

FOSTER PARENT INTERVENTION

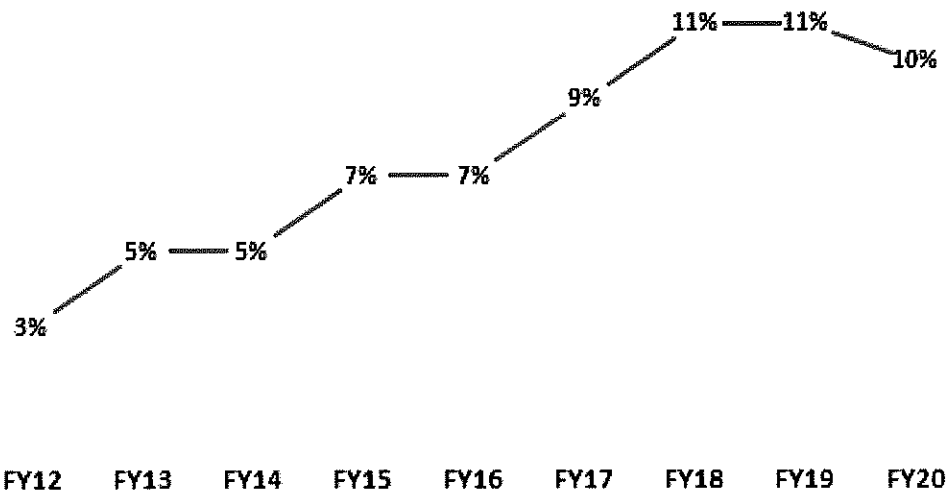


In Colorado, foster parents have many rights, recognizing their important role in children's lives. Without intervening, foster parents have the right to the following:

- Notice of and right to be heard at court hearings and administrative reviews
- Treatment with dignity, respect and consideration as a team member
- Notice of changes to the case plan, including plans to move the child
- Request information about the child and family
- Protect against release of identifiable information
- Timely financial reimbursement for care of the child
- Assurances for their family's health and safety
- Notice when a former foster child reenters care
- Grievance and administrative appeal process for licensure issues
- Promoting the continuance of family patterns and routines
- Taking leave from duties as a foster parent.

These rights are protected by the following statutes and rules: C.R.S. § 19-3-502(7); C.R.S. § 19-3-210.5; C.R.S § 19-1-303(2.7)(a); and 12 CCR 2509-4-7.304.61(D), 7.304.62(N), 7.708.61, 7.710.45.

D&N CASES WITH INTERVENORS



1993

CO Foster Parent Rights and Responsibilities Task Force created by legislature

2000

A.W.R., 17 P.3d 192 – no constitutionally protected liberty interest (still good) and limited participation permissible under statute (overturned)

2013

A.M. v. A.C. and O.C. opinions from Supreme Court. Foster parents entitled to full participation as intervenors; relatives can also intervene without limit.

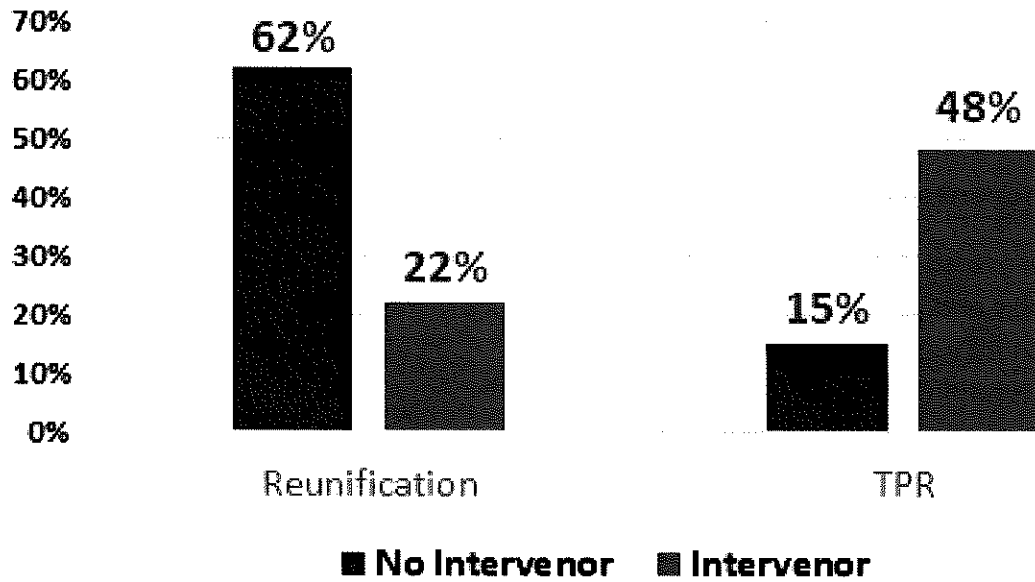
1997

Intervention added to 19-3-507(5) through SB 97-218

2010

A.M. Decision from COA – continues to uphold limits on foster parent intervention based on legislative history

Outcomes in Cases with Foster Parent Interventors (FY21-22)



"THE FOSTER PARENT INTERVENORS ARGUABLY HAD A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BETWEEN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD (AS REPRESENTED BY THE GAL) AND THEIR PERSONAL INTERESTS." –JUSTICE MÁRQUEZ IN *C.W.B.*

Average Cost per ORPC Appointment

