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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.

- In collaboration with Data Savvy Consulting, CIP released three reports pertaining to its mission and programs. [Please visit our website to access these reports:](#)
 - Exploring Race Equity in Nevada
 - Juvenile Dependency Mediation Program: Exploring Race Equity
 - Parent Perception of the Child Welfare Court Process
- In collaboration with the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), CIP submitted 74 orders of the *Child Welfare Law and Practice: Representing Children, Parents, and Agencies in Neglect, Abuse, and Dependency Cases* books (aka The Red Book; or RB4) for dependency stakeholders. DCFS is the funding source for The Red Book orders.
- Data Savvy and CIP will be hosting listening sessions for Nevada dependency stakeholders. The goals of the listening sessions are to get feedback and identify priorities pertaining to quality hearings and quality representation initiatives (dates are to be determined).
- CIP awarded seven Community Improvement Councils (CICs) Timely Permanency & Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) Subgrants. Subawards must be exhausted by September 30, 2023.
- The CIP Coordinator has been meeting with the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Committee members in order to increase and improve tribal participation and collaboration with CIP statewide and local initiatives to improve the operation and efficiency of the child welfare and dependency court systems.
- CIP applied and was selected by the Capacity Building Center for Courts and the Children's Bureau to be one of the 12 Judicial, Court, and Attorney Measures of Performance (JCAMP) implementation sites. The JCAMP project developed this set of performance measures to help the field understand and improve child welfare court practices. The JCAMP performance measures are designed to track practice over time—in the spirit of continuous quality improvement.