

2014 Spring Leadership Meetings

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Preliminary Key Child Welfare Data Definitions
Data Source is Social Services Information System (SSIS)
 Provided by DHS Children and Family Administration

| Measure | Data Definition |
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| Children under state guardianship | <p>Includes all children for whom the court has issued an order for guardianship and legal custody to the commissioner of human services and who continued as under guardianship as of December 31 of the calendar year. The order follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an order for termination of parental rights; or • consent to adopt by the parent; or • any combination of the above regarding both parents of the child. <p>These children are under the guardianship of the commissioner of human services and are referred to as state wards.</p> <p>All children in this measure are under court jurisdiction.</p> |
| Children under state guardianship who were adopted | <p>This includes all children under state guardianship who were adopted during calendar years 2011, 2012, and 2013.</p> <p>All children in this measure were under court jurisdiction.</p> |
| Children in long-term foster care (de facto or by court order) | <p>Children in care 2 years or longer or with an SSIS primary permanency plan goal code long-term foster care (which, generally, means the court has ordered long-term foster care). If any portion of the child's "de facto" or court ordered long-term placement episode is in the calendar year, it is reported.</p> <p>All children in this measure are under court jurisdiction.</p> |
| % of placement with relatives | <p>Percentage of children in relative placement settings during the previous 12 months (includes foster care and pre-adoptive placement settings) divided by relative + non-relative foster and pre-adoptive placement settings. Denominator includes unique children of all ages. Group homes and RTC placements are not included.</p> <p>All children in this measure are NOT under court jurisdiction.</p> |
| Youth over 18 continuing in foster care | <p>Number of youth, 18 years or older, when discharged during the calendar year or continuing in foster care as of December 31 of the calendar year.</p> <p>All children in this measure are under court jurisdiction.</p> |
| Children who re-entered foster care within 12 months | <p>Of the children who were discharged from foster care one (1) year prior to the identified calendar, the number of children that re-entered within 12 months. Includes only children who were under 18 years of age at the start of the calendar year 2011.</p> <p>All children in this measure are NOT under court jurisdiction.</p> |

| Measure | Data Definition |
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| <p>% of foster children having a physical examination</p> | <p>Children in foster care placement for 30 days or more (unduplicated children and across counties who had a physical exam within one (1) year. State policy requires a child to have a physical within 30 days of entry into foster care unless the child has had a physical exam within one year prior to entering foster care. Most children in this measure are under court jurisdiction. Those in foster care who may not be under court jurisdiction include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voluntary placements that last less than 90; or • children in foster care to access treatment and governed by Minn. Stat. 260D when the placement lasts less than 180 days |
| <p>% of children who received mental health screens</p> | <p>Includes children between the ages 3 months to 18 years who received child protection, foster care, or adoptive services who had at least one (1) children's mental health screen during the current or previous year.</p> <p>Children with a prior mental health screen or assessment, or who were already under the care of a mental health professional, or were unable to be located, or whose parents refused the screen are exempted from the screening requirement.</p> <p>All children in this measure are NOT under court jurisdiction.</p> |
| <p>Number of unique children under age three reported as prenatally exposed to drugs or alcohol</p> | <p>Includes children birth to three as of the date the child protection report closed and for whom there was an allegation of prenatal exposure to alcohol or a controlled substance. Child is reported in the calendar year in which the child protection report closed.</p> <p>A blank cell in the spreadsheet means there were no child protection reports involving prenatal exposure. Those with "N/A" had some activity, but there were less than five children involved. A number appears in a cell when there are 5 or more children reported prenatally exposed.</p> <p>All children in this measure are NOT under court jurisdiction.</p> |

**Length of Time to Permanency and
Length of Time to Adoption of Children under Guardianship of the Commissioner of
Human Services**

Definitions and Information

Data Source is Minnesota Judicial Analytical Database (MNJAD)

Provided by Children’s Justice Initiative

| MNJAD Report | Report Description |
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| Length of Time to Adoption | <p>During the period of time (in this case, calendar years), this report shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of children under state guardianship for whom the court ordered a final adoption; and • the total time the child spent in foster care prior to adoption. <p>The total of these two times is what is reported.</p> <p>The report has drill-through capability. Judicial Branch personnel may run the report at the local level using the same time parameters and “click” on the numbers reported to obtain a detailed report of the children listed in the time periods.</p> <p>The drill-through capability is useful to identify the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • particular children, under state guardianship, in the summary report; • amount of time particular children, under state guardianship, spent in foster care prior to becoming under state guardianship and the time from the guardianship order to finalized adoption; and • characteristics of children, under state guardianship, for whom the court orders adoption. <p>Copies of the drill-through detailed report are <i>not</i> available to non-judicial branch personnel without a court order. Your CJI judge can sign an order tailored to the stakeholder group with which the report is to be shared.</p> <p>The Length of Time to Adoption Report looks at one of the key results adopted by the Judicial Council connected to the Judicial Branch’s core performance goal of Timeliness. The Judicial Council has set a timing objective of finalized adoption within two years of entering foster care for 60% of children under state guardianship.</p> |
| Length of Time to Permanency | <p>During the period of time (in this case, calendar years), this report shows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the number of children for whom the court issued orders or made dispositions which achieved permanency; and • the time it took to issue the order or make the disposition. <p>Any order that returns a child home or disposition that is considered permanent is reported. The orders include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protective supervision with the custodial parent after removal • Trial home visit • Reunification • State ward for adoption |

| MNJAD Report | Report Description |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-state ward for adoption • Transfer of permanent legal and physical custody to a relative • Long-term foster care (until 2012) • Permanent custody to the agency (2012 forward) • Foster care for a specified period of time (until 2012) • Temporary custody to the agency (2012 forward) • Dismissed without permanency order • Termination of jurisdiction without permanency order <p>The report has drill-through capability. The drill-through capability can be used to identify children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with permanency decisions within the permanency guidelines in order to see the patterns that made timely decisions possible; and • with permanency decisions which may be beyond permanency guidelines in order to determine whether there are systemic issues that led to the delayed decision-making. <p>Copies of the drill-through detailed report are <i>not</i> available to non-judicial branch personnel without a court order. Your CJI judge can sign an order tailored to the stakeholder group with which the report is to be shared.</p> <p>The Length of Time to Permanency Report looks at one of the key results adopted by the Judicial Council connected to the branch's core performance goal of timeliness. The key results are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% in 6 months 90% in 12 months 99% in 18 months |

Judicial Branch Personnel – Instructions for Accessing Case-Specific Data

Below is the link to the Length of Time to Adoption and Length of Time to Permanency MNJAD reports. If you use the same calendar year parameters (2011, 2012, and 2013) as are in the reports posted on the CJI website to run local data, you can obtain the names of the children and other information by using the drill-through feature. This is called a detail report. Get an order from the CJI judge to share the detail report with your CJI leadership and with your CJI team.

<http://courtnet.courts.state.mn.us/100/?page=3164> Scroll down and you'll see the two reports.