

AGENDA
JUDICIAL LISTENING SESSION
May 3, 2019
Family Justice Center, Minneapolis

11:00 am Advocate Pre-Meeting/Advocate Discussion

11:05 am Opening/Welcome

- Adam Miller
 - Review history/thoughts on FCEP partnership
 - Please no recording of listening session, respect others around you.
- Amanda Keuseman/Siri Lokensgard
 - Reiterate- Purpose & goals of the Judicial Listening Session
 - Review schedule/time frames
 - Advocates feel safe comfortable in session

11:10 am Advocate discussion (see Judicial Listening Session Questions)

11:50 am Moderators Meet and Discuss Themes

12:00 pm Judicial Officers Arrive

12:05 pm Opening/Welcome

- Introduce Judicial Officers
- Ref. Madden – Welcome from the Court (2-3 mins)
 - Brief overview of Judicial Listening Session
 - Trends that judicial officers have been seeing
 - Intention of Listening Session, history, and relationship to FCEP and JFF

12:15 pm Listening session begins

- Review major themes discussed in large group discussion
- Present concerns, critiques, and recommendations
- Final comments from any participant

1:20 pm Complete Evaluation & Thank you

(Script for co-facilitators)

- **Welcome, I'm (Name) and I am a volunteer facilitator for this large group. My job today is to make sure we hear from each person here – I'll be asking questions and listening to your thoughts and ideas. It's also my job to keep us focused during the time we have together.**
- **Finally, I want to remind everyone that we want to have a meaningful, respectful conversation, so I encourage us all to support these expectations and to help others do the same.**
- **Let's get started with the questions on your handout. We have about 1 hour and 15 minute for our discussion and I really want to make sure we hear from everyone.**
- **Already having discussed the questions a moment ago, we'll go around the tables hearing your thoughts and feedback on these questions to the Judicial Officers.**

When have you felt most respected by the people involved in the courts? When have you felt least respected?

What opportunities or recommendations do you have for promoting victim safety and batterer accountability?

What concerns or barriers exist to accessing family court? What are some ideas as to ways in which court access can be improved?

What ideas do you have that would help make family court more culturally responsive?

Do you have any concerns regarding the safety of victims or advocates during court proceedings?

Are you noticing any common trends that concern you regarding Judicial Officers?

Do you have any concerns regarding the monitoring room/waiting areas? Suggestions for improvement?

What things are working well that help to make victim/survivors feel heard and comfortable? What isn't working?

What do you think the staff or judge could have done differently in these situations?

Have you had any issues with your requests for relief not being addressed, not necessarily whether or not the relief was granted?

Are there any other concerns or thoughts that you came here to share with us today related to the courts? How do you think your concerns might be addressed?