

Court Improvement Project Timelines

Report Description:


The Court Improvement Program (CIP) is a federal grant program administered by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children, Youth and Families. The program was established in 1994 as a response to the dramatic increase in child abuse and neglect cases and the expanded role of courts in achieving stable, permanent homes for children in foster care.


This report provides the statistics requested by the CIP. Time to first permanency hearing, time to subsequent permanency hearings, time to permanency placement, time to termination of parental rights petition, time to termination of parental rights.

Running the Report:

Court Improvement Project Timelines

Enter report criteria and press "Submit"

From date:* 

To date:* 

Send data to INCite:* Yes No

- Put in your date range.
- Send data to INCite is for Indiana counties only. It is a "portal" if you will, for all Indiana counties to upload this information to one location.

This report looks at cases CLOSED during this date range.

The Report:

This report will produce a .pdf document as well as 2 csv files. The CIP Timeline Details gives you all the data behind the .pdf report and the CIP Sub-Permanency Hearing details spreadsheet gives you the details behind the subsequent permanency hearings.

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1/1/2021 - 6/30/2021	
Measure	Median Days
1. Time to First Permanency Hearing	346.00
2. Time to Subsequent Permanency Hearing - 1 to 2	317.00
2. Time to Subsequent Permanency Hearing - 2 to 3	285.00
2. Time to Subsequent Permanency Hearing - 3 to 4	290.00
2. Time to Subsequent Permanency Hearing - 4 to 5	303.00
2. Time to Subsequent Permanency Hearing - 5 to 6	285.00
2. Time to Subsequent Permanency Hearing - 6 to 7	6.00
2. Time to Subsequent Permanency Hearing - 7 to 8	22.00
2. Time to Subsequent Permanency Hearing - 8 to 9	398.00
3. Time to Permanency Placement	897.00
4. Time to Termination of Parental Rights Petition	789.00
4B. Time to Chins Adjudication	35.00
4D. Time to Chins Disposition	36.00
4E. Chins disposition before 10 days after adjudication	90.94%
4E. Chins disposition before 30 days after adjudication	4.35%
4E. Chins disposition before 60 days after adjudication	1.09%
4E. Chins disposition over 60 days after adjudication	3.62%
4J. Final TPR order before 90 days after TPR filing	1.52%
4J. Final TPR order before 120 days after TPR filing	4.55%
4J. Final TPR order before 180 days after TPR filing	27.27%
4J. Final TPR order over 180 days after TPR filing	66.67%
4K. TPR filed before 18 months after disposition	6.06%
4K. TPR filed over 18 months after disposition	93.94%
5. Time to Termination of Parental Rights	1122.00
5A. Time to Other Determination on TPR	1330.00

Where the data comes from:

Section 1 – Time to First Permanency Hearing

“DEFINITION: Average (median) time from filing of the original petition to the first permanency hearing

EXPLANATION: This measure shows how long it takes to complete the first permanency hearing. Under this measure, the time begins to run with the filing of the original petition and ends on the day the first permanency hearing is completed. The purpose of this measure is to comply with minimum times set by Federal and State laws by which States must complete permanency hearings.”

In the report settings you define “# Event types for permanency hearings”. The system looks for the first “completed” event that matches one of these hearings and calculates the average (median) time from the filing of the petition to the first permanency hearing on all cases closed during the reporting period.

- 1.) The start date for this measure is the date of the filing of the original petition.
- 2.) The ending date for this measure is the date the first permanency hearing was held.
- 3.) This measure is the average (median) time from the filing of the petition to the first permanency hearing on all cases closed during the reporting period.

Section 2 – Time to Subsequent Permanency Hearings

“DEFINITION: Average (median) time between subsequent permanency hearings starting with the date of the first permanency hearing. These hearings will occur approximately every twelve months after the first permanency hearing.

EXPLANATION: This measure shows how long it takes to complete additional permanency hearings after the first permanency hearing is completed. Under this measure, the days are counted between each permanency hearing starting with the date of the first permanency hearing and counting to the date of the second permanency hearing and from the second permanency hearing to the third permanency hearing, etc. The purpose of this measure is to comply with minimum times set by Federal and State laws by which States must complete permanency hearings.”

This measure looks at all cases with a second permanency and determines the median number of days it takes to get to a 2nd permanency hearing. It looks at all cases having a 3rd permanency hearing and measures the number of days between the 2nd and 3rd permanency hearing and determines the median number of day between the 2nd and 3rd permanency hearing for all cases having 3 permanency hearings and so on. This Measure continues to count days between permanency hearings until the case is closed.

Section 3 – Time to Permanency Placement

“DEFINITION: Average (median) time from the filing of the original petition to permanency.

EXPLANATION: This measure shows how long it takes for children in abuse and neglect cases to achieve legal permanency following the filing of the original petition. “Legal permanency” means that there is a permanent and secure legal relationship between the adult caregiver and the child. The purpose is to help courts evaluate their success in eliminating needless delays in achieving legal permanency for children in abuse and neglect cases.”

- 1.) This Measure should be limited to children who have been removed from the home at the onset of the case.
- 2.) The start date for this measure is the date of the filing of the original petition.
- 3.) The date of “legal permanency” is the date wardship is terminated. Key to this measure is the word “secure” relationship. A relationship is only secure at the point the court closes a case. Prior to case closure a permanency plan may be modified at any permanency or review hearing. Once the Court and the DCS is confident that the living arrangement is stable and the case may be closed permanency is realized.

The report looks at the case status to determine the date the petition was filed and the date the case was closed.

Section 4 – Time to Termination of Parental Rights Petition

“DEFINITION: Average (median) time from filing of the original petition to filing the petition for termination of parental rights (TPR)

EXPLANATION: This measure shows how long it takes from the date the original child abuse or neglect petition is filed to the date the termination of parental rights petition is filed. TPR means that a parent is permanently deprived of all rights to a child, including custody, visitation, or participation in decision making for the child.”

- 1.) The start date for this measure is the date of the filing of the original CHINS petition.
- 2.) The ending date is the date of the filing of the Termination of Parental Rights Petition.
- 3.) This measure is the average (median) time from the date of the filing of the original CHINS petition to the date of the filing of the Termination of Parental Rights Petition.

The case status history is where the report will pull the necessary information to calculate this measure.

- 1.) Case Status - Petition Filed date-(JC/DN)
- 2.) Case Status – Involuntary Termination Petition filed date- (JT)

Section 4B – Time to CHINS Adjudication *(Indiana only)*

From the case status history: The number of days between the Petition Filed date to the Adjudication date.

Section 4D – Time to CHINS Disposition *(Indiana only)*

From the case status history: The number of days between the Petition Filed date to the Disposition date.

Section 4E – CHINS Disposition date compared to adjudication *(Indiana only)*

This section is determining how many cases had disposition within so many days after adjudication. before 10 days, before 30 days, before 60 days or over 60 days.

Section 4J – Final TPR Order date compared to TPR filing date *(Indiana only)*

This section is counting how many days the final TPR order came following the TPR filing date. Before 90 days, 120 days, 180 days, or over 180 days.

Section 4K – TPR filed after disposition *(Indiana only)*

This section is counting how many days the TPR petition was filed compared to the CHINS disposition date. Before 18 months, or over 18 months after disposition.

Section 5 – Time to Termination of Parental Rights

“DEFINITION: Average (median) time from filing of the child abuse and neglect petition to the termination of the parental rights.

EXPLANATION: This measure shows how long it takes from the date the original child abuse or neglect petition is filed to the date the termination of parental rights proceedings is completed.”

Besides the start date, a determination must be made as to when the termination of parental rights is complete. A child is not freed for adoption until the TPR orders are issued on all parents or the parents have signed off on their rights.

Allen County used the date that the TPR order was signed and issued by the judicial officer as the date closed. For obvious reasons, this does not take into account those cases that went to appeal.

- 1.) The start date for this measure is the date of the filing of the original CHINS petition.
- 2.) The ending date for this measure is the date parental rights are terminated.
- 3.) This measure is the average (median) time from the filing of the original CHINS petition to the date parental rights are terminated.

The case status history is where the report will pull the necessary information to calculate this measure.

The required information to obtain an accurate report on this measure is:

- 1.) Case Status – Petition Filed date (JC)
- 2.) Case Status – JT – Closed; parental rights terminated date (JT)

Section 5A – Time to Other Determination on TPR (Indiana only)

This section is counting how many days the TPR petition was filed to a closed case status on the JT case that does not mean termination was granted.

Report Settings:

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