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Family Group Decision Making Statewide Evaluation



A look at the variations between expedited and non-expedited conferences



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Time to	Baseline Records		45-60 Day		Six Month		Total Outcomes	
Conference	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
0-7 days	231	6%	91	39%	14	6%	105	45%
8-15 days	402	11%	109	27%	33	8%	142	35%
16-183 days	3,043	83%	1,067	35%	347	11%	1,414	46%

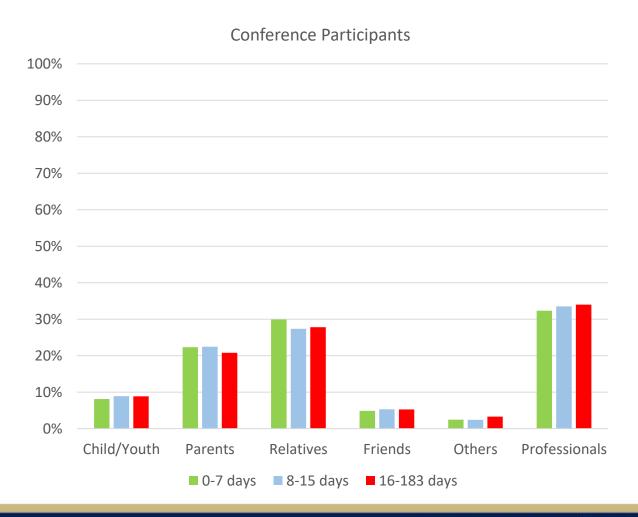
Time to	Average # of Days		
Conference	to Conference		
0-7 days	4.1		
8-15 days	12		
16-183 days	48.2		



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Conference Participants

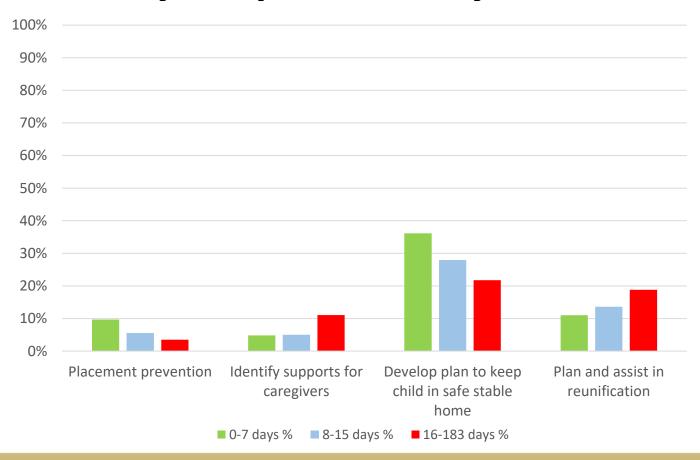
Time to Conference	Average # of People Attending the Conference
0-7 days	8.5
8-15 days	8.6
16-183 days	8.9





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Primary Purpose Family Referred for Conference

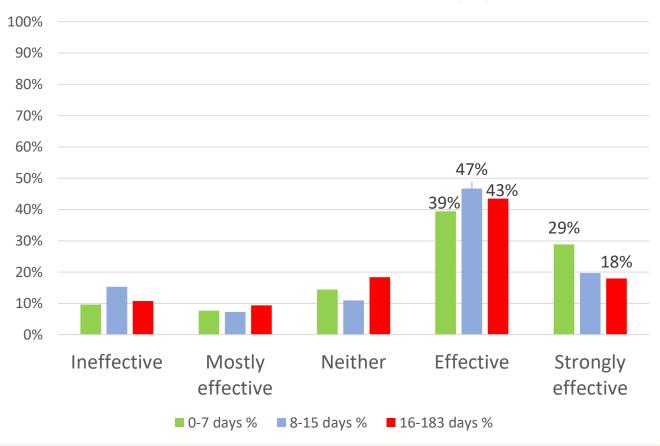


- Regardless of time to conference, a greater proportion of conferences had as the primary purpose to "develop a plan to keep the child safe in a safe and stable home".
 - The expedited conferences were more likely to have this purpose compared to non-expedited conferences.



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Effectiveness of the family plan in meeting the conference purpose



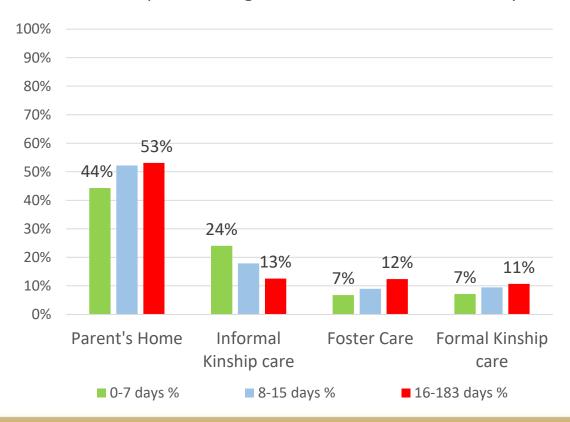
- Regardless of time to conference most family plans were rated as "Effective" or "Strongly Effective" at meeting the conference purpose.
 - Conferences held during 0-7 day were more likely to be rated as "Strongly Effective" rather than the other cohorts.



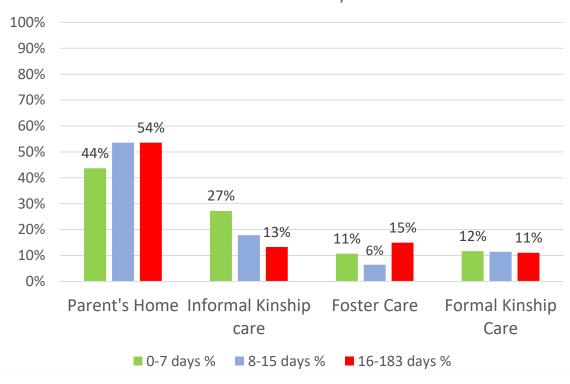
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Living arrangement for the focus child





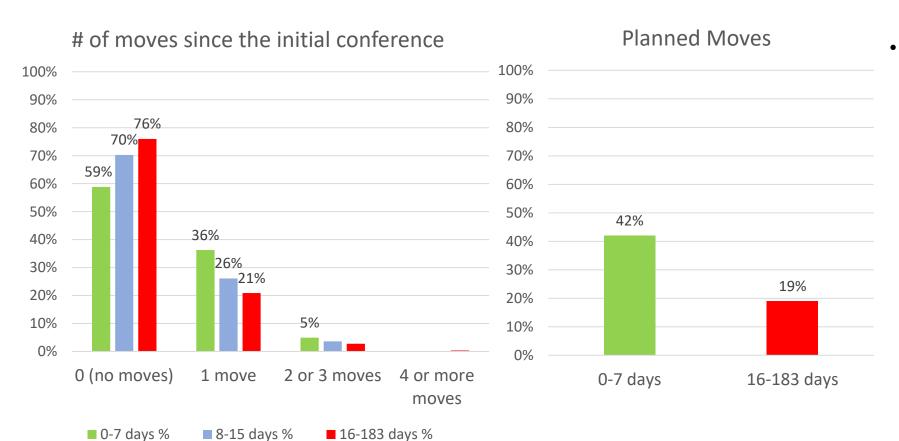
Living Environment Since Initial Conference 45-60 Day Outcomes only





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Planned moves Vs. Actual moves

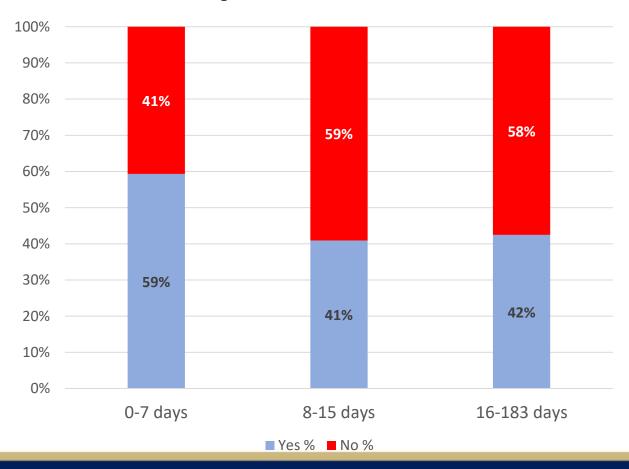


- Children who had an expedited conference are more likely to experience 1 or more moves
 - These moves are more likely to be planned than moves experienced by children who did not have expedited conferences.



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Follow-Up Conference Occurred



 Expedited conference are more likely to have a follow-up conference when compared to non-expedited conferences.



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The data suggests:

- Expedited conferences are being held and participants are having a similarly positive experience to the non-expedited conference participants.
- Expedited conferences appear to be targeted to children for whom a move is imminent and for whom a move is planned.
- Does this reflect your practice?