

FJCIP Data Training

Module 2: Dependency Process and
Timeliness Measures

November 28th, 2023

Homework:
What did you
identify as ways to
incorporate data
into your work with
your court partners?

Agenda

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No breaks today.

Activity @ 3:15pm

Quarterly Reports



Why?

1. Monitor court performance
2. Identify areas for improvement
3. Update partners on FJCIP activities
4. Seek feedback



Tips for Preparing Effective Quarterly Reports

1. Know the audience
2. Consistent format
3. Highlight Key Metrics
4. Include comparative data
5. Tell a Story
6. Address challenges and solutions
7. Be transparent and seek feedback
9. Focus on impact on the community
10. Include recommendations



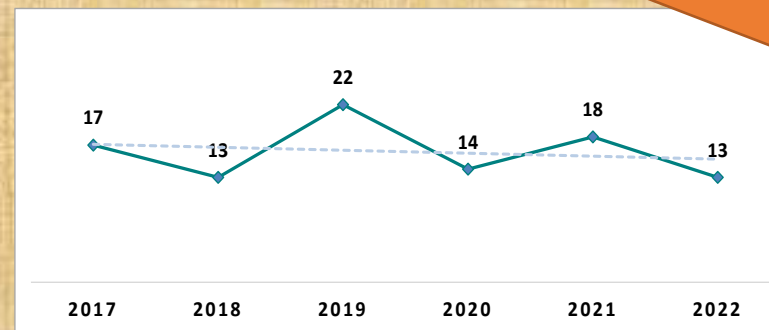
Quarterly Reports: Tips for Data Visualization

1. Choose Appropriate Charts
2. Simplify Complex Data
3. Use Color Strategically
4. Provide Clear Labels and Titles
5. Limit Data Points
6. Include annotations
7. Offer Contextual Explanations



Join us for a separate session on Data Visualization in 2024

FIGURE 1:
DEPENDENCY COURT FILINGS, BY YEAR



Data source: iDTR: Court records from the AOC's Superior Court Management and Information System (SCOMIS) are matched with information from DCYFs FamLink system. Data extract: 12/1/2022

As of [redacted] population was [redacted] of which 12% (or 4,026) were children ages 0-17.

COUNTY DEPENDENCY DATA,



Quarterly Reports

Suggestion: To begin your report, consider incorporating a statement that aligns with your purpose for engaging in system improvement work and fostering a learning community. This statement can serve as a compelling opening for your report.

Hints to how to find the data

DEPENDENCY FILINGS

Sources of Data: Fact Finding Excel, DPP Filing -OROD Month sheet, Dep Graph sheet

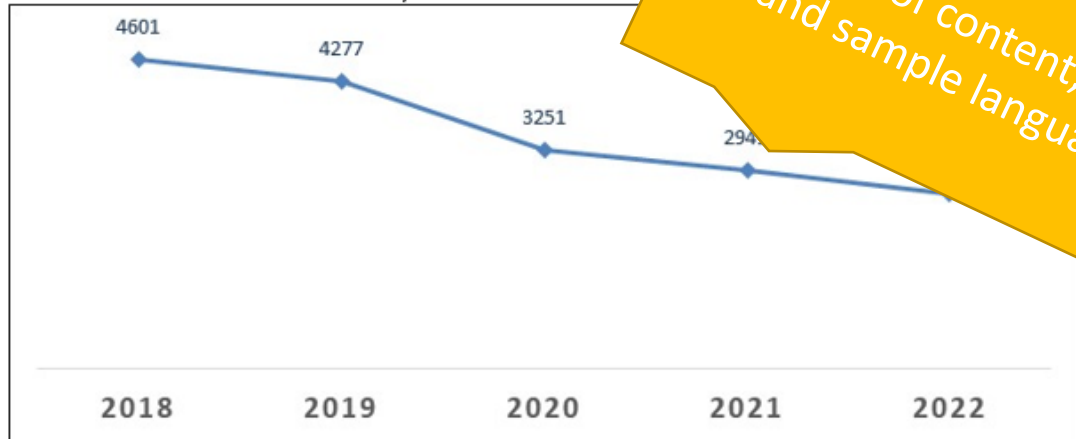
Overview of what the data are telling you about the filings and children coming into your system.

Description Example: Figure 1 shows the number of dependency cases filed in Washington’s courts annually for children (ages 0-17) for the last six years. Since 2018, at 4,601, the number of dependency filings has been declining annually, reaching a historic low in 2022. The pace of decline accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic (between 2019 and 2020), when the number of dependency petitions dropped 24% a year. The end of the pandemic, however, did not stop this decline. The number of dependency filings decreased from the prior year for both 2021 and 2022. The decrease observed from 2020 to 2021 was approximately 10% percent, and the decrease from 2021 to 2022 was 12%.

Create a similar graph for your court. When analyzing trends in dependency filings, it is important to take into consideration the local context and factors that may be contributing to trends across different regions in the state. Use the data to tell the court partners about the data.

Examples of content, graphs, and sample language

FIGURE 1: DEPENDENCY COURT FILINGS, BY YEAR FOR THE STATE



Beyond the Numbers: A Toolkit for FJCIP Coordinators in Writing Quarterly Reports

Here are some tips to help you in preparing FJCIP quarterly reports. These tips are designed to assist FJCIP coordinators in crafting comprehensive and engaging quarterly reports tailored to the unique needs of dependency courts. By following these tips, you can create quarterly reports that effectively communicate the court’s activities, achievements, and challenges in a manner that is clear, transparent, and actionable.

Tips for effective quarterly reporting

Tips to help personalize the report for your local court needs.



Example: What the iDTR data tells

- **Termination Petitions within 15 months has consistency remained above 75% for our county over the past 5 years**
- **In 2023, the median months decreased by 2 months over the previous year**



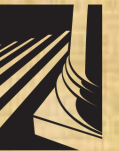
This data is the set up

Conflict: the change in the data, the decrease in how soon the termination petitions are filed.

Example: what you learned from your court partners:

- **Shift in practice:**
 - To address permanency and the need for a termination petition, or good cause not to file a termination petition at the first permanency planning hearing and each dependency review or permanency planning hearing after.
- **Results:**
 - In 2023, the median months related to filing a termination petition or finding good cause decreased to 12 months, compared to 18 months prior to this practice change.
 - Less cases are ending in termination of parental rights
 - 10% increase in family reunifications over the past 5 years.
 - Meet our 5 year goal for reunifications.

Resolution: can be that the shift in practice was implemented and what you are doing to monitor that the progress is sustainable, OR that you met one of your local improvement plan goals.



GOOD STORIES COMPEL PEOPLE TO CHANGE

THE WAY
WE FEEL

Stories demand
an emotional
investment.

THE WAY
WE THINK

Stories pique
and hold
interest.

THE WAY
WE ACT

Stories bring
energy to the
message.

THE WAY
WE BEHAVE

Stories cause
us to take
action.

It is not enough to just analyze data; you need to know how to communicate the story it tells in a clear compelling manner – a skill called data storytelling.

-Catherine Cote, Harvard Business School

How storytelling affects the brain

Neural coupling

Activates parts in the brain that allows you to turn the story into your own ideas and experience

Dopamine

Your brain releases dopamine into the system when it experiences an emotionally-charged event, making it easier to remember and with greater accuracy

Mirroring

You will experience similar brain activity to the speaker

Cortex activity

When processing facts, 2 areas of the brain are activated. A well-told story can engage many additional areas, incl. the motor cortex, sensory cortex and frontal cortex

3:
Resolution

1: Set up

2: Conflict



Activity Time.. Understanding the basics of the reporting tool.

- Use the data provided to you to complete your assigned section of the Quarterly Report.
 - Take 5 minutes alone to review the data
 - Breakout rooms: (30 minutes)
 - Identify who is playing the role as the FJCIP Coordinator and who are the court partners.
 - Discuss your data together and prepare a short presentation for the group.
 - All together, the FJCIP Coordinator with the support of their court partners will provide a brief review of their section of the report.



AOC, Semi-Annual Reports

FJCIP Quarterly Report Template

TIMELINESS MEASURES

Review dependency timeliness indicator data for the current quarter and compare to the prior quarter and year. Help your court partners understand what the data is telling them for each timeliness measure.

Examples of what you can share with your court partners about the data;

- How is your county performing? Do you notice changes as compared to the past quarter/year?
- What measure(s) is your county performing well in?
- What measure(s) might require your attention and or the attention of your cross-system teams?
- What are possible reasons for what you observe?

Thorns (not on quarterly report) = those are part of the feedback loop between the local courts in our program and the state team so we know what to bring to you all to support you at the local level

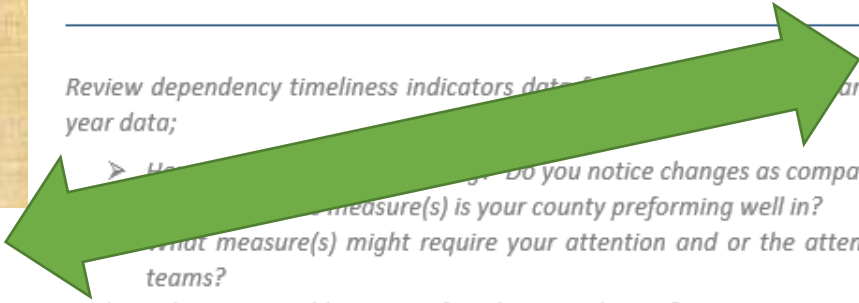


Quantitative and Qualitative Trends

Review dependency timeliness indicators data for the current quarter and compare to your court's current year data;

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Feel free to include graphs and charts to visualize trends discussed in the narrative.



Quarterly Report on the AOC report says FJCIP Gardens, Buds and Blooms = reports you wrote in your quarterly highlight to others around the state. What are the key innovations, takeaways learned. Highlights



47%		
43%	52%	

Title of Chart/Graph

PERFORMING WELL IN?
ATTENTION AND ATTENTION OF YOUR TEAM?
YOU OBSERVE?

to visualize your data and charts provide a clear way to assess how your performance aligns with trends across the state.

Homework

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- ❖ Complete a section of your quarterly report template for your local court system.
- ❖ Create a short presentation (5 minutes or less) to share with the group at the next session on your assigned topic.
- ❖ Bonus: complete the full report for your court partners.

Spin the Wheel