

PIP Workgroup Worksheet – Juvenile Court _____

Issues	Related Item, Systemic Factor or Data Indicator	Possible Action Steps	Method of Measuring	Responsible Party
Long delays in Juvenile Court system Particularly in Cook County	Items 7 – 10	DCFS to develop a tickler for the courtroom attorneys to prompt them to file a motion for a permanency hearing.		
		Permanency hearings be set at the TC hearing.		
		Workers will be ordered in court to inform the Office of the State’s Attorney when new addresses are obtained for parents who have not appeared in court. A standardized form will be developed for workers to complete when they learn of a new address for the parent. The form will be forwarded to an identified point person at the State’s Attorney to allow the State to attempt service at the new address.		
		In depth substance abuse training for court involved professionals to enhance the decision making for children		
		Add a box to be checked on the TC order that states a diligent search will be conducted within 10 days of the TC hearing where appropriate		

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		A referral process by DCFS or GAL to the State’s Attorney’s office of cases identified for termination at DISPO. A form can be generated for that purpose.		
		In addition to developing a handout to parents in regards to termination of parental rights, a booklet will be developed for relatives explaining termination of parental rights procedures.		
		Training for lawyers to understand the social work aspect of Concurrent Planning and training for the social workers to understand the legal issues related to Concurrent Planning.		
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Addressing continuances due to lack of necessary parties		Lead worker/Supervisor is responsible for court coverage if the CWS is unavailable		
Lack of preparation/preparedness:		DCFS to ensure timely and complete file transfers when CWS/agencies change to address continuances		
Reunification delays:		Training of CWS staff regarding developing and implementing a reunification plan;		
		Monitoring of POS use of reunification funds.		