



Case Progression and Court Improvement Data Report for 2010



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

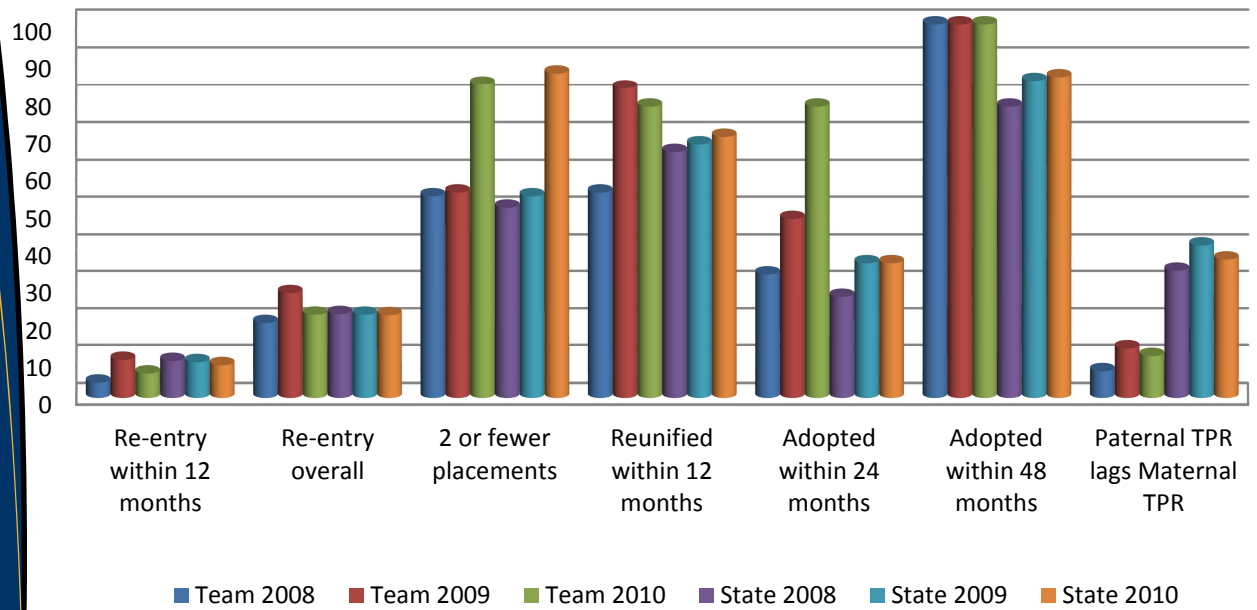


Information provided in this document is designed to help your team improve case progression, as this is one area the courts can control. Timeliness of hearings has a significant impact on time to case closure, which means that courts can make a difference in the lives of children in the system. Data on pages 1 and 2 come from Fostering Court Improvement (fosteringcourtimprovement.org/ne) 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.

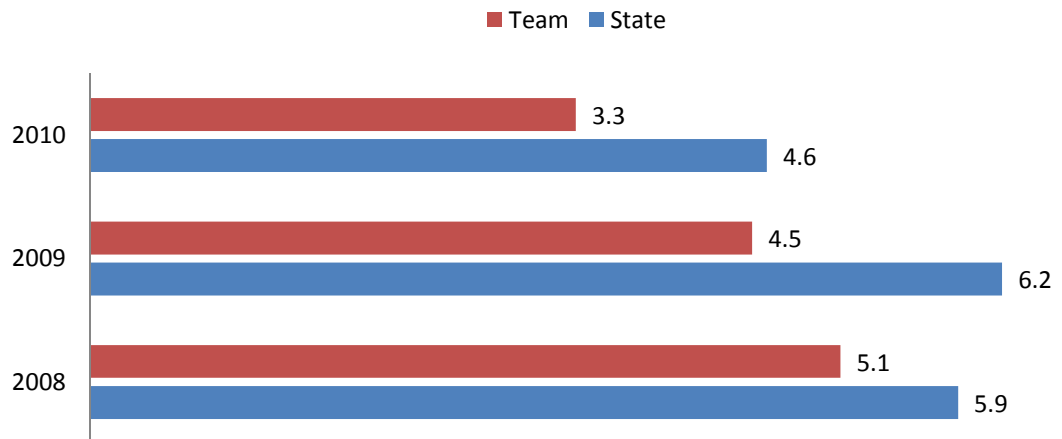
| | 2008 | Team 2009 | 2010 | 2008 | State 2009 | 2010 | National 2009 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|------------------|
| Poverty rate* | 10.5% | 10.9% | n/a | 13.7% | 15.3% | n/a | 20% |
| Median length of stay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

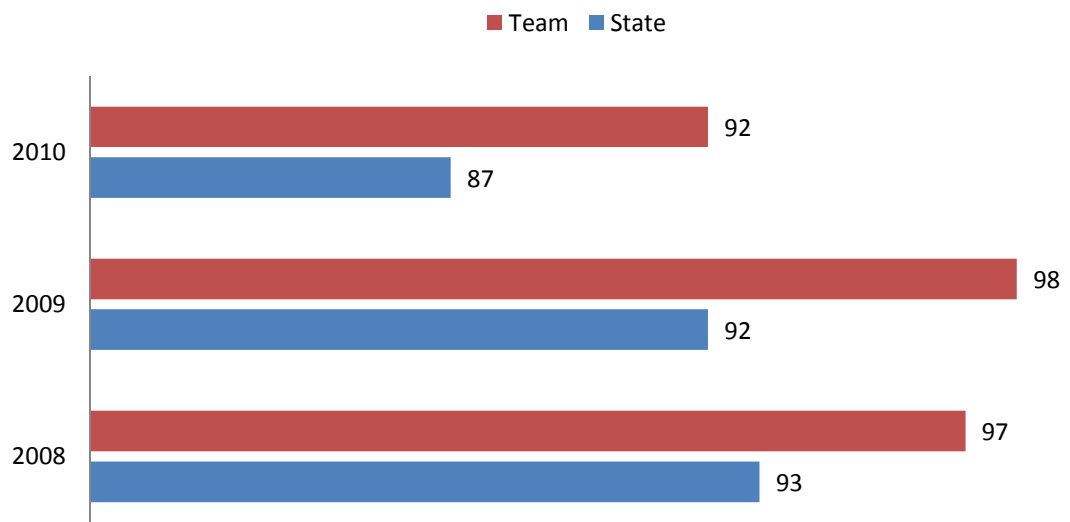
Percentages for 2008, 2009, and 2010



Rates of Removal per 10k Children



Percent of Children over 12 in Group Home



In District 5 Team York, there were 55 abuse and neglect cases that closed between January 1 and December 31, 2008. In 2009, 51 such cases closed. In 2010, 45 abuse and neglect cases closed. The analyses below are based on that data.

Medians represent the center-point for cases in your team. Half of your cases had time that was shorter than the median, and half of cases had time longer than the median. N/a means "not applicable" because the sample size was too small for analyses to be conducted.

Timeline progression: All ages

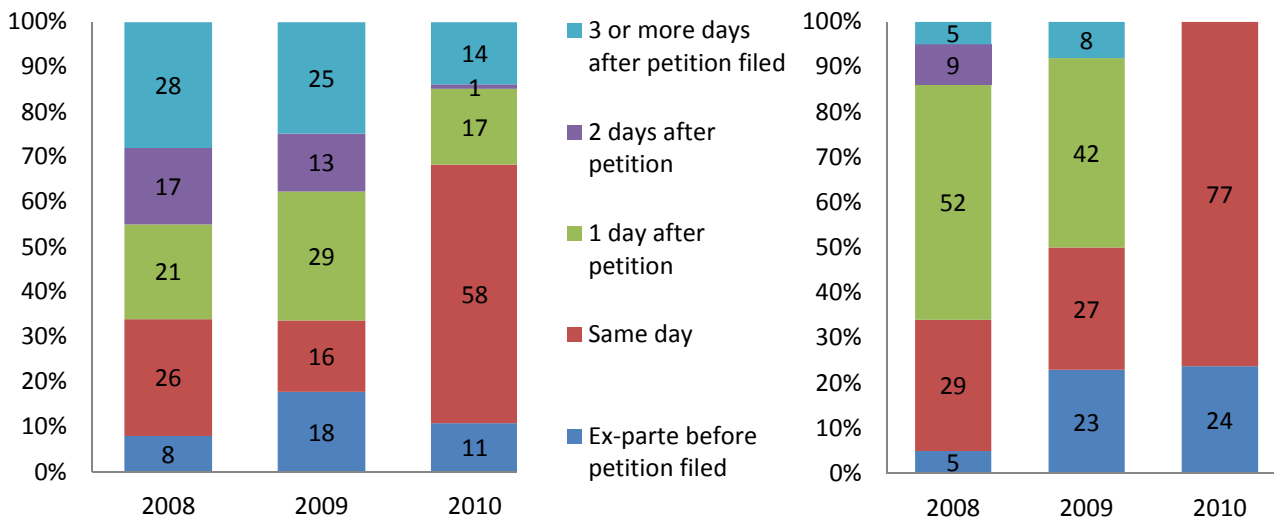
Nebraska

Petition to ex-parte

District 5 York

2008 Median = 1 day
2009 Median = 1 day
2010 Median = 0 days

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2009 Median = 1 day
2010 Median = 0 days



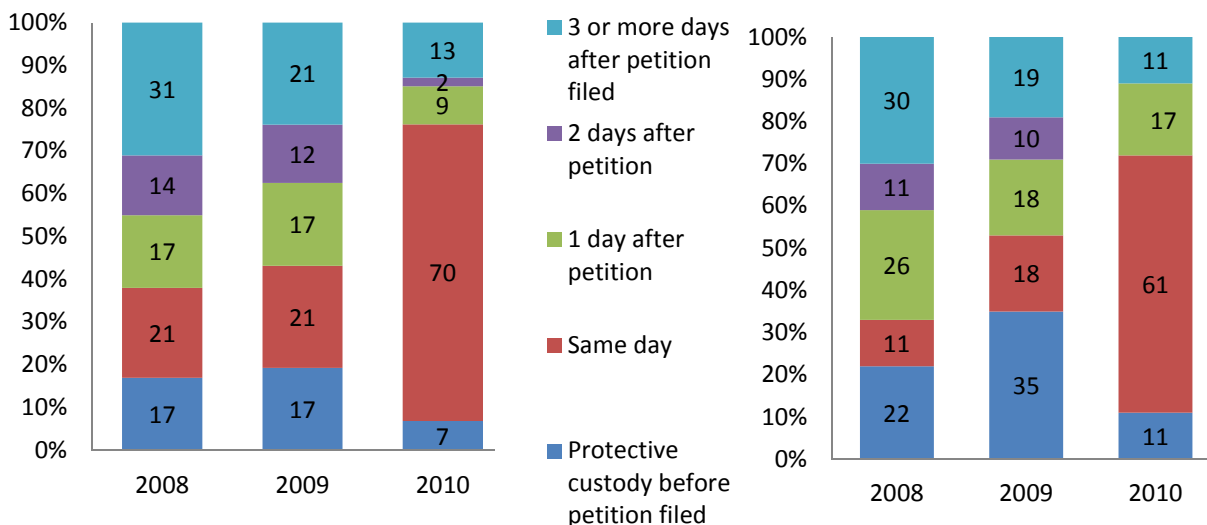
Petition Filing to Protective Custody

Nebraska

District 5 York

2008 Median = 1 day
2009 Median = 1 day
2010 Median = 0 days

2008 Median = 1 day
2009 Median = 0 days
2010 Median = 0 days



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

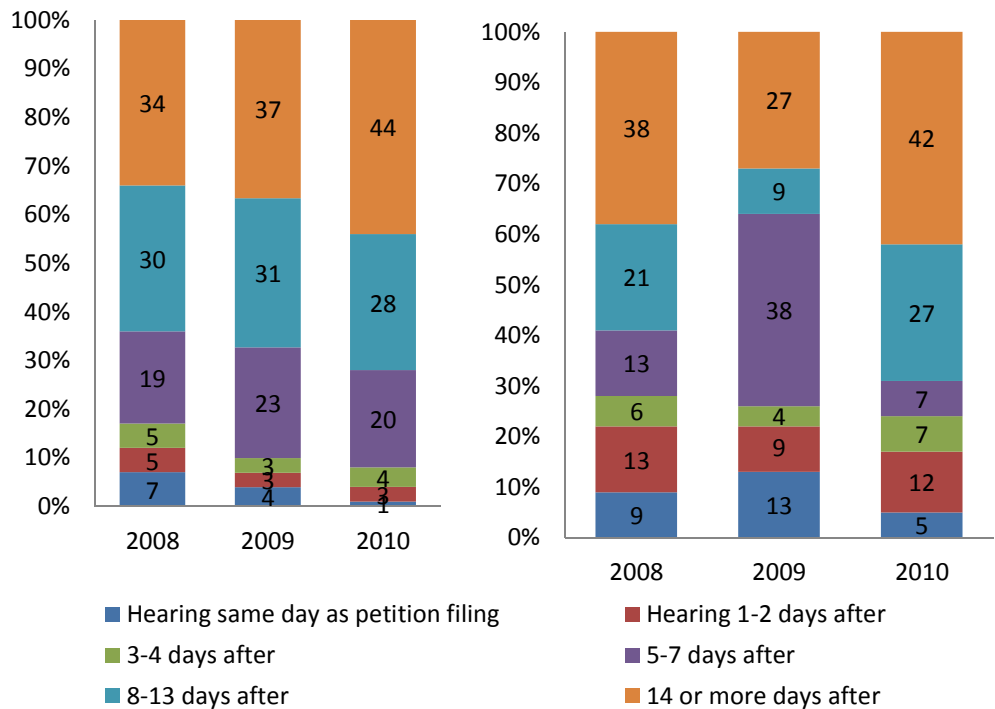
Petition to First Appearance

Nebraska

2008 Median = 9 days
2009 Median = 10 days
2010 Median = 12 days

District 5 York

2008 Median = 8 days
2009 Median = 7 days
2010 Median = 11 days



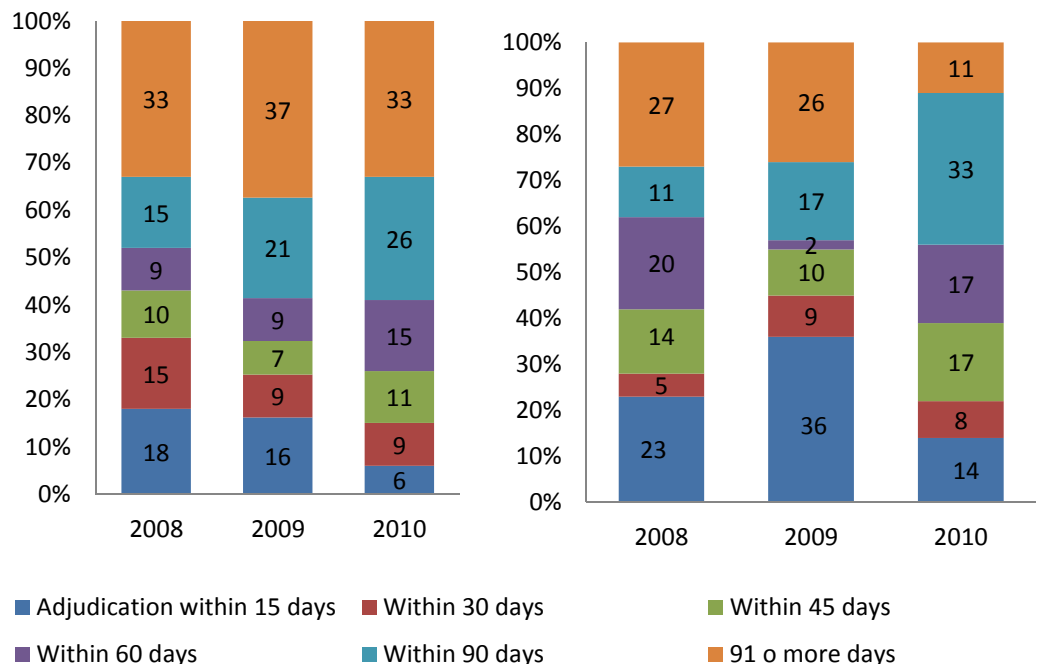
Petition to Adjudication

Nebraska

2008 Median = 57 days
2009 Median = 72 days
2010 Median = 73 days

District 5 York

2008 Median = 56 days
2009 Median = 32 days
2010 Median = 53 days



Best practice recommendations

Petition to Protective Custody – petition prior to or same day

61% of 2010 District 5 York cases had filed the petition the same day as protective custody order

Petition to adjudication – 60 days

56% of 2010 District 5 York cases held the adjudication within 60 days of petition filing

Adjudication to disposition – 30 days

37% of 2010 District 5 York cases held the disposition within 30 days of adjudication

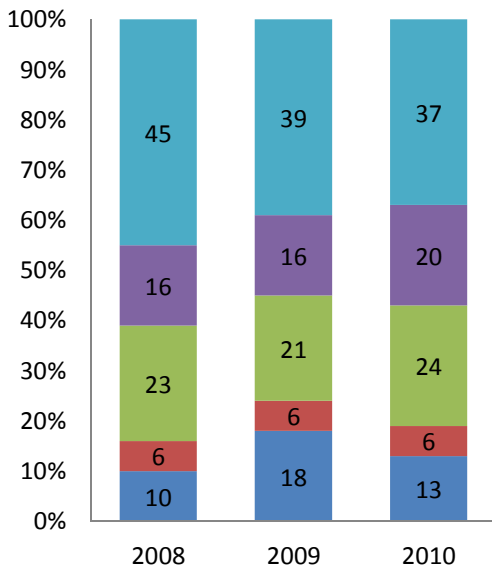
Adjudication to Disposition

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2008 Median = 56 days

2009 Median = 49 days

2010 Median = 50 days

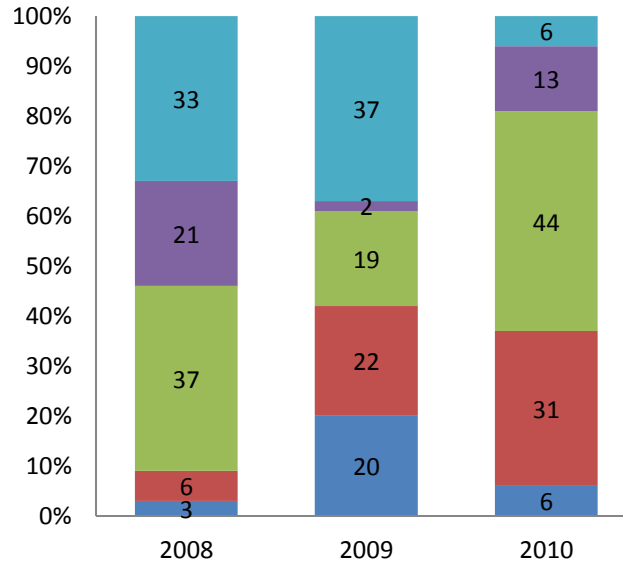


District 5 York

2008 Median = 48 days

2009 Median = 35 days

2010 Median = 35 days



■ Disposition within 15 days ■ Within 30 days ■ Within 45 days
 ■ Within 60 days ■ 61 or more days

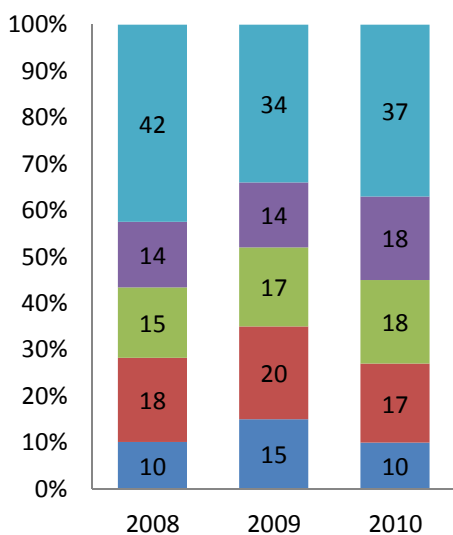
Petition to Case Closure

Nebraska

2008 Median = 23 months

2009 Median = 18 months

2010 Median = 19 months

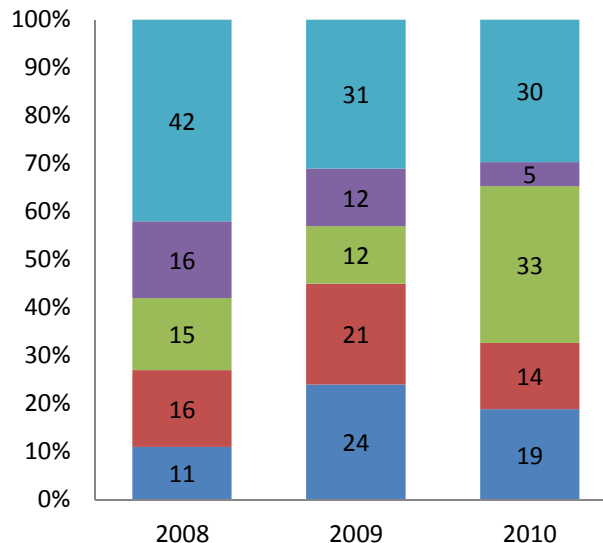


District 5 York

2008 Median = 20 months

2009 Median = 16 months

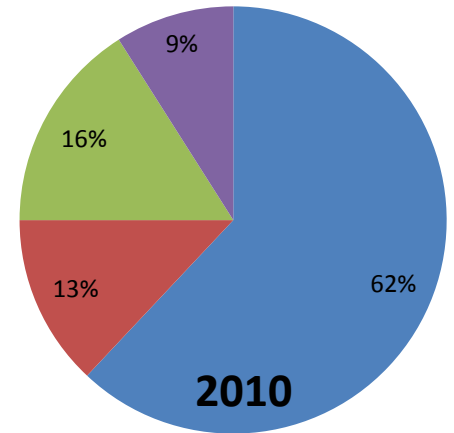
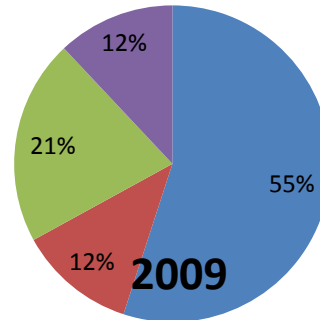
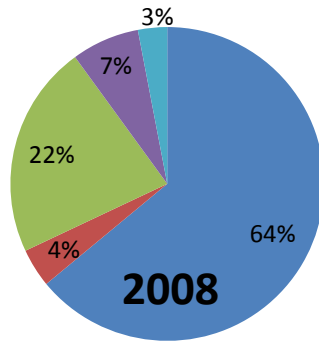
2010 Median = 12 months



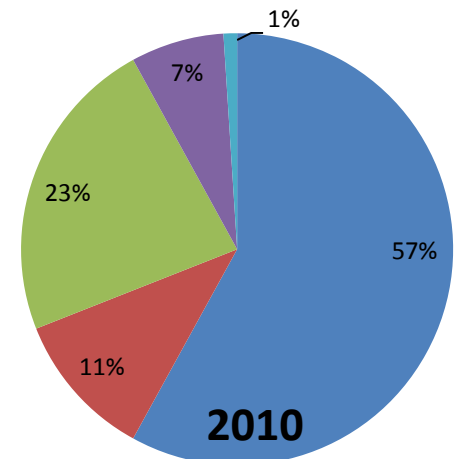
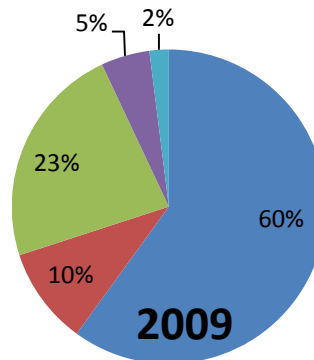
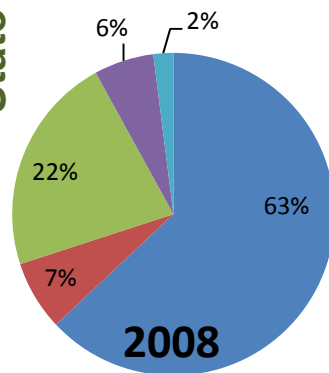
■ Within 6 months ■ Within 12 months ■ Within 18 months
 ■ Within 24 months ■ 25 or more months

Type of Discharge

Team



State



Reunification

Guardianship

Adoption

Independent Living

Other

Case Progression for Zero to Three

| Median Times | Team | | | State | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 |
| Early Stages | | | | | | |
| Petition to Ex-parte | 1 days | 1 day | 0 days | 1 day | 1 day | 0 days |
| Petition to Protective custody | 0 days | 1 day | 0 days | 1 day | 0 days | 0 days |
| Petition to First Appearance | 8 days | 5 days | 11 days | 9 days | 10 days | 13 days |
| Petition to Adjudication | 58 days | 44 days | 59 days | 62 days | 70 days | 70 days |
| Permanency Stages | | | | | | |
| Adjudication to Disposition | 55 days | 65 days | 35 days | 58 days | 49 days | 50 days |
| Petition to Case Closure | 20 months | 16 months | 17 months | 21 months | 19 months | 20 months |
| TPR Stages | | | | | | |
| Petition to TPR | 19 months | 14 months | n/a | 23 months | 19 months | 21 months |
| TPR to Adoption | 7 months | 3 months | n/a | 9 months | 7 months | 8 months |

Infants and toddlers make up approximately one-third of children in foster care in Nebraska. This early stage of the child's life is crucial to his/her development. Therefore, the court system must do everything it can to ensure timely and safe permanency for them. Additionally, the courts need to assure that the health, mental health, and educational (school readiness) needs of these young children are met.

Your team might work on one or all of the following:

- Reducing time to permanency for infants and toddlers
- Ensuring that parenting time recommendations are followed
- Increasing the use of high quality and stable child care
- Ensuring CAPTA Part C evaluations are occurring and young children are getting services they need
- Ensuring that infants and toddlers with mental health needs get evidence based interventions

Trends

There are some inconsistencies in your team's data that may be due to the two different data sources and the slightly different time frames. It appears that the length of stay in foster care and the time to reunification has increased over the past years. In contrast, it also appears that the time to case closure has steadily decreased over the past several years.

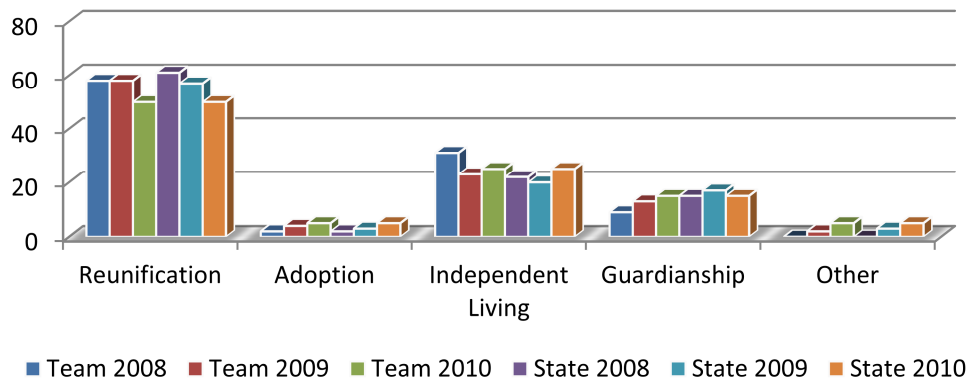
A couple areas of concern do stand out. It appears that the time to case closure is significantly longer for infants and toddlers than for the rest of the population. Your team may want to see whether this is due to delays in permanency, which would be of concern, or due to keeping the youngest children under the court's jurisdiction for longer, which may be quite positive. A second concern is that there continues to be a high rate of aging out (discharge to independent living) in your population. The team may want to explore whether more intensive permanency planning for older youth (e.g. utilizing family group conferencing) might result in more youth achieving permanency with ties to families that can provide support and assistance into adulthood.





Adolescents Case Progression and Outcomes

Permanency Type for Youth 12 and Older (%)



| Median Times | 2008 | Team 2009 | 2010 | 2008 | State 2009 | 2010 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Petition to Adjudication | 53 days | 30 days | 53 days | 53 days | 79 days | 72 days |
| Adjudication to Disposition | 42 days | 28 days | 39 days | 49 days | 49 days | 52 days |
| Average Number of Review Hearings | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Petition to Case Closure | 14 months | 18 months | 11 months | 17 months | 17 months | 18 months |
| Petition to TPR | 18 months | 3 months | n/a | n/a | 16 months | 15 months |
| TPR to Case Closure | 62 months | 16 months | n/a | 26 months | 12 months | 16 months |