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- **Reunification**: 66% (NE)
- **Adoption**: 6% (NE)
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Timelines progression: All ages

Removal to ex-parte

Nebraska (Median = 1 day) Grand Island (Median = 2 day)

- Ex-parte before removal
  - Same day: 8%
  - 1 day after removal: 38%
  - 2 days after removal: 26%
  - 3 or more days after removal: 1%

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Nebraska (Median = 1 day) Grand Island (Median = 2 days)

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  - 3 or more days after removal: 28%

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Nebraska (Median = 56 days) Grand Island (Median = 35 days)

- Disposition within 15 days of adjudication
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  - Within 60 days: 36%
  - 61 or more days: 5% 6%

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  - Hearing 1 or 2 days after: 19%
  - 3 or 4 days after: 5%
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Nebraska (Median = 57 days) Grand Island (Median = 77 days)

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Removal to permanency

Nebraska (Median = 23 months) Grand Island (Median = 17 months)

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  - Within 12 months: 31%
  - Within 18 months: 18%
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**Best practice recommendations**

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Data 2008

- Nebraska 2008
- Missouri 2008
- National 2003-2006

#### Median days from report to removal
- District 9 GI (2008): 6 days
- Nebraska (2008): 20 days
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#### Median length of stay
- 11 months
- 13 months
- 13 months
- 12 months

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- 7 months
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