

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
FORSYTH JUVENILE COURT, FORSYTH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
SERVICES AND FORSYTH COUNTY GUARDIAN AD LITEM PROGRAM AND
FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, FORSYTH DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEATH , FORSYTH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, CITY
OF WINSTON SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FORSYTH COUNTY SHERIFF
DEPARTMENT/ ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

This Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement is entered into between the Forsyth County Juvenile Court, Forsyth County Department of Social Services, Forsyth County Guardian ad Litem Program, Forsyth Public School System and Forsyth County Department of Public Health.

WHEREAS, it is the goal of all three entities to assure that children are protected and safe in their home environments and that the rights of all individuals are duly protected while attempting to achieve said goal.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of all three entities to ensure that foster children's needs for safety, permanency, and well-being are met in a timely and complete manner.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of these entities to increase timely decisions and final resolution of juvenile abuse/neglect/dependency cases and to conduct more meaningful, thorough hearings in juvenile abuse/neglect/dependency cases.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of these entities to increase efficiency of court practices to achieve permanence for children.

WHEREAS, these entities have met and discussed the North Carolina Improvement Project for Children and Families grant and having reviewed the goals of said grant, agree that it is in the best interest of the foster children of (Name) County to apply for said grant and implement the required projects.


WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement is entered into to signify the approval of the project by all parties, commitment to work together to ensure the success of the project and to describe the resources/time to be contributed to the project by each participant.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:


- A. Participate in the creation and implementation of the following projects: one family/one judge and block time docketing, child planning conferences, revision of local juvenile court rules, drafting and distribution of court orders at the end of each hearing, appointment of attorneys and GALs prior to the first non-secure hearing, pre-adjudication through permanency hearings, tracking compliance with federal and state statutory deadlines, in court scheduling and notification of next hearing, intensive efforts to reduce backlogs, monthly review hearings for post termination cases where children do not live in adoptive homes, and rocket dockets.
- B. To participate in the Steering and Implementation Committee monthly meetings to review the progress of the projects;


- C. To assist in providing necessary statistics and other information which is necessary for the creation of the quarterly reports;
- D. All parties pledge their cooperation in the administration of this Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement as the same shall be required from time to time.
- E. Provide information necessary for completing grants, contracts and other documents to achieve substantiality of project.


Entered into this day of October 15, 2009


William B. Reingold 
Chief District Court Judge
21st District Court District

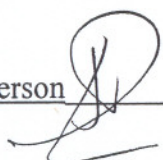
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