

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

**IN RE: APPOINTMENT OF CHILDREN)
AND FAMILIES IN THE COURT) AMENDED ORDER
COMMITTEE)**

Pursuant to IC 32-1403 creating the Children and Families in the Court Committee to establish coordinated family services in each judicial district, the Supreme Court hereby appoints the Children and Families in the Court Committee to be chaired by the Hon. Diane Walker.

The charge to the Committee is as follows:

Pursuant to Senate Bill Number 1172 (now IC 32-1403), the Idaho Supreme Court established a committee consisting of representatives of the judicial, executive, and legislative branches to implement a coordinated family court services plan for a comprehensive response to children and families in the courts. It is proposed that there be a restructuring of the Protecting Children Committee to meet this legislative direction with some Protecting Children Committee members continuing on to the proposed Children and Families in the Courts Committee (CFCC). The restructured CFCC will give broader consideration to all cases involving children and families. The charge of the Committee pursuant to the Supreme Court appointment dated June 14, 2001 are:

1. To implement a coordinated family court services plan for a comprehensive response that addresses the needs of children and family members who are faced with one or more court actions involving family issues such as divorce, child support, child custody and visitation disputes, domestic violence, child protection/foster care, and juvenile correction proceedings.
2. To develop innovative case management practices designed to promote an efficient use of family and court resources. The Committee shall investigate an expansion of non-adversarial alternative dispute procedures that assist in resolving high conflict family issues that are damaging to children, supervised child visitation when certain risk factors are present, and the adoption of pilot projects that promote timely and effective resolution of related disputes in court cases involving children and families. The plan also includes the use of family court coordinators and court assistance officers.
3. To coordinate with judicial district planning efforts and other Supreme Court Committees having an impact on children and families.
4. To examine and consider long-term funding strategies to permit development and implementation of family services and justice planning activities. This includes examining grants for family service projects, potential increases in state funding, cofunding between participating agencies, fee-based income for services and consideration of current resources and potential for redistribution.
5. To consider program development, resource development, technical assistance and training capacity (multi-disciplinary institute) for the development and sharing of best practices.
6. To develop evaluative measures and standards for the coordinated family court services plan and

family justice system.

7. To coordinate with and develop partnerships with education, executive and legislative branches of government, and in this capacity, act as a clearinghouse for all matters pertaining to children and families in the courts.
8. To recommend policies and procedures for adoption by the Supreme Court that will carry out the charge of the committee.
9. To provide Benchguide updates and develop forms and protocols in relation to all aspects of family law, child protection proceedings, juvenile justice and other legal actions affecting children.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Hon. Diane Walker shall serve as Chair of said committee until further order of the Court.

The Court, being advised that a request has been made for adjustments to the CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE COURT COMMITTEE membership;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following changes be made to the Children and Families in the Court Committee membership:

The following committee members shall be released from the duties associated with the Children and Families in the Court Committee, with our appreciation for their service:

Honorable Rick L. Bollar
Honorable Steven Thomsen

The following individuals shall be appointed to the Committee:

Honorable John B. Lothspeich
Honorable Scott Axline

After implementing this Order, the membership of the Committee is as follows:

Committee Member	Term
Chair: Honorable Diane Walker	December 31, 2021
Honorable Scott Hansen	December 31, 2021
Honorable Karin Seubert	December 31, 2021
Steven Bezdeka	December 31, 2021
Roxanne Printz	December 31, 2021
Lacy Parker, FCS	December 31, 2021
Honorable Anna Eckhart	December 31, 2022
Honorable Jerold Lee	December 31, 2022
Honorable Laurie Fortier	December 31, 2022
Honorable John Meienhofer	December 31, 2022
Honorable Scott Axline	December 31, 2022
Honorable John B. Lothspeich	December 31, 2022
Seth Platts, Esq.	December 31, 2022

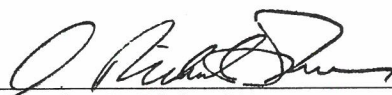
Dr. Todd Bennett	December 31, 2022
Tammie Whyte, TCA	December 31, 2022

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Court Programs and Services Administrator Jona Lagerstrom be assigned to support the Children and Families in the Court Committee in fulfilling its charge.

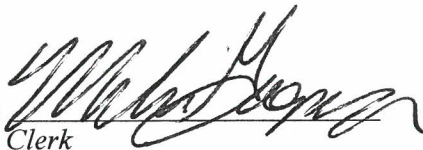
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall be effective on the date signed.

DATED this 12 day April, 2021.

By Order of the Supreme Court


Chief Justice G. Richard Bevan

ATTEST:


Clerk

I, Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk of the Supreme Court/
Court of Appeals of the State of Idaho, do hereby
Certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the
Amended Order entered in the above entitled
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my
hand and the Seal of this Court 4-12-21
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By  Deputy