

# Fostering Court Improvement Semi-Annual Report

*This report needs to be completed by the FCI team as a team.*

Submitted by:

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Reporting Period:

- October to March 2011 (Due April 30)
- April to September 2011 (Due October 31)

<b>PERFORMANCE MEASURE SUCCESSES</b>
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### Activities

- ✧ **MJJA Fall Conference attendance by 2 FCI members**
- ✧ **State-wide FCI meeting attendance by 6 FCI members**
- ✧ **Visitation Sub-Committee in process of developing Visitation Training Powerpoint, visitation tools, Greene County Visitation Rules and a parent Information Packet.**
- ✧ **Initial steps taken toward bringing Framework for Safety training to the circuit.**

### Accomplishments

- ✧ **Held Greene County FCI Training meeting for front line staff**
- ✧ **Permanency Awarded presented to Greene County from the Supreme Court**
- ✧ **Developed and implemented Visitation Protocol through Visitation Sub-Committee**
- ✧ **2010 Investigation Case review report completed**
- ✧ **TPR Cross-training presented to Licensing workers**
- ✧ **Established FCI posting site at the Juvenile Office. Posted items include: FCI Meeting Agenda, FCI Meeting Minutes, FCI Training Powerpoint and FCI Semi-Annual reports.**

### Improved Data Outcomes (JIS 2009/2010 data)

- ✧ **Percentage of CA/N Exits by Reunification continue to rise and have maintained at 45% to 57% during this reporting period**

### Committees Formed

- ✧ **Court Summary Committee formed to review content and format of each court hearing report and treatment plans utilized in Child Abuse & Neglect cases in Greene County. This is a collaborative team that includes staff from Children's Division, Contract Case Management, Juvenile Office and Attorneys**

**Planned Activities for Next Period**

- ✧ Utilize Training Grant to provide 2 trainings. Anticipated topics are TPR preparation & testifying and Framework for Safety
- ✧ Team members to attend MJJA conference if funds available
- ✧ Team members to attend State-wide FCI meeting
- ✧ Provide TPR Cross-training to new case workers and foster parents.

<b>FCI MEMBERSHIP</b>
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	PARTICIPANT (write in names for each)	Attends on a Regular Basis?
√	Juvenile Court Judge David Jones	<b>No</b>
√	Circuit Clerk Karen Peirce	<b>Yes</b>
√	Juvenile Officer Lisa Altis & Jeremy Trapp	<b>Yes</b>
√	Other Juv. Court Personnel Julie Rumley (Judge Secretary), Susie Schenck (Court Recorder) and DJO's: Alison Choate, Amanda West, Brooke Clarkson, Cassandra Marsh, Chris Deck, Jenna Wilson, Kyle Collins & Shayla Lowe.	<b>Yes</b>
√	Juvenile Court Attorney Bill Prince & Brittany O'Brien	<b>As available</b>
√	Parent's Attorney Linda Thomas, Karenanne Miller & Arthur Olson	<b>Yes</b>
√	Guardian Ad Litem Linda Thomas, Karenanne Miller & Arthur Olson	<b>Yes</b>
√	Court Appointed Special Advocate Lori Summers	<b>As Available</b>
√	Children's Division Circuit Manager Heather Ford	<b>Yes</b>

√	Children's Division Program Manager Lisa Crawford, Elizabeth Mendenhall, Deb Strait	<b>Yes</b>
√	Children's Division Supervisor Ginny Law, Jason Kearbey	<b>Yes</b>
√	Children's Division Worker Jenorey Wood & Kim Fortner	<b>As available</b>
√	Other CD Personnel Julie Lester, Brian Garrity, Dan Johnston & Kristiann Summerhill	<b>Yes</b>
√	Contracted/Service Providers Mary Turner, Mary Casada, Chip Wolf, Michele Brown, Kristy Ogden, Jeremy Elliott, Becca Allee & Kari Brichacek	<b>Yes</b>
√	Other Team Members Allison Pate (Missouri Alliance)	<b>Yes</b>

What Strategies do you use to improve attendance?

- ✧ Greene County continues to have 20-25 attendees at the monthly meetings. A 2012 front line staff FCI training meeting will be considered so as to maintain their knowledge of FCI and continue to increased involvement with FCI sub-committees.

## **USE OF FUNDING**

**FCI Sub-Grant Funds Received During this Period: \$3,000.00**

### **How Funds Were Spent**

- ✧ Meals for monthly FCI meetings.
- ✧ Ink for court exhibit pictures; Disposable cameras for parents attending Road to Reunification (R2R) class.

**Multi-disciplinary Training Grant Funds Received During this Period:**

### **How Funds Were Spent**

## **NEEDS**

### **Concerns**

- ✧ Continued high numbers of referrals and subsequent removals.
- ✧ Length of time to case closings.

### **Plans for Improvement**

- ✧ Completion of visitation committee projects and implementation of visitation training and visitation tools

### **Training Needs**

- ✧ TPR Preparation and Testifying
- ✧ Framework for Safety

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**