

# 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](mailto:CJI@courts.state.mn.us) to connect with your CJI liaison staff person.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District

Carver, McLeod, Scott, Sibley – **Christina Walters**

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

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District

Ramsey – **Christina Walters / Judy Peterson**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District

Fillmore, Houston, Rice, Olmsted, Wabasha, Winona – **Haley Schroeder**

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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

Hennepin – **Becca Vanden Hanen / Haley Schroeder**

## 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

Cottonwood, Jackson, Lincoln, Lyon, Nobles, Murray, Pipestone, Rock – **Becca Vanden Hanen**

Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Martin, Nicollet, Redwood, Watonwan – **Christina Walters**

## 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

Carlton, Cook, Lake, St. Louis – **Miriam Friesen / Judy Peterson**

## 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

Becker, Clay, Morrison, Todd, Wadena – **Christina Walters**

Benton, Douglas, Mille Lacs, Otter Tail, Stearns – **Miriam Friesen**

## 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

Big Stone, Traverse, Stevens, Lac Qui Parle, Yellow Medicine, Chippewa, Renville – **Judy Peterson**

Grant, Wilkin, Swift, Pope, Kandiyohi, Meeker – **Christina Walters**

## 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

Aitkin, Cass, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Itasca, Koochiching, Hubbard, Beltrami – **Haley Schroeder**

Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake, Polk, Norman, Mahnommen – **Miriam Friesen**

## 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District

Anoka, Sherburne, Wright – **Becca Vanden Hanen**

Washington, Chisago, Kanabec, Pine, Isanti – **Judy Peterson**