## Workgroup to Study Child Custody Subgroups

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### Topics

**Specialized Court**
- Structure
- How to incentivize judges?
- New or existing judges
- How are the right judges appointed and identified?
- Specialized training
- Number of family court judges per jurisdiction

**Litigation Costs**
- Gideon Rule

**Enhanced data gathering**

**Statutory considerations (FL §9-101, etc.)**

**Protocols/accountability for reporting abuse disclosed during the court process**

**Mandatory Training for Judges**
- *i.e.* “Pamela Pine – stop the silence”
- Bench Book: What does it say? Update?

**Child Custody Evaluators**
- How to fund evaluators through the State?

**Checklist for Judges on System Accountability**

**Best Interest Attorneys (BIAs)**
- Eliminate them?
- If not, how to appoint BIAs (structured and standardized process)?
- Eligibility criteria to be BIA
- How to fund BIAs through the State?

**Nagle v. Hooks attorneys (with focus on attorney/child perspective)**

**Child Advocate Attorneys**

**Panel of experts for courts/judges to consult**
- Support team for judges/courts
- How to identify qualified people/necessary qualifications?

**Evaluators/Evaluations (MD Rule 9-205.3)**
- How do we identify qualified evaluators?
- Record interactions/evaluations
- What information should be required in custody evaluations?

**Protocol for child safety during investigation of allegations of abuse**
- What is the process? Strategy for safety and information gathering
- Time limits
- Trauma-informed practice; expert child therapists

**Therapists**
- Training/certification/standardized
- How do we identify other Dr. Shaw’s in Maryland?
- What qualifications should be required?

**Nagle v. Hooks attorneys (how do waivers impact therapeutic relationship)?**

**Trauma-informed Care**

**Social Services**