

CJI Spring Leadership County Discussion Topics

Pick at least three (3) of the topic areas below to discuss with your CJI leadership colleagues and table mates, if you are seated with another county. Choose a recorder/reporter for your table to take notes and report on your discussion. The Chief Justice and Commissioner will ask each table to report on your discussion.

➤ **Trauma**

- Are you addressing the trauma the child has experienced during the child's life when you handle CHIPS cases? What difference has it made?
- Are children receiving mental health screenings?
- Are children being screened for trauma?
- Are you accessing therapists who have trauma training?
- What are policy or practice barriers which might be addressed by the state and what assistance can the state provide?
- What else is important to know?

➤ **Youth victims of trafficking**

- Are you seeing victims of trafficking? Who is working with the victims?
- What are the service needs of these youth?
- Are there appropriate and adequate services in your community?
- Are you working with law enforcement about how these children will be handled differently under the Safe Harbor law provisions going into effect August 1?
- What are policy or practice barriers which might be addressed by the state and what assistance can the state provide?
- What else is important to know?

➤ **Collaboration with Minnesota tribes**

- What tribes do you work with? How do you work together?
- When does working with tribes go well? In what circumstances are both the county and the tribe challenged to work together?
- At what point in your involvement do you work with the tribe? At maltreatment screening and report? During assessment? At opening for services? At filing court case?
- What are policy or practice barriers which might be addressed by the state and what assistance can the state provide?
- What else is important to know?

➤ **Prenatally-exposed infants**

- Were you surprised at the number of infants who have been exposed to drugs or alcohol prenatally in your jurisdiction?
- What are the service needs of the parent and the child? Are adequate services available in your area?
- Are you offering services to pregnant women using drugs or alcohol?
- Have there been any commitments filed in your county regarding pregnant women using drugs or alcohol under Minn. Stat. 253B?
- What are policy or practice barriers which might be addressed by the state and what assistance can the state provide?
- What else is important to know?

➤ **Child well-being**

• **Education:**

- Are school-aged children able to remain in the same school?
- Judges, do you ask about this in court?
- Who is responsible for educational planning for children in foster care in your jurisdiction?

• **Physical health**

- Are children in foster care getting timely physical examinations?
- Are they seeing the dentist?
- Are they getting appropriate follow-up care for both physical health and dental health?
- Who is in responsible for health planning for the child?

• **Mental health**

- Are there adequate services for children with mental health needs? Who are your providers? Can you get timely appointments?
- Are your assessors trained in trauma and your providers trained in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy?

• What else is important to know about child well-being?

• Are there state policy or practice barriers which should be addressed in the area of child well-being and what assistance can the state provide?