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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.

- The Annual Community Improvement Council (CIC) Summit was held September 27-29, 2023. CIC teams created their Action Plans for 2024.
- CIP established the Dependency Judicial Leadership Subcommittee, a statewide subcommittee of dependency judges and masters/magistrates. This subcommittee would function as an ad hoc subcommittee of the CIP Select Committee and would provide significant benefits by allowing enhanced cohesion between CICs and dependency judges.
 - The current focus of the Subcommittee is looking into guardianship and out-of-home placement practices occurring before the formal dependency process.
- The 432B CIP Legislative Subcommittee will be convening for the 2025 Session. A survey was emailed to CIP stakeholders on November 30, 2023, to obtain contact information, legislative topics, and availability. Please contact Kelly Brandon, Chair of the 432B CIP Legislative Subcommittee (kbrandon@carson.org) and Zaide Martinez (zmartinez@ncourts.nv.gov) with any questions.
- CIP and legal stakeholders are working with the Agency on proposed Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) regulations to go into the Nevada Administrative Code.
- CIP granted an extension to five awardees who applied for the 2022-2023 Timely Permanency and Termination of Parental Rights Subgrants. CIP awarded two new awards for the 2023-2024 funding opportunity.
- The Judicial, Court, and Attorney Measures of Performance (JCAMP) Leadership Team has been meeting regularly and has selected 53 of the 71 JCAMP measures. The JCAMP Leadership Team is working to reduce the measures and discuss sustainability for continuous quality improvement.
- CIP is working closely with the Children's Bureau and Agency partners to prepare for Round 4 of the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR).
- CIP collaborated with the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) to provide domestic

violence training for CICs. DCFS has been working with Health Management Associates (HMA) to assess Nevada's domestic violence practices and child welfare outcomes. The goal is to share with the courts their findings and information that will help legal stakeholders align their practices with the agencies.

- Five out of the 11 CICs registered for the training.
- The 2022-2023 Self-Assessment and Strategic Plan was submitted to the Children's Bureau on June 28, 2023. CIP received notice of approval for Nevada's FY 2024 CIP Grant.