



Spotlight on Incarcerated Parents

In 2023, Colorado passed [Incarcerated Parents Bill \(SB23-039\)](#), which goes into effect early in 2024. We'd encourage you to take a look at this Colorado Sun article [A new Colorado law offers protection for rights of parents in prison \(coloradosun.com\)](#), on this legislation and to think about how your BPCT will prepare for this requirement along with what might shift for your practice from a philosophical standpoint. On December 14th, CDHS hosted a townhall to explain the changes in the law and to spotlight the efforts Larimer County has made to implement the law. You can see a recording of that townhall once it is posted, along with other townhalls, [here](#).

BPCT Community of Practice

The purpose of the BPCT Community of Practice is to provide a dedicated space for your teams to come together to learn from one another's wisdom and experience, and to dig a little deeper into the science of Change Management.

Future Dates

- February 13th 12-1: Leading conversations about data
- April 17th 12-1: Topic TBD by group

Link for CoP

2024 CQI Workshop

The 2024 CQI Workshop will be held in Vail on May 1st - 3rd. Here, Best Practice Court Teams (BPCT) a will focus their time on developing data-supported goals aimed at improving local child welfare practices under the CIP Strategic Plan umbrella.

There will be two tracks: one for teams who attended in 2023 and one for teams who are new to this workshop.

Your team lead should fill out the form [HERE](#) if your team is interested in attending.

2024 Virtual Convening

The 2024 Virtual Convening will be on **April 4th and 5th, 2024**.

This year's theme is ***"Where Ideas and Innovation Intersect: Leading Court Improvement."***

A final agenda will be released in early 2024 along with registration information. This Convening remains a free virtual event.

We invite you and your teams to attend, to invite others to attend, and to use these sessions to think critically about what does and doesn't work in D&N cases in your community and about how your team can be a leader in court improvement.

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We've reserved the afternoon of the 5th for BPCTs to come together for a community building event. We encourage the sharing of food and ideas and may be able to financially sponsor this effort. Please coordinate locally and have a representative from your team submit a request via this link: [Link to make a request](#)

New ICWA Rules

On December 14, 2023, the Colorado Supreme Court unanimously approved a set of ICWA rules developed by a multidisciplinary team to be effective on January 1, 2024. These rules will be located as Chapter 28.3, right after the Juvenile Rules of Procedure. The official announcement and rules can be found [here](#).



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