

Minnesota Judicial Branch

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CJI

# Children's Justice Initiative

## **CJI Data Analysis and CJI Team Permanency Action Plan**

Regional Team Meetings  
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# Court and Agency Data

## What's in your packets:

- Agency data: Red, yellow, and green dashboard reports AFCARS data on federal measures
- Court data: Yellow and blue court data court dashboard reports on kids
- BOTH “dashboards” count kids – but the dashboards are not about the same kids
- Small #s are not meaningful

# Other data available to courts

## Court case statistics:

- Cases filed
- Cases pending
- Cases disposed
- Disposition activity

# Other data available to courts

Court case flow management and performance measures:

- Pending caseload list – pre-disposition
- Clearance rates
- Out of home placement details

Reports:

*Coming soon:* Length of Time to Permanency Report

*Future:* Time to Adoption Report

# Agency data

- County dashboard available on DHS website (available to the public)
- SSIS Charting and Analysis and other reports (available to agency personnel)

- About DHS' Website
- Advisory councils
- Department overview
- Employee directory
- Governor's administration
- Organization / management
- Parking information
- Performance measurement
- Stimulus funding
- Terms / policy
- Web browser help

### County performance in context

**Welcome**

This interactive DHS Web feature provides citizens with tools to compare Minnesota counties on measures related to the well-being of children and families, get county profiles on these measures, and view various demographic and economic indicators.

Here's how it works. Three different types of customized reports can be generated. These reports focus on 11 performance measures related to adoption, child protection, foster care, child support, family assistance and food support, plus various social and economic factors. The types of reports that can be created are:

- Graphs:** See how a performance measure has changed over time and compare the trends in as many as five counties. [Begin creating a graph report here.](#)
- Profiles:** Get detailed information about a single county, including all 11 performance measures and a number of demographic and economic indicators. [Begin creating a profile report here.](#)
- Rankings:** See how Minnesota counties of similar population size rank on a performance measure. [Begin creating a ranking report here.](#)

State and county policy-makers use this information to develop programs, track progress against goals and monitor various trends. It is provided here for citizens who are interested in learning more about their communities.

- Related Pages**
- [Reports](#)
  - [News releases](#)
  - [Child support performance reports](#)
- Related Links**
- [Accountability Minnesota](#)

# Points to Remember

- Look at definitions on second page of toolkit, especially:
  - Disposition
  - Age of pending
- Entering a disposition terminates a reported placement in MNCIS – affects age of pending and pending list

# Look at your county data

- Is it correct?
- What does it suggest?
- What can the CJJ team do about it?
  - Develop hypothesis
  - Test hypothesis with more data
  - PDSA (plan, do, study, act)
  - Regenerate data
  - Acknowledge efforts, celebrate improvements



SUMMARY OF MINNESOTA AND COUNTY PERFORMANCE ON FEDERAL MEASURES	National Standard	Goal	MN Performance CY 2009	Rice Co Performance 2009
Safety Indicator 1: Absence of Maltreatment Recurrence	94.6%	↑	95.3%	90.5% (19 / 21)
Safety Indicator 2: Absence of CA/N in Foster Care	99.68%	↑	99.56%	100% (90 / 90)
<b>Permanency Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification</b>				
<i>Component A: Timeliness of Reunification</i>				
C1.1 Reunification in less than 12 months for children exiting foster care	75.2%	↑	83.7%	90.0% (18 / 20)
C1.2 Median stay in foster care to reunification (months)	5.4	↓	4.1	4.4
C1.3 Entry cohort of children who reunify in less than 12 months	48.4%	↑	61.8%	90.0% (9 / 10)
<i>Component B: Permanency of Reunification</i>				
C1.4 Children who exit and re-enter foster care in less than 12 months	9.9%	↓	24%	37.0% (17 / 46)
<b>Permanency Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions</b>				
<i>Component A: Timeliness of Adoptions of Children Discharged From Foster Care</i>				
C2.1 Adoption in less than 24 months for children exiting to adoption	36.6%	↑	47%	55.6% (5 / 9)
C2.2 Median length of stay to adoption (months)	27.3	↓	24.8	23.0
<i>Component B: Adoption for Children Meeting ASFA Time-In-Care Requirements</i>				
C2.3 Children in foster care for 17 or more months (on day 1 of the year) who were adopted by the end of the year	22.7%	↑	20.5%	28.6% (6 / 21)
C2.4 Children in foster care for 17 or more months (on day 1 of the year) who achieved legal freedom within 6 months of start of the year	10.9%	↑	1.7%	0.0% (0 / 14)
<i>Component C: Adoption of Children Who Are Legally Free for Adoption</i>				
C2.5 Legally free children adopted in less than 12 months	53.7%	↑	36.5%	77.8% (7 / 9)
<b>Permanency Composite 3: Achieving Permanency for Children in Foster Care</b>				
<i>Component A: Achieving permanency for Children in Care for Extended Periods of Time</i>				
C3.1 Children (age 17 or younger on day 1 of the year) in foster care 24+ months discharged to permanent home before the end of year and age 18	29.1%	↑	19.8%	12.5% (2 / 16)
C3.2 Children (age 17 or younger on day 1 of the year) with TPR discharged from foster care to a permanent home prior to age 18	98.0%	↑	91.7%	100% (9 / 9)
<i>Component B: Children Emancipated Who Were in Foster Care for Extended Periods Of Time</i>				
C3.3 Children emancipated/age 18 who were in foster care for 3 years or longer	37.5%	↓	43.0%	66.7% (6 / 9)
<b>Permanency Composite 4: Placement Stability (no components)</b>				
C4.1 Two or fewer placement settings for children in foster care less than 12 months	86.0%	↑	86.0%	86.0% (43 / 50)
C4.2 Two or fewer placement settings for children in foster care for 12 to 24 months	65.4%	↑	57.9%	18.2% (2 / 11)
C4.3 Two or fewer placement settings for children in foster care for 24+ months	41.8%	↑	29.4%	21.1% (4 / 19)

## State of Minnesota

### *Demographics*

Population age 0-17 (2008)	1,254,652
Children in Poverty (2009)	141,121

### Court Case Management Data

#### *Court Filings (Children)*

CHIPS filings -(2008)	4,581
CHIPS filings -(2009)	3,860
Truancy/Runaway -(2008)	3,702
Truancy/Runaway -(2009)	2,844
Perm/TPR (inc. TPR) -(2008)	1,333
Perm/TPR (inc. TPR) -(2009)	2,012

### Court Case Management Data

#### *Pending Caseload (Children) - Pre disposition \**

as of 8/23/2010

Average days pending	337	
Pending Detail:		
Total number pending	5421	
0-6 mos pending	2686	50%
7-12 mos pending	1214	22%
> 12 mos pending	1521	28%

### Court Case Management Data

#### *Children in Out of Home Placement*

as of 8/23/2010

Total	2086	
0-6 mos pending OOH	1146	55%
7-12 mos pending OOH	576	28%
> 12 mos pending OOH	364	17%

## Rice County

### *Demographics*

Population age 0-17 (2008)	13972
Children in Poverty (2009)	1359

### Court Case Management Data

#### *Court Filings (Children)*

CHIPS filings -(2008)	38
CHIPS filings -(2009)	39
Truancy/Runaway -(2008)	10
Truancy/Runaway -(2009)	2
Perm/TPR (inc. TPR) -(2008)	13
Perm/TPR (inc. TPR) -(2009)	10

### Court Case Management Data

#### *Pending Caseload (Children) - Pre disposition \**

as of 8/23/2010

Average days pending	403	
Pending Detail:		
Total number pending	59	
0-6 mos pending	21	35%
7-12 mos pending	17	29%
> 12 mos pending	21	36%

### Court Case Management Data

#### *Children in Out of Home Placement*

as of 8/23/2010

Total	33	
0-6 mos pending OOH	16	49%
7-12 mos pending OOH	10	30%
> 12 mos pending OOH	7	21%

# Materials in Your Folder

# CJI Team Permanency Action Plan

- Educational tool – lists the statutory and rules requirements
- Checklist regarding county practice

# CJI Team Permanency Action Plan

- Identifying and engaging nonresident parents (fathers)
- Identifying maternal and paternal relatives
- Developing case plans and judicial monitoring during review hearings
- Ongoing permanency planning for older youth
- Content of petitions – child and foster parent address
- Notice when child returns home or moves in foster care

CJI Team composition and meeting frequency

## Statutory Requirement or Recommended Best Practice

Status of Practice in County:  
Check what applies. Determine  
priority order for implementing  
improvements.

## Implementation Plan

### Practices Supportive of Achievement of Timely Permanency

**Fully  
Implemented in  
Every Case**

**Partially  
Implemented  
or  
Implementation  
Needs  
Improvement**

**Not Implemented**

**Responsible  
Entity or  
individual**

What steps need to be taken to implement this  
statutory requirement or recommended best practice?

What measure(s) will be used to assess whether  
improved practice is achieved?

<b>22</b>	<p>The case plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lists the specific reasons why the child was placed in foster care, and</li><li>• <u>when</u> reunification is the plan, a description of the problems or conditions in the home of the parent or parents which necessitated removal of the child from home.</li></ul> <p>Minn. Stat. § 260C.212, subd. 1(c)</p>
<b>23</b>	<p>The case plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• specifies the actions to be taken by the child's parent or parents to eliminate or correct the problems or conditions causing the child's removal from home:</li><li>• the specific behavioral changes that must be demonstrated and sustained by the parent before the child may be returned home; and</li><li>• <u>the</u> time period during which the actions are to be taken.</li></ul> <p>Minn. Stat. § 260C.212, subd. 1(c)</p>
<b>24</b>	<p>The case plan includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a description of any services or resources that were requested by the child or the child's parent, guardian, foster parent, or custodian since the date of the child's placement in the residential facility, and</li><li>• <u>whether</u> those services or resources were provided and, if not, the basis for</li></ul>