

RULE 1. SCOPE AND PURPOSE**Rule 1.01. Scope**

These rules govern the procedure for juvenile protection matters in the juvenile courts in Minnesota. Juvenile protection matters include all matters defined in Rule 2.01(19).

Rule 1.02. Purpose

These rules establish uniform practice and procedure for matters brought to court under the juvenile protection provisions or the child in voluntary foster care for treatment provisions of the Juvenile Court Act. Minnesota Statutes, sections 260C.001 and 260D.01, paragraph (e) describe the purposes of those provisions of the Juvenile Court Act. These rules are additionally intended to:

- (a) secure for each child under the jurisdiction of the court a home that is safe and permanent;
- (b) provide a just, thorough, speedy, and efficient determination of each juvenile protection matter before the court and ensure due process for all persons involved in the procedures;
- (c) establish a uniform system for judicial oversight of case planning and reasonable efforts, or active efforts in the case of an Indian child, aimed at preventing or eliminating the need for removal of the child from the care of the child's parent or legal custodian;
- (d) ensure a coordinated decision-making process;
- (e) reduce unnecessary delays in court proceedings;
- (f) encourage the involvement of parents and children in the proceedings; and
- (g) ensure compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act.

2019 Advisory Committee Comment

Rule 1 is amended in 2019 as part of a revision of the Rules of Juvenile Protection Procedure. The amendments to Rule 1 are not intended to substantively change the rule's meaning.

Rule 1.02 is amended to eliminate provisions that either duplicate or resemble statutory language describing the purposes of juvenile protection matters. The revised Rule 1.02 cites the statutory provisions in which the legislature has described the purposes of the juvenile protection and child in voluntary foster care for treatment provisions of the Juvenile Court Act. The purposes that remain listed in Rule 1.02 reflect the Minnesota Judicial Branch's intent to implement the Juvenile Court Act's provisions.