



Case Progression and Court Improvement Data 2008



District 5 Team York – Butler, Polk, Saunders, Seward, & York Counties

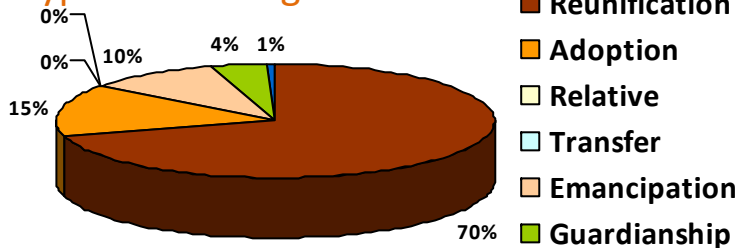
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Information provided in this document is designed to help your team improve case progression, as this is one area the courts can control. Timeliness of hearings has a significant impact on time to case closure, which means that courts can make a difference in the lives of children in the system. Data on page 1 comes from Fostering Court Improvement (fosteringcourtimprovement.org/ne) and data on pages 2-4 was collected through JUSTICE to track case progression timelines for all abuse/neglect cases that closed in 2008.

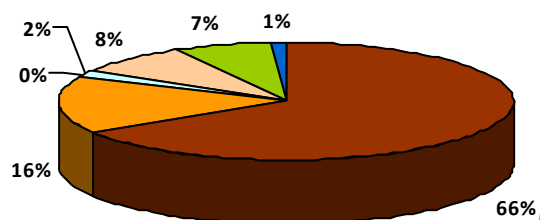
This is a decrease from 31.5 months in 2006

	District 5 Y (2008)	Nebraska (2008)	Missouri (2008)	National (2003-2006)
Median days from report to removal	13 days	20	19	Not Available
Median length of stay	11 months	13 months	13 months	12 months
Median months to reunification	7 months	7 months	7 months	7 months
Median months to adoption	27 months	34 months	24 months	32 months

Type of discharge



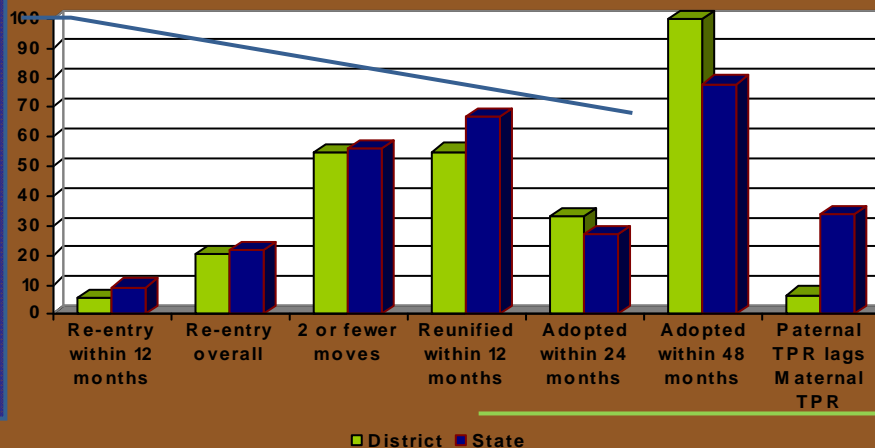
District 5 – Team York



Nebraska

Percentages for 2008 Fiscal Year

Percentages of cases with adoptions occurring within 24 and 48 months have not changed from 2006 data.



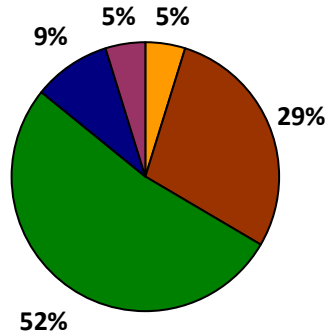
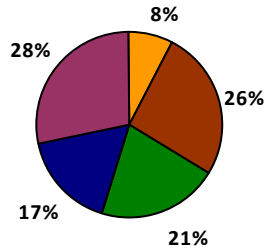
The percent of cases reunified within 12 months has decreased from 71.8% in 2006 to 55% in 2008.

District 5 Team York had 73 foster care cases that closed
Of those cases, 75.3% were abu

Timeline progression: All ages
Removal to ex-parte

Nebraska (Median = 1 day)

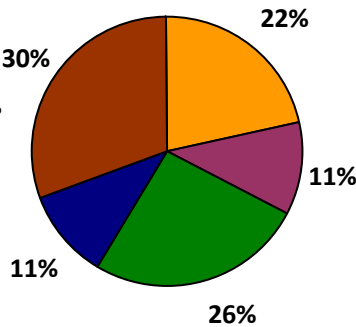
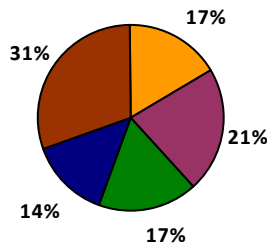
District 5 Team York (Median = 1 day)



Removal to Petition

Nebraska (Median = 1 days)

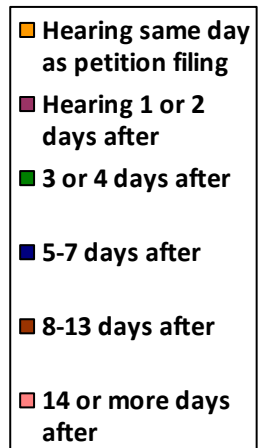
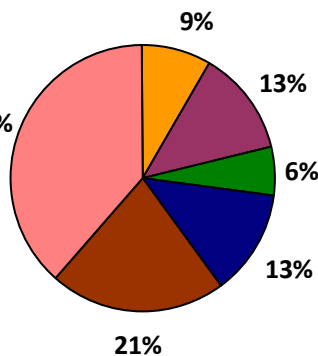
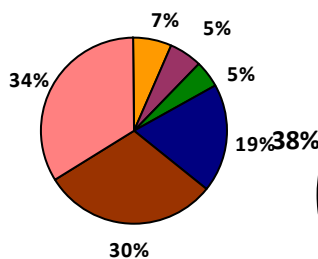
District 5 Team York (Median = 1 days)



Petition to First Hearing

Nebraska (Median = 9 days)

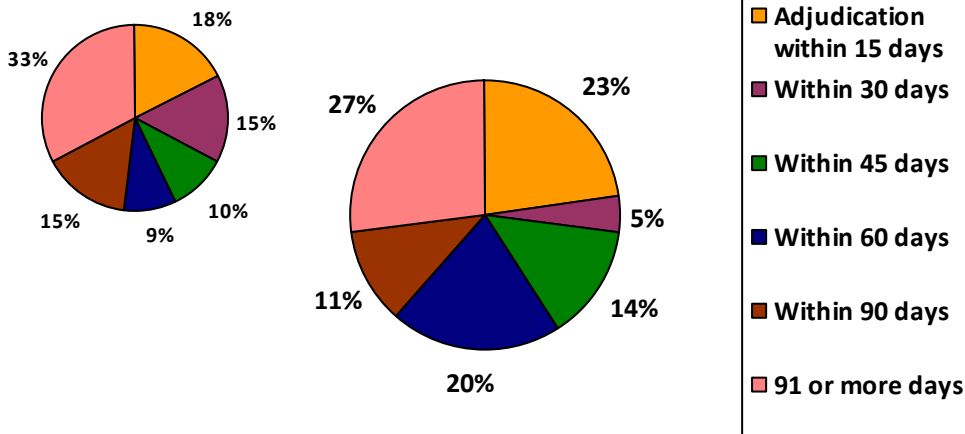
District 5 Team York (Median = 8 days)



* Note: All data presented uses initial removal date to court closure date and may not match HHS reports

Removal to Adjudication

Nebraska (Median = 57 days) District 5 Team York (Median = 56 days)



Best practice recommendations

Removal to first hearing – 3 days

73% of 2008 District 5 cases held the first hearing within 3 days of removal

Removal to adjudication – 60 days

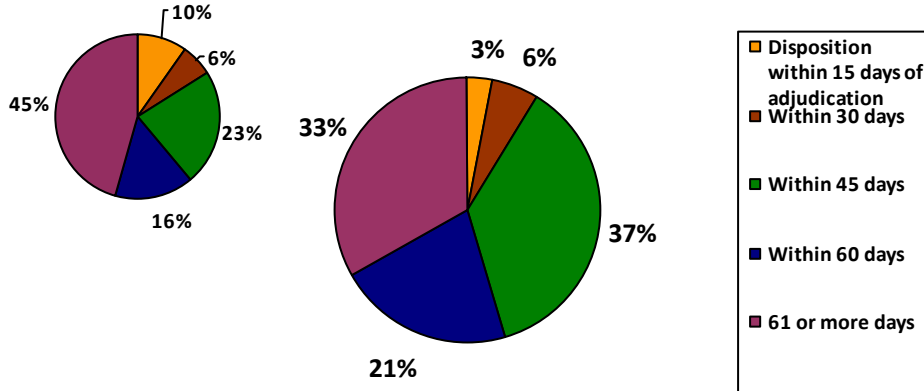
62% of 2008 District 5 cases adjudicated within 60 days.

Adjudication to disposition – 30 days

9.1% of 2008 District 5 cases held a disposition within 30 days of adjudication

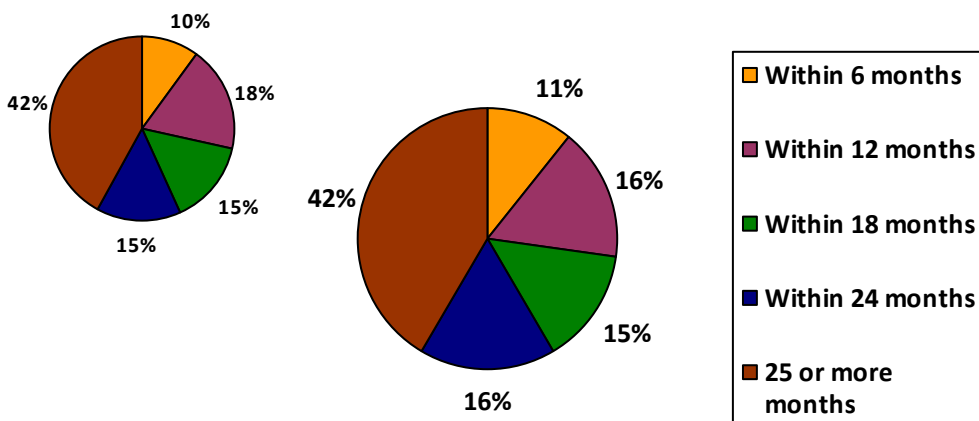
Adjudication to Disposition

Nebraska (Median = 56 days) District 5 Team York (Median = 48 days)

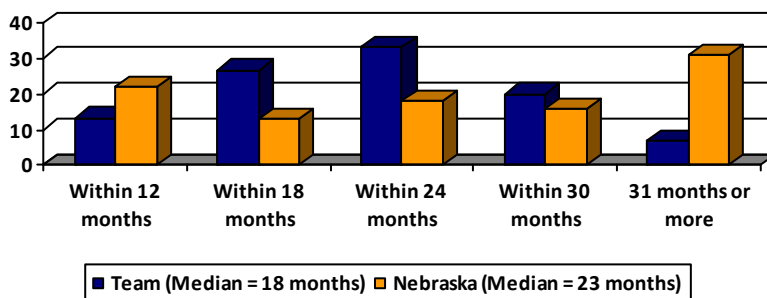


Removal to permanency

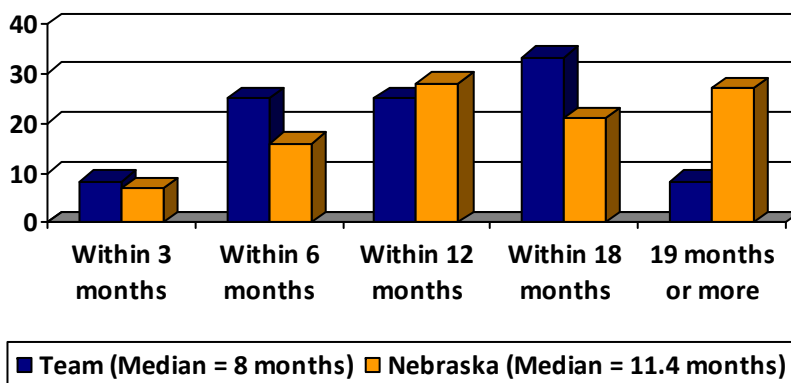
Nebraska (Median = 23 months) District 5 Team York (Median = 20 months)



Percentages for time in months from removal to TPR



Percentages for time in months from TPR to adoption



In other words, 22% of TPRs happen within 12 months statewide, compared to 10% for this team.

Overall, time to TPR and adoption is better for this team than for the state. This is also true for children ages 0-3.

Analysis of the case progression data for all Nebraska judges shows that judges who have more timely adjudications of their cases are also able to close their cases in a more timely fashion. Specifically, those judges who have a median time to adjudications in less than 30 days from removal, have a median time to case closure of 15.5 months. Those judges who have a median time to adjudication of 31-60 days, have a median time to case closure of 17.2 months. Judges with a median time to adjudication of 61-90 days have a median time to case closure of 18.4 months. Finally, judges who have a median time to adjudication of 91 or more days have a median time to case closure of 34.3 months.

Timeline	District	NE
Early Stages		
Removal to ex-parte	1 days	1 day
Removal to 3a petition	0 days	1 day
3a petition to first appearance	8 days	9 days
Removal to adjudication	58 days	62 days
Permanency Stages		
Adjudication to disposition	55 days	58 days
Removal to permanency	20 months	21 months
TPR Stages		
Removal to TPR	19 months	23 months
TPR to adoption	7 months	9 months

Case progression for Children ages 0-3