

### **FCW Delinquency Script**

Hello, I'm Judge Elizabeth Stephenson.

If you are the parent or guardian of a child in a delinquency case, please consider these three thoughts.

First, we want to treat all children, parents, and guardians fairly. If your child denies a charge, acquaint yourself with the legal protections we have in place, including the right to counsel.

Second, if a child has committed a delinquent act, our goal is to help not punish this child. We are as interested in what you, your child, the courts, and the community's resources can do to help your child as we are in your child's delinquent act.

Third, we want you to be as positive a force as possible in your child's life, including in these proceedings. We welcome your ideas about what is best for your child. And we hope you will be open to suggestions from the courts, caseworkers, and others as all of us team up to help your child.

Thank you.