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## June 10, 2022 NEVADA CHILDREN'S COMMISSION Court Improvement Program

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The Court Improvement Program (CIP) continues to focus on three primary strategies: improving timeliness to permanency for children; increasing judicial, attorney, and stakeholder knowledge and expertise; and building systemic capacity through continual quality improvement (CQI) and data exchange.

- CIP hosted a group of 8 dependency court stakeholders who attended the ABA Conferences on April 5-8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in McLean, VA.
  - o National Conference on Access to Justice for Children & Families (April 5-6<sup>th</sup>)
  - o National Conference on Parent Representation (April 7-8<sup>th</sup>)
- Nevada is participating in a Reasonable Efforts Study which is being funded by the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) and the Children's Bureau and conducted by James Bell Associates.
  - o One of the first research studies to explore reasonable efforts in depth
  - o Information provided will contribute to a growing body of evidence about what works best in child welfare hearings
  - o Findings will be shared widely and used to inform practice, policy, and court improvement efforts
- All Program Improvement Plan (PIP) items associated with Team 3 have been completed and approved by the Children's Bureau.
- CIP is the process of finishing up the Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) focus groups. The last focus group will meet on June 24, 2022.
- CIP is postponing the *Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Professional Compassion Fatigue*; the new date is to be determined.
- As a result of the Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program (JDMP) new mediator training that was held March 28<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, in Reno, NV; JDMP is welcoming 6 new mediators to the panel starting FY23.
- CIP will be hosting the Annual Advanced Mediator Training on June 13, 2022, in Last Vegas, NV.
  - o The training will focus on best practices for remote mediations vs, in-person, and parent experiences
- CIP is focusing on the FFY 22 Self-Assessment and the updated 5 Year Strategic Plan that must be submitted to the Children's Bureau by June 30, 2022
- The annual CIC Summit will be held at the Atlantis Casino, Resort, and Spa on September 21-23<sup>rd</sup> in Reno, NV.