

BOONE COUNTY JUDICIAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

Meeting Summary

4:30PM, January 29, 2020

Boone County Government Center

Attendees: James Bayless, Penny Kuhns-Knarr, Steve Smith, Jean Sax, Sterling Williams, Peggy Placier, Kelli Canada, Lisa Thomas, Mary Epping, Lara Wakefield, Jessica Caldera, Kim Shaw, Don Waterman, Janet Thompson, Rusty Antel.

The speaker was Ruth McCluskey, Chief Juvenile Officer for the 13th Judicial Circuit. A copy of her presentation is linked to this meeting summary. The highlights of the key points of the presentation were:

1. The juvenile court has limited jurisdiction to hear juvenile matters as authorized by statute, but that jurisdiction is exclusive to the juvenile court.
2. Currently the juvenile court has jurisdiction to hear abuse and neglect cases for children up to 18 years of age. For criminal cases, the juvenile court has jurisdiction for children up to 17 years of age. For non-felony traffic offenses, the juvenile court has jurisdiction for children up to 15 years of age.
3. On January 1, 2021, the law will give the juvenile court jurisdiction over criminal cases for children up to 18 years of age. It is anticipated this will add approximately 250 additional cases to the juvenile office's caseload for 2021.
4. The most significant referral sources in 2018 for juvenile cases were law enforcement (43% of referrals) and schools and school resource officers (32% of referrals). Referrals from law enforcement must be accompanied by an investigative report.

The link to Ruth's presentation contains additional detailed information.

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