

# Practice Alert



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## Correct Entry of Legal Status

Accurate recording of a child's Legal Status and current placement is extremely important. Once the first court hearing & Legal Status is entered into FACES – the worker does not need to enter a Legal Status in the Court Screens unless that status is changing (for example, guardianship, adoption, or reunification).

Currently, when workers try to enter another Legal Status on a child, they receive an error box:



**Workers must select CANCEL.** Failure to do so, will change the Legal Status date and end the original Legal Status, and gives the appearance the child has left custody, and re-entered custody.