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**Resolution No. 6**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING JUDICIAL LEADERSHIP  
IN THE JUVENILE AND FAMILY COURTS**

**WHEREAS**, the success of our nation's juvenile and family courts is directly related to the leadership provided by the juvenile and family court judges serving in them; and

**WHEREAS**, in consultation with the presiding judge of the court system and to the extent that it does not interfere with the adjudication process, these judges are encouraged to:

1. Provide leadership within the community in determining the needs and obtaining and developing resources and services for at-risk children and their families. At-risk children include delinquents, dependents and status offenders.
2. Investigate and determine the availability of specific prevention, intervention, and treatment services in the community for at-risk children and their families.
3. Exercise their authority by statute or rule to review, order, and enforce the delivery of specific services and treatment of children at risk and their families.
4. Exercise a leadership role in convening, developing, and maintaining programs of interagency cooperation and coordination among the court and the various public agencies that serve at-risk children and their families.
5. Take a leadership role in the formation of a community-wide network to promote  
and unify private and public sector efforts to focus attention and resources for at-risk children and their families.

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6. Maintain close liaison with school authorities and encourage coordination of policies and programs.
7. Educate the community and its institutions through every available means including the media concerning the role of the juvenile court in meeting the complex needs of at-risk children and their families.
8. Encourage the development of community services and resources to assist homeless, truant, runaway, and incorrigible children.
9. Convene volunteers from the community to work with and mentor and support at-risk children.
10. Be familiar with all detention facilities, placements and institutions used by the court.
11. Act in all instances consistent with the public safety and welfare.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges does support and approve this Resolution regarding judicial leadership in the Juvenile and Family Courts.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006  
By the Membership Assembled in Conference  
In Milwaukee, Wisconsin