



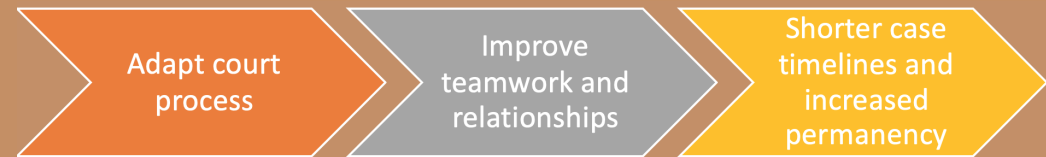
FIRST Court

Data Summary

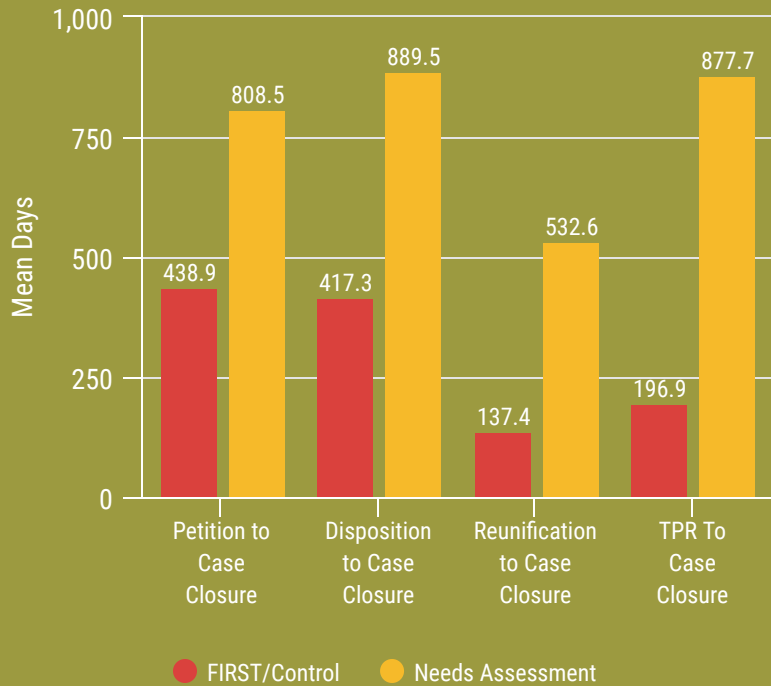
Data was collected from January 2017 to September 2019

1 Elements of FIRST Court

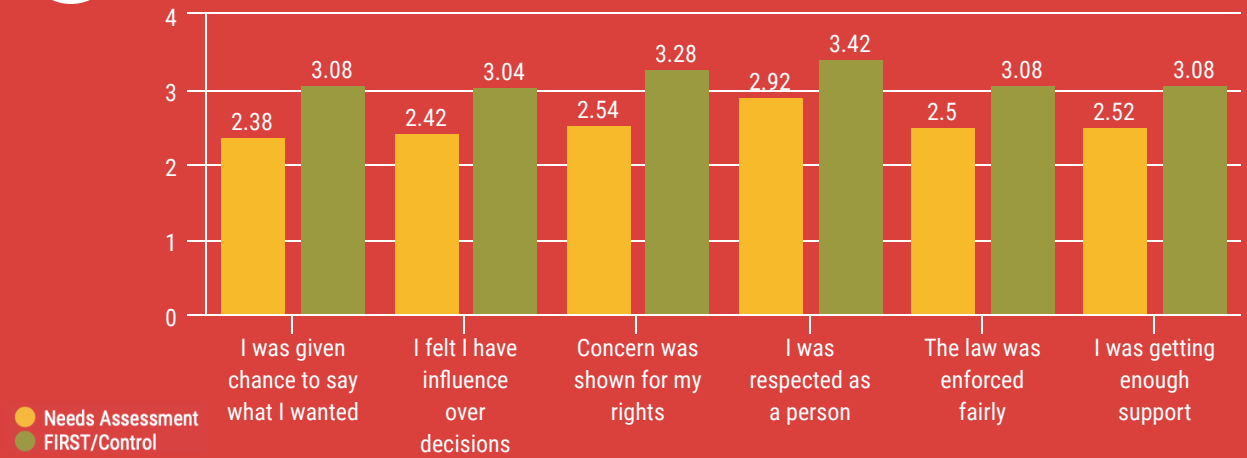
- Mediation Before Settlement
- Monthly Team Meetings
- Reflective Practice for Professionals
- Family Finding
- CASA Appointed



2 Cases progress faster



3 Parents report more positive experiences



4 Professional perceptions of court process

Attorneys felt more respected and trusted	Increased communication	Court was team-based and collaborative	Court became less adversarial
Judge is more respected and involved	Increased feelings of team membership	Parents participated more	Court process remained too slow



FIRST Court, Douglas County, NE
 Judge Elizabeth Crnkovich
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