

Case Progression Timelines for Infants and Toddlers Lincoln County

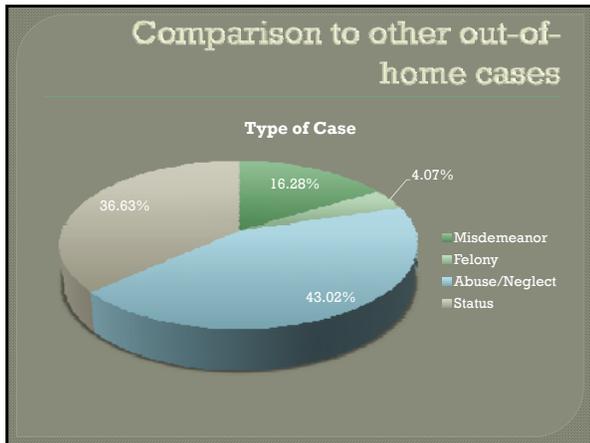
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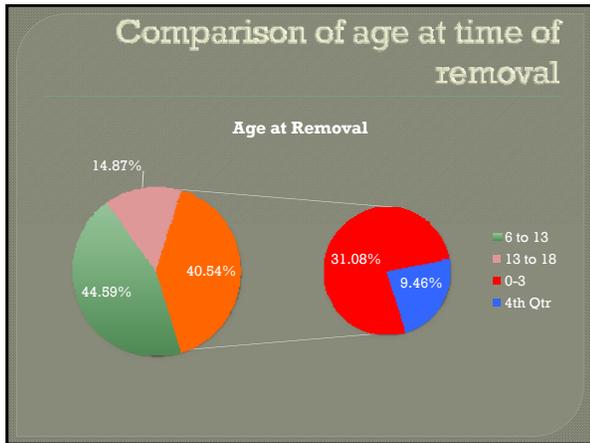
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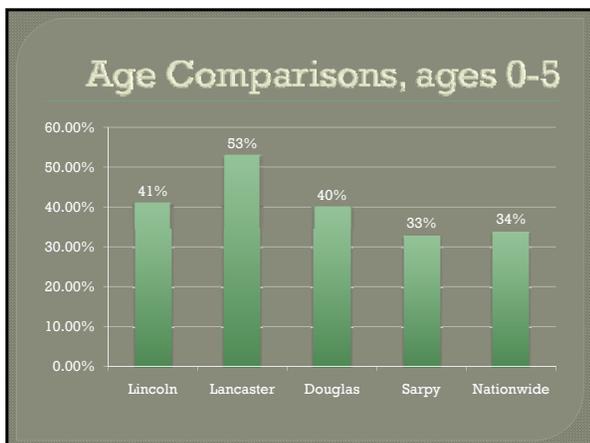
- **AFCARS: Case identifiers and removal/permanency dates**
 - DHHS data system
 - AFCARS: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System
 - Federal DHHS/ACF requirement
- **JUSTICE: case progression data**
 - The courts' data system
 - Limitation: missing data (i.e., no documentation of issuance of ex parte order (216 of 413 missing))

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Note: Only abuse/neglect cases with out of home placement that closed in CY 2008 (N = 172 all ages, N = 23 0-3)







Early Court Stages Ages 0-3

Timeline	Lincoln	Lancaster	Dodge	Dakota
Removal to ex parte order	0 days*	1 day	1 day	1 day
Removal to 3a petition	0 days	1 day	4.5 days	.5 days

*17% of ex parte orders were issued prior to removal

*48% of ex parte orders were issued same day as removal
- Compare to Lancaster (27%) and Dodge (36%)

Early Court Stages Ages 0-3

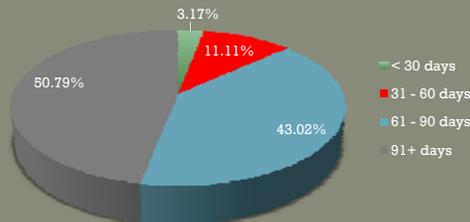
Timeline	Lincoln	Lancaster	Dodge	Dakota
Removal to Protective Custody Hearing	19 days*	4 days	12 days	12 days

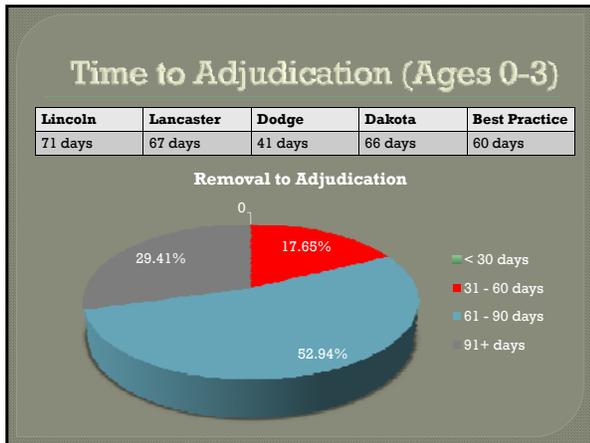
*Minimum: 6 days
Maximum: 50 days

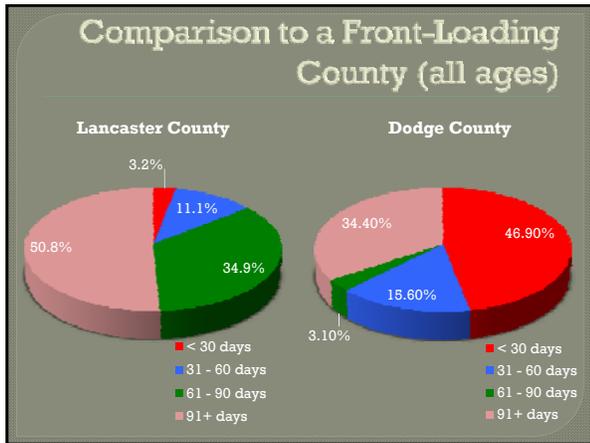
Time to Adjudication (All Ages)

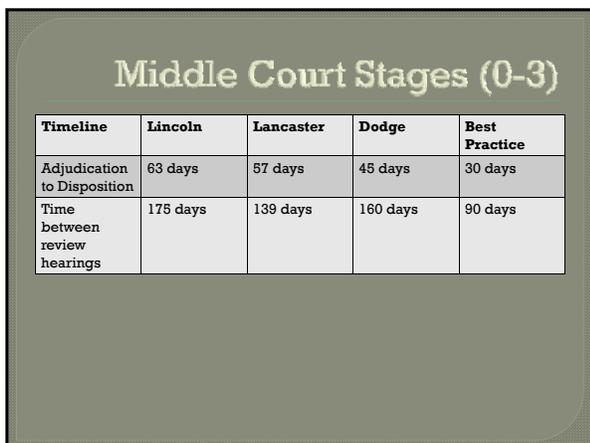
Lincoln	Lancaster	Dodge	Dakota	Best Practice
91 days	73 days	41 days	73 days	60 days

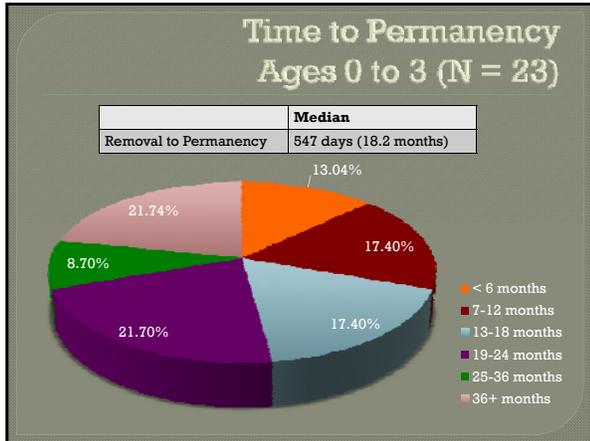
Removal to Adjudication

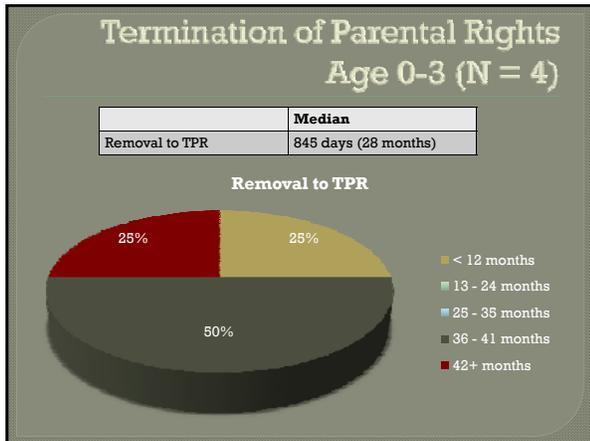


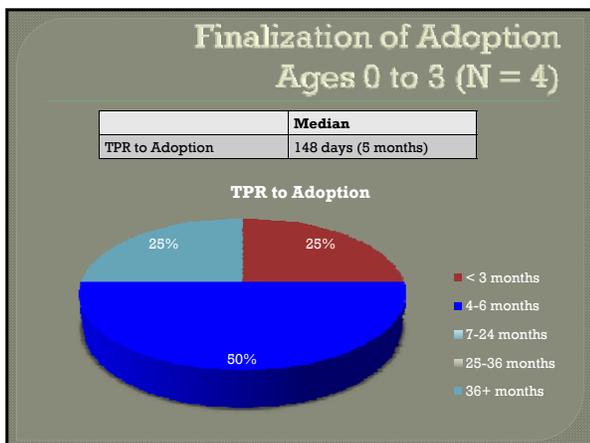












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