Supplemental to:

Quarter 1 PIP Item 3B.1.2 Establish a regularly occurring meeting with AOC to evaluate opportunities for improvement including model court principles.

This item is a supplemental to a quarter 1 item. Attached is a copy of the action (part 2).

Action Step 3B.1.2 part 1
KY 5th QR PIP report
June 30, 2011

Action Needed	Responsible Person
1. Right to be heard:	
1.A. GAL training will incorporate information on the right to be heard (GAL is the legal representation of child)	Dolores Smith
February update: AOC will incorporate this in the upcoming GAL training starting in March will do some scenarios into the basic training also offered in the spring and fall	
May update: completed	
1.B. Model Court will incorporate right to be heard starting with 4 sites and rolling out statewide	J. R. Hopson
February update: Training will be conducted through steering committees and courts will determine how to incorporate the opportunity to be heard on their docket	
May update: educational piece was completed this week through family rules seminar	
1.C. TA request from DPP to Liz Wynn for Bill Stanton	Tina Webb
February update: TA request was submitted Mr. Stanton will be visiting the state on 2/21 to participate in the PIP Steering Committee meeting	
May update: Will consult with Bill Stanton as needed. Send copies of updates to Bill as they are forwarded to feds	
1.D. A college dedicated to family law issues that include right to be heard could be held*	Sarah Boswell Dent

February update: Child Abuse & Neglect Institute (CANI) will be evaluated to see if right to be heard can be incorporated or if it already exists in curriculum	
May update: in the next weeks a notice will go to judges to hold dates in August. CANI will incorporate the right to be heard. DCBS will submit a proposal on right to be heard slot for an hour.	
1.E. KBA regional's and conference could include information on the right to be heard.	Sarah Boswell Dent
February update: Will be posed as a frequently asked question at Kentucky Bar Association this summer	
May update: This has been included in the presentation to occur on June 16th.	
1. F. Prosecutor's Advisory Council (PAC) discuss matter at their meeting including status offenders and right to be heard	J. R. Hopson
February update: Ongoing discussion is being held	
Right to be heard May update: Quarterly meetings are held with filled agenda. PAC will consider sending out a survey. Look into whether there are other mechanisms to communicate with PAC via a newsletter. JR Status offenders May update: Continued efforts to collaboration; considering legislative review and potential movement for revision of KY juvenile code. This group will continue to discuss to tease out the various aspects of revisions.	
1.G. Need to explore the current process for Foster Parents to report if they are not given the right to be heard. Involve R&C and Children's Alliance in these process discussions. (Foster Care Council)	Jennie Willson Trevor Hanson Dolores Smith
February update: Jim will discuss with Jennie	

May update: Discussion was held to develop a mechanism. The R&C staff advised this is being communicated to the foster parents. This is a struggle based on the differences among judicial expectations. No update on the Children's Alliance side. DPP will send a CCT to the providers to advise.

Dolores will hold regional trainings for the volunteers this fall and a presentation on right to be heard will be included. This will assist the volunteer in mentioning to the judge if cases are not getting the right to be heard.

JR will work with lead judges in model court on how to incorporate from notice the right to be heard as a best practice.

1.H. Clarify information on the DNA 3-6 forms	Sarah Boswell Dent
February update: Forms include foster parent and a place for relative caretaker	
May update: verified the form includes a place to notify parties- complete	
1.J. Discuss at the foster parent association the right to be heard	Jim Grace/ Jennie Willson
May update: This will be on the agenda at upcoming spring conference	
2. Concurrent Planning	
2.A. Concurrent planning will be incorporated in model court to result in a consistent practice across the state	J. R. Hopson
May update: JR will get a list together about when meetings are. AOC/DCBS group will map out opportunities to schedule a focus groups to prepare and discuss role out and what judges need. DPP will develop additional tools for updating courts (i.e. how to include what we are doing for concurrent planning on the court order)	

August CANI will include training to judges on this issue.	
2.B. DCBS will provide a concurrent planning expert to assist AOC staff in training delivery	Tina Webb
May update: Tina Hagenbuch is on point for DCBS. SOP will be revised and will be distributed for field review by the end of May. AOC will be included in the review.	
3. Status Offenders	
3.A. Clarify roles between the courts and DCBS regarding this population.	Patrick Yewell Mike Cheek
February update: Discussion regarding current legislation by Representative Flood along with dialogue between DCBS and the courts on procedural processes.	
May update: Legislation did not pass. Dialogue continues.	
3.B. Establish protocol regarding cross over youth along with services and support provided to those populations.	Mike Cheek Patrick Yewell
February update: Under 10 Workgroup has been established through SIAC to research and report on findings associated with this population. Discussions should entail how to ensure communication and support to youth in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.	
May update: Final recommendations are being developed. Looking at legislation from other states to see how they pursue under 10 criminally. Resources for this population have not specifically been identified but an assessment of what we have for this population and what we need was recommended. Conversations will be held with the gatekeepers to discuss how to address the needs of this population.	

4. Native Americans	
4.A. Legislation has been filed for 2011- HB 50.	JR Hopson DCBS?
February update: Monitor legislation regarding the recognition of tribes.	
May update: Legislation did not pass. Continue to engage and invite tribal members for model court and CSAG.	
4.B. Include tribal representation in collaborative activities.	JR Hopson DCBS?
February update: Invite tribal representatives to participate in best practice and model court initiatives.	
May update: Additional tribal reps will be identified	
5. ICPC	
Legislation has not been filed in 2011 by DCBS.	Jim Grace
February update: Continue to provide ICPC training opportunities to Best Practice sites.	
May update: ongoing work continues.	
6. Racial Disparity	

Clarify racial disparity activities occurring within various agencies to better address disparity as a system instead of individual agencies.	Mike Cheek JR Hopson
February update: Review model court sites and the relationship between Courts Catalyzing Change and the DCBS initiatives.	
May update: JR will provide dates of meetings with model court. Fayette- Jan 28th, March 4th, March 25th, April 29th . Trying to reduce the disparity with referrals to CPS by identifying areas for improvement. One area which is being targeted is assessing hospital protocol regarding drug testing with newborns.	
7. Use of Data	
Utilize data within the child welfare and court system to provide Judges with a clear picture of children in care.	Dolores Smith/ JR Hopson Ruth Huebner/ Jim Grace
February update: The AOC/Data Workgroup is working toward a court report to pilot with the model court sites with the future goal of statewide distribution.	
May update: The subcommittee will provide an update on these activities. Dolores will submit a brief synopsis to this group. JR will follow up and provide a full model court update.	
8. Identification of Relatives	
Review and assess relationship between the courts and DCBS.	Michael Cheek and Rachel Bingham
May update: Will establish conversation	
9. Drug Testing and Treatment Protocols: Courts & DCBS	

Through IDTA establish protocols for substance abusing parents who also experience child maltreatment.	Sarah Dent and Tina Willauer
May update: Discussions began at the seminar this week to hold regional forums with CMHC, judges and DCBS on a local level for IDTA regional forums. IDTA called KY Safe Families in Recovery Partnership	
10. IV-E foster care PIP	
Develop a IV-E PIP in response to the issues identified in the last IV-E foster care audit.	Tina Webb Rachel Bingham
May update: Tina distributed the letter and audit report to AOC. Brief discussion of the contents. Tina will draft the PIP and send to AOC to for tweaking.	
11. General questions, things to discuss or hot topics:	

A. Research Question- Does the court approve case plans? Update: Rachel said the request had been submitted.

B. CJA: we are at $60,000 include information in the proposal about how the position is tied to relationship to DCBS and an expanded role. (link to goal 3)

C. It is likely that DPP will revise timeframes for initiation on cases 4 and under with physical abuse allegations to occur within 4 hours of acceptance of the referral. DPP will bring a status update to the June meeting for discussion

Next meeting date: June 24th 10:30-12:30 AOC