

THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL'S JUVENILE LAW COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

The Juvenile Law Committee will provide guidance and direction regarding policies, rules, and legislation surrounding juvenile law, including juvenile justice and child welfare. It will recommend policies, rules, and legislation that improve the effective administration of juvenile law.

SCOPE OF ACTIVITY

The Committee will review all policies, rules and legislation regarding juvenile matters. It will make recommendations regarding the same. The Committee will review systemic issues regarding juvenile law and make recommendations for improvement. It also will collaborate with justice partners to ensure a holistic approach to the development, implementation and evaluation of initiatives involving juvenile matters. The Committee will oversee the review and update of all Judiciary publications and forms related to juvenile law. The Committee will report on its initiatives and other activities, at least annually, to the Judicial Council.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Michael J. Stamm, Chair

| NAME | TERM |
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| Hon. Anne K. Albright (6th Circuit) | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Sherrie R. Bailey (3 rd Circuit) | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Amy J. Bragunier (7 th Circuit) | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Daniel P. Dwyer (4th Circuit) | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Leo E. Green, Jr. (7 th Circuit) | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Robert B. Kershaw (8th Circuit) | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Hon. Barbara Meiklejohn, Clerk of Court | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Jane C. Murray (2nd Circuit) | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. William V. Tucker (5th Circuit) | January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016 |
| Magistrate Erica Wolfe (7 th Circuit) | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Patrick L. Woodward (At Large) | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |

Tracy Watkins-Tribbitt, *Staff*

SUBCOMMITTEES

NAME: JUVENILE JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The scope of activity for the Juvenile Justice Subcommittee would be all matters related to juveniles in delinquent related cases whether in the juvenile or adult courts. The subcommittee will review all of these matters, make recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee, to include, but not be limited to, recommendations as to possible legislative matters, update of juvenile related petitions, Maryland Rules and corroborate with the Department of Juvenile Services as to ongoing issues affecting juveniles in the court system.

This subcommittee, through its Chairperson, will present its recommendations to the Juvenile Committee for discussion, review and possible recommendation to the Chief Judge and the Judicial Council.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. William Tucker, Chair

| NAME | TERM |
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| Magistrate John Gunning | August 7, 2015 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Paul J. Hanley | August 7, 2015 – December 31, 2017 |
| Magistrate Jeffrey D. Moffat | August 7, 2015 – December 31, 2017 |
| Magistrate Kristin Peacock | August 7, 2015 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Richard Sandy | August 7, 2015 – December 31, 2017 |
| Magistrate Lara C. Weathersbee | August 7, 2015 – December 31, 2017 |

EXPECTED DURATION

Indefinite.

NAME: FOSTER CARE COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUBCOMMITTEE

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The scope of activity for the Foster Care Court Improvement Program Subcommittee would be all matters related to juveniles and young adults involved in Child in Need of Assistance (CINA), termination of parental rights, and adoption and will provide oversight of the Federal Court Improvement Program grant awarded to the Court. The subcommittee review all of these matters, make recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee, to include, but not be limited to, recommendations as to possible legislative matters, update of foster care and neglect related petitions, Maryland Rules, recommend and identify new program initiatives, review and recommend all grant awards related to foster care and corroborate with the Department of Social Services as to ongoing and possible issues affecting juveniles in the Court system.

This subcommittee, through its Chairperson, will present its recommendations to the Juvenile Law Committee for discussion, review and possible recommendation to the Chief Judge and the Judicial Council.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Patrick L. Woodward, Chair

| NAME | TERM |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Hon. Theresa Adams | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018 |
| Hon. William O. Carr | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017 |
| Hon. Cheryl McCally | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018 |
| Hon. David W. Young | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2017. |
| Magistrate Althea Stewart Jones | January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2018 |

Expected Duration of this subcommittee is indefinite.

WORKGROUPS

NAME: JUVENILE EXPUNGEMENT WORKGROUP

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Juvenile Expungement Workgroup will develop a proposed procedure for the courts' handling of petitions for juvenile expungement. The procedure will address the issues identified to date as well as any other issues developed through the workgroup.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Paul J. Hanley, Chair

Hon. William V. Tucker
Hon. Sharon L. Hancock
Hon. Kathy Smith
Family Magistrate John Gunning
Elizabeth Bova
Towanda Jones
Steven Kroll, Esq.
Betsy Fox Tolentino, Esq.
Melanie Shapiro, Esq.
James L. Benton, Jr.
Marilyn Mitchell
Patrick Moran, Esq.
Kate English, Esq.

Consultants:

Rishawn M. White, Department of Public safety and Correctional Services
Kim McPeters, Circuit Court Applications Managers, JIS
Neil Mitchell, Circuit Court for Baltimore City
Joy M. Keller, Court business Analyst, JIS

Sarah R. Kaplan, Esq., *Staff*

Abigail Hill, Esq., *Staff*

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

The preliminary report will identify and prioritize issues related to the expungement of juvenile records, and, for an initial group of issues, outline proposed procedures and other responses. The final report will set out proposed procedures for handling petitions for juvenile expungement and any other recommended actions.

DURATION

12 months

NAME: CHILD WELFARE EDUCATION WORKGROUP

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Child Welfare Education Workgroup will plan, host and conduct post training assessment of CANDO.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. David Young, Retired, Chair

Magistrate James Casey
Magistrate Kimberly McBride
Magistrate Zakia Mahasa
Magistrate Lynae Turner
Magistrate Erica Wolfe

Consultants:
Leslie Ridgway

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

The workgroup will develop training materials and review, revise and update the current Child Welfare Benchbook.

DURATION

7-8 months

NAME: PARENT REPRESENTATION RESOURCES WORKGROUP

NATURE AND PURPOSE

Rev 6/20/16

The Parent Representation Resources Workgroup will develop a plan to expand resources available to parents in CINA and related TPR matters on the Eastern Shore and in Western Maryland based on FCCIP Site Visits information and the timeliness of cases at Shelter.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Cheryl McCally, Chair

Magistrate Julia Minner
Magistrate Kathryn Brewer Poole
Magistrate JoAnn Asparagus

Consultants:

David Wagner, Wagner Law Office
Vicky Wolfson, Office of the Public Defender

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

The workgroup would like to create a Dependency 101 video and accompanying handbook to educate, support, and assist parents in navigating through the court process and also to develop a parent peer/mentor program.

DURATION

5-6 months

NAME: BENCH TO COUNSEL TRAINING WORKGROUP

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Bench to Counsel Training Workgroup will review and analyze 2015 Bench to Counsel Tool results and issue the 2016 Bench to Counsel Survey.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Cheryl McCally, Chair

Hon. Patrick Woodward
Magistrate Julia Minner
Magistrate Kathryn Brewer Poole

Consultants:

Audra Davis, Maryland Legal services Program
Carol Ann Smith, Office of the Attorney General
Seri Wilpone, Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.
Office of the Public Defender, *TBD*

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

Development a training opportunity for attorneys based on results of the Bench to Counsel Tool.

DURATION

12 months

NAME: KINSHIP CARE WORKGROUP

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The Kinship Care Workgroup will explore Kinship Care options for children involved in CINA and related matters, work to have Fictive Kin recognized as a placement resource and collaborate with DHR to utilize Kinship Care Navigators more effectively to improve resource for kinship families and the Juvenile Court.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. William Carr, Chair

Magistrate Althea Stewart Jones
Magistrate Margaret Kent
Magistrate Richard Maslow
Magistrate Lynae Turner

Consultants:

Jim Becker, Baltimore City Department of Social Service, Legal Division
Aaronette Carter, Office of the Public Defender
Erica LeMon, Randall & Sonnier, LLC
John McGinnis, Maryland State Department of Education
Jacqueline Powell, Department of Human Resources
Sean Bloodsworth, Department of Human Resources
Ann Marie Bisner, CASA Prince George’s County
Ed Kilcullen, Maryland CASA
Charquis Meadows, Circuit Court of Baltimore City

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

Develop and implement Border Agreements between the State of Maryland and/or individual counties with adjacent jurisdictions to allow for greater flexibility in home studies and supervision in CINA cases; hold a one day program for judges and magistrates on issues related to kinship care; and assist DHR in developing more family location services.

DURATION

12-18 months

**NAME: PREVENTING SEX TRAFFICKING AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES ACT
(PSTSF) WORKGROUP**

NATURE AND PURPOSE

The PSTSF will review the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act and current Maryland statute to determine if legislation changes are needed.

MEMBERSHIP

Hon. Theresa Adams, Chair

Hon. Leah Seaton
Hon. David Young
Hon. Robert Kershaw

Consultants:

Stephanie Franklin, Franklin Law Group, P.C.
Karolyn Bowe, Office of the Public Defender
Kelly James, Office of the Attorney General

ANTICIPATED WORK PRODUCT

The workgroup will make recommendations and draft any subsequent legislation needed for compliance with federal legislation.

DURATION

12 months

Due to the special nature of some of the topics within the purview of the Foster Care Improvement Program Subcommittee, the following six (6) stake holders may have representatives appointed to a workgroup as needed as “other professionals” members representing the Executive Director of the Maryland Social Services Administration of the Department of Human Resources, the Director of the Citizen’s Review Board for Children, the State Board of Education, member of the Maryland House of Delegates, member of the Maryland Senate and of the Department of Juvenile Services. The above groups have been participants since the implementation of the Foster Care Court Improvement Project with the exception of the Department of Juvenile Services.

**Workgroups will present to the subcommittee chairperson a report which will be presented to the rest of said subcommittee for approval, amendment and recommendation. If appropriate, the report will be presented to the Juvenile Committee.