

# Project One for Crossover Youth

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DEPENDENCY + DELINQUENCY = PROJECT ONE

Agenda Item IV-1 (CHILD WELFARE)  
Meeting Date: 06-24-16

# An example of a Project One Story

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- Minor arrives at school with bruising. The school notices a potentially non-accidental pattern and makes a report to social services.
- A social worker responds to school, meets with the minor who admits that she's not safe at home. WCDSS has a warrant hearing in front of a judge, and the judge agrees that minor cannot remain at home.
- The Minor, who is a teenager, gets placed at Kids Kottage because there are no emergency foster homes available. At the Protective Custody hearing a finding is made that she should be placed outside her parents home.
- The minor runs away, meets a boy and gets arrested by the police in a hotel room that has both drug paraphernalia and gang members present.
- The Minor is detained at Jan Evans, where she sees the same judge who handled her foster care case for her first delinquency hearing; she is now a dually adjudicated youth.
- Administratively, the minor's cases are now collectively considered a P1 case.

# The dilemma

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1. High risk, high needs child
2. Now involved in two different court systems with at least two different court officers, multiple social workers, probation officers and collateral professionals who don't trade information, resources or coordinate services
3. As a child who has suffered maltreatment, she is at significantly increased risk of future delinquency and adult criminality.
4. At least one study done in Los Angeles county, (Hilton Foundation, 2011), found that two thirds of youth who "cross-over" penetrate further into the criminal system as adults
5. As few as 25 to 30 % of children who age out of foster care graduate from high school
3. U.S. Code provides that the cost to society of losing this child to a life of drug abuse and school drop-out is 1.7 to 2.4 million dollars per child

# What is Project ONE?

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## ONE:

- One family, one judge
- No wrong door
- Equal access to justice
- In short, an integrated, holistic way of looking at the judicial needs of families and children, and the development of a system to answer those needs with integrated judicial resources

# Project ONE

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## Mission Statement

- The mission of the Second Judicial District Court Project ONE collaborative is to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families through streamlining court processes, sharing information between parties, informing practice with data, and coordinating care to provide holistic and innovative service options, and thereby, changing the trajectory of family's lives in order to have a positive impact on our community.

# Project ONE in Washoe County

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## Brief History of Project ONE in Washoe County

Designation as a P1 site – July 2012

First P1 stakeholder meeting – February 1, 2013

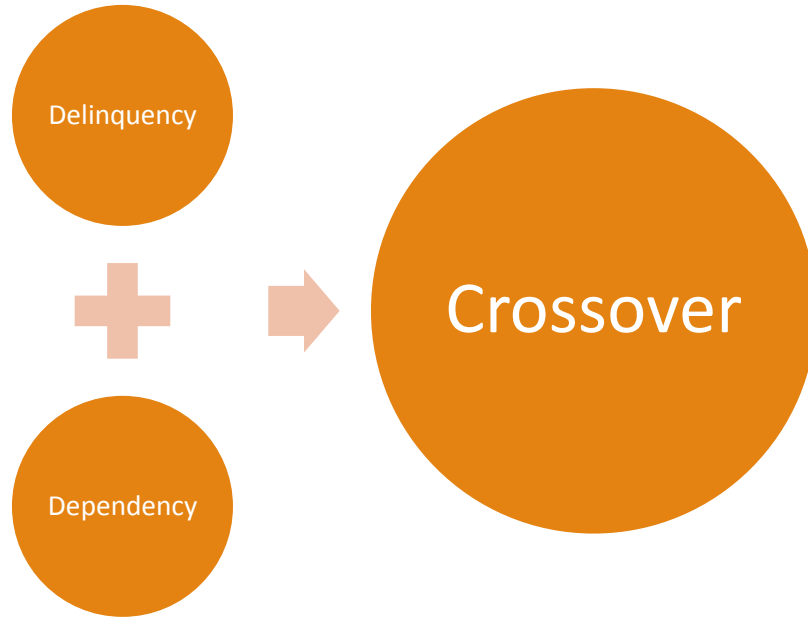
Project One Case Compliance Manager – Hired August 2015

New Administrative Order for expanded model – December 2015

# Project ONE

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Initial Project ONE:



Project ONE Washoe County consists of:

- Dependency families (currently 954 kids)

- Delinquency families (approx. 400 kids on probation, and 200 receiving services less than probation)

- Dually involved youth (approx. 100 kids, including 40 currently dually adjudicated kids)



Project One currently includes:

Mission statement

Active sub-committees

- Executive committee – meets quarterly

- Policy/Procedure – meets every 6 weeks

- Data – 6 meetings have occurred to develop 20 data measures that are currently being collected through the Court, Social Services and Juvenile Services

- Expansion – Meets every few months

Written policies and procedures

Active case management (Sabrina Sweet)

Trauma training and beginnings of trauma informed practices

# Benefits

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- Progressive, forward thinking, case management
- Proactive, not reactive
- Better Communication among professionals
- Lowers the burdens on the people we serve
- Right thing for families
- Right thing to do

# Where are we going?

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In August the Public Guardian's office became aware that a vulnerable adult was living in horrible circumstances. Further investigation by RPD revealed an elderly woman living in a mobile home with her 19 y/o granddaughter acting as her caretaker; the woman's husband died last year; probate is open in D8. The elderly woman is confused, unkempt, suffering from malnutrition, claiming she was battered by her granddaughter, and her bank accounts have been emptied. Grandmother needs a guardian, that case is set in D12.

The DA alleges that the 19 y/o has abused and neglected her grandmother, to include domestic battery and theft. She is charged with multiple felonies which are set for trial in D1. The 19y/o has four minor siblings, they are the subject of an open CPS case because the parents were abusing and neglecting all four children, that case is set in (D2). All minor children have delinquency cases open through Jan Evans, which are set in (JM1). There are pending charges of domestic violence between Mother and Father which are set for trial in RJC. Mother and Father are divorcing, set in (D5), and Father's parents have sought to intervene in that litigation to assert their own visitation rights (D5). Father is in drug court, set in (D7). Mother has a TPO against Father, (D11), and has opened a UIFSA case for child support, (UM).

- a. A probate action regarding grandfather's estate;
- b. Criminal allegations against the 19 y/o granddaughter for elder exploitation;
- c. A guardianship proceeding for grandmother;
- d. Criminal allegations in adult court against Mother and Father for child abuse and neglect, and against Father individually for domestic battery and drug possession;
- e. A divorce and custody case between Mother and Father;
- f. A dependency case over the minor children;
- g. A cause of action by grandparents for visitation;
- h. A temporary protective order proceeding between Mother and Father and between grandmother and granddaughter;
- i. A child support action against Father brought by Mother, and a child support case for costs of care.
- j. Juvenile delinquency cases involving the minor children.

Coordinated case management across systems = What are we doing?

# Project ONE Review

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Additional model as of 12/15:

