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Indian Child Welfare Compliance Project

Court Monitor Report
January 1 – March 31, 2008

I monitored I monitored 23 out of 27 hearings this quarter. In the hearings that I monitored, I found compliance at the bench level. In monitoring these hearings, I used the guidelines set forth in the Ramsey County Implementation Policy of 2001 regarding the Indian Child Welfare and the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act.

There were a total of 24 children. Of these children, 42% were in preservation and 58% were in reunification. In Out-of-Home Placement, 21% were placed with relatives and 79% were placed with non-relatives.

There were a total of 14 CHIPS cases (100%).

There were a total of 27 hearings: 11 Intermediate Dispositional Hearings (40%), 1 Pre-Trial (4%), 4 Permanent Placement Hearings (15%), 3 Permanency Reviews (11%), 3 Admit/Deny Hearings (11%), 3 Motion Hearings (11%), 1 Review Hearing (4%), 1 Emergency Protection Hearing (4%).

There were two dismissals.

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Number of Children
24

Number of Children in Preservation i.e., with parent(s)	Number of Children in Reunification i.e., Out-of-Home
10	14

Placements of Children in Out of Home	
With Relatives	Foster Care
3	11

Tribal Affiliation by Cases	
<i>Tribe</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>
<i>Ojibwe</i>	
Leech Lake (Minnesota)	2
White Earth (Minnesota)	3
Red Lake (Minnesota)	3
Lac du Flambeau (Wisconsin)	1
Mille Lacs (Minnesota)	1
<i>Total Ojibwe Cases = 10</i>	
<i>Sioux</i>	
Standing Rock (North Dakota)	1
Oglala Sioux (South Dakota)	1
Yankton Sioux (South Dakota)	1
<i>Total Sioux Cases = 3</i>	
<i>Other Tribes</i>	
Mescalero Apache (New Mexico)	1
<i>Total Other Tribes = 1</i>	
<i>Total Tribes = 14</i>	

Types of Cases	
CHIPS	14
<i>Total Cases = 14</i>	

Cases Dismissed	Cases ICWA Ineligible
2	

Number of Hearings	
IntDispHrg	11
Pre-Trial	1
PermPlcHrg	4
PermRvw	3
RvwHrg	1
Motion	3
Adm/DnyHrg	3
EmerProHrg	1
<i>Total Number of Hearings = 27</i>	

Dates of Hearings (Parenthesis indicate hearings held within a day)	Judge Presiding
2/21 (1)	Tilsen
2/05 (1); 2/07 (2); 2/12 (6); 2/14 (1); 2/20 (5)	Stephenson
3/04 (1)	Johnson
3/06 (5)	Gearin
1/22 (2); 3/27 (1)	Finley