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I have no specific comments or recommendations. However, with tight state budgets and somewhat inflexible federal funding streams, I wonder how much child welfare finance plays a role in the underperformance of all states. On the court improvement side, I also wonder if the various state policies on assignment, training, retention and tenure of judges to the courts handling child abuse and neglect cases is affecting substandard outcomes and performance measures.

Like almost everything, it eventually comes down to financial and human resources. The knowledge for improving the lives of children is there; it needs to filter down to enough dedicated people to make it all work.

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