

**23A.110 Additional jurisdiction of family court to be construed to promote underlying purposes.**

The additional jurisdiction of a family court division of Circuit Court shall be liberally construed and applied to promote its underlying purposes, which are as follows:

- (1) To strengthen and preserve the integrity of the family and safeguard marital and familial relationships;
- (2) To protect children and adult family members from domestic violence and abuse;
- (3) To promote the amicable settlement of disputes that have arisen between family members;
- (4) To assure an adequate remedy for children adjudged to be dependent, abused, or neglected, and for those children adjudicated as status offenders;
- (5) To mitigate the potential harm to the spouses and their children caused by the process of legal dissolution of marriage;
- (6) To make adequate provision for the care, custody, and support of minor children of divorce and for those children who have been born out of wedlock; and
- (7) To provide a level of proceedings, when necessary, that is more appropriate to a family court division of Circuit Court.

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