

# Judicial Leadership

## Child Dependency Courts

The role of the dependency court judge involves leadership responsibilities "on-the-bench" via strong judicial oversight of cases AND "off-the-bench" leadership which involves working with court, system and community stakeholders to address the needs of the children and families.

Without judicial leadership, it would be very difficult to develop, implement, and sustain effective systems change in dependency courts



**Transformative Leadership is focused on creating a system of self-sustaining change.**

### KEY ELEMENTS FOR SUSTAINABLE CHANGE



SOURCE

[Sustaining the change lessons learned from judicial leaders. \(2017\). National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges.](#)

## Considerations for Leading Dependency Court Systems



VALUE AND ENCOURAGE DIVERSITY OF OPINION AND PERSPECTIVES

COMMIT TO EXPANDING KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT WORKS AND WHY

KEEP THE FOCUS ON CHILDREN AND IMPROVING OUTCOMES

WORK TOWARD A CO-CREATED COMMON VISION

INCLUDE THE VOICES OF PARENTS AND CHILDREN

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