

Welcome to the Bench

Child Dependency Courts

Serving as a dependency court judicial officer is an immense responsibility. These judicial officers have wide reaching powers which include removing children from their home and terminating parental rights. They are charged with protecting the safety of children and their decisions impact the lives of families for generations. In this way, dependency court judicial officers help shape the future of our communities.



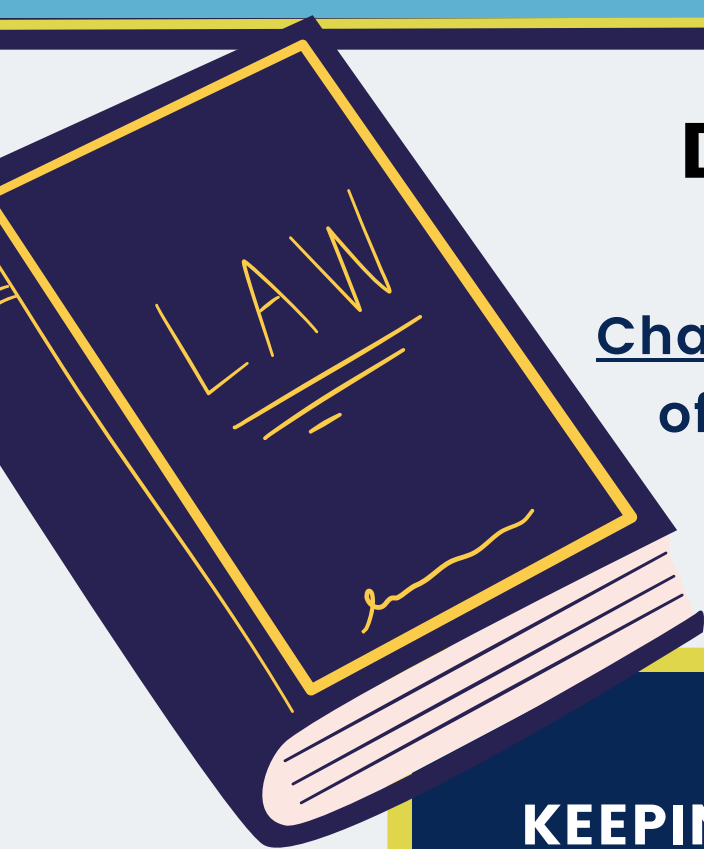
RESOURCES FOR DEPENDENCY JUDICIAL OFFICERS

2023 Annual Dependency Judicial Academy

May 15th - 17th

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DEPENDENCY LAW IN WASHINGTON

Chapter 13.34 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) is the law that governs dependency actions.

Effective
July 2023

HB 1227: KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER ACT

HB 1227 makes fundamental changes to how courts make decisions around child removal and placement, including consideration of the short-term and long-term harms that a child is likely to experience as a result of being forcibly removed from the home.

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Training & Support

Family & Youth Justice Programs (FYJP) is here to help connect judicial officers to needed support and assistance.

For a complete list of the training, technical assistance, and support available through FYJP click below.

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