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**To:** Dependency Parties

**From:** Judge Stam

**cc:** Brittney Roske, Gordon Thomasson, Carol Vance

**Date:** 05/21/26

**Re:** Franklin County Juvenile Court transition

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As many of you heard, the Benton-Franklin juvenile department is being separated, and Franklin County will now have a Franklin County Juvenile court. Because of the separation we will be moving all Franklin County juvenile hearings to the Franklin County Courthouse. The address is: 1016 N 4<sup>th</sup>, Pasco, WA 99301.

Brittney Roske is the new Juvenile Court Administrator, and she is in the process of bringing on staff to assist her in running this juvenile court. We don't have the names or e-mails of the new staff yet and will be providing to parties as soon as they are known.

In the meantime, I wanted to share some answers to some of the questions that have been asked.

- LPU will be sending out notices of hearing changing the date if needed and location for all future Franklin County hearings.
- There is going to be a GAL in Franklin County that will continue with Franklin County cases and volunteers that will remain on cases. Once the GAL is confirmed that information will be shared with parties.
- All Franklin County Dependency hearings (CSO, Pre-Trial, and remaining Dependency hearings) will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 8:30. This will prevent conflict with Benton County dockets.
- The Franklin County Settlement Status hearings will be on Monday's @ 10:30 and the Franklin County Case Conference can be Monday @ 10:00 am.
- The Franklin County Contested Fact Finding, Contested Terminations, and Contested Guardianship hearings will remain starting on Wednesday @ 1:30 and go through Friday if needed.
- Juvenile exparte orders can be taken to the new juvenile public window that is located on the first floor of the Franklin County courthouse on June 1st. Signage is being installed soon.

- Question regarding Webex access. There is Webex in the courtroom. You will need to review the Franklin County website the day before the hearing to locate which courtroom the docket will be in. There is not a dedicated juvenile courtroom at this time. The daily schedule is posted in the afternoon the day before the court hearings for you to verify which courtroom the juvenile docket will be in. Here is the link to the Superior Court Daily schedule along with the Webex Video links.  
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