Moving the Dial - Part III

Importance of Concurrent Planning

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Entry to Foster Care
Statewide, entries to foster care have declined, but some counties are seeing increases.

Comparison of Entry Rate per 1,000 children
Permanency Indicators
For children entering foster care, how likely are they to exit to permanency within one year?

Entries to foster care have declined in 2019 and 2020

The number of children reaching permanency in under 12 months from entering care has increased

Montana is similar to the nation in the percent of children reaching permanency in under 12 months
Permanency Indicators
For children entering foster care, how likely are they to exit to permanency within one year?

The Moving the Dial counties are doing better than overall State.

Their increase has had a positive influence on the state value.

Other counties have seen little change.
Permanency Indicators
For children who have been in care between 12 and 23 months at the start of the year, how likely are they to exit to permanency by the end of the year?

The number of children at the start of the year who have been in care between 12 and 23 months has declined in 2020.

The number of children reaching permanency in the next 12 months has remained steady, the percent is therefore increasing towards the goal of 45.9%.
Permanency Indicators

For children who have been in care between 12 and 23 months at the start of the year, how likely are they to exit to permanency by the end of the year?

More improvement was seen outside the Moving the Dial counties.

Overall, the state saw minimal change in this cohort.
Permanency Indicators
For children who have been in care at least 24 months at the start of the year, how likely are they to exit to permanency by the end of the year?

The number of children at the start of the year who have been in care 24 months or longer has steadily increased since 2016.

The number of children reaching permanency in the next 12 months has also increased, so the percent has only declined slightly (falling below the national rate in the last year.)
Permanency Indicators

For children who have been in care at least 24 months at the start of the year, how likely are they to exit to permanency by the end of the year?

The Moving the Dial counties have had mixed success with children in care 24+ months.

States outside of the intervention are seeing a decline in permanency among this cohort.
Questions to Think About:

What are your takeaways from this data?

What can your team do with this data?
Thank you!