

Highlights from 2019 Annual Non-Court Report

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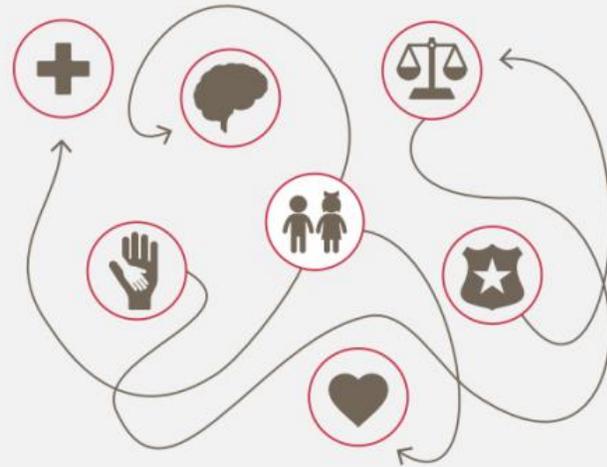
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What is a Child Advocacy Center?

Without CACs



With CACs



In 2018, CACs provided the following services:

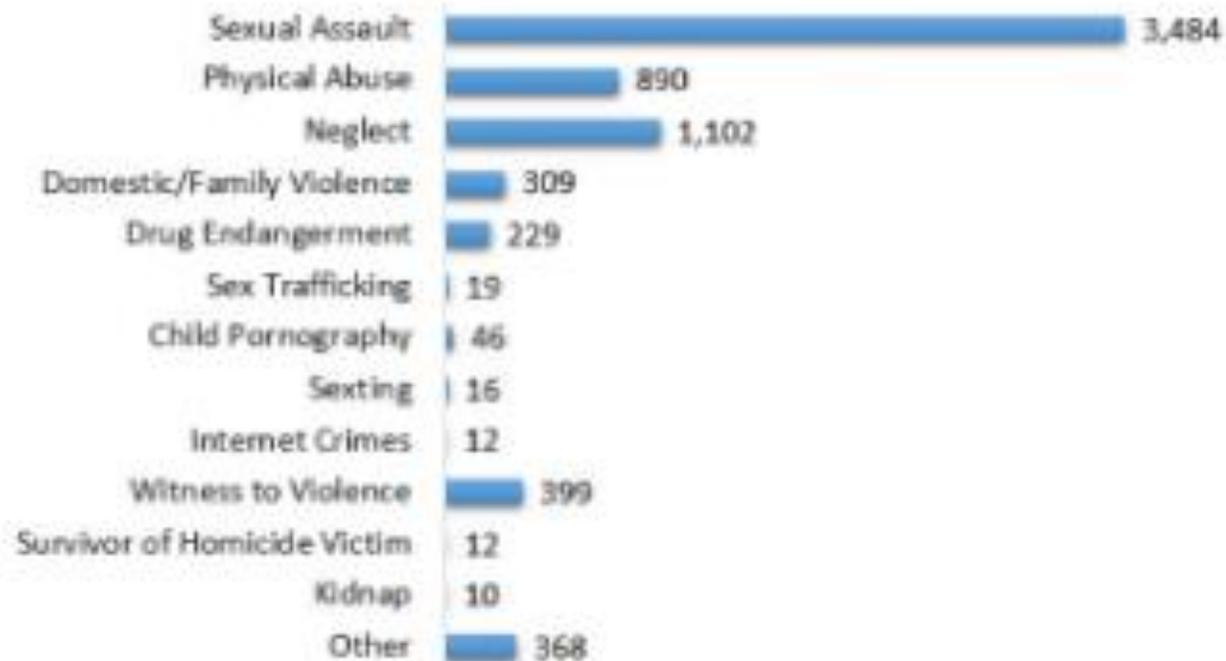
4,786 Forensic Interviews

1,251 Medical Exams

36,634 Advocacy Contacts

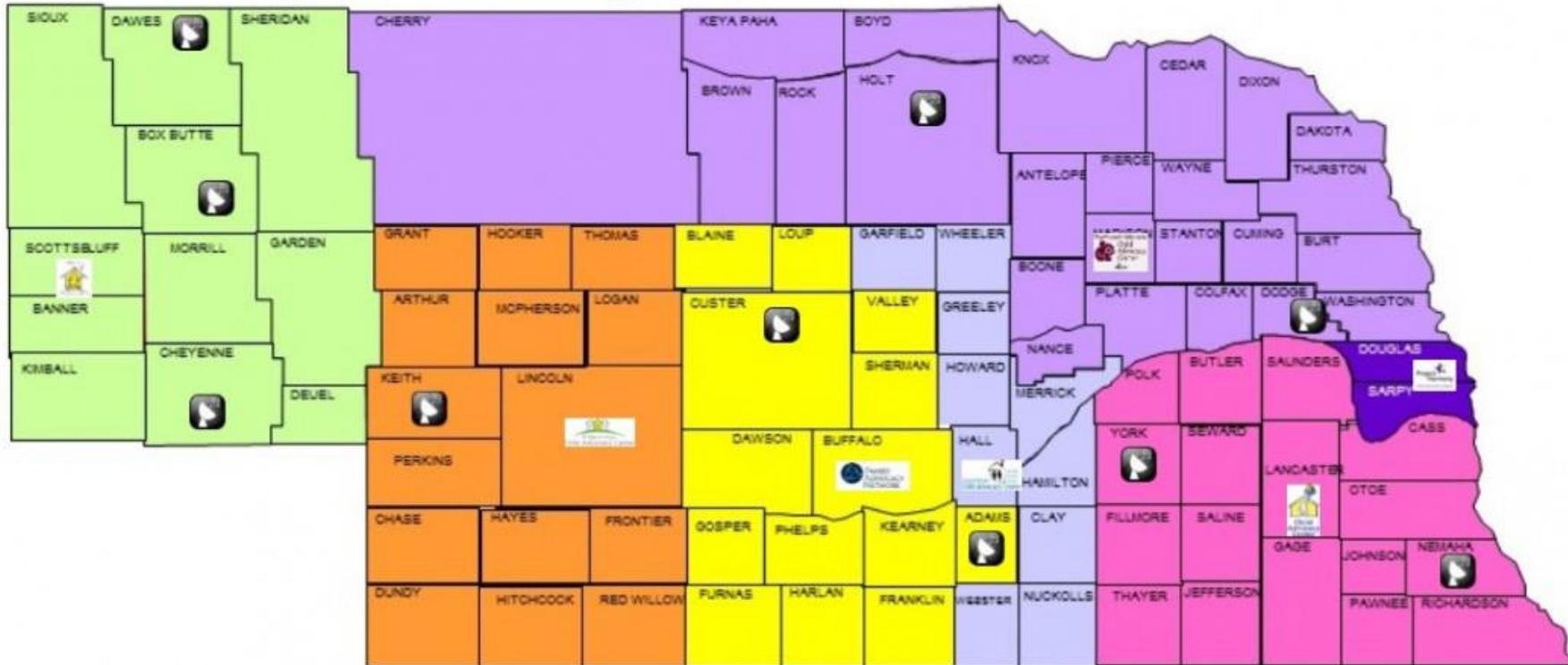
10,978 Cases Reviewed

WHY ARE CHILDREN REFERRED TO MEMBER CENTERS





Nebraska Alliance of CACs Coverage Across the State

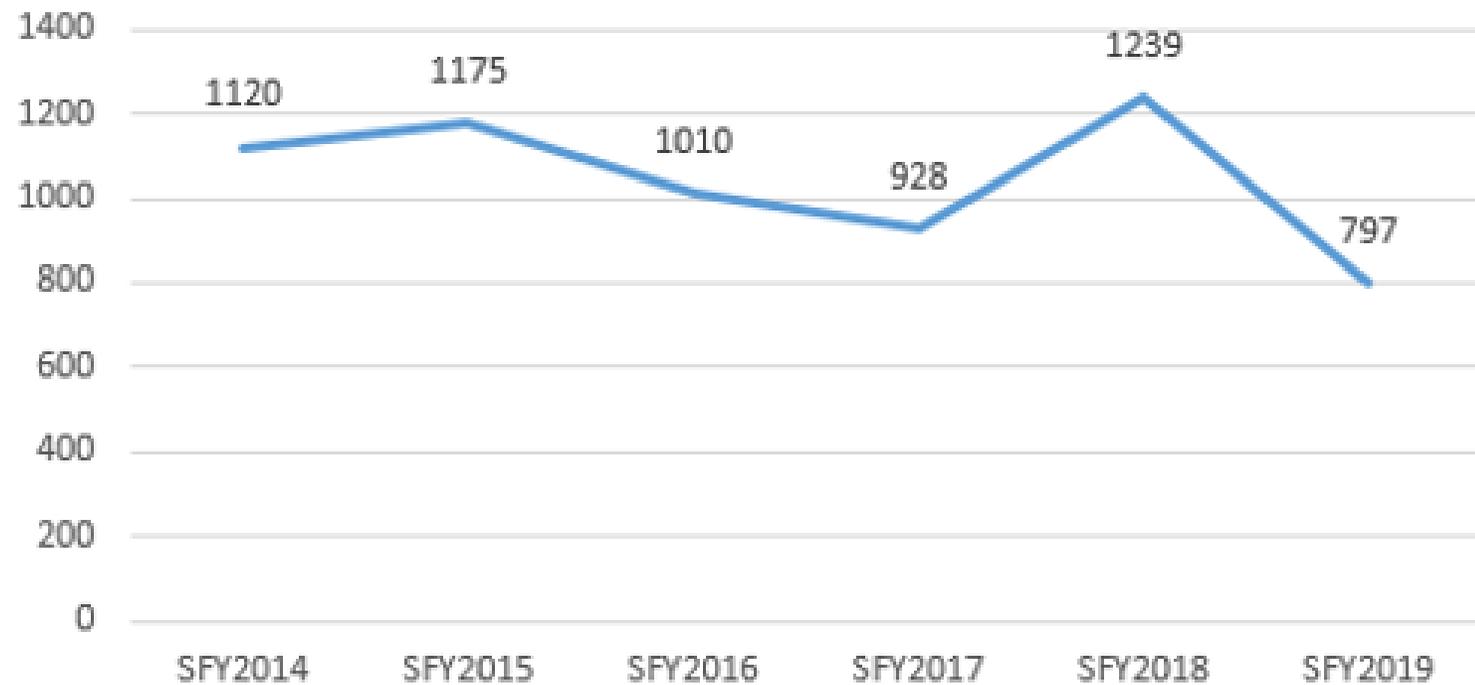


Background on the Non-Court Report

- Since 2012:
 - DHHS and Lead Contractors report monthly to CACs on open non-court cases
 - CACs must report to the Legislature annually
 - Multidisciplinary/child abuse and neglect treatment teams must establish protocols

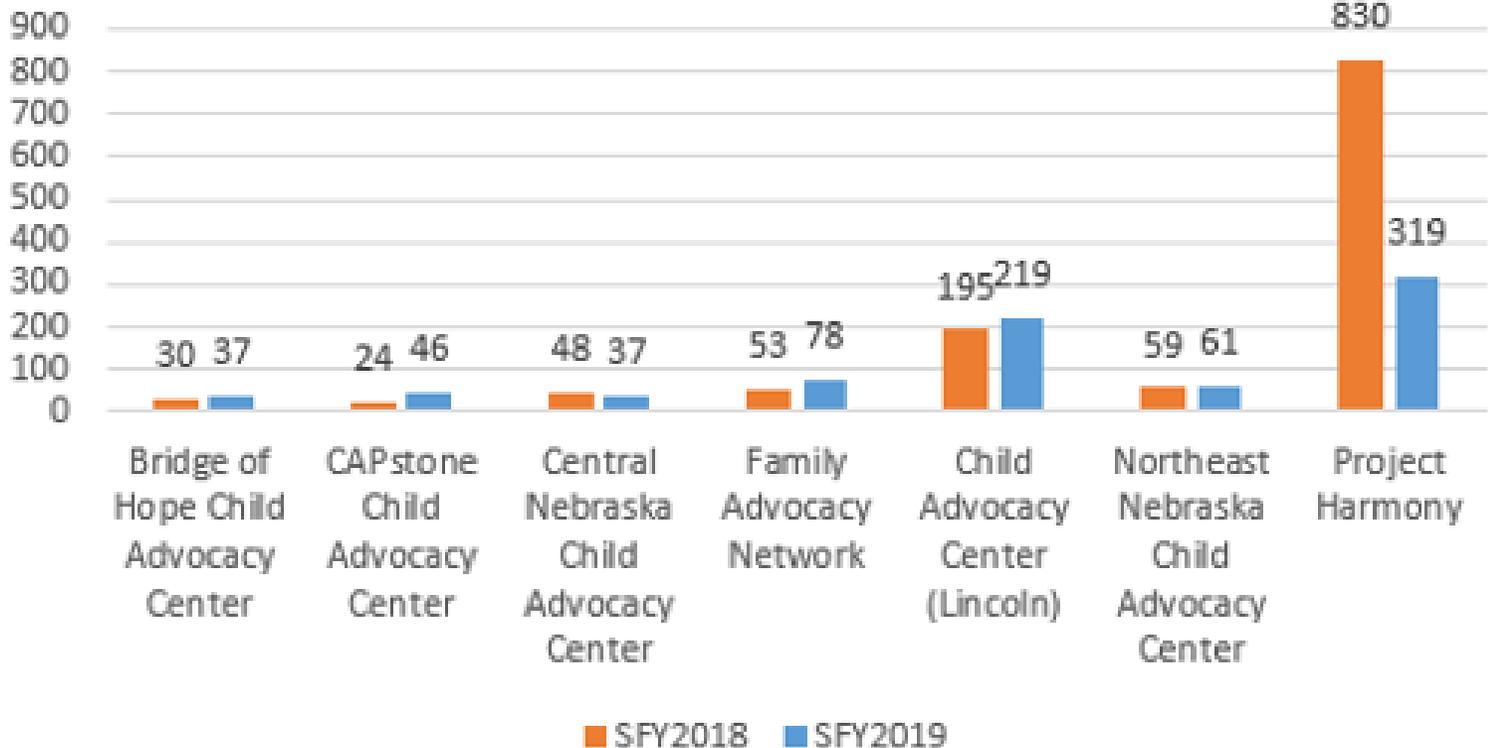
New Non-Court Cases

Figure I. Nebraska Non-Court Cases Opened by Year

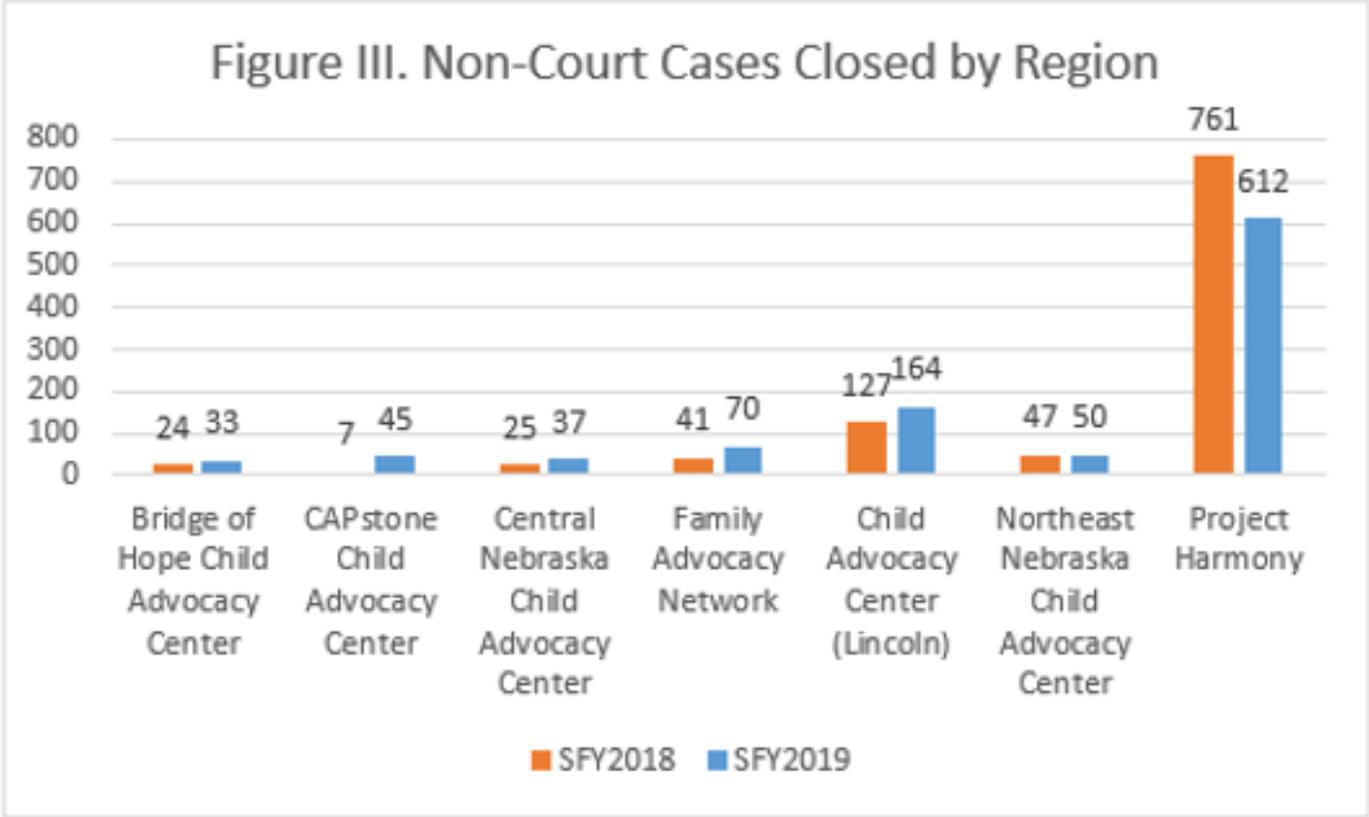


New Non-Court Cases by Region

Figure II. Non-Court Cases Opened by Region



Closed Cases



Average Length of Stay

- 126 Days statewide

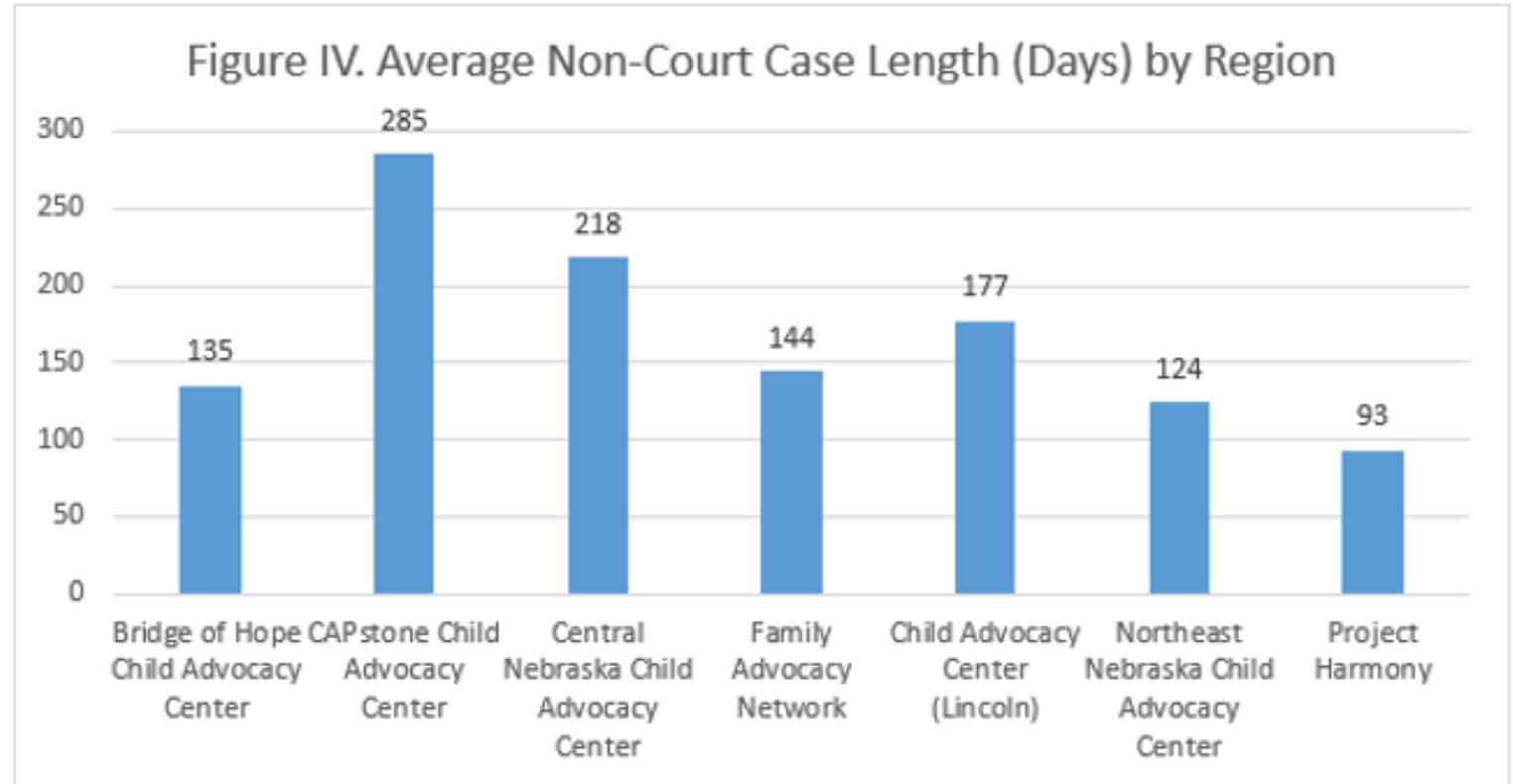


Figure VI. Percentage of Closed Cases with Case Plans

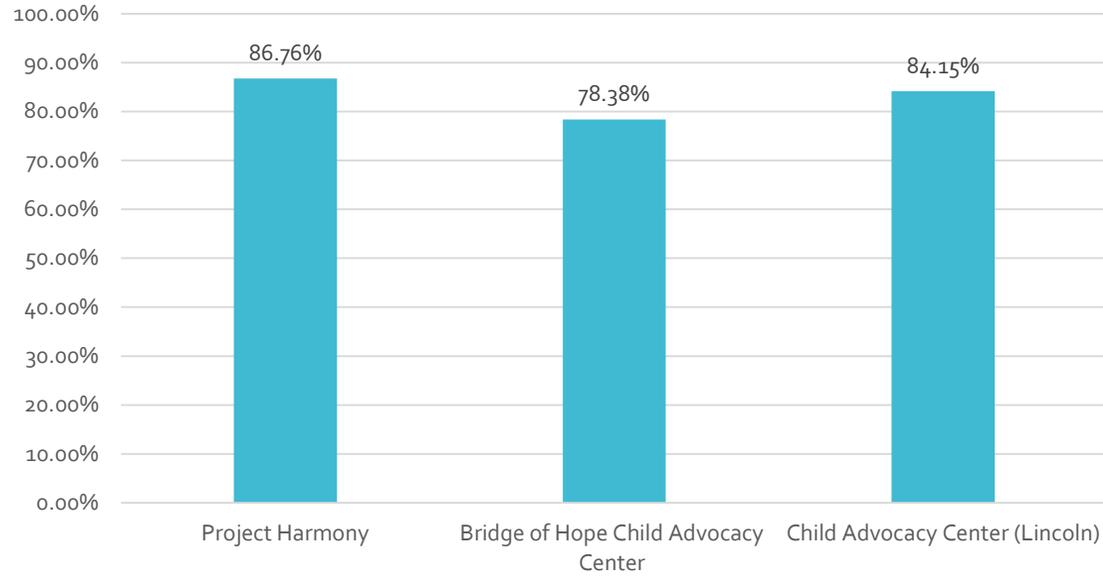
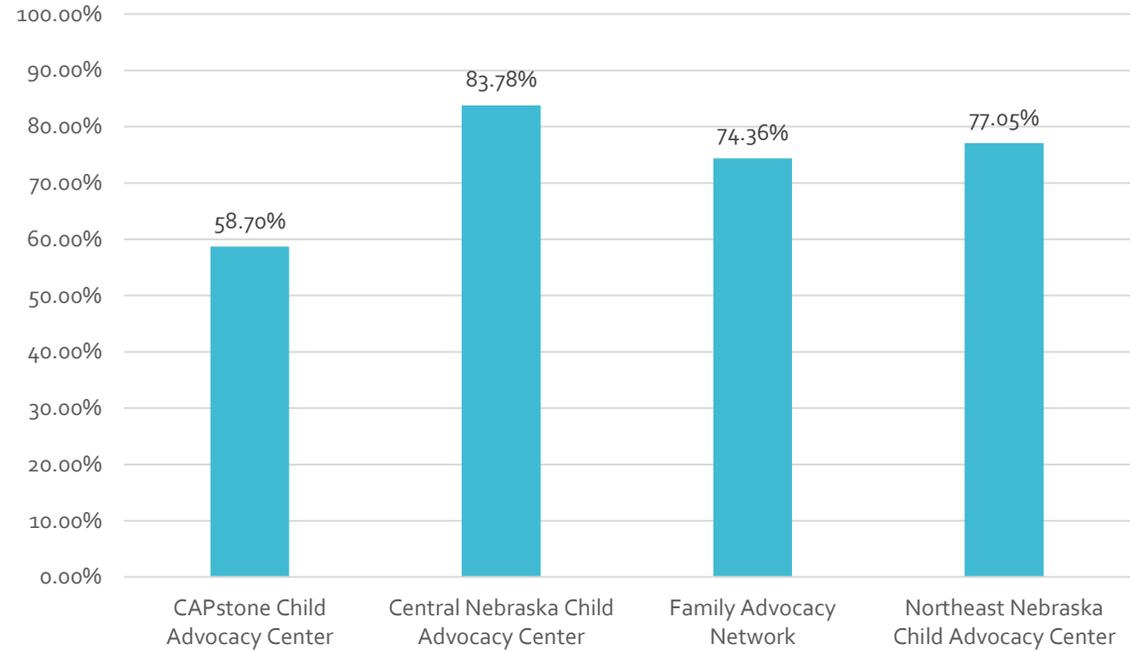


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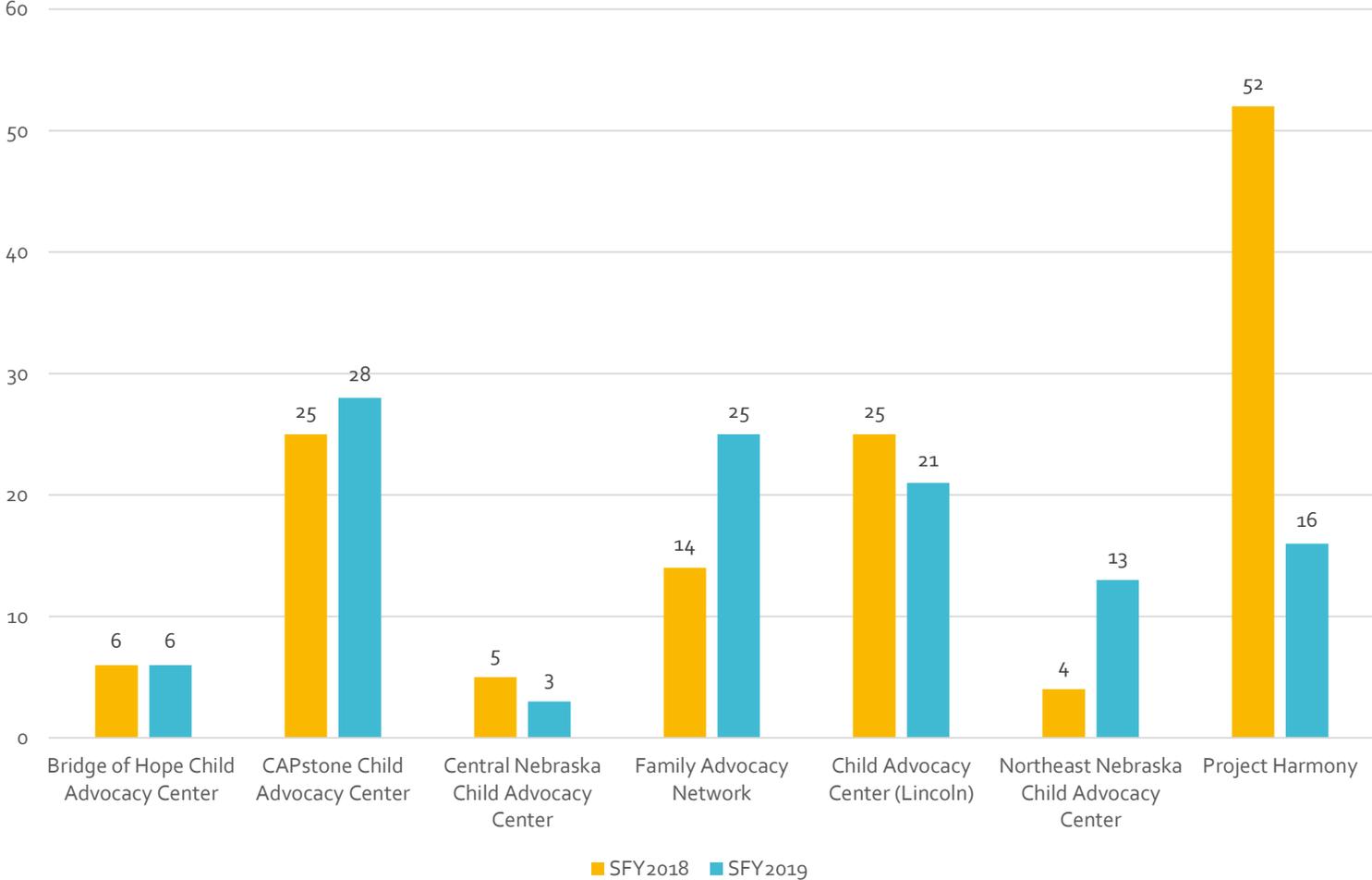


Success of Closed Cases

- Family Compliance
 - 58% “good compliance” – with the family consistently working towards completion of the plan.
 - 18% “fair compliance” – with the family inconsistently working towards completion of the plan.
- Success Levels
 - 54% “completely successful” – meaning the family met all case plan goals.
 - 22% “somewhat successful” – meaning the family met some case plan goals.

Court Filings

Figure IX. Court Filings on Non-Court Cases by Region



Areas Identified for Improvement

- A lack of timely communication and data reporting when non-court cases open or close.
- A lack of service availability, especially in certain regions or related to certain needs, including substance use, mental health, and dependency.
- A lack of capacity to thoroughly review and track all non-court cases.
- Concerns about cases that are high or very high risk or where children are placed outside the home but have no data reporting or team review.