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## **SAFEGUARDS TO CONSIDER WHEN AN ADVERSE IS FILED Procedural Guide 0300-507.05, Adverse Court Orders**

**REMINDER:** When an Adverse Court Order is identified, policy states that the Case-Carrying CSW is to do the following:

1. Upon being notified of the adverse order, notify and brief your SCSW and ARA, as soon as possible, but no later than the next business day on the facts of the case.
2. If a stay was not issued, the court's order must be complied with until further notice.

In addition, the Case-Carrying CSW should consider immediately putting the following safeguards in place when an adverse is filed, especially if the order is regarding children five (5) and under:

- Immediately consult with the ARA to discuss safety interventions to quickly put into place to address the department's stated concerns.
- Consult with the out-stationed County Counsel and/or the assigned DCFS trial attorney to discuss legal procedures and options.
- Consider partnering with the parent(s) and at least one social support/connection (such as a relative, friend, therapist, parent partner and/or cultural broker) who can support the child's safety when the Court orders a child returned home over the Departments recommendations and an adverse is filed; make sure the supports know about the safety reasons for DCFS involvement.
- Consider immediate referrals to Family Preservation Services and Public Health Nurse for additional support, consultation and supervision.
- Consult and collaborate with co-located DMH staff when parents with mental health issues are caring for a child under five (5).

If you have any questions regarding this release, please e-mail your question to:

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