

# Minnesota Judicial Branch Policy

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## Children's Justice Policy

### I. POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Judicial Branch that child protection cases be expedited in conformance with state and federal requirements with the goal of serving the best interests of children by providing safe, stable and permanent homes for abused and neglected children. In furtherance of this policy, each District shall ensure that counties develop and maintain multidisciplinary committees to monitor and advocate for the administration of child protection cases, policies and procedures.

### II. IMPLEMENTATION AUTHORITY

Implementation of this policy shall be shared between the State Court Administrator, the chief judges of the judicial districts and the Court of Appeals, and the chief justice of the Supreme Court. The chief judges and chief justice shall appoint a lead judge and dedicated administrative staff in each district and appellate court. Each district and its county CJI judges accept shared responsibility for monitoring and improving performance on federal and judicial branch child welfare measures and are encouraged to develop and implement local plans to improve such performance. The State Court Administrator shall consult with the CJI Advisory Committee and the lead judges to develop and promulgate case processing best practices and performance measurements.

### III. EXECUTIVE LIMITATIONS

Not applicable.