

Workgroup to Study Child Custody Subgroups

<u>Subgroup A</u>	<u>Subgroup B</u>	<u>Subgroup C</u>
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<u>Topics</u>	<u>Topics</u>	<u>Topics</u>
<p>Specialized Court</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Litigation Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gideon Rule <p>Enhanced data gathering</p> <p>Statutory considerations (FL §9-101, etc.)</p> <p>Protocols/accountability for reporting abuse disclosed during the court process</p>	<p>Mandatory Training for Judges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i.e.</i> “Pamela Pine – stop the silence” Bench Book: What does it say? Update? <p>Child Custody Evaluators</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How to fund evaluators through the State? <p>Checklist for Judges on System Accountability</p> <p>Best Interest Attorneys (BIAs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate them? If not, how to appoint BIAs (structured and standardized process)? Eligibility criteria to be BIA How to fund BIAs through the State? <p>Nagle v. Hooks attorneys (with focus on attorney/child perspective)</p> <p>Child Advocate Attorneys</p> <p>Panel of experts for courts/judges to consult</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support team for judges/courts How to identify qualified people/necessary qualifications? 	<p>Evaluators/Evaluations (MD Rule 9-205.3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we identify qualified evaluators? Record interactions/evaluations What information should be required in custody evaluations? <p>Protocol for child safety during investigation of allegations of abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the process? Strategy for safety and information gathering Time limits Trauma-informed practice; expert child therapists <p>Therapists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training/certification/standardized How do we identify other Dr. Shaw’s in Maryland? What qualifications should be required? <p>Nagle v. Hooks attorneys (how do waivers impact therapeutic relationship)?</p> <p>Trauma-informed Care</p> <p>Social Services</p>