in fall 2018.

Project 9 – Support judicial participation at national trainings and conferences.

Year 1 (December 2016 through June 2017):

Not applicable - this project not included in the FY2017 strategic plan due to loss of the training grant, but was reincorporated in June 2017 contingent on restoration training grant funds.

Year 2 (July 2017 through June 2018):

This Project has been added back into JCIP's strategic plan after JCIP stopped support judicial participation in national trainings and conferences after the Training Grant was not renewed. JCIP plans on planning to provide financial support to juvenile court judges in attending the following conferences: (1) the Annual NCJFCJ Conference in July 2018, and (2) the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Child Sex Trafficking in August, 2018.