Packard Project
Court Performance Measures Captured in Existing Federal Data Sources

Both Packard Safety Measures can be Calculated from a Combination of NCANDS+AFCARS Data

	SAFETY	
#	**Description**	**Comments**
1.	Percentage of children who do NOT have a subsequent petition of maltreatment filed in court after the initial petition is filed.	Not on current website. NCANDS contains dates of petition for removal from the home
2.	Percentage of children who are the subject of additional allegations of maltreatment within 12 months after the original petition was closed.	Not on current website. Data source is a combination of NCANDS (for the maltreatment dates) + AFCARS (for discharge date)

All Five Packard Permanency Measures can be Calculated from AFCARS Data

	PERMANENCY	
#	**Description**	**Measurement on Current Website - Comments**
3.	Percentage of children who reach legal permanency (by reunification, guardianship, adoption, planned permanent living arrangement or other legal categories that correspond with ASFA) within 6, 12, 18, and 24 months from removal.	Partial Measurement: Reunification within 72 hours and 12 months, and adoption within 24 and 48 months. Does not measure time to guardianship. Does show proportions of children that exit to each of these permanency outcomes. AFCARS does not include an APPLA discharge type.
4.	Percentage of children who do not achieve permanency in the foster care system (e.g., court jurisdiction ends because the child reaches the age of majority).	Measures: The proportions of children who were discharged by Emancipation, Transfer, Runaway, and Death.
5.	Percentage of children who re-enter foster care pursuant to court order within 12 and 24 months of being returned to their families.	Partial Measurement: Reentry rates at 12 months and without time limit. Does not show 24 month reentry rate.

		The denominator is all removals. The website does not break out re-entry based on the type of permanency.
6.	Percentage of children who return to foster care pursuant to court order within 12 and 24 months of being adopted or placed with an individual or couple who are permanent guardians.	Not on current website, but can be calculated from AFCARS. The reentries are included in proxy measure #5.
7.	Percentage of children who are transferred among one, two, three, or more placements while under court jurisdiction.	Partial Measurement: The proportion of children with 2 or fewer placements.

Two Packard Timeliness Measures can be Calculated from AFCARS Data

TIMELINESS		
#	**Description**	**Measurement on Current Website - Comments**
12.	Average or median time from filing of the original petition to permanent placement.	Proxy (date of removal) Measures: median months from removal to reunification, relative discharge, and adoption. Each one is broken out separately. In addition, the website has the median length of stay for children that exited care within the last 12 months.
13.	Average or median time from filing of the original petition to finalized termination of parental rights.	Proxy (date of removal) Measures: median months from removal to TPR

The Following Packard Measures Cannot be Calculated from AFCARS Data

		TIMELINESS
#		**Description**
8.		Average or median time from filing of the original petition to adjudication.
9.		Average or median time from filing of the original petition to disposition.
10.		Percentage of cases that are adjudicated within 30, 60, 90 days after the filing of the dependency petition.
11.		Percentage of cases that receive a disposition within 10, 30, 60 days after the dependency adjudication.
14.		Percentage of cases for which the termination petition is filed within 3, 6, 12, 18 months after the dependency disposition.
15.		Percentage of cases for which an adoption petition is filed within 1, 3, 6, months after the termination order.
16.		Percentage of cases for which the adoption is finalized within 1, 3, 6, 12 months after the adoption petition.
17.		Percentage of hearings (by hearing type) not completed within time frames set forth in statute or court rules.

DUE PROCESS

In addition, the Packard Project recommends the collection of seven performance measures on due process, none of which are currently available in any existing federal data sources.