

King County Superior Court and
Washington State Department of Social and Health Services/
Children's Administration, Region 4 Division of Children and Family Services

***Guiding Principles for Serving Clients Requesting or Requiring Assistance
by the Juvenile Justice System and the Child Welfare System***

In order to provide the best possible services to clients requesting or requiring assistance from both organizations and to maximize the efficient use of resources, King County Superior Court and the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Children's Administration, Region 4 Division of Children and Family Services, agree to the following guiding principles.

1. Protocols for serving clients shall promote administrative and service delivery cooperation and coordination, for the benefit of children and their families jointly served by the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.
2. Protocols for serving clients shall be based on the understanding that, to the extent allowable under federal and state laws and regulations, the organizations will share pertinent and relevant information with regard to these clients.
3. Protocols for serving clients shall specifically delineate the roles and responsibilities of all parties.
4. Protocols for serving clients shall establish details of how King County Superior Court and Children's Administration, Region 4 Division of Children and Family Services, integrate services for King County children and youth who are served by the child welfare and juvenile justice systems or where a request for services have been made.
5. Protocols for serving clients shall be collaboratively developed by staff designated by King County Superior Court/Juvenile Court Services and DSHS/Children's Administration, Region 4 Division of Children and Family Services.
6. Prior to their implementation, protocols for serving clients shall be reviewed and approved by the King County Superior Court Chief Juvenile Judge (or designee), the King County Superior Court Director of Juvenile Court Services (or designee) and the Regional Administrator of Children's Administration, Region 4 Division of Children and Family Services (or designee).

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Chief Juvenile Judge
King County Superior Court

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Director, Juvenile Court Services
King County Superior Court

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Signature
Region 4 Regional Administrator
Children's Administration, Region 4 DCFS

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