Conference of District Attorneys:

Juvenile Court Resource Prosecutor

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Funding Goals for Resource Prosecutor

- One full-time, permanent position
- Cost of $125,589 Recurring, and $3,752 Non-Recurring
Job Description

- Training statewide on Juvenile Court laws and procedures for ADAs
- Training VWLA’s on Victim Assistance
- Answering technical support questions from around the state
- Developing written and online resources
- Coordinating with the School of Government and IDS on prosecutor training
- Liaison with JJAC, AOC, NCDPS
Why Do Juvenile Court Prosecutors Need So Much Training?

- Prosecutor’s dual statutory responsibility to protect the safety of the community and to also meet the needs and best interests of the juvenile 7B-2501(c)
  - Child Development
  - DSS Involvement
  - Special Education Laws
  - Awareness of NCDPS programming
- Juvenile on Child Sexual Assault 35.6% (OJJDP 2009)
Why Is this Position So Crucial Right Now?

- Assistant District Attorney turnover (almost 50% of prosecutors have less than 5 years of experience);
- Technical support will be in high demand;
- Training on the permissible use of JWISE information;
- Lack of uniformity in procedures and outcomes across NC juvenile courts needs to be addressed through training;
- AOC and NCDPS need a point person to help disseminate important information to prosecutors about new programs, new forms, new software, etc.; and
- A point person is needed to gather prosecutor concerns over how the new law is being interpreted in courtrooms.