

Handout – Children’s Justice Initiative (CJI) Liaison Partnership Information

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Why the partnership?

Given the increasing complexity of juvenile protection cases and the challenges faced by each county, now, more than ever, it is important to build relationships that enable us to support each other.

State CJI staff would like to continue to develop strong relationships with local teams to better understand and support the work local teams are doing, challenges they may be facing, and successes they are celebrating.

What is the purpose?

The liaison’s role is to serve as a dedicated point of contact and as a resource for local CJI teams. The ongoing task of the liaison is to listen and learn more about their assigned local team and its unique strengths and needs.

At the team’s request, the liaison will provide support when needed, which may include:

- Periodically attending CJI team meetings;
- Providing and/or interpreting data;
- Helping with overcoming specific challenges; and/or
- Facilitating collaboration with other CJI teams.

Each liaison has their own areas of expertise, so they may be able to provide direct support, or they may work with other members of the state CJI team to fulfill a request.

Through this partnership, state CJI staff work to understand the various perspectives of local teams and to identify statewide trends and challenges. This knowledge can be used to contribute to potential solutions as part of the state CJI strategic plan.

This partnership also allows for statewide sharing of local CJI team successes.

Who is my liaison?

Below is a list of liaisons assigned to each county. Email CJI@courts.state.mn.us to connect with your CJI liaison staff person.

1st Judicial District

Carver, Dakota, Goodhue, Le Sueur, Sibley – **Judy Peterson**

McLeod, Scott – **Becca Vanden Hanen**

2nd Judicial District

Ramsey – **Judy Nord**

3rd Judicial District

Dodge, Freeborn, Mower, Olmsted, Steele – **Becca Vanden Hanen**

Fillmore, Houston, Rice, Wabasha, Waseca, Winona – **Judy Nord**

4th Judicial District

Hennepin – **Becca Vanden Hanen**

5th Judicial District

Blue Earth, Cottonwood, Lincoln, Lyon, Murray, Wantonwan – **Judy Nord**

Brown, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Rock – **Becca Vanden Hanen**

Faribault, Jackson, Martin – **Judy Peterson**

6th Judicial District

Carlton – **Judy Nord**

Cook, Lake, St. Louis – **Judy Peterson**

7th Judicial District

Becker – **Judy Peterson**

Benton, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Stearns – **Becca Vanden Hanen**

Clay, Morrison, Otter Tail, Todd, Wadena – **Judy Nord**

8th Judicial District

Big Stone, Chippewa, Grant, Lac qui Parle, Pope, Renville, Stevens, Traverse, Wilkin, Yellow Medicine – **Judy Peterson**

Kandiyohi, Meeker, Swift – **Becca Vanden Hanen**

9th Judicial District

Aitkin, Koochiching, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman – **Judy Nord**

Beltrami, Clearwater, Itasca, Kittson, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake – **Judy Peterson**

Cass, Crow Wing, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, Roseau – **Becca Vanden Hanen**

10th Judicial District

Anoka, Sherburne – **Becca Vanden Hanen**

Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Wright – **Judy Nord**

Washington – **Judy Peterson**