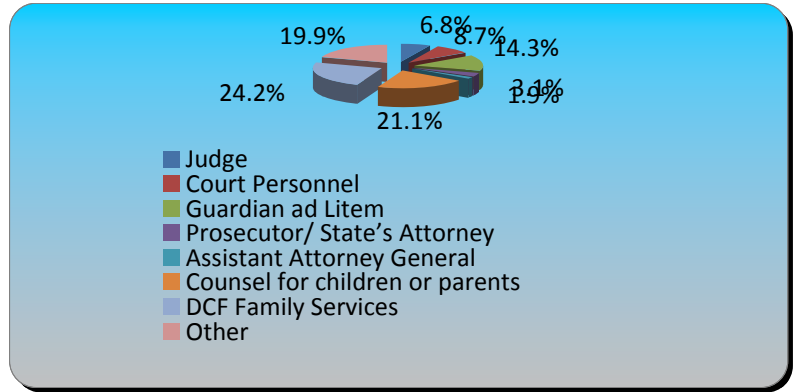
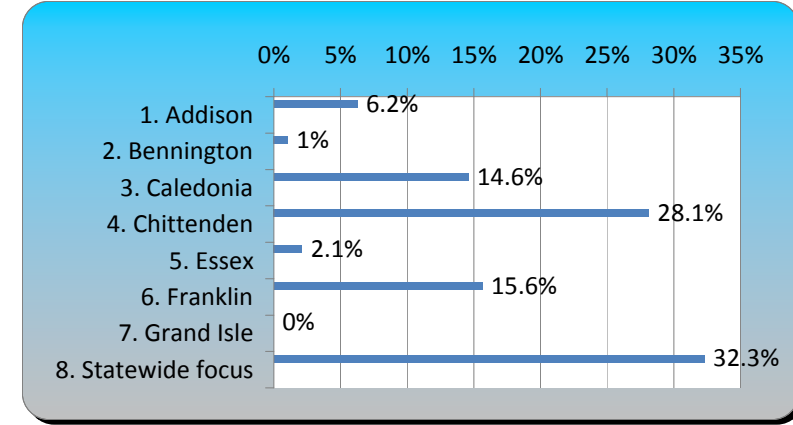


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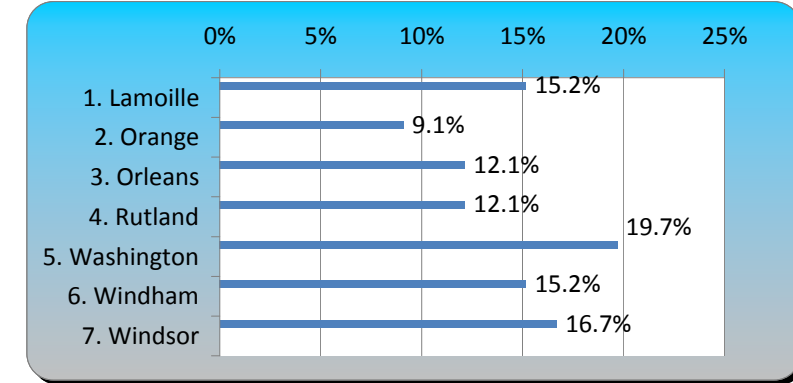
1.) What category best describes your role?	Responses	
Judge	11	7%
Court Personnel	14	9%
Guardian ad Litem	23	14%
Prosecutor/ State’s Attorney	5	3%
Assistant Attorney General	3	2%
Counsel for children or parents	34	21%
DCF Family Services	39	24%
Other	32	20%
Totals	161	100%



2.) In which county do you primarily practice?	Responses	
1. Addison	6	6%
2. Bennington	1	1%
3. Caledonia	14	15%
4. Chittenden	27	28%
5. Essex	2	2%
6. Franklin	15	16%
7. Grand Isle	0	0%
8. Statewide focus	31	32%
Totals	96	100%

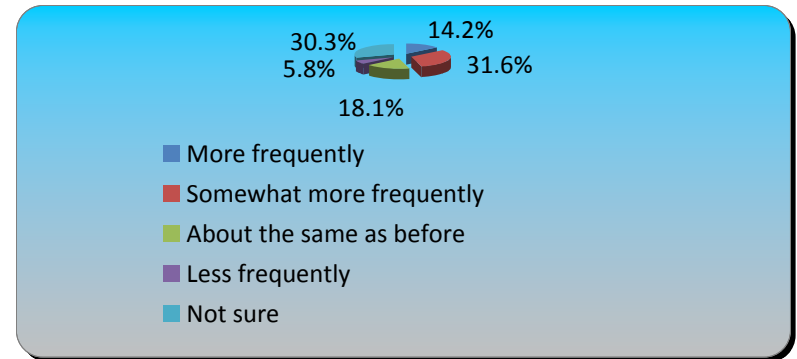


3.) In which county do you primarily practice? (con't)	Responses	
1. Lamoille	10	15%
2. Orange	6	9%
3. Orleans	8	12%
4. Rutland	8	12%
5. Washington	13	20%
6. Windham	10	15%
7. Windsor	11	17%
Totals	66	100%



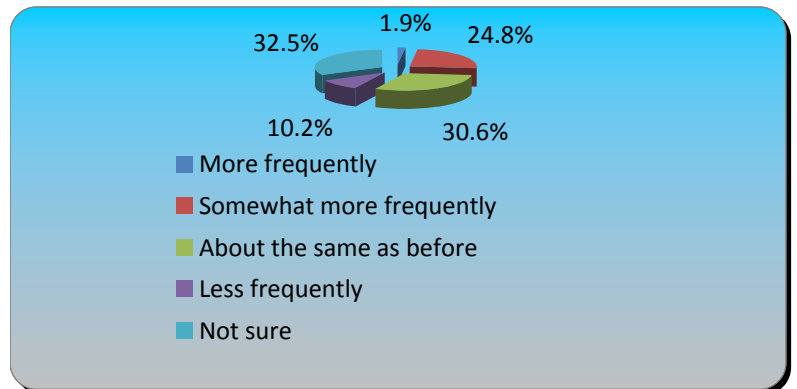
4.) Do children remain in the home and in parental custody without any time in DCF custody...

	Responses	
More frequently	22	14%
Somewhat more frequently	49	32%
About the same as before	28	18%
Less frequently	9	6%
Not sure	47	30%
Totals	155	100%



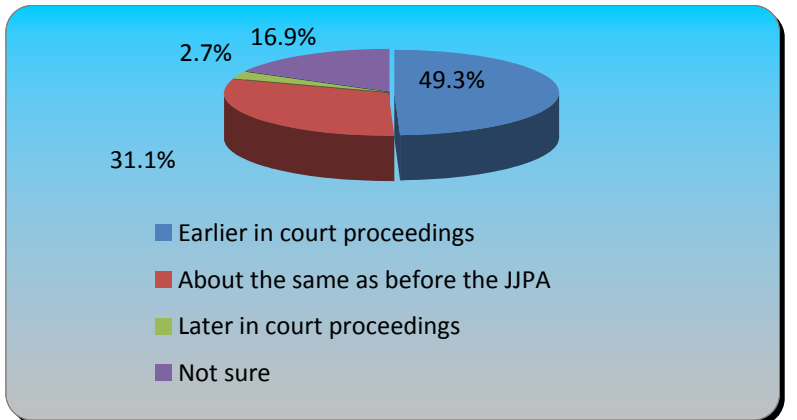
5.) If children are removed from home, do they return home prior to or at disposition...

	Responses	
More frequently	3	2%
Somewhat more frequently	39	25%
About the same as before	48	31%
Less frequently	16	10%
Not sure	51	32%
Totals	157	100%



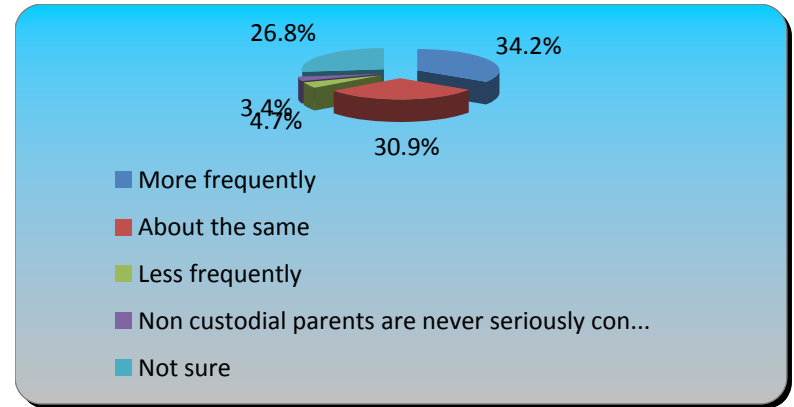
6.) Are absent parents identified...

	Responses	
Earlier in court proceedings	73	49%
About the same as before the JJPA	46	31%
Later in court proceedings	4	3%
Not sure	25	17%
Totals	148	100%



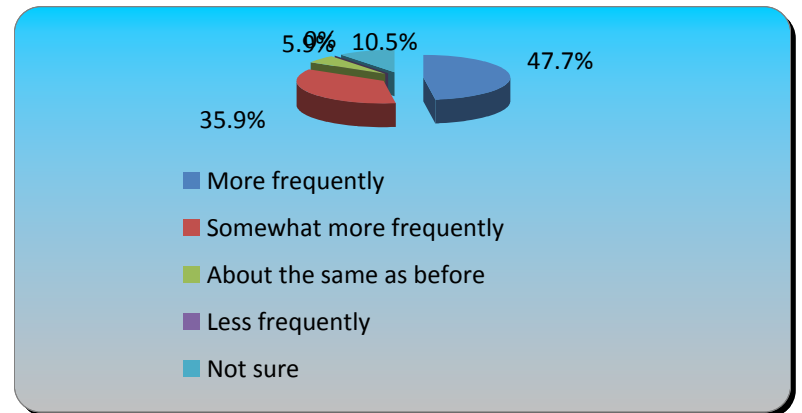
7.) When children are removed from home, custody is transferred to non custodial parents...

	Responses	
More frequently	51	34%
About the same	46	31%
Less frequently	7	5%
Non custodial parents are never seriously con...	5	3%
Not sure	40	27%
Totals	149	100%



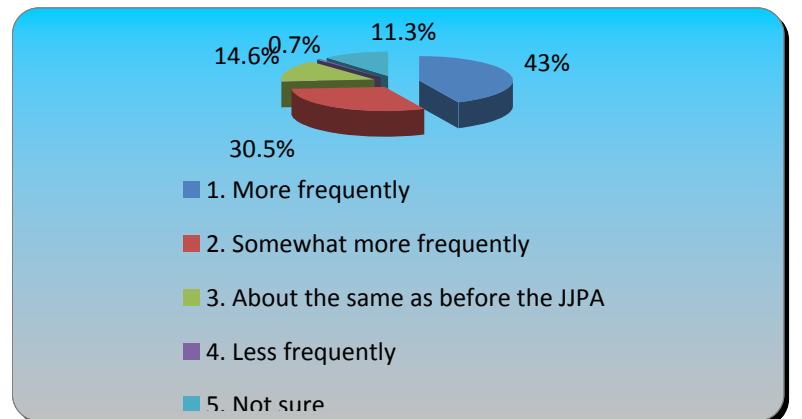
8.) When children are removed from home, custody is transferred to kin....

	Responses	
More frequently	73	48%
Somewhat more frequently	55	36%
About the same as before	9	6%
Less frequently	0	0%
Not sure	16	10%
Totals	153	100%



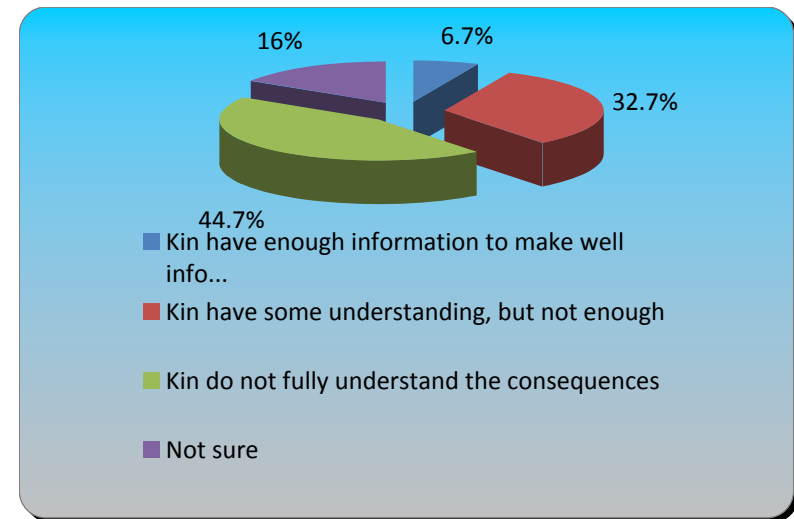
9.) If a child is in DCF custody and kin are willing to be foster parents, DCF places the child with kin...

	Responses	
1. More frequently	65	43%
2. Somewhat more frequently	46	30%
3. About the same as before the JJPA	22	15%
4. Less frequently	1	1%
5. Not sure	17	11%
Totals	151	100%



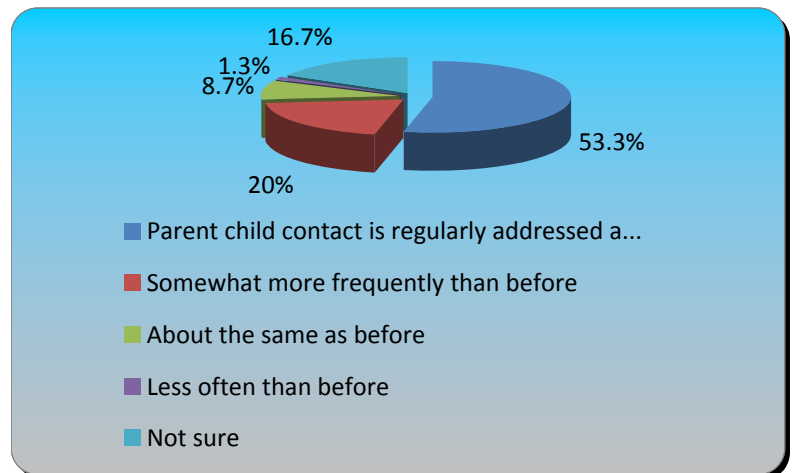
10.) When kin decide between custody and becoming a foster parent, how well do they understand the consequences of each option?

	Responses	
Kin have enough information to make well info...	10	7%
Kin have some understanding, but not enough	49	33%
Kin do not fully understand the consequences	67	45%
Not sure	24	16%
Totals	150	100%



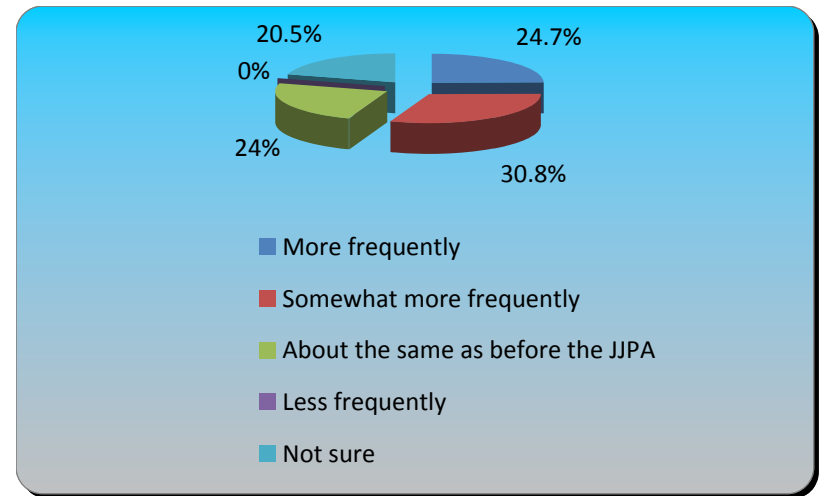
11.) Is the issue of parent child contact addressed more frequently at court hearings?

	Responses	
Parent child contact is regularly addressed a...	80	53%
Somewhat more frequently than before	30	20%
About the same as before	13	9%
Less often than before	2	1%
Not sure	25	17%
Totals	150	100%



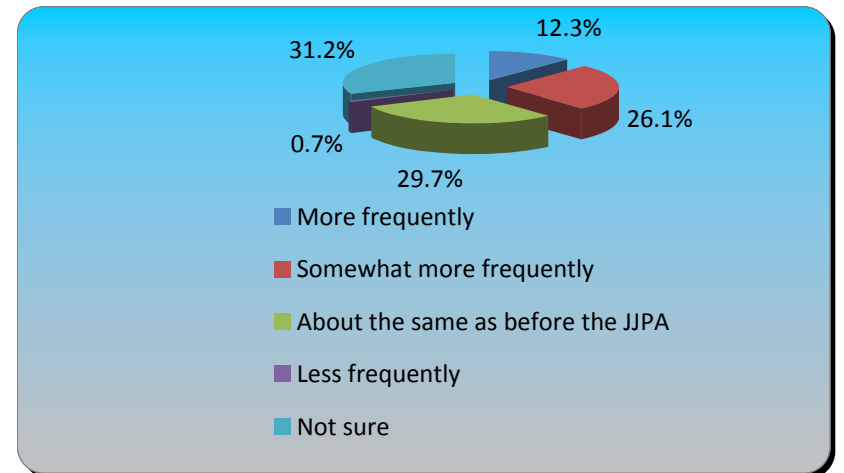
12.) Compared to before the JJPA, parent child contact

<u>occurs . . .</u>	<u>Responses</u>	
More frequently	36	25%
Somewhat more frequently	45	31%
About the same as before the JJPA	35	24%
Less frequently	0	0%
Not sure	30	21%
Totals	146	100%



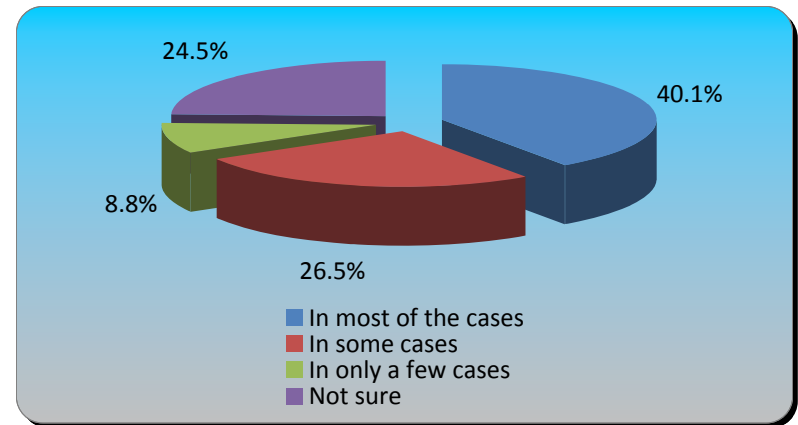
13.) Compared to before the JJPA, contact between siblings

<u>happens...</u>	<u>Responses</u>	
More frequently	17	12%
Somewhat more frequently	36	26%
About the same as before the JJPA	41	30%
Less frequently	1	1%
Not sure	43	31%
Totals	138	100%



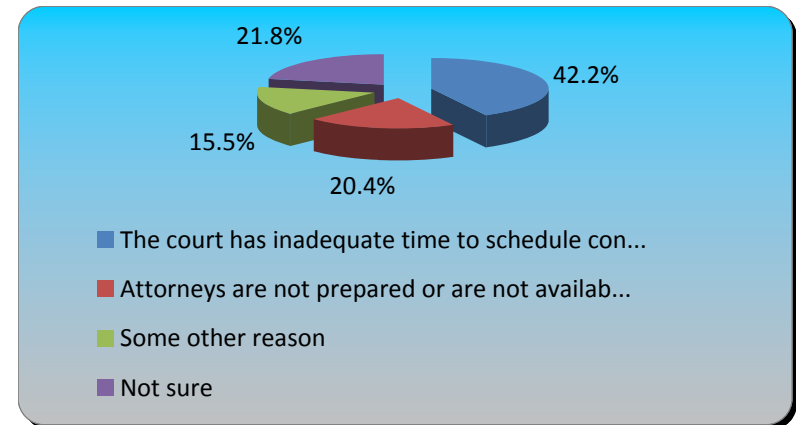
14.) The court meets the 60 day time frame from custody to merits adjudication ...

	Responses	
In most of the cases	59	40%
In some cases	39	27%
In only a few cases	13	9%
Not sure	36	24%
Totals	147	100%



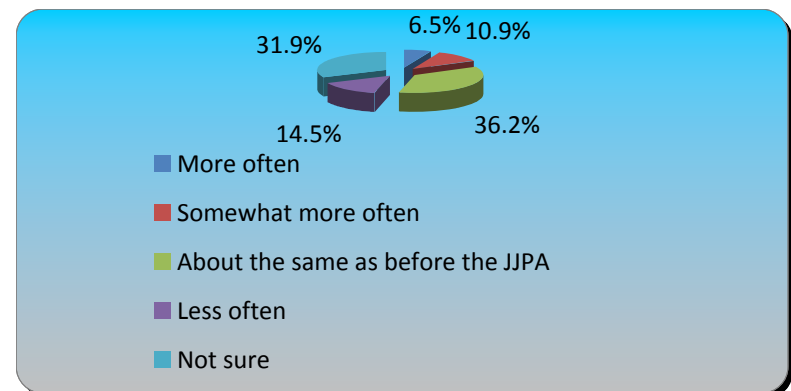
15.) When the court does not meet the 60 day merits goal, it is usually because...

	Responses	
The court has inadequate time to schedule con...	60	42%
Attorneys are not prepared or are not availab...	29	20%
Some other reason	22	15%
Not sure	31	22%
Totals	142	100%



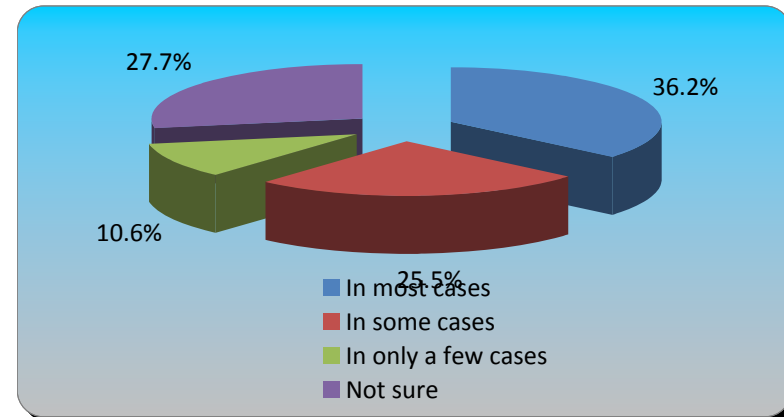
16.) Would you say that under the JJPA, merits is likely to be contested...

	Responses	
More often	9	7%
Somewhat more often	15	11%
About the same as before the JJPA	50	36%
Less often	20	14%
Not sure	44	32%
Totals	138	100%



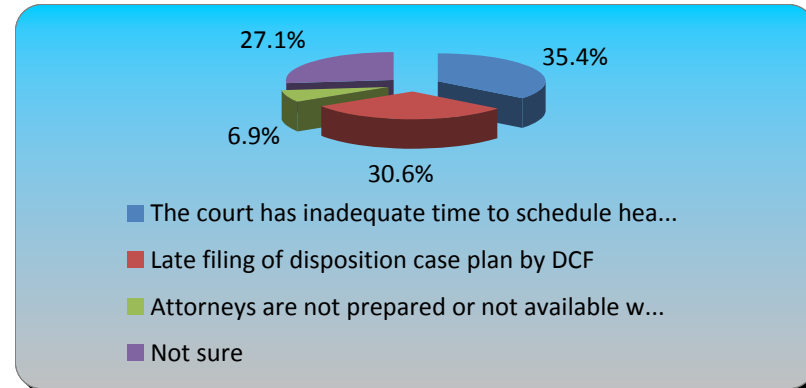
17.) The court is able to meet the 35 day time frame from merits to disposition...

	Responses	
In most cases	51	36%
In some cases	36	26%
In only a few cases	15	11%
Not sure	39	28%
Totals	141	100%



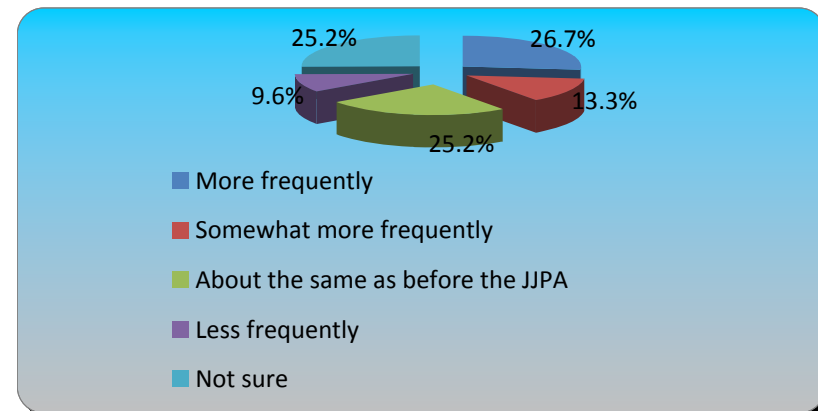
18.) When the court exceeds the 35 day goal, it is usually because...

	Responses	
The court has inadequate time to schedule hea...	51	35%
Late filing of disposition case plan by DCF	44	31%
Attorneys are not prepared or not available w...	10	7%
Not sure	39	27%
Totals	144	100%



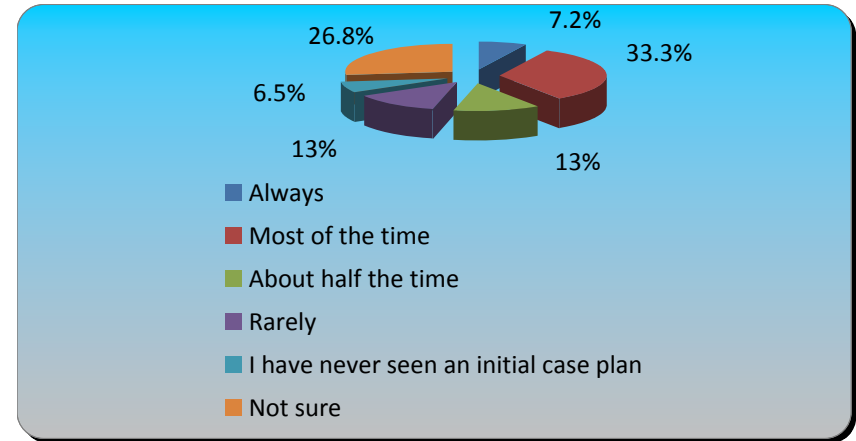
19.) Status conferences are scheduled in juvenile cases...

	Responses	
More frequently	36	27%
Somewhat more frequently	18	13%
About the same as before the JJPA	34	25%
Less frequently	13	10%
Not sure	34	25%
Totals	135	100%



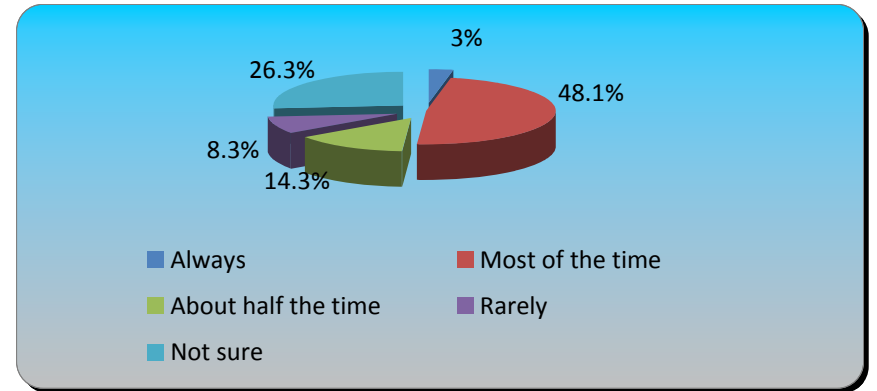
20.) DCF files the initial case plan within 60 days of removal of the child from home...

	Responses	
Always	10	7%
Most of the time	46	33%
About half the time	18	13%
Rarely	18	13%
I have never seen an initial case plan	9	7%
Not sure	37	27%
Totals	138	100%



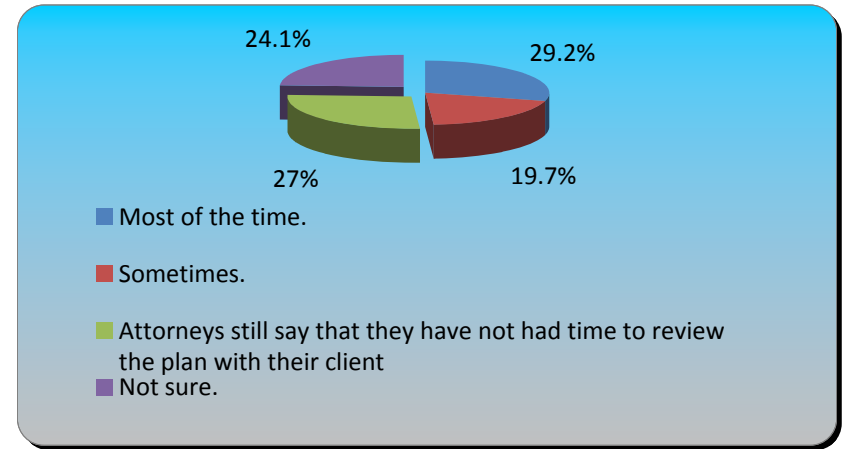
21.) DCF files the disposition case plan within 28 days of the merits hearing....

	Responses	
Always	4	3%
Most of the time	64	48%
About half the time	19	14%
Rarely	11	8%
Not sure	35	26%
Totals	133	100%

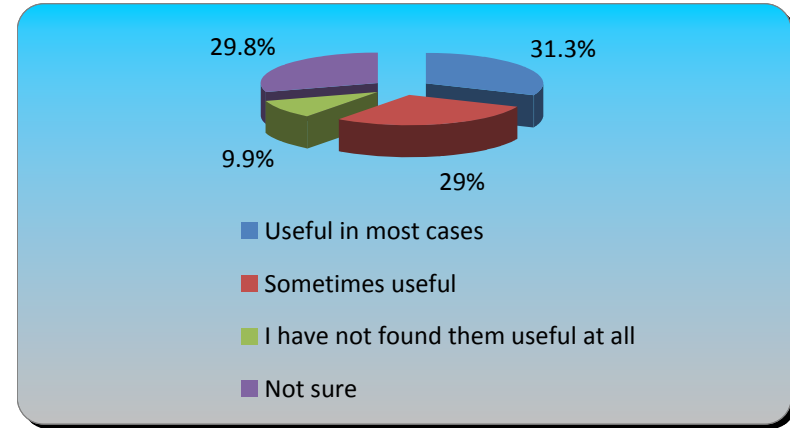


22.) If disposition case plans are filed on time, attorneys are prepared to go forward with the disposition hearing...

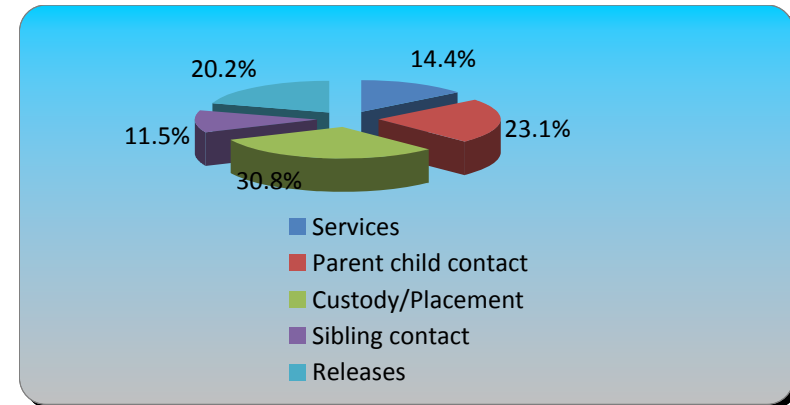
	Responses	
Most of the time.	40	29%
Sometimes.	27	20%
Attorneys still say that they have not had time to review the plan with their client	37	27%
Not sure.	33	24%
Totals	137	100%



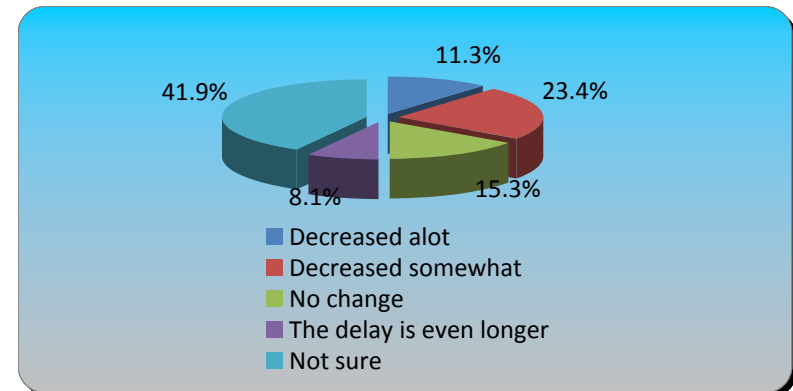
23.) Post disposition review hearings are ...	Responses	
Useful in most cases	41	31%
Sometimes useful	38	29%
I have not found them useful at all	13	10%
Not sure	39	30%
Totals	131	100%



24.) What kind of issues are being addressed at post-disposition review hearings? (may select multiple responses)	Responses	
Services	15	14%
Parent child contact	24	23%
Custody/Placement	32	31%
Sibling contact	12	12%
Releases	21	20%
Totals	104	100%

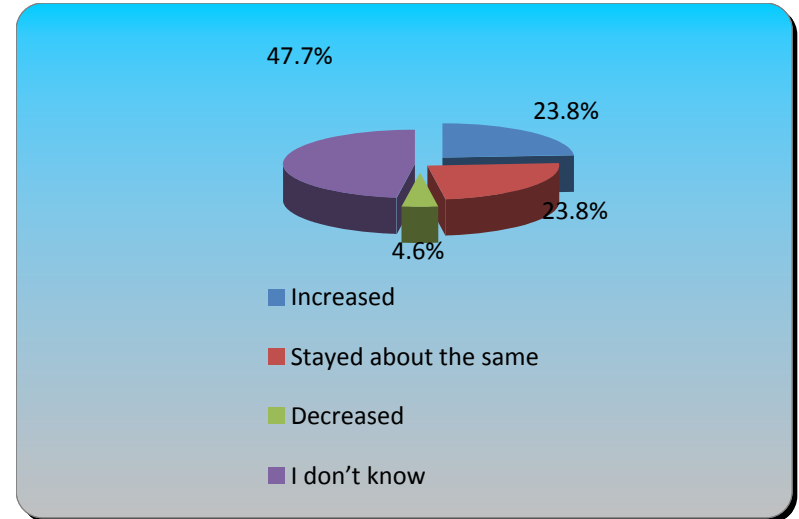


25.) Since 1/1/09, the time between incident and preliminary hearing in court has....	Responses	
Decreased alot	14	11%
Decreased somewhat	29	23%
No change	19	15%
The delay is even longer	10	8%
Not sure	52	42%
Totals	124	100%



26.) The number of Youthful Offender cases referred from District Court to Family Court has...

	Responses	
Increased	31	24%
Stayed about the same	31	24%
Decreased	6	5%
I don't know	62	48%
Totals	130	100%



27.) Overall, how satisfied are you with the changes to the juvenile statute?

	Responses	
Very Satisfied	30	22%
Mixed, but satisfied overall	73	53%
Not satisfied	8	6%
I don't know	27	20%
Totals	138	100%

