



# Family Court News

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## Dates to Remember

December 1	Phase IV Program Assessments /Project Manuals Due
January 15	2007Data/Financial Reports and 2008 Grant Terms Due

## Did You Know?

Judicial employees can attend free computer training at Ivy Tech's 26 regional locations throughout Indiana. The cost is covered by the Indiana Supreme Court Judicial Technology and Automation Committee (JTAC). For more details, go to <http://www.in.gov/judiciary/jtac/programs/ivytech.html>. Courts can also receive discounts on Microsoft software through the state of Indiana's arrangement with ASAP Software. Contact Steven Parks at 800.231.5559 or [sparks@asap.com](mailto:sparks@asap.com).

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## Two New Counties Join Family Court Project

Chief Justice Randall T. Shepard recently approved the addition of two new family court projects in Clark and Vanderburgh counties for 2008. They will join the twenty-three other counties that are already part of the Indiana Supreme Court Family Court Project.

The new family court project in Clark County will develop procedures to identify, coordinate, and share information about families with more than one case pending in the court system. Clark County's intake process will include a screening for domestic violence, the results of which will determine how the Court approaches the case. Families identified to have abuse issues will be served through a one judge/one family model. Parties who have been identified to have domestic violence issues will not be referred to mediation through the Court's existing ADR plan, and the Court will be mindful of safety issues when scheduling hearings. Families with no abuse issues will be served through a mediation-based information sharing model. Families served by both models will receive referrals to appropriate social services.

Vanderburgh County's family court project will develop a Multi-Case Family Coordination and Pro Se Assistance Clinic. The Clinic will initially focus on family law matters involving the care and/or custody of minor children, with special attention being given to families with multiple cases. The Clinic will be offered twice monthly and will provide brief advice and counsel from volunteer attorneys, assistance in completion of forms, and referrals to appropriate social services. Vanderburgh County's intake process will include screening for multiple court cases and for domestic violence. Mediation and other social service referrals will also be discussed at this initial intake.

## STAD is Moving

As of January 1, 2008, the State Court Administration offices will be settling in to our new home. Our new address will be 30 South Meridian St., Suite 500, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Phone and fax numbers will remain the same.