

AGENDA
2012 REGIONAL CJI TEAM MEETING
FOSTERING CONNECTIONS: FOCUSING ON CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, AND SOCIAL WELLBEING

8:30 Registration and Networking

9:00 Welcome and Overview of Regional Meeting Objectives

Local CJI Judge

Chief Justice Lorie Gildea or DHS Commissioner Lucinda Jesson

9:15 Foster Care Youth

Local CJI Judge

Panel of local foster care youth

Foster care youth share thoughts about timing and "reality" of permanency, children and youth attending court, and experience with representation by GAL and/or attorney

10:00 Trauma Informed Care: What it is and Why it Should Matter to You

Minnesota Dept. of Human Services Staff

Overview of Trauma Informed Care, including issues and practices for judges, attorneys, social workers, and GALs to consider

10:30 Break

10:45 Implementing Fostering Connections: Focus on Finding Families and Permanency for Older Youth

Minnesota Dept. of Human Services Staff

Representative(s) from a pre-selected county

Local CJI Judge

- *Overview of Fostering Connections requirements regarding importance of early efforts to find families and permanency for older youth (with emphasis on trauma informed care) and practice recommendations*
- *Local county shares innovative practice related to relative searches and permanency for older youth*
- *Group discussion regarding successes and barriers related to relative searches and permanency for older youth*

11:35 Implementing Fostering Connections: Focus on Educational Stability and Physical and Mental Health Needs of Children in Foster Care

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- *Overview of Fostering Connections requirements regarding educational stability and physical and mental health needs of children (with emphasis on trauma informed care) and practice recommendations*
- *Local county shares innovative practice related to educational stability and physical and mental health needs of children*
- *Group discussion regarding successes and barriers related to educational stability and physical and mental health needs of children in foster care*

12:35 **Lunch and Networking** *(provided)*

1:30 **Data Regarding Fostering Connections**

DHS and CJI Staff

Staff highlight updated data, including information about what data does and does not cover (data will be distributed prior to and at meeting)

1:45 **Team Breakout Session: Implementing Fostering Connections**

CJI Teams

CJI Teams move to breakout rooms to:

- *Discuss what the data shows for the county;*
- *Plan what the county (i.e., judges, county attorneys, social services, GALs, and attorneys for parents and children) can do differently to improve the outcomes and the data;*
- *Identify how the CJI Team will measure progress; and*
- *Plan how the CJI Team will conduct ongoing data review*

3:30 **Team Reports**

Local CJI Judge

CJI Teams

Each CJI Team identifies one piece of data the county hopes to improve, how the CJI Team will measure progress toward that goal, and how the CJI Team will conduct ongoing data review

4:00 **Wrap Up and Adjourn**

Local CJI Judge