

CONFERENCE OF CHIEF JUSTICES CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS

Resolution 17

In Support of Measuring and Improving Court Performance and Judicial Workload in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases

WHEREAS, *Building a Better Court: Measuring and Improving Court Performance and Judicial Workload in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases* was published after a four-year collaborative effort by the National Center for State Courts, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law; and

WHEREAS, the publication is intended as a guide to assist courts handling child abuse and neglect cases make real and sustained advances in improving outcomes for abused and neglected children; and

WHEREAS, using the process outlined in the publication, courts should be able to establish reliable baseline measures of performance and workload and to establish a process to make continuous improvements; and

WHEREAS, courts should make every effort to measure performance, identify areas in need of improvement, chart progress and provide the stimulus to improve society's response to child maltreatment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators endorse the *Building a Better Court: Measuring and Improving Court Performance and Judicial Workload in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases* publication and encourage the use of this valuable tool.

Adopted as proposed by the CCJ/COSCA Courts, Children and Families Committee at the Annual Meeting on July 29, 2004.