

# CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS

## Resolution 3

### **In Support of the *JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GUIDELINES: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases***

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges has developed the *JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GUIDELINES: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases* (Guidelines), in consultation with representatives from the Conference of Chief Justices, the Conference of State Courts Administrators, the National Center for State Courts, and others; and

WHEREAS, judges with jurisdiction over juvenile delinquency cases are charged with the responsibility of balancing the needs of juvenile offenders and community safety; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Guidelines is to set forth the essential elements of effective practice for the court processes that are involved in the handling of juvenile delinquency cases, including identifying recommended practices throughout the juvenile delinquency court system; and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines will assist courts with jurisdiction over juvenile delinquency cases to assess current practice, identify areas in need of improvement, and work toward positive change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of State Courts Administrators hereby encourages the consideration of the recommended practices and use of the Guidelines.

Adopted as proposed by the Courts, Children, and Families Committee at the COSCA 2005 Midyear Meeting, San Diego, California, December 9, 2005.