



Case Progression and Court Improvement Data 2008

District 6 Team 2 – Burt, Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, & Washington Counties



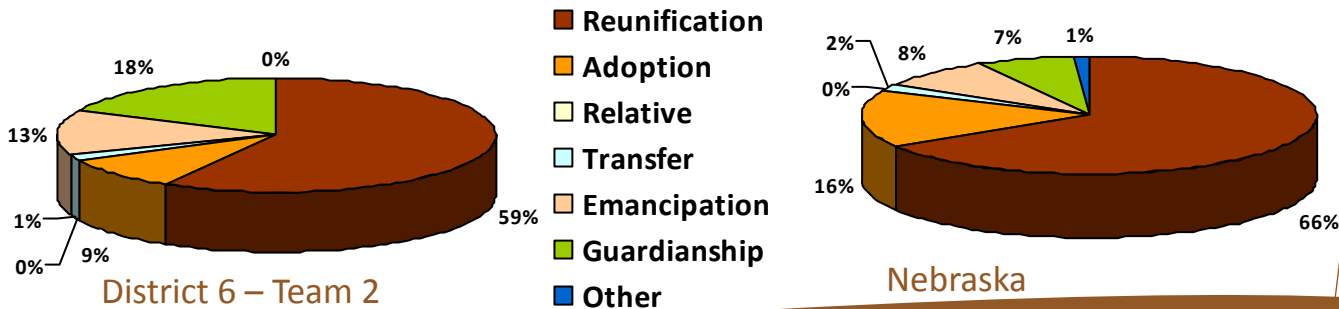
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Information provided in this document is designed to help your team improve case progression, as this is one area the courts can control. Timeliness of hearings has a significant impact on time to case closure, which means that courts can make a difference 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 16 months in 2006.

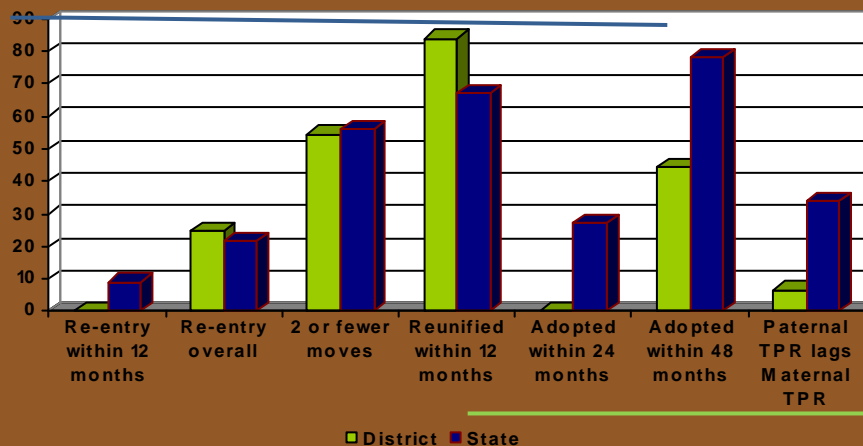
	District 6 T2 (2008)	Nebraska (2008)	Missouri (2008)	National (2003-2006)
Median days from report to removal	50 days	20	19	Not Available
Median length of stay	10 months	13 months	13 months	12 months
Median months to reunification	7 months	7 months	7 months	7 months
Median months to adoption	48 months	34 months	24 months	32 months

Type of discharge



Percentages for 2008 Fiscal Year

There were no cases involving adoption in these counties in 2006.



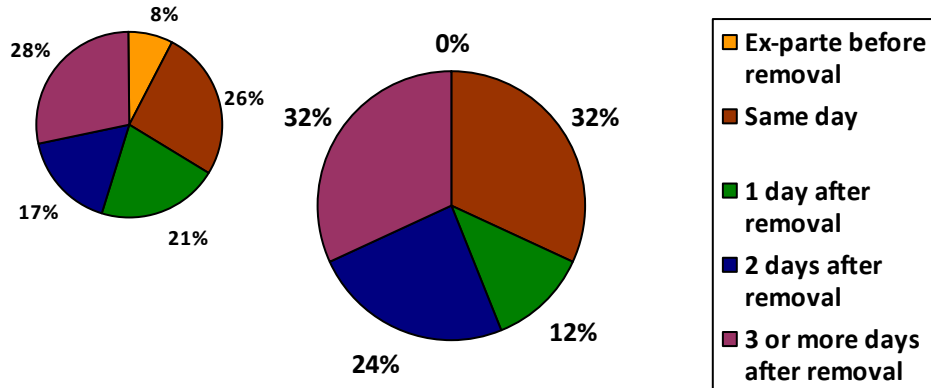
Percent of cases reunified within 12 months has increased from 51.2% in 2006 to 85% in 2008.

District 6 Team 2 had 81 foster care cases that closed between [unintelligible]
Of those cases, 63% were abuse

Timeline progression: All ages
Removal to ex-parte

Nebraska (Median = 1 day)

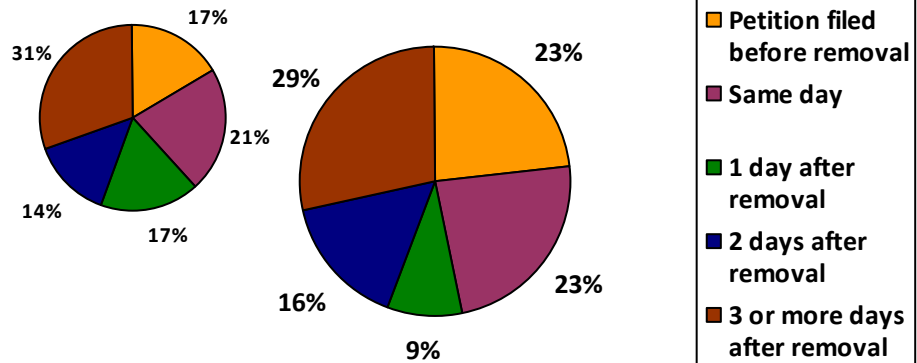
District 6 Team 2 (Median = 2 days)



Removal to Petition Filing

Nebraska (Median = 1 days)

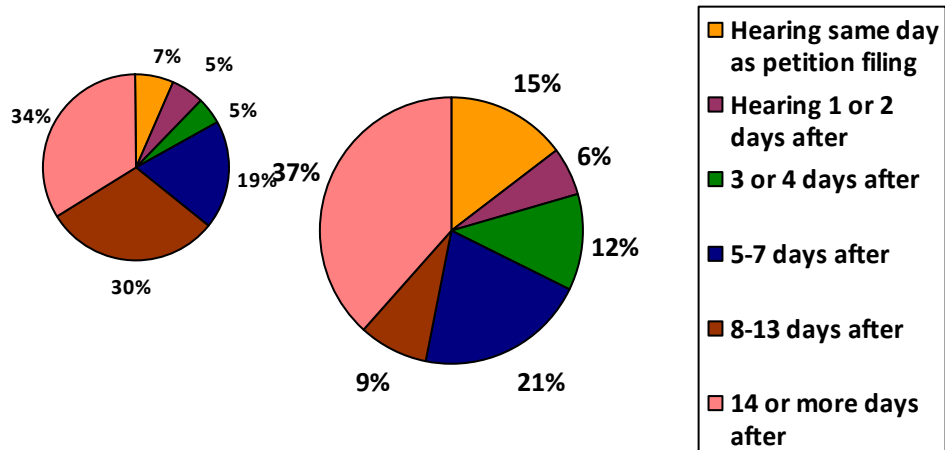
District 6 Team 2 (Median = 1 day)



Petition to First Hearing

Nebraska (Median = 9 days)

District 6 Team 2 (Median = 12 days)

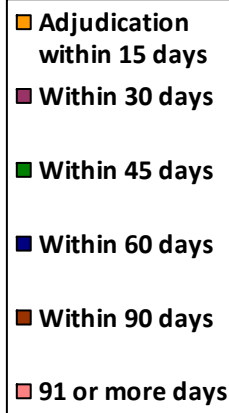
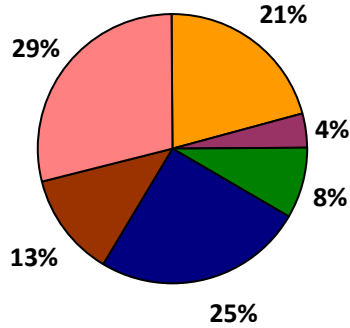
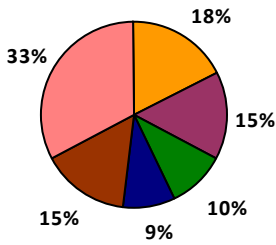


* Note: All data presented uses initial removal date to court closure date and may not match HHS reports

Removal to Adjudication

Nebraska (Median = 57 days)

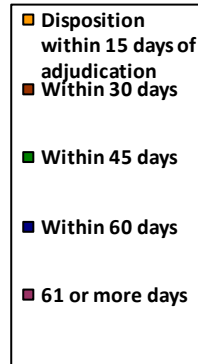
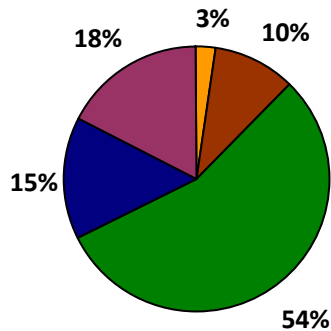
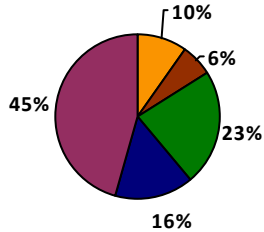
District 6 Team 2 (Median = 49 days)



Adjudication to Disposition

Nebraska (Median = 56 days)

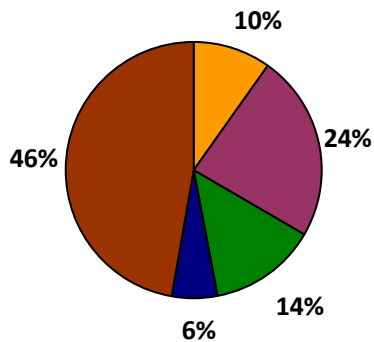
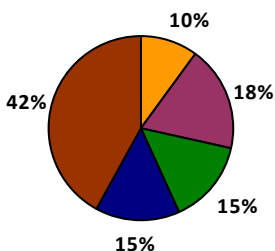
District 6 Team 2 (Median = 38 days)



Removal to permanency

Nebraska (Median = 23 mo)

District 6 Team 2 (Median = 21 mo)



Best practice recommendations

Removal to first hearing – 3 days

70.6% of 2008 District 6 cases held the first hearing within 3 days of removal

Removal to adjudication – 60 days

58% of 2008 District 6 cases adjudicated within 60 days.

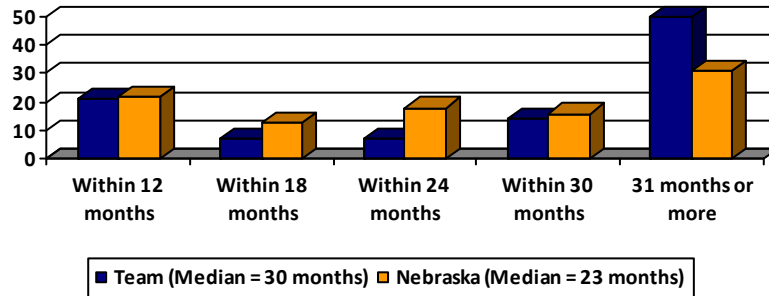
Adjudication to disposition – 30 days

12.5% of 2008 District 6 cases held a disposition within 30 days of adjudication

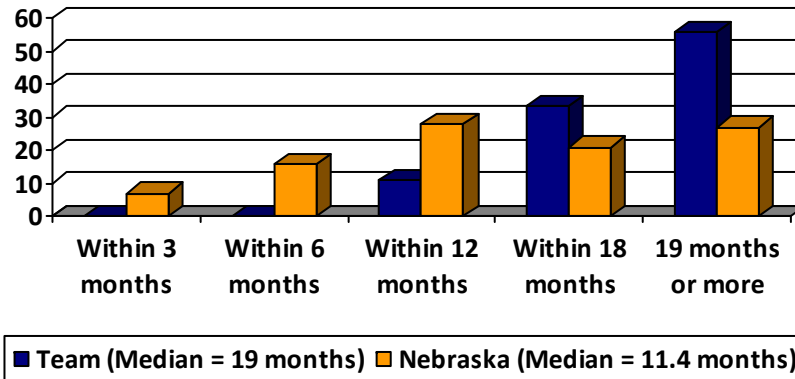
In other words, 22% of TPRs happen within 12 months statewide, compared to 20% for this team.

Case progression to TPR and adoption is much slower for this team compared to state averages.

Percentages for time in months from removal to TPR



Percentages for time in months from TPR to adoption



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	2 days	1 day
Removal to 3a petition	0 days	1 day
3a petition to first appearance	13 days	9 days
Removal to adjudication	70 days	62 days
Permanency Stages		
Adjudication to disposition	36 days	58 days
Removal to permanency	41 months	21 months
TPR Stages		
Removal to TPR	31 months	23 months
TPR to adoption	16 months	9 months

Case progression for Children ages 0-3