

**CONFERENCE OF STATE COURT ADMINISTRATORS**

**Resolution 4**

**In Support of the Adoption and Permanency Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases**

WHEREAS, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges has developed and published Adoption and Permanency Guidelines: Improving Court Practice in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases; and

WHEREAS, juvenile and family court judges, as gatekeepers of our nation's foster care system, will benefit from a clear description of the essential elements of good practice for the court processes that lead to a permanent home for children who cannot be reunified with their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference of Chief Justices and the Conference of State Court Administrators hereby encourage the use of the Adoption and Permanency Guidelines.

*Adopted as proposed by the joint CCJ/COSCA Courts, Children and the Family Committee in Seattle, Washington at the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting on August 2, 2001.*