



Case Progression and Court Improvement Data 2008



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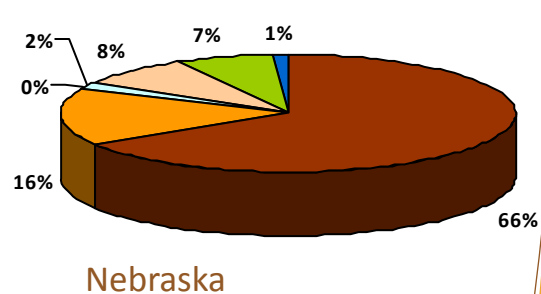
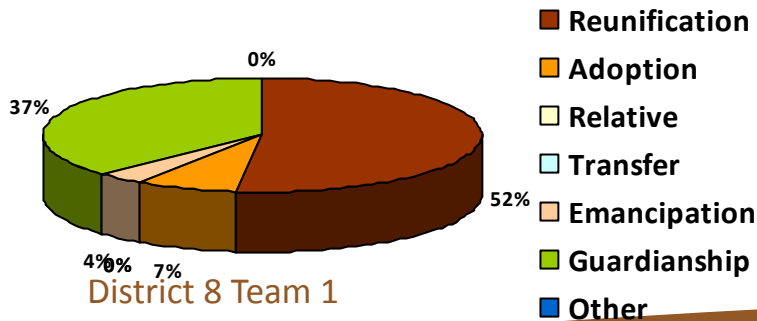
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Information provided in this document is designed to help your team improve case progression, as this is one area the courts can control. Timeliness of hearings has a significant impact on time to case closure, which means that courts can make a difference 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 14 months in 2006.

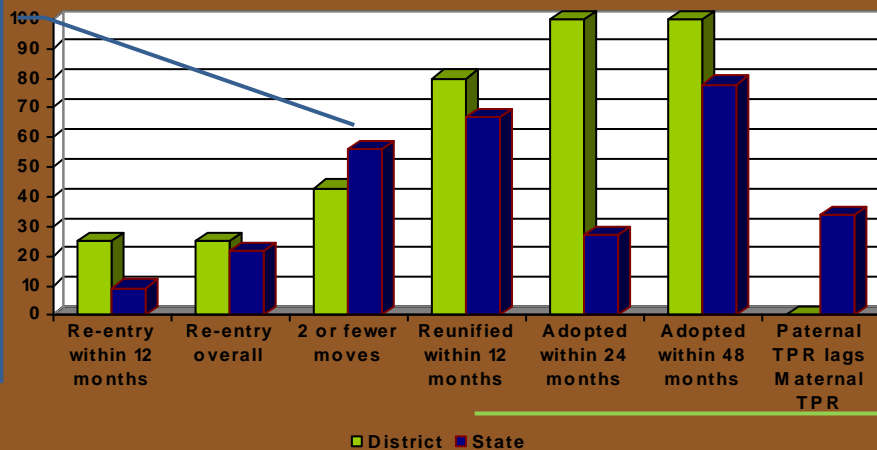
	District 8 T1 (2008)	Nebraska (2008)	Missouri (2008)	National (2003-2006)
Median days from report to removal	16.75 days	20	19	Not Available
Median length of stay	6 months	13 months	13 months	12 months
Median months to reunification	6 months	7 months	7 months	7 months
Median months to adoption (N=2)	14 months	34 months	24 months	32 months

Type of discharge



Percentages for 2008 Fiscal Year

The percent of cases with 2 or fewer moves has drastically decreased from 83.3% in 2006 to 41% in 2008.



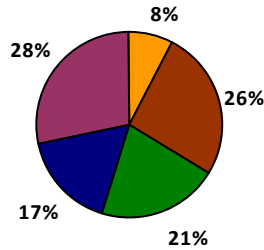
This rate (80%) is slightly higher than rates in 2006, where 75% were reunified within 12 months.

Timeline progression: All ages

Removal to ex-parte

Nebraska (Median = 1 day)

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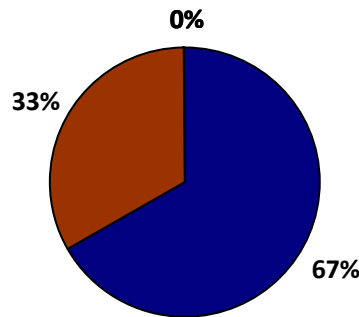
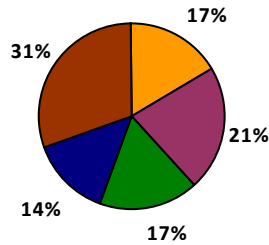


Not Reported - Data not included in JUSTICE Data System

Removal to Petition Filing

Nebraska (Median = 1 day)

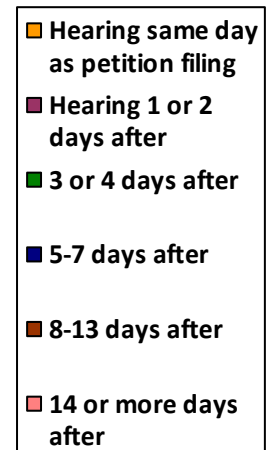
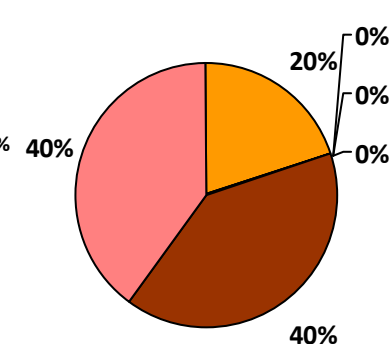
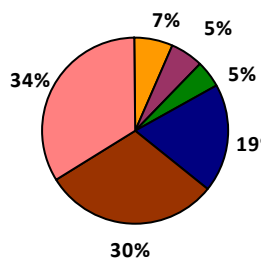
District 8, Team 1 (Median = 2 days)



Petition to first hearing

Nebraska (Median = 9 days)

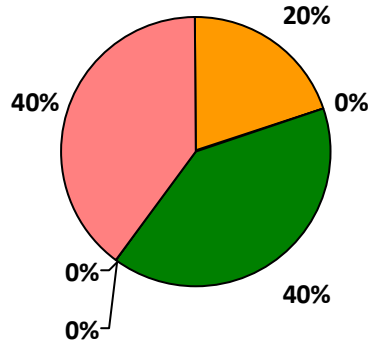
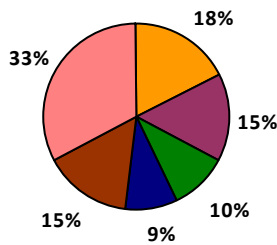
District 8, Team 1 (Median = 13 days)



* 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 8, Team 1 (Median = 43 days)



- Adjudication within 15 days
- Within 30 days
- Within 45 days
- Within 60 days
- Within 90 days
- 91 or more days

Best practice recommendations

Removal to first hearing – 3 days

0% of 2008 District 8 cases held the first hearing within 3 days of removal

Removal to adjudication – 60 days

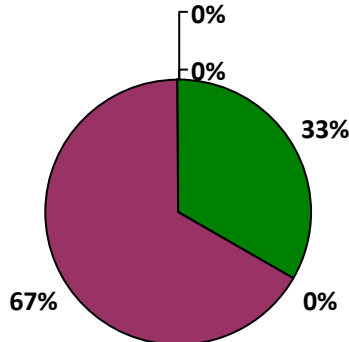
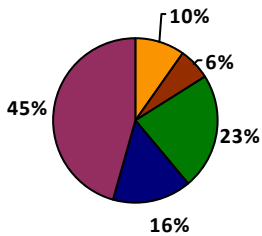
60% of 2008 District 8 cases adjudicated within 60 days.

Adjudication to disposition – 30 days

33% of 2008 District 8 cases held a disposition within 30 days of adjudication

Adjudication to disposition

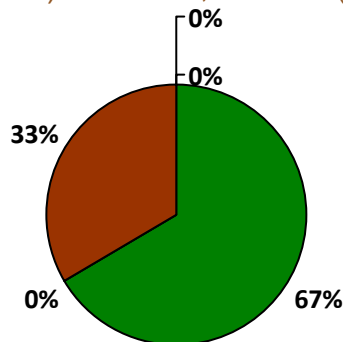
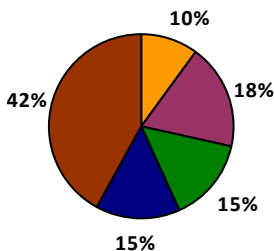
Nebraska (Median = 56 days) District 8, Team 1 (Median = 98 days)



- Disposition within 15 days of adjudication
- Within 30 days
- Within 45 days
- Within 60 days
- 61 or more days

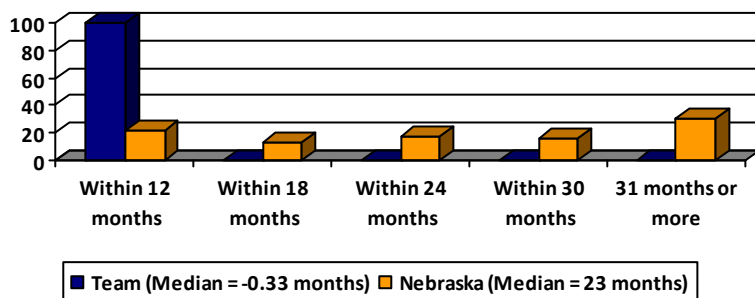
Removal to permanency

Nebraska (Median = 23 mos) District 8, Team 1 (Median = 14 months)

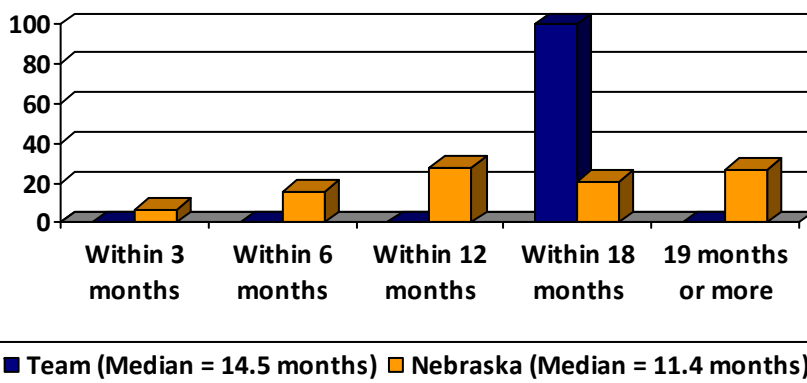


- Within 6 months
- Within 12 months
- Within 18 months
- Within 24 months
- 25 or more months

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 100% for this team.

While case progression to TPR is quick for this team, progression to adoption is slower than for the state.

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	No cases for this team involved children under 3 years of age	
Removal to ex-parte	n/a	1 day
Removal to 3a petition	n/a	1 day
3a petition to first appearance	n/a	9 days
Removal to adjudication	n/a	62 days
Permanency Stages		
Adjudication to disposition	n/a	58 days
Removal to permanency	n/a	21 months
TPR Stages		
Removal to TPR	n/a	23 months
TPR to adoption	n/a	9 months

Case progression for Children ages 0-3