

SOUTHERN INDIANA FAMILY COURT PROJECT
Serving Crawford, Martin, Orange and Pike Counties

Basic Information

Crawford County:

Population – 10, 743

County Seat – English

Judicial Officers: 1

Project Implementation: June 2006

Crawford County Project Judge: Honorable Kenneth L. Lopp

Martin County:

Population – 10,369

County Seat – Shoals

Judicial Officers: 1

Project Implementation: June 2006

Martin County Project Judge: Honorable R. Joseph Howell

Orange County:

Population – 19, 306

County Seat – Paoli

Judicial Officers: 2

Project Implementation: June 2006

Orange County Project Judges: Honorable Larry R. Blanton
Honorable R. Michael Cloud

Pike County:

Population – 12,837

County Seat – Petersburg

Judicial Officers: 1

Project Implementation: June 2006

Pike County Project Judge: Honorable Jeffrey L. Biesterveld

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Funding for All Four Counties:

Family Court Project Funding
2007 - Grant \$38,000

Family Court Mission Statement:

The goal of the Southern Indiana Family Court Project is to provide a constructive process by which families can develop and maintain positive conflict resolution skills so they are empowered to make positive decisions for their family in the future. The program assists families in developing conflict resolution skills, co-parenting plans, and provide individual and community resources designed to maintain positive familial relationships. The program encourages the exploration of family-focused processes in CHINS, Delinquency, and/or Termination cases. Highly litigious families are offered opportunities to develop conflict resolution skills so litigation is minimized. At-risk families will be identified and services will be provided to families, regardless of income, to assist in developing the skills and providing the services needed to develop a more positive family structure and maintain the family integrity. These services will be provided with an understanding and respect for the culture and values of each individual family.

Family Court Programming:

The Family Court Project grant awarded to the Southern Indiana Family Court Project is available to each of the four counties in an undivided amount according to the request and particular needs of the services.

ADR Facilitation:

Facilitation is currently being utilized in CHINS, termination of parental rights, and disputed child custody and parenting time cases in Crawford County.

38 cases have been received for mediation services and/or complex case management services in Martin and Orange Counties in 2007.

Services are available to the parties upon the request of any party or by Order of the Court.

Families Served in each County:

Crawford County: 2

Martin County: 21

Orange County: 17

Pike County: 0