

Parent and Caregiver Panel

Hon. Wendy J.N. Klicko - Moderator
Sauk County Circuit Court
Baraboo

LEARNING OBJECTIVE:

TO LEARN FROM THOSE
WHO ARE IN THE TRENCHES
24/7

PANEL MEMBERS:

- Samantha Copus – Parent
- Sequoia Emerson – Parent
- Mark Owen – Relative Caregiver
- Shannon Reagan-Shaw – Foster Parent

Their backgrounds, including as much of their “story,” if anything, that they feel comfortable sharing

QUESTION 1

Please describe a positive experience that you had in court or with the court system.

What made the situation or experience memorable?

QUESTION 2

Please describe a less than positive experience that you had in court or with the court system (without naming names).

What made the situation or experience memorable?

Right to Participate

- Relative caregivers and foster parents have a right to receive notice of all hearings in CHIPS, JIPS, delinquency and TPR cases
- Right to be heard at hearings by being permitted to make a written or oral statement during the hearing or to submit a written statement prior to the hearing
- See §§ 48.27(3)(a), 48.42(2g)(am) & 938.27(3)(a)

QUESTION 3

Were you given an opportunity to speak in court and/or ask questions in court?

How did that go?

QUESTION 4

Based on your case or courtroom experiences what are things that judicial officers or attorneys (including Guardians ad Litem) can do to support parents and caregivers?

QUESTION 5

Can you please tell us about the support that the Parents Supporting Parents program provides to families?

Is there a way for counties without that program to incorporate certain components or practices?

QUESTION 6

Do you have experience with family interaction/family visitation?

What was it like? What worked well and what did not work well?

QUESTION 7

Any thoughts on the permanency planning process?

QUESTION 8

Any thoughts on the termination of parental rights process?

QUESTION 9

Do you have any experiences with caseworker engagement that you would like to share?

General Questions

Are there any questions from judges or court commissioners?

Closing Thoughts

As panel members, do you have any closing thoughts?

THANK YOU

Thank you to our panel members for their attendance and participation!

