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Case Progression and Court Improvement Data Report for 2010



THROUGH THE EYES
OF THE
CHILD INITIATIVE

District 8 Team 3

Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Howard,
Loup, Sherman, and Valley Counties



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 pages 1 and 2 come from Fostering Court Improvement (fosteringcourtimprovement.org/ne) and data on page 3 were collected through JUSTICE to track case progression timelines for all abuse/neglect cases that closed in 2008, 2009, and 2010.

	2008	Team 2009	2010	2008	State 2009	2010	National 2009
Poverty rate*	20.9%	20.0%	n/a	13.7%	15.3%	n/a	20%
Median length of stay	16 months	20 months	21 months	13 months	12 months	14 months	14 months
Median months to reunification	8 months	7 months	15 months	7 months	7 months	11 months	n/a
Median months to adoption	26 months	32 months	34 months	34 months	29 months	29 months	n/a

*Poverty data comes from the U.S. Census Bureau. For the Fostering Court Improvement measures, 2010 refers to data from April 2010 through March 2011.