DATA-INFORMED DEPENDENCY

Child Dependency Courts

Data is an important tool in child welfare cases. It can help identify trends, make comparisons, and provide empirical evidence to support the implementation of change-making practices. By using the data available, dependency courts can enhance system efficiency, create learning communities, and improve outcomes for the families they serve.

Family & Youth Justice Program (FYJP) partners with the **Washington State Center for Court Research (WSCCR)** to help local dependency courts use court and DCYF data as a tool for court improvement.

Dependency Dashboard

The **Dependency Dashboard ("The Dash")** provides data for the state and by county, including case filing and termination numbers, court timeliness measures and race and ethnicity breakdowns for children in care. It is updated on a monthly, quarterly, and annual basis.

- Current Year Measures and Filings
- Measures and Filings Over Time
- Filings, Filing Rates, and Dependency Measures
- Demographics Data and Race/Ethnicity Breakdown
- Permanency Outcomes

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Interactive Dependency Timeliness Report

The **Interactive Dependency Timeliness Report (iDTR)** provides data that counties can use to manage, assess, and improve their court systems on a local level. The iDTR uses the same indicators as the Dependency Timeliness Report but looks at case-level data on the local level.

Using data from iDTR and DCYF's Famlink database, FYJP helps local jurisdictions identify issues where they can undertake measurable change efforts through targeted training and implementation. The iDTR allows FYJP, AOC, DCYF and local courts to operate from a common data source when making strategic decisions.

A FOCUS ON EQUITY

One of the consequences of our nation's history of systemic racism is that many public systems, including child welfare, do not serve people of color meaningfully. Having access to accurate data is an important step in understanding this disproportionality and developing targeted strategies to reduce disparities. Focusing on equity in data collection and analysis helps ensure that data is not being used to reinforce stereotypes, racial bias and undermine justice.

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