



Family Court News

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Save the Date
Family Court Annual Meeting
Friday, September 26, 2008

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2008 Family Court Distributions Have Been Made

2008 Family Court distributions were transferred electronically to your counties on March 20, 2008. Please touch base with your county auditor to confirm that the funds have been received.

Grants Available for Judicial District Reform

The Indiana Supreme Court is offering grant funds to assist courts in a district or county in assessing their organization and also for helping implement recommended improvements. Applicant courts will identify a particular problem they want to solve, reform they want to achieve, or a general desire that the district/county would benefit from an objective assessment of the current organization, management, and processes and identification of best practices.

The judges in a district or county may apply for these grants by submitting a letter of interest and an application to the Division of State Court Administration. Proposed projects must engage the majority of judges in the district or county. Collaboration with and input from the clerks and bar is strongly recommended.

The court reform grants target three areas: (1) Judicial district governance and court reform efforts; (2) County level court reform and efficiency effort; and (3) Special program efficiency efforts, which could include projects relating to family court or GAL/CASA.

Letters of interest must be submitted by May 1, 2008, and final grant applications are due July 1, 2008. For more information or to download the application, go to <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/admin/reform/index.html>.

Court Improvement Program Funds Available

Indiana's Court Improvement Program has funds available for courts to utilize for training and for programs intended to improve the court process relating to foster care and adoption, as well as the child welfare system as a whole. If you have a project in mind or are interested in providing some training, please contact Nancy Gettinger, CIP Grant Administrator, at 317.232.1313 or ngetting@courts.state.in.us.