

# Agenda

# Training

Date of Training: October 28, 2015  
Place: Davidson County Juvenile Court  
Courtroom D

Training called by: JJ Group  
Presenters:  
Lindsey Moreland, Asst, District  
Attorney  
Neil Bortz, DCS Court Liaison;  
Mickie F. Smith, DCS Attorney  
Facilitator:  
Stacy Miller, Asst. Dist. Attorney

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Time: 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
October 28, 2015

Attendees: Attorneys who  
represent juveniles, court staff,  
and judge's staff

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Tennessee Administrative Office of the Courts, Court Improvement Program

## DCS 101 – What every lawyer needs to know

### Part I:

#### Framing our discussion:

- a. What role does DCS play in the Child Welfare System?
- b. What is an “N&D Child”?
- c. What is the best way to explain all of this to the child or youth that you represent?

### Part II:

#### What about the youth who are “abandoned in detention”?

- a. What does that mean?
- b. What is the role of DCS in these cases and what happens after the initial detention hearing?
- c. Which is better: Abandoned in detention or having a CFTM to investigate the options for a child or youth?
- d. What is the best way to explain all of this to the child or youth that you represent?

### Part III:

#### What about youth who enter custody as a delinquent youth?

- a. What is the role of DCS? Who gets to choose the placement for the youth?
- b. What are the next steps in court and out of court for the youth?
- c. Is the commitment Determinate or Indeterminate and what does that mean?
- d. What is the best way to explain all of this to the child or youth that you represent?

#### Miscellaneous Issues:

### Part IV:

Child support, how to handle the CFTM, how to get the court to review the placement, what about the extended foster care benefits for older youth.

