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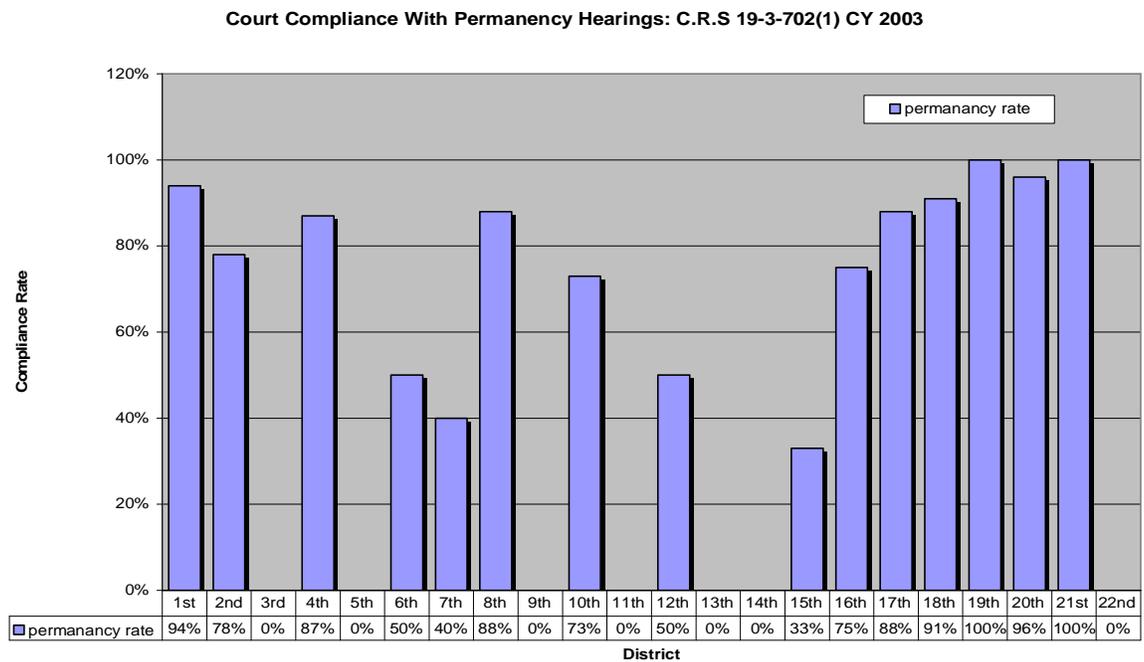
**9th Annual Report to the Colorado Legislature
Implementation of HB 94-1178
Expedited Permanency Planning
December 15, 2003**

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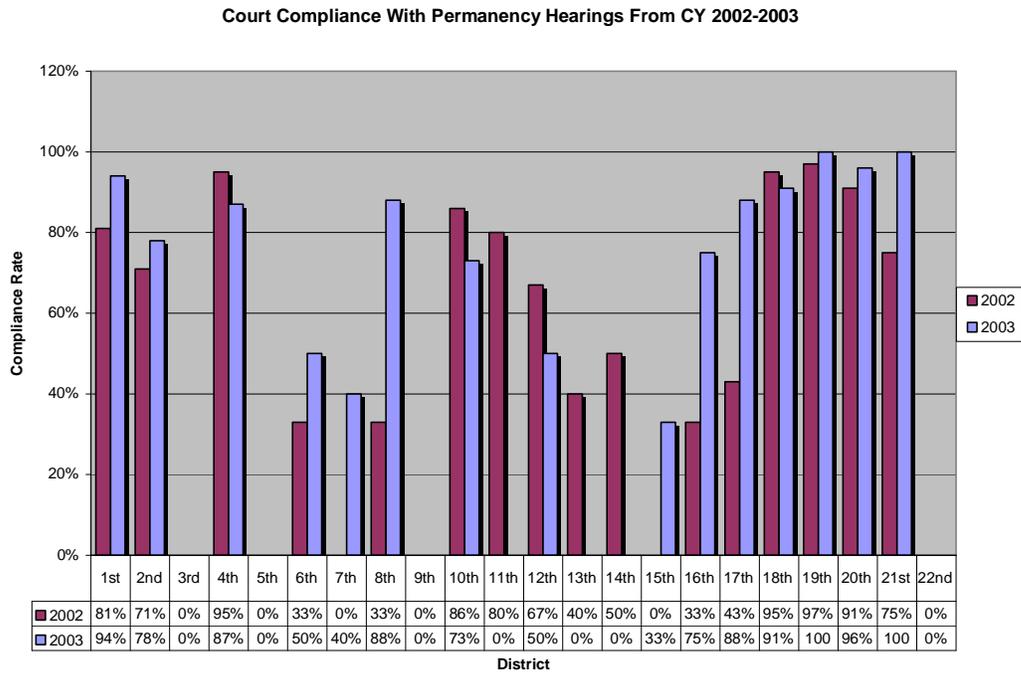
Colorado State Judicial Department

Basis for Report: 19-1-102. Legislative Declaration. (1.6) “THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECOGNIZES THE NUMEROUS STUDIES ESTABLISHING THAT CHILDREN UNDERGO A CRITICAL BONDING AND ATTACHMENT PROCESS PRIOR TO THE TIME THEY REACH SIX YEARS OF AGE. SUCH STUDIES FURTHER DISCLOSE THAT A CHILD WHO HAS NOT BONDED WITH A PRIMARY ADULT DURING THIS CRITICAL STAGE WILL SUFFER SIGNIFICANT EMOTIONAL DAMAGE, WHICH FREQUENTLY LEADS TO CHRONIC PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOR WHEN THE CHILD REACHES ADOLESCENCE AND ADULTHOOD. ACCORDINGLY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED PLACEMENT PROCEDURE TO ENSURE THAT CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SIX YEARS WHO HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES ARE PLACED IN PERMANENT HOMES AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.”

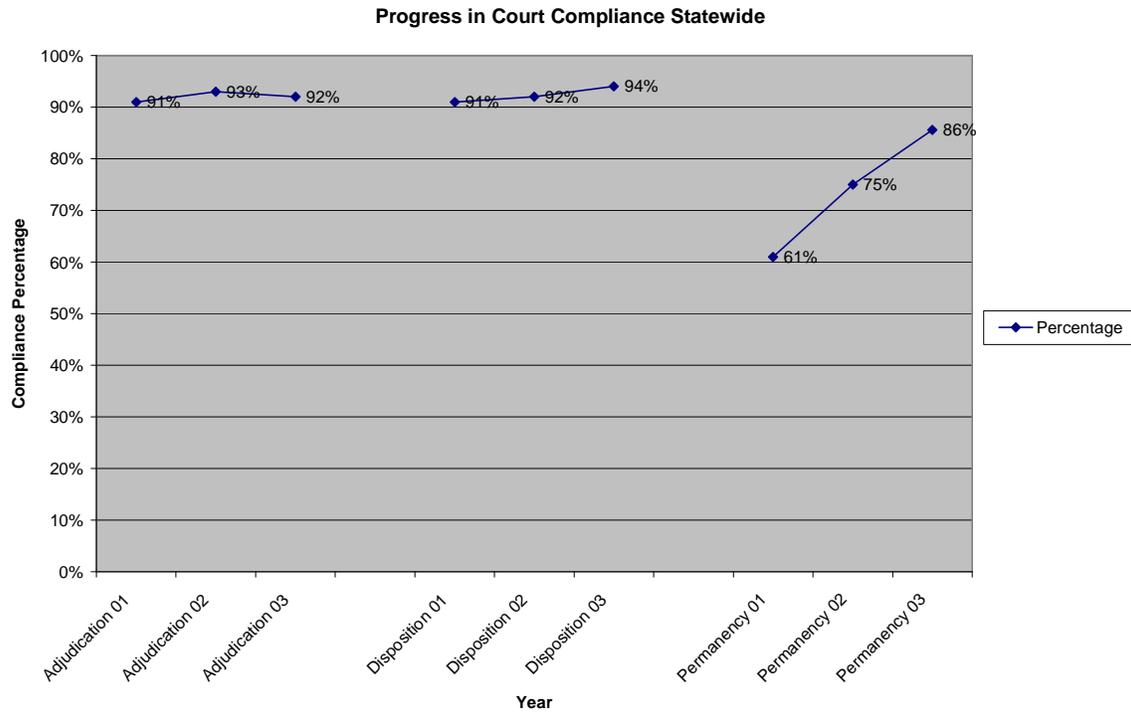
The Judicial Department submitted a report in December of 2003 detailing Colorado’s approach to permanency for children under the age of six, as required by statute and for older children as well. New data has come to our attention in regards to the 10th Judicial District’s permanency planning hearing statistics. After a manual review of their records, the compliance rate as it pertains to permanency planning hearings increased significantly from 55% to 73%. As such, the Court Compliance With Permanency Hearings: C.R.S. 19-3-702(1) CY 2003 chart on page 19 should look like this:



Additionally, the Court Compliance With Permanency Hearings From CY 2002 – 2003 on page 20 should look like this:



Finally, the Progress in Court Compliance Statewide graph on page 21 should look like this:



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