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**Resolution No. 5**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE BEST PRACTICES AND  
PRINCIPLES OF THE *JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GUIDELINES:  
IMPROVING COURT PRACTICE  
IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES***

**WHEREAS**, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges works to assist courts in improving handling of juvenile delinquency cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, with the support of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, convened a meeting of representatives from national organizations concerned with identifying best practices and principles as related to juvenile delinquency cases; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee was comprised of professionals such as judges, a Chief Justice, defense attorneys and prosecutors, law enforcement professionals; detention and service providers; and various juvenile justice practitioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the NCJFCJ has developed a best practices document for judges and professionals working with juvenile delinquency cases to assist them in handling of delinquency cases and improving outcomes for children and families as they come before the court; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges recognizes the importance of this document and its impact on juvenile delinquency court systems.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges does support and approve the *JUVENILE DELINQUENCY GUIDELINES: Improving Court Practice in Juvenile Delinquency Cases*, and supports its dissemination and implementation of these best practices and principles nationwide.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005  
By the Membership Assembled in Conference  
In Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania