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# Case Progression and Court Improvement Data Report for 2010



## District 5 Team York: Butler, Polk, Saunders, Seward and York Counties



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 pages 1 and 2 come from Fostering Court Improvement ([fosteringcourtimprovement.org/ne](http://fosteringcourtimprovement.org/ne)) and data on pages 3-8 were collected through JUSTICE to track case progression timelines for all abuse/neglect cases that closed in 2008, 2009, and 2010.

|                                       | 2008      | Team 2009 | 2010      | 2008      | State 2009 | 2010      | National 2009 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|---------------|
| <b>Poverty rate*</b>                  | 10.5%     | 10.9%     | n/a       | 13.7%     | 15.3%      | n/a       | 20%           |
| <b>Median length of stay</b>          | 11 months | 9 months  | 15 months | 13 months | 12 months  | 14 months | 14 months     |
| <b>Median months to reunification</b> | 7 months  | 5 months  | 11 months | 7 months  | 7 months   | 11 months | n/a           |
| <b>Median months to adoption</b>      | 27 months | 26 months | 20 months | 34 months | 29 months  | 29 months | n/a           |

\* Poverty data comes from the U.S. Census Bureau. For the Fostering Court Improvement measures, 2010 refers to data from April 2010 through March 2011.