

Nebraska Caregiver Responsibility Survey for Foster Parents

FOSTER CARE REIMBURSEMENT RATE COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 30, 2019



Purpose & Disclaimer

- The Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee of the Nebraska Children's Commission conducted a survey of foster parents in Nebraska. The information herein is intended to help inform the work and recommendations of the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee.
- The information contained within this PowerPoint and any accompanying documents is meant to represent an aggregate of information received through the Nebraska Caregiver Responsibility Survey, and not meant to represent the viewpoints or recommendations of the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee, its individual members, or staff.

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Background Information

- Survey planning began with the intention to gather information on the experiences of foster parents with the Nebraska Caregiver Responsibility (NCR) Tool.
- During survey planning, members identified a need to expand the scope of the survey to include more specific information regarding the NCR, and more general information about foster parent experiences.
- This survey does not capture information regarding Probation foster care placements.



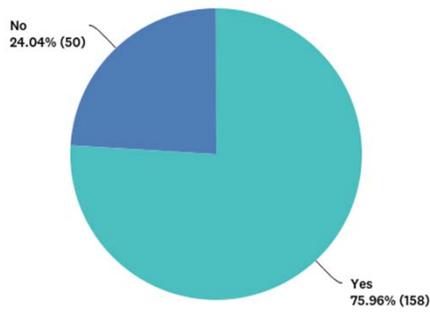
Survey Information

- The survey is 13 questions long, with sections including Foster Parent Information, Nebraska Caregiver Responsibility Tool, Transportation Experiences, and Foster Parent Experiences.
- The survey was administered through HHS, FFTA, and NFAPA. Responses were collected by NCC staff.
- No identifying information was required to participate in the survey. Participants were given the option to provide an email address for follow up contact.
- The survey opened on July 26th and closed on August 25, 2019.
- 211 foster parents responded to this survey.



FOSTER PARENT INFORMATION

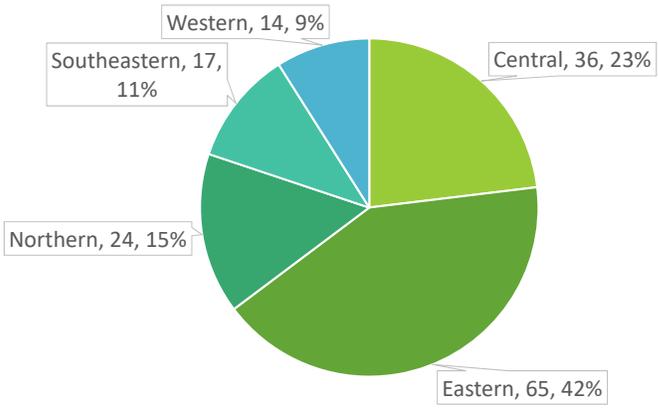
Have you had an NCR Tool completed on a child in your home in the last twelve months?



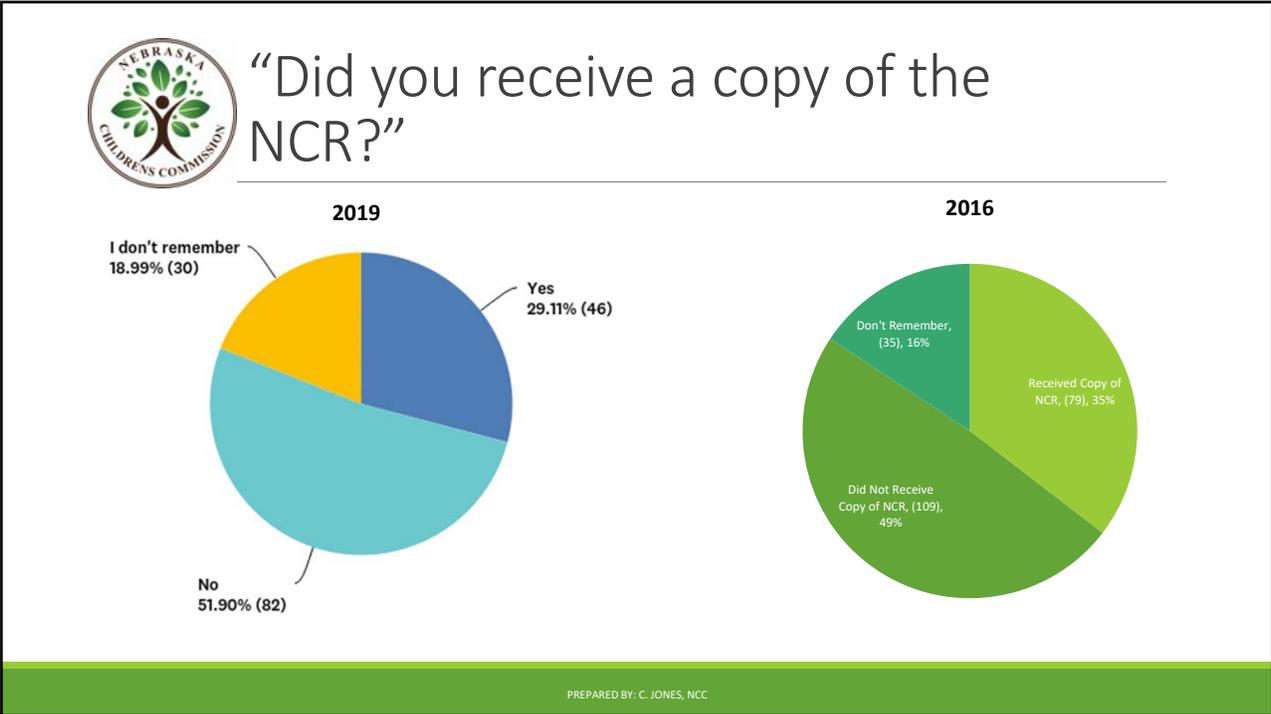
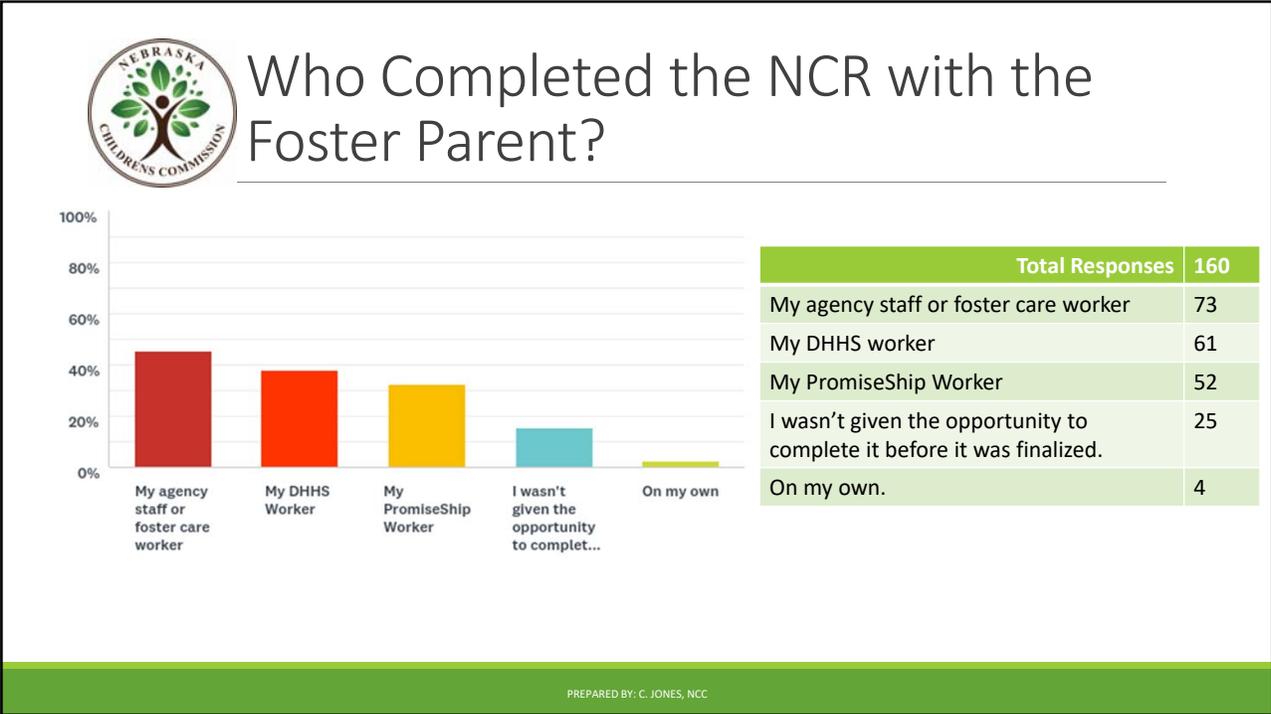
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Foster Parent Service Area of Residence

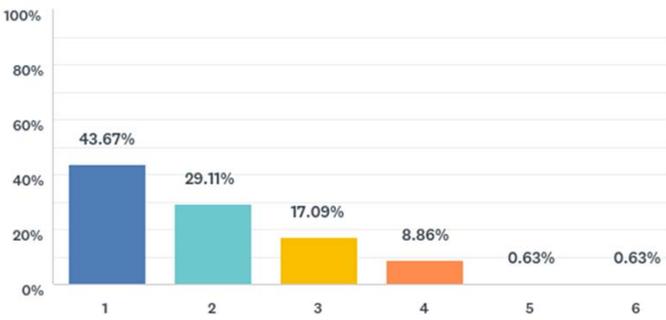


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Number of Children Being Fostered in the Home at the Time of the Last NCR



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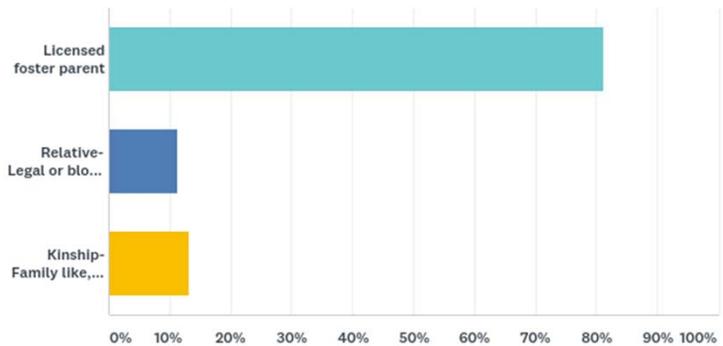


Licensed, Relative & Kinship

Licensed Foster Parent= 125

Relative Approved & Licensed= 21

Kinship Approved & Licensed= 20



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Nebraska Caregivers Responsibility Tool- Level of Responsibility Categories

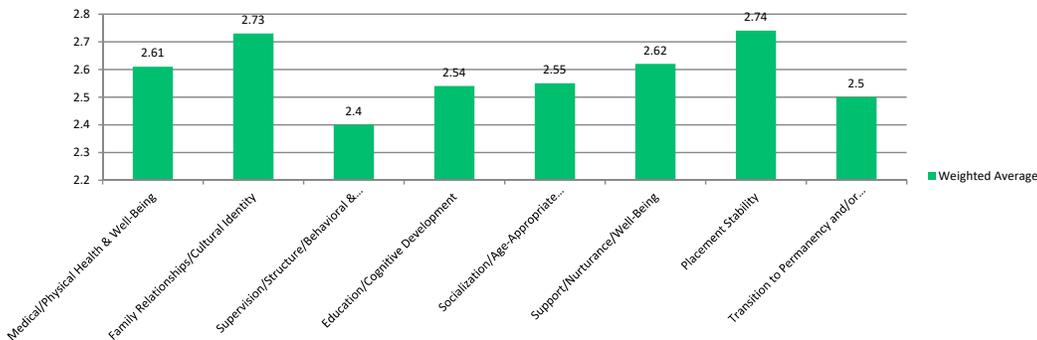
- Participants were asked to rank the statements pertaining to specific sections of the NCR.
- “The last time I filled out the NCR, it adequately captured and described the _____ services I provide to that child.”
 - Completely = 4
 - Not at all = 0
 - For the most part = 3
 - About half = 2
 - Only somewhat = 1
 - Not at all = 0
- Each question had a link to a copy of the NCR for reference.

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NCR Level of Responsibility Categories

“The last time I filled out the NCR, it adequately captured and described all the _____ services I provide to that child.”

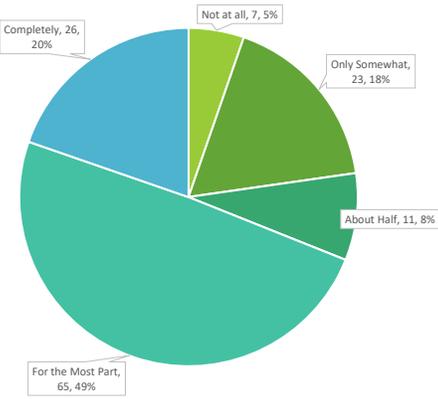


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LOR1 Medical/ Physical Health & Well-Being

- "It adequately captured and described all the medical and physical health well-being services I provided to that child."
 - Weighted Average Response: 2.61
 - Weighted Average in 2016: 2.34

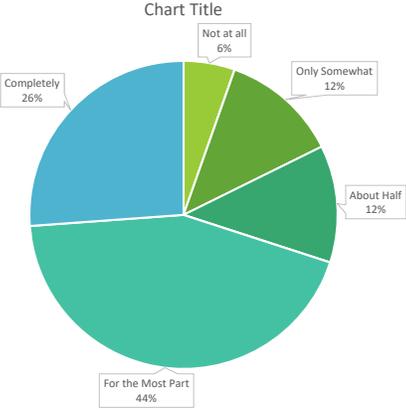


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LOR 2 Family Relationships & Cultural Identity

- "It adequately captured and described all the family relationships and cultural identity services I provided to that child."
 - Weighted Average Response: 2.73
 - Weighted Average in 2016: 2.39

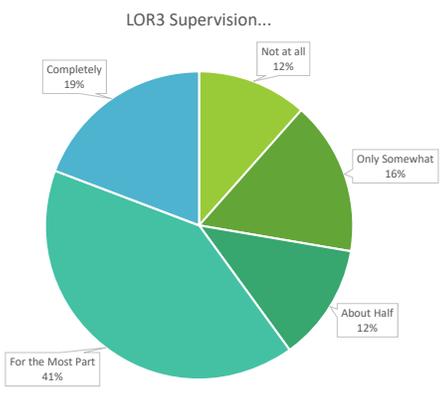


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LOR 3 Supervision/ Structure/ Behavioral and Emotional Services

- "It adequately captured and described all the supervision, structure, behavioral and emotional services I provided to that child."
 - Weighted Average Response: 2.4
 - Weighted Average in 2016: 2.19

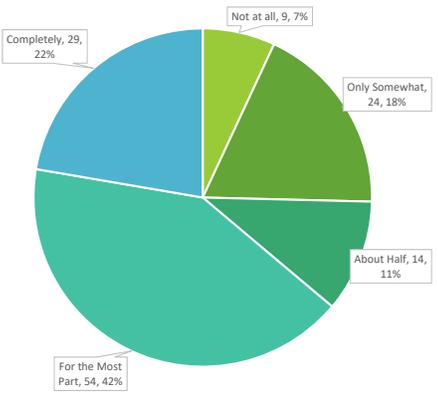


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LOR 4 Education/ Cognitive Development

- "It adequately captured and described all the education and cognitive development services I provided to that child."
 - Weighted Average Response: 2.54
 - Weighted Average in 2016: 2.20



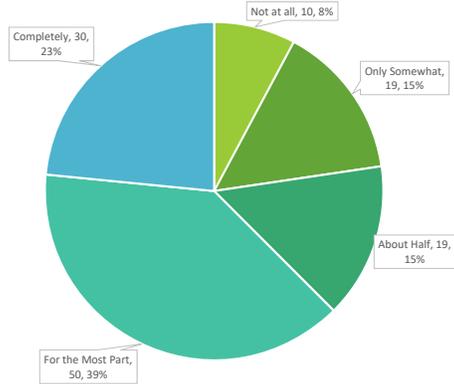
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LOR 5 Socialization/ Age-Appropriate Expectations

➤ "It adequately captured and described all the socialization and age-appropriate expectation services I provided to that child."

- Weighted Average Response: 2.54
- Weighted Average in 2016: 2.27



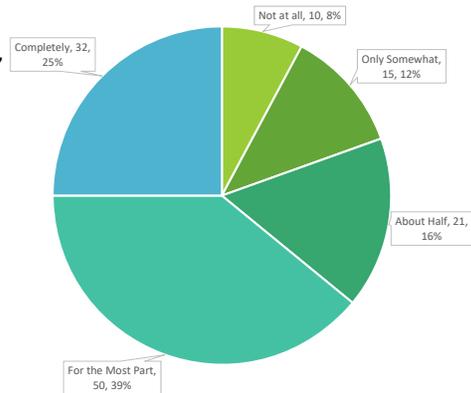
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LOR 6 Support/ Nurturance/ Well-Being

➤ "It adequately captured and described all the support, nurturance and well-being services I provided to that child."

- Weighted Average Response: 2.62
- Weighted Average in 2016: 2.34

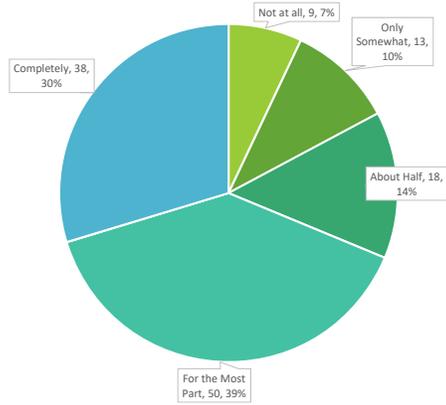


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LOR 7 Placement Stability

- "It adequately captured and described all the placement stability services I provided to that child."
 - Weighted Average Response: 2.74
 - Weighted Average in 2016: 2.48

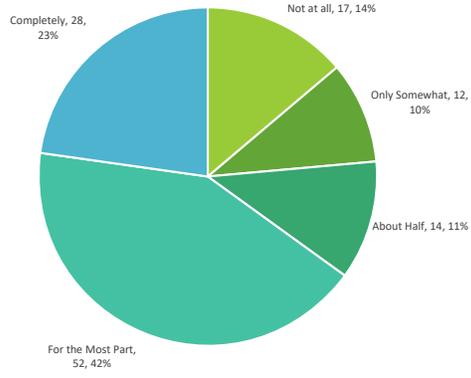


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LOR 8 Transition to Permanency and/or Independent Living

- "It adequately captured and described all the transition to permanency and/or independent living services I provided to that child."
 - Weighted Average Response: 2.5
 - Weighted Average in 2016: 2.43

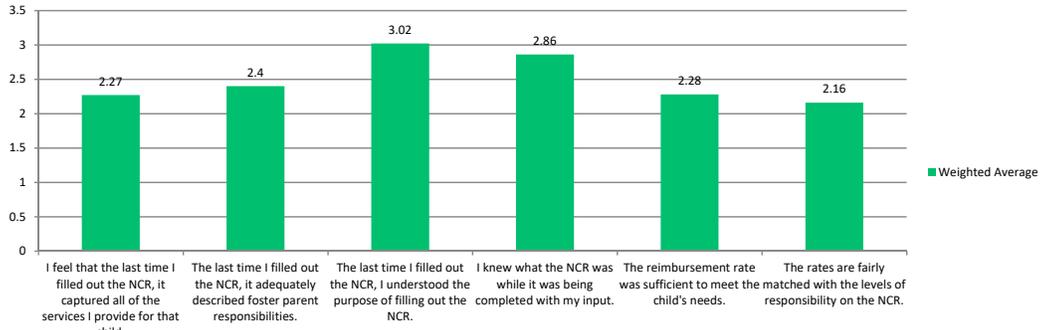


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NCR Tool, Rates and Administration

Thinking of the last time you filled out the NCR, please indicate your agreement with the following statements:



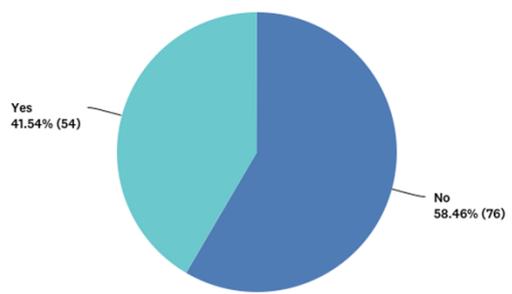
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Transportation Experiences

Thinking of the child for which you last completed the NCR, have you experienced any challenges in providing transportation for this child?



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Foster Parent Comments and Feedback

- The NCR does not adequately capture or compensate for the care of children with very high medical or behavioral needs.
- The NCR does not adequately address transportation challenges, especially in the rural areas of the state.
- In some instances, the timing of the NCR was completed before the needs of the child were well known.
- Foster parents reported not being involved in the completion of the NCR prior to its finalization.
- It was recommended there be a starter stipend for goods needed for emergency placements such as infant gear, car seats and clothing.

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