Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight, thank you for allowing me to testify.

My name is Meghann Miller. I am a mother of five from Gardner, Kansas.

I am here again because what happened to me is still happening, and because Kansas families should not be told they only get to speak to their government once a year while the system can keep harming their children every single day.

If this committee is truly about oversight, then parents must have the right to speak when the harm is ongoing. Children lose time every day. Families lose time every day. Our right to petition our government should not be limited to one verbal appearance per year while state-connected systems continue making life-changing decisions in between.

I know what that loss looks like personally.

As of March 30, 2026, it has been 791 days since I lost access to my five children on January 29, 2024. I have now spoken to this committee four times, and I have also spoken before the Judiciary. The fact that I am still here, still separated from my children, and still asking to be heard shows how broken this system is.

3I have attached supporting materials to this testimony, including the survey spreadsheet, charts, quotes, and related documents. I urge you to review them carefully, because they make clear that this is not just my story. It is a documented pattern affecting families across Kansas.

On January 29, 2024, I lost all access to my five children through an emergency process without a meaningful chance to defend myself. Today, I am still stuck. I have been trapped in Kansas family court since 2017, and before that I was in Missouri court. I have spent years and hundreds of thousands of dollars fighting for my children, only to watch delay become the decision.

But this is bigger than my story.

I created the Family Rights Survey because families across Kansas kept reaching out to me with stories that sounded just like mine. The numbers from Kansas are devastating.

In this Kansas survey of 114 families, the average lost parenting time was 106 months. That is nearly 9 years of a parent’s life. Nearly 9 years of a child’s life. The median was

24 months, which still means that even in the middle of the data, families are losing 2 full years.

And who is stuck?

The largest case-status group in the entire survey was people who are still currently involved and stuck in the system. That was 52 families, or 45.6 percent. Nearly half.

That means the biggest category in this survey is not people who found justice. It is people who are still trapped in the case, still waiting, still losing time, just like I am.

The overlap with CPS is also enormous. Forty-two percent of respondents, or 48 families, reported being involved in both family court and CPS. That matters, because families are not just dealing with one broken system. They are being hit by both at once.

And this is not short-term involvement.

The largest time-in-system category was 5 to 10 years, at 21.9 percent. Another 20.2 percent reported being in the system for 3 to 5 years. Another 10.5 percent reported over 10 years.

These are not brief interventions. These are stolen childhoods.

When we look at custody status, the highest category is the most severe one: no contact or total loss of access. That was the top custody status reported.

That should alarm every person in this room.

Because when the most common custody outcome is no contact, this is not a system preserving parent-child bonds. It is a system normalizing separation.

And what is driving these cases?

The top allegation category in the Kansas data was family court false accusations, at 28.9 percent. False accusations tied to CPS were another 10.5 percent. Families are telling you that false claims, retaliation, and manipulation are major drivers of these cases.

That matches my story too.

In my own case, DCF later determined the allegations against me were unsubstantiated, and yet I still remained separated from my children. So I need this committee to hear this clearly: when false accusations are allowed to trigger removals, restrictions, and years of delay without real accountability, that is not child protection. That is a violation of parental rights and due process.

The survey also shows the financial destruction tied to this system. Families reported average attorney fees of $48,857, average lost wages of $34,290, and average asset loss of $186,045. This is not just emotionally devastating. It is financially ruinous. Parents are being broken down until they cannot keep fighting.

Across counties and across Kansas, the pattern is the same: delay, false accusations, CPS entanglement, financial collapse, and lost years that no one can restore.

This is not just a policy problem. This is a rights problem.

Parents have the right to due process.
Parents have the right to confront allegations.
Parents have the right to be heard.
And parents should have the right to speak to this committee more than once a year when their families are still actively being harmed.

I am asking this committee to stop treating these cases as isolated disputes and start recognizing them for what they are: a statewide pattern of family separation without timely accountability.

My children have lost time with their mother that they will never get back.
So have many other Kansas children.

Please do not let this committee become another place where families are told to wait quietly while more years are taken from them.

Thank you.

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KANSAS FAMILY COURT DATA PACKET

Compiled by Stand With Meg from parent-reported survey data. Built to help families, advocates, media, and legislators understand the patterns being reported in Kansas.

CHILDREN IMPACTED

185

Based on 58 of 114 reporting families (50.9%)

AVG LOST WAGES

$34,290

Economic destruction reported per family

AVG ATTORNEY FEES

$48,857

Average legal cost per reporting family

AVG MONTHS LOST

106

Average months of lost parenting time

SUBMISSIONS

114

PRO SE

49.1%

RAN OUT OF MONEY THEN PRO SE

36.8%

AVG ASSET LOSS

$186,045

PARENT VOICES

71 ranked quotes

AVG CHILDREN PER REPORTING FAMILY

3.2

REPORTING FAMILIES

58 of 114

STATE

Kansas

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN

Expense Category	Responses	Mean	Median	Total
Attorney Fees	63	$48,857	$15,000	$3,078,009
GAL Fees	53	$6,350	$2,500	$336,550
Therapy / Evaluations	48	$4,552	$1,000	$218,500
Reunification Services	39	$2,367	$50	$92,300
Other Court Fees	38	$4,049	$500	$153,860
Lost Wages	55	$34,290	$5,000	$1,885,950
Asset Loss	49	$186,045	$54,000	$9,116,213

LOST PARENTING TIME

Measure	Responses	Mean	Median	Total
Months Lost	58	106	24	6,156

TOP CATEGORY TABLES

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SYSTEM AFFECTED

Category	Count	Percent
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6 months – 1 year	8	7.0%
1-3 years	6	5.3%
0-1 years	5	4.4%

CUSTODY STATUS

Category	Count	Percent
No Contact / Total Loss of Access	21	18.4%
Visitation Only	19	16.7%
50/50 Joint	18	15.8%
Children in Foster Care	14	12.3%
No	14	12.3%
Adopted Out (Rights Terminated)	10	8.8%
Full Custody	8	7.0%
Yes	4	3.5%

TOP COUNTIES

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Johnson	23	20.2%
Shawnee	7	6.1%
Miami	5	4.4%
Yes	5	4.4%
Unsure	4	3.5%
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High Conflict Divorce	5	4.4%
Foster Care / Termination of Parental Rights (TPR)	5	4.4%
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VISUAL BREAKDOWN

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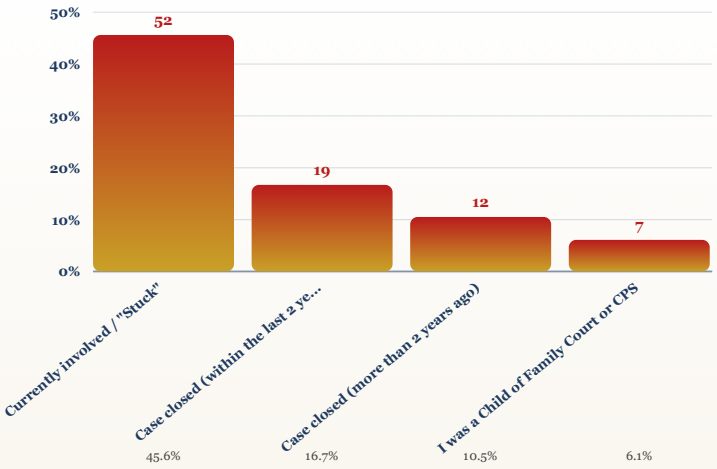

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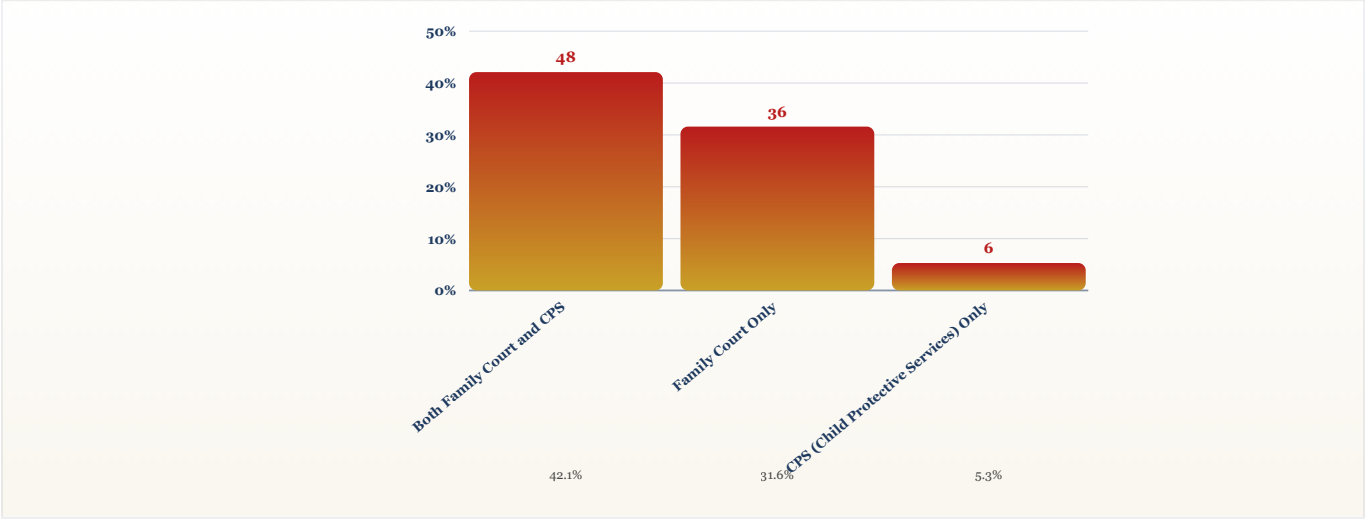

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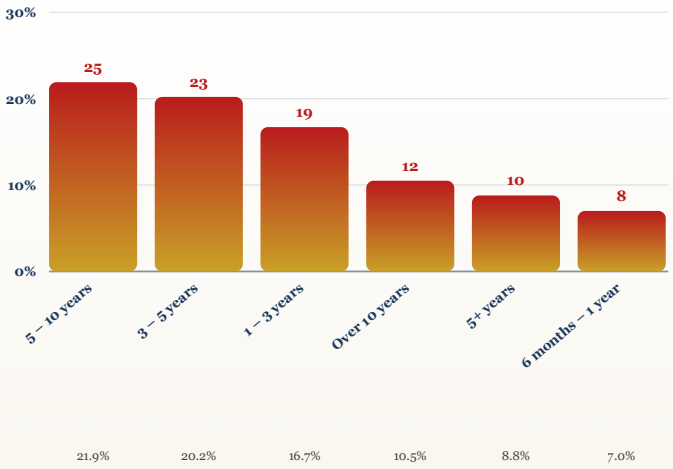

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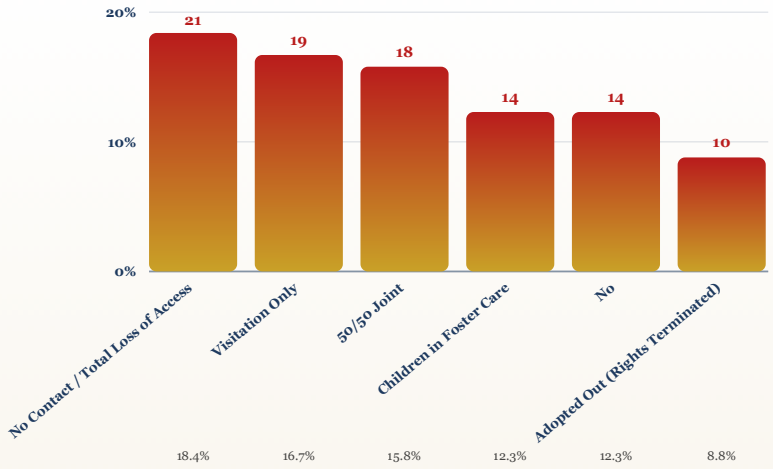

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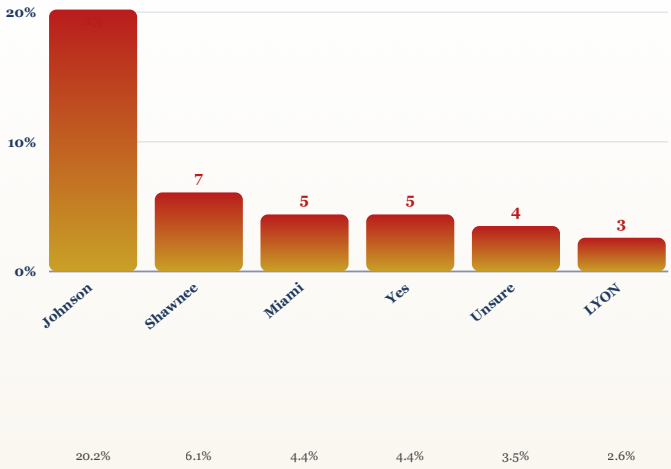

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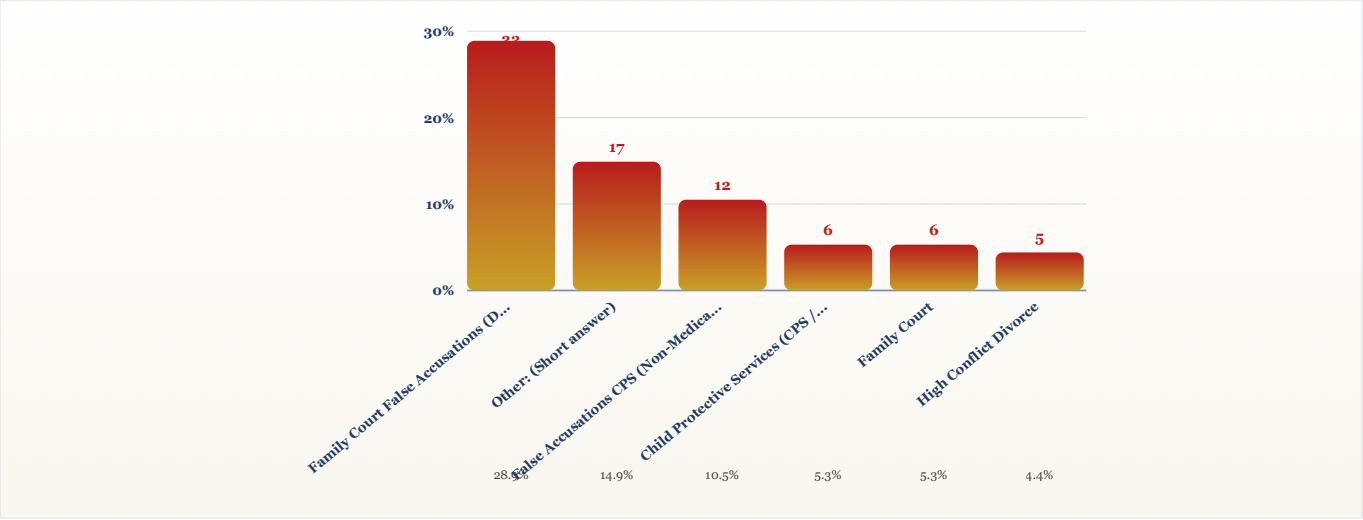

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RANKED PARENT QUOTES

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The Kansas court system is so corrupt. It's not even funny and judge Mativi is my judge . She awarded custody to someone who had no witnesses when I had five witnesses saying he smoked marijuana with my kids in the room and abused me and the children.

Cierra · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 2

It didn't just take my 5 kids—it took birthdays, holidays, and the everyday moments that make a family. We've been forced to live in a nightmare of silence, separation, and trauma that never should have happened.This system protected court insiders and unchecked power instead of protecting children and due process. It stripped my parental rights without proof, then kept the separation going through delays, restrictions, and retaliation.

Meghann · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 3

It's legalized extortion- judicial mafia- attorneys and judges are all in on it. Casa, CPS and local pd - no one really cares- inept and unprofessional

Kelly · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 4

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My exhusband had criminal charges for taking the life of our unborn child through DV and would not allow my daughter to get me medical help.He was charged for 1 misdemeanor (domestic battery) and 1 felony charge (intimidation of a minor) in 2022. GAL Heather Landon was on the case at the time and continued to force the children into reintegration therapy even though the DA said it would taint the case. I had sole custody of all three children from 2021 to 2024. The children started talking with Father, made claims against me now, which caused a CINC case against me. Father's charges were dropped due to him gaining contact with the older children through GAL John Domoney and TFI agents. My youngest daughter was with me still until October of 2025, I could no longer afford to take her to reintegration with Naomi Catadeulla 2 1:2 hrs away from my home once a week and 4 other appointments with sandy Boltons case managers and therapist Janderon Lyold. The GAL believes all allegations against me. Won't allow me any contact with the kids. I don't even know where they are living, go to school nothing and on paper, I still have sole custody. Andy will not allow me to chose my own reintegration therapist, I have to go to the one father demands, his buddy Naomi Catadella. My youngest daughter is 10, she can't sleep without me. The therapist are lying that she is scared of me. I lost my kids to the REAL abuser and Andy Bolton and Richard Fisher painted me as crazy, took my voice. Please let there be someone that can help me.

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 9

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QUOTE 11

I was put through EXTREME STRESS, and was always warned what I could or couldn't say to the kids. I did suffer health issues!!!!!

Monica · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 12

Ripped up apart. Made us broke & homeless. Every time I try they knock me down. They never say a good thing about me or anything I do or have done. The judge said she wasn't comfortable letting me keep my kids. There was lies made up about me & i love my kids very much and im just heartbroken..

Jasmyn · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 13

Caused my children trauma and placed them with my abusive ex husband.

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QUOTE 14

Failed to protect me and my children who are victims of a crime, Level 7 and level 10 felony, Expects money in return for justice.

Corey · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 15

Gaslighted and emotionally abused my family.

Kimberlee · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 16

Ripped us apart and stole my children's chances at a happy healthy childhood and adulthood.

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QUOTE 17

Never, in the history of humanity, have children had their medical, educational, adjudicative, due process and administrative needs met by a series of portals and videoconferences set up entirely in response to a pandemic that has long passed. Children are being sold back to their own parents, most of whom have no failed drug tests, no findings of incompetence, and no criminal histories, by a series of tele-lawyers, tele-judges, tele-doctors, tele-social workers and tele-GALS who are using their licenses, wealth and influence to run what is essentially a lucrative human trafficking racket under the guise of law.

Shawn · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 18

Taken a good quality mother away from her children due to the father not wanting to pay child support. Father has made multiple false allegations, called cps, and stalked and harassed me from day one.

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 19

After dealing with Lewanna Bell-Lloyd, and CPS, it proved to me there's no "justice" in the justice system.

PAUL · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 20

Deprived my son and I of our God given rights as a father and son

John · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 21

Cause depression, loss of time and mental abuse on siblings and family members

Annetta · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 22

Stole my kids and never helped me get the resources or support they are promising families to reintegrate.

Lisa · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 23

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Matthew · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

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Taken away time together we can never get back. Make my children and I feel we had no control or voice

Shae · Use my quote with my first name only.

QUOTE 28

Devastated..given me a drive to shut it down. The kids are a close friend of mine.

Kevin · Use my quote with my first name only.

QUOTE 29

Caused permanent and irreparable harm to my children's mental and physical health as well as to my entire family's overall Financial will be.

Michael · Use my quote with my first name only.

QUOTE 30

Turned my children against me we don't talk they have no respect for me I don't get to see grandbaby's nothing

Jennifer · Use my quote with my first name only.

QUOTE 31

It has severely effected my son getting the proper care he needs which has cost him everything in his development

Curtis · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 32

they altered photos, lied on the stand, ignored facts, and told me to be quiet when I tried to prove their lies. my son was failing all classes, not taking meds, quit wrestling and was eventually sent with paternal family states away but "in my custody still" with no rights whatsoever

Hillary · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 33

Destroyed a family because of someone's feelings with no evidence to substantiate claims

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 34

It taken away most of my past 20 years and will always.

Annie · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 35

Caused my kids and ptsd that they still suffer from, depression, they are absolutely terrified of the cops and dcf anytime any of these people are around my kids have behaviors and become vital sick.

Susan · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 36

This case transferred after 10 years and once the new county took over it has systematically broken the bond to irreparable damage. The children’s childhood was stolen being forced to court hearings and being subjected to lawyers.

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 37

The system has internally killed me and stolen motherhood from me. I have 2 other children that are also heavily impacted both financially and emotionally.

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 38

It has caused permanent damage to my children. Our bond is severely affected.

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 39

Complete and total devastation and torment.

Megan · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 40

Kept me from seeing my children and all me to parent them

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 41

This the single biggest trauma of my life. Guardian Ad Litems are the biggest threat to the family court system and their power must be checked.

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 42

Family Court has done nothing but destroy my once happy little family by handing total control over to our abusers.

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 43

For over a decade the system has used my struggle as a now single mother of 6, living in poverty, recieving no child support....into a sort of financial status discrimination act. Making me appear to be unfit to parent my own children and all because im poor. Making it appear as though I am guilty of emotionally neglecting my kids. My kids are my proof in the pudding.....healthy, thriving, happy, loving, strong persevering, smart, school aged children. Proving money doesn't make you an automatic good parent! I stand with Meg! Shantel

Shantel · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 44

What was suppose to be a short weekend visit turned into months of separation from my daughter,even though there were no finding of abuse or neglect. The time and memories lost between parent and child are something that no system or courts can ever truly give back. I am sharing my experience in hopes that situations like this recieve more transparency and accountability so other families do not lose time with their children the way I did.

Lindsey · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 45

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Emily · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 50

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They have taken my child and everything i owned. Im living witjout power and water

Dustin · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 55

This system had denied me and my children of not only the present, but also the future. The psychological damaged can not be undone and will effect the future generations of me and my children.

Racquel · Use my quote with my first name only.

QUOTE 56

The system has determined that I am only worth a paycheck, to my ex, as a mother.

Tonya · Use my quote with my first name only.

QUOTE 57

Destroyed my son mentally and emotionally, rubbed him of a childhood. I'm on 4 different anxiety meds, heart failure, autistic immune disease, debilitating depression. I trust no one, don't sleep, we both live in constant fear and anxiety

Kelly · Use my quote with my first name only.

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Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 61

Made me lose complete faith in the system . Favorite quote is the system isn't broken. It's rigged. It sure the he'll is. And it's hurting our children in so many ways that can't be measured by data alone.

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 62

I thought the family court system was designed to help families in time of need. I quickly learned that people of power that wear black robes forget what their actual job is. I have lost all faith in that system and will continue to stand against them until they earn my respect or actually do their job. I didn't choose divorce, but I had to accept it. What I will not accept is the fraudulent court system taking my time, money, and right to raise my children.

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 63

It stole my family. Theres court reports where my kids wNt to see me and that contain alienating behaviors from mother. The court just buried the report. Placed a bogus administrative order (wasn't stamped)

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 64

They made records public so people could see what I did. Violation of privacy

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 65

“This system didn’t just fail us, it chewed us up on a clerical mistake, treated fiction like fact, and called it justice while my family paid in time, money, and sanity. We weren’t convicted by evidence, we were processed by indifference.”

Shawn · Share away! I consent to the public use of all information provided.

QUOTE 66

Separated all the kids from siblings , lost employment from multiple court cases even in the same week and haveing to miss work with mandatory contract hours. Judge refused via zoom ..lost transportation at one point couldnt afford the payment and we are currently going to loose our home that we own bc of lost wages .

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 67

Substantial emotional, stigmatized and financial harm beyond repair..

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 68

They have not cared about my sons medical conditions and to special needs. They did not look at evidence that one parent to the primary parents is taking care of all these medical needs into appointments. They only care about 5050 custody and not about looking at the fax. These poor children are being put in situations because of neglectful judges.

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

QUOTE 69

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QUOTE 71

Every bit of joy in my life, is what they took from me. I get told all the time, I wish the old you would come back and sadly, that person no longer exists. My children have been roobed of so many memories that they could have made with not only myself, but their little cousins that they were so excited about, a very special bond my daughter and sister had since the day she was born (more than 10 yrs ago) my son of having a father to raise him and a relationship with their grandparent. It's forever changed my whole family.

Anonymous Parent · Use my quote anonymously for the project.

KS — 114 Submissions

FINANCIAL IMPACT	Responses	Mean ($)	Median ($)	Total ($)
Attorney Fees	63	48857	15000	3078009
GAL Fees	53	6350	2500	336550
Therapy/Evals	48	4552	1000	218500
Reunification	39	2367	50	92300
Other Court Fees	38	4049	500	153860
Lost Wages	55	34290	5000	1885950
Asset Loss	49	186045	54000	9116213

MONTHS OF LOST PARENTING TIME	Responses	Mean	Median	Total
Months Lost	58	106	24	6156

REPRESENTATION	Count	Percent
Pro Se (current)	56	49.1%
Ran out of money → Pro Se	42	36.8%

CASE STATUS	Count	Percent
Currently involved / "Stuck"	52	46%
Case closed (within the last 2 years)	19	17%
Case closed (more than 2 years ago)	12	11%
I was a Child of Family Court or CPS	7	6%

SYSTEM AFFECTED	Count	Percent
Both Family Court and CPS	48	42%
Family Court Only	36	32%
CPS (Child Protective Services) Only	6	5%

DURATION IN SYSTEM	Count	Percent
5 – 10 years	25	22%
3 – 5 years	23	20%
1 – 3 years	19	17%
Over 10 years	12	11%
5+ years	10	9%
6 months – 1 year	8	7%
1-3 years	6	5%
0-1 years	5	4%

CUSTODY STATUS	Count	Percent
No Contact / Total Loss of Access	21	18%
Visitation Only	19	17%
50/50 Joint	18	16%
Children in Foster Care	14	12%
No	14	12%
Adopted Out (Rights Terminated)	10	9%
Full Custody	8	7%
Yes	4	4%

TOP ALLEGATIONS	Count	Percent
Family Court False Accusations (Domestic Violence/Abuse/Alie	33	29%
Other: (Short answer)	17	15%
False Accusations CPS (Non-Medical) (Vengeful ex-partner, ma	12	11%
Child Protective Services (CPS / DCF)	6	5%
Family Court	6	5%
High Conflict Divorce	5	4%
Foster Care / Termination of Parental Rights (TPR)	5	4%
Environmental/Poverty-Related (Lack of housing, utilities, e	3	3%
Judicial Abuse / Retaliation	3	3%
Family Court Only	2	2%

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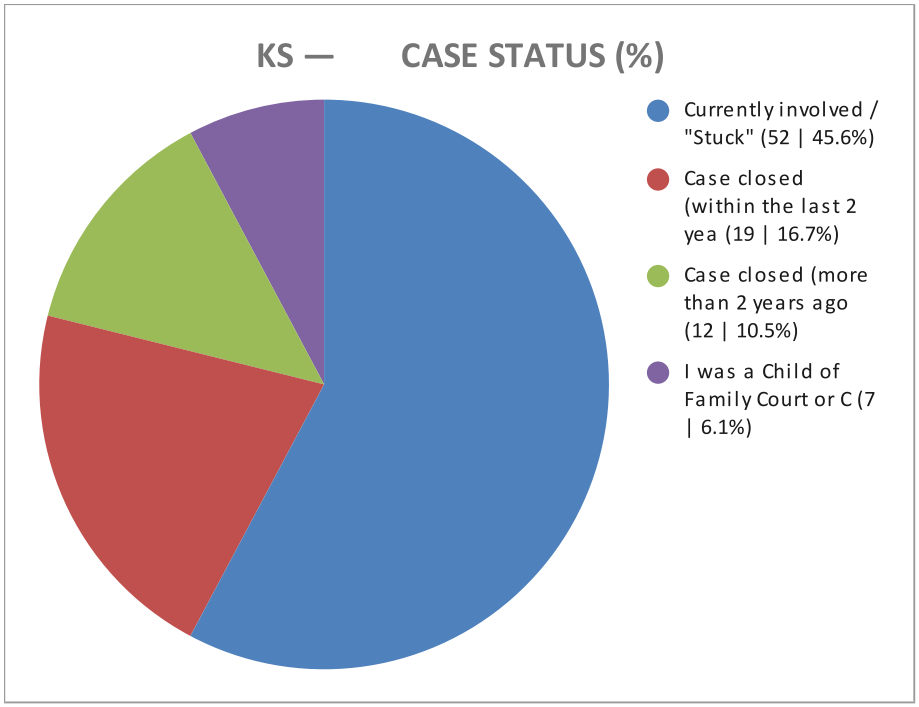
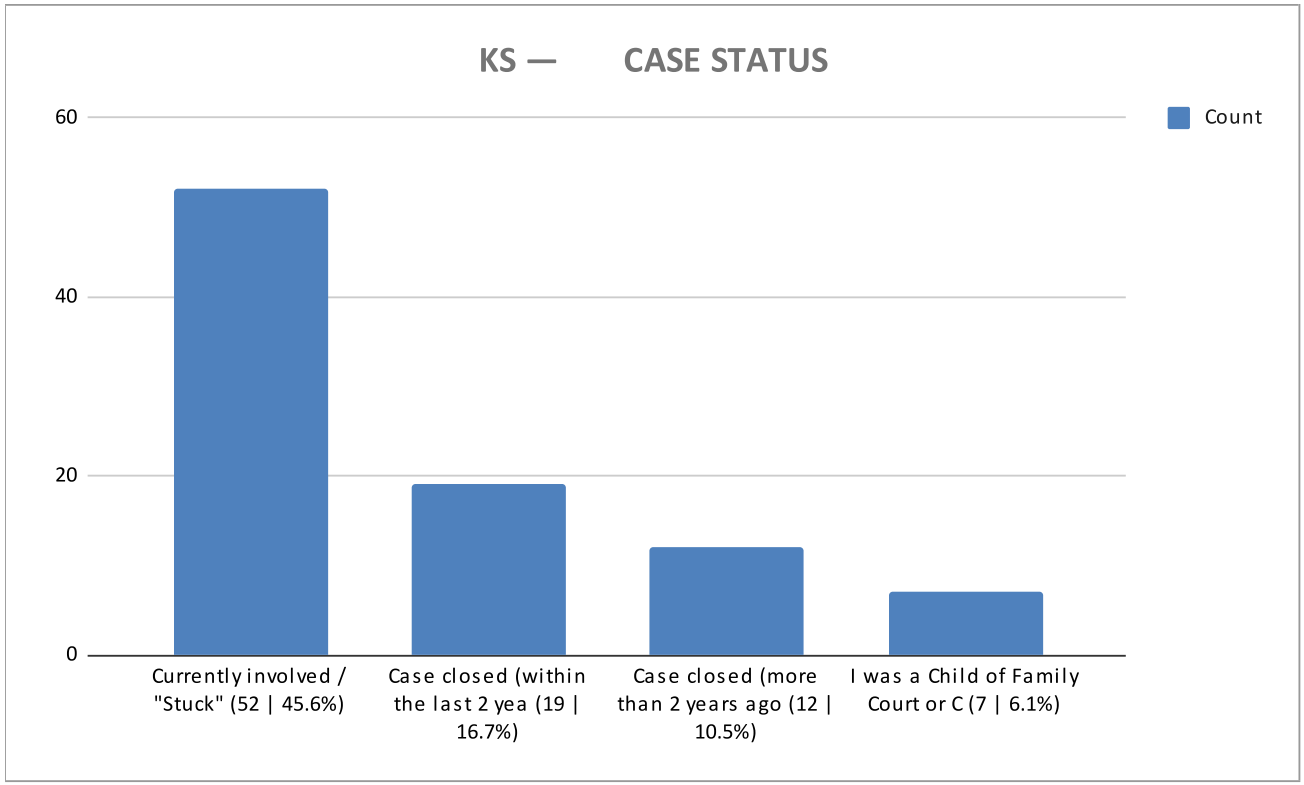
CASE STATUS	Count	%
Currently involved / "Stuck" (52 | 45.6%)	52	45.6
Case closed (within the last 2 yea (19 | 16.7%)	19	16.7
Case closed (more than 2 years ago (12 | 10.5%)	12	10.5
I was a Child of Family Court or C (7 | 6.1%)	7	6.1

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Count
60
40
20
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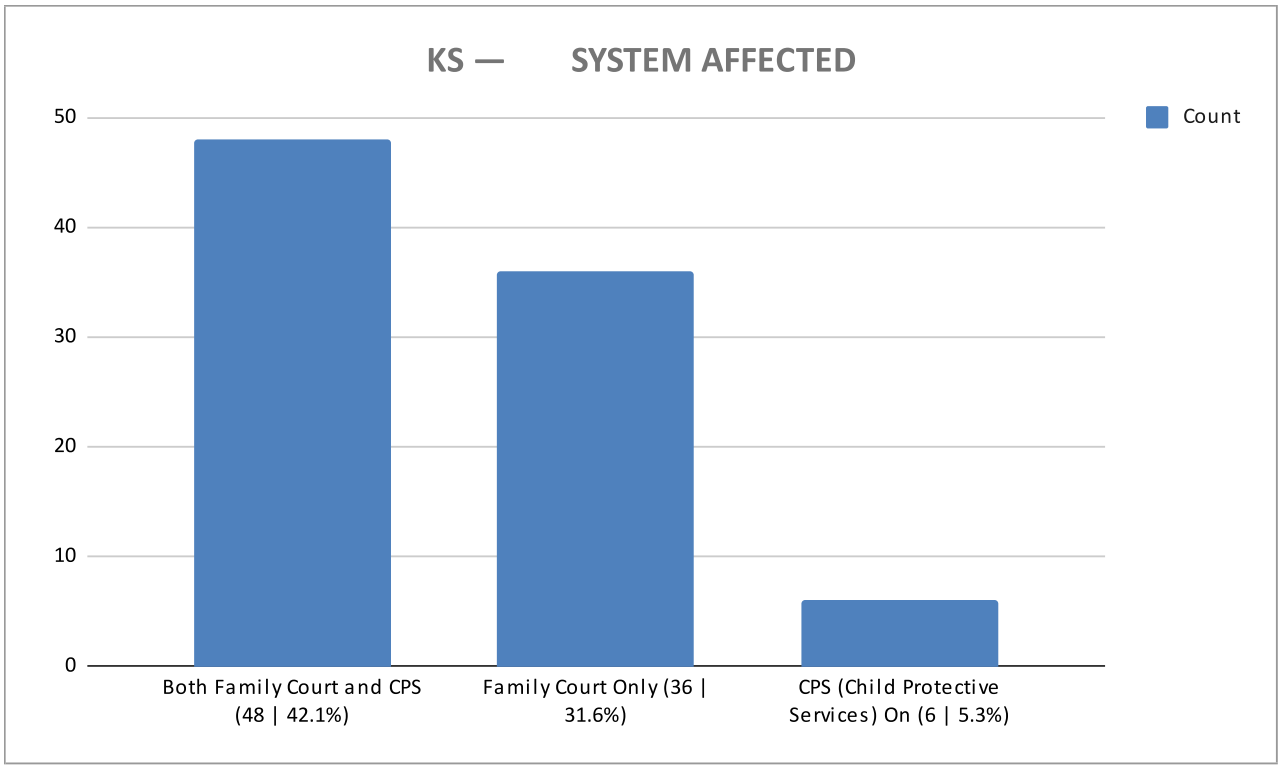
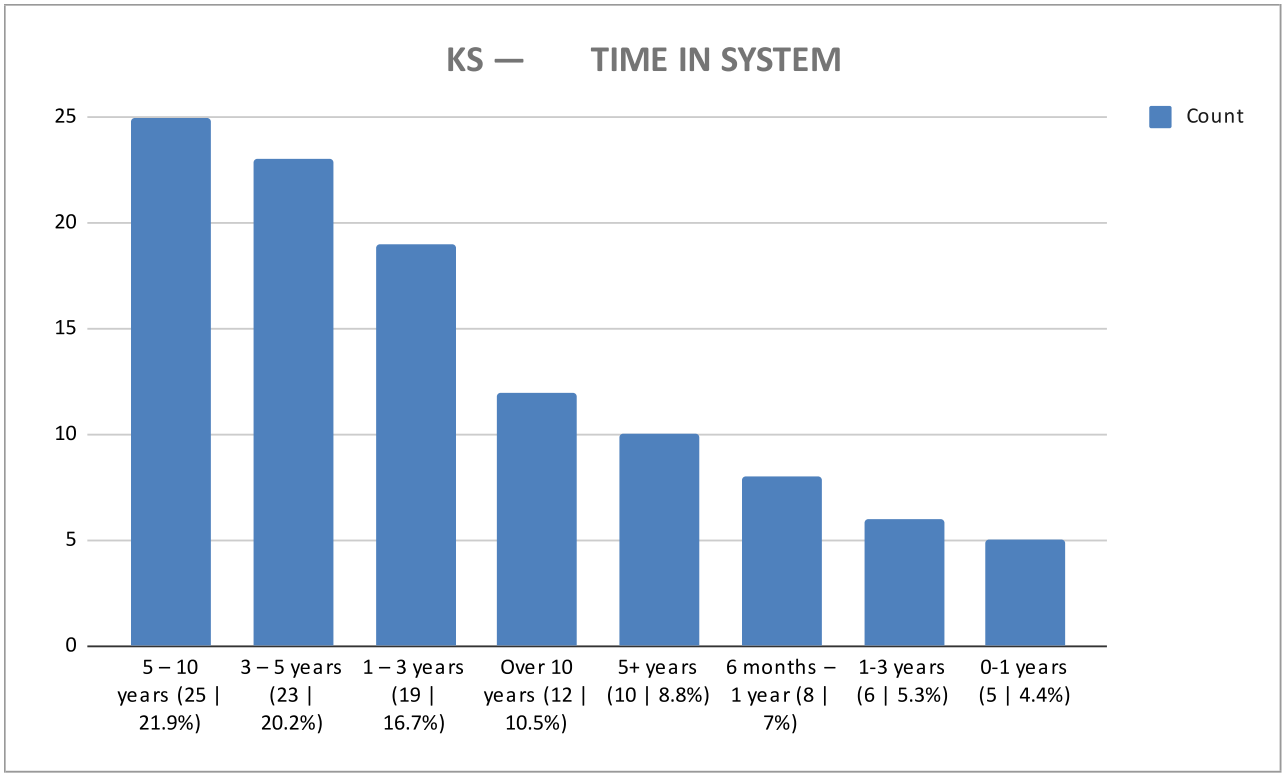
Currently involved / "Stuck" (52 | 45.6%)
Case closed (within the last 2 yea (19 | 16.7%)
Case closed (more than 2 years ago (12 | 10.5%)
I was a Child of Family Court or C (7 | 6.1%)

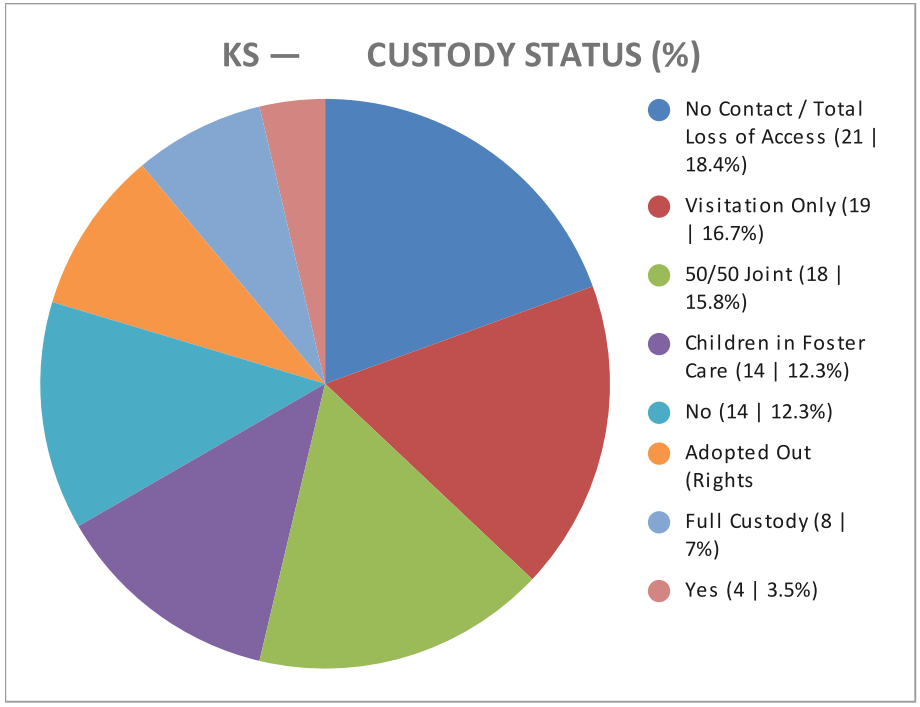
SYSTEM AFFECTED	Count	%
Both Family Court and CPS (48 | 42.1%)	48	42.1
Family Court Only (36 | 31.6%)	36	31.6
CPS (Child Protective Services) On (6 | 5.3%)	6	5.3

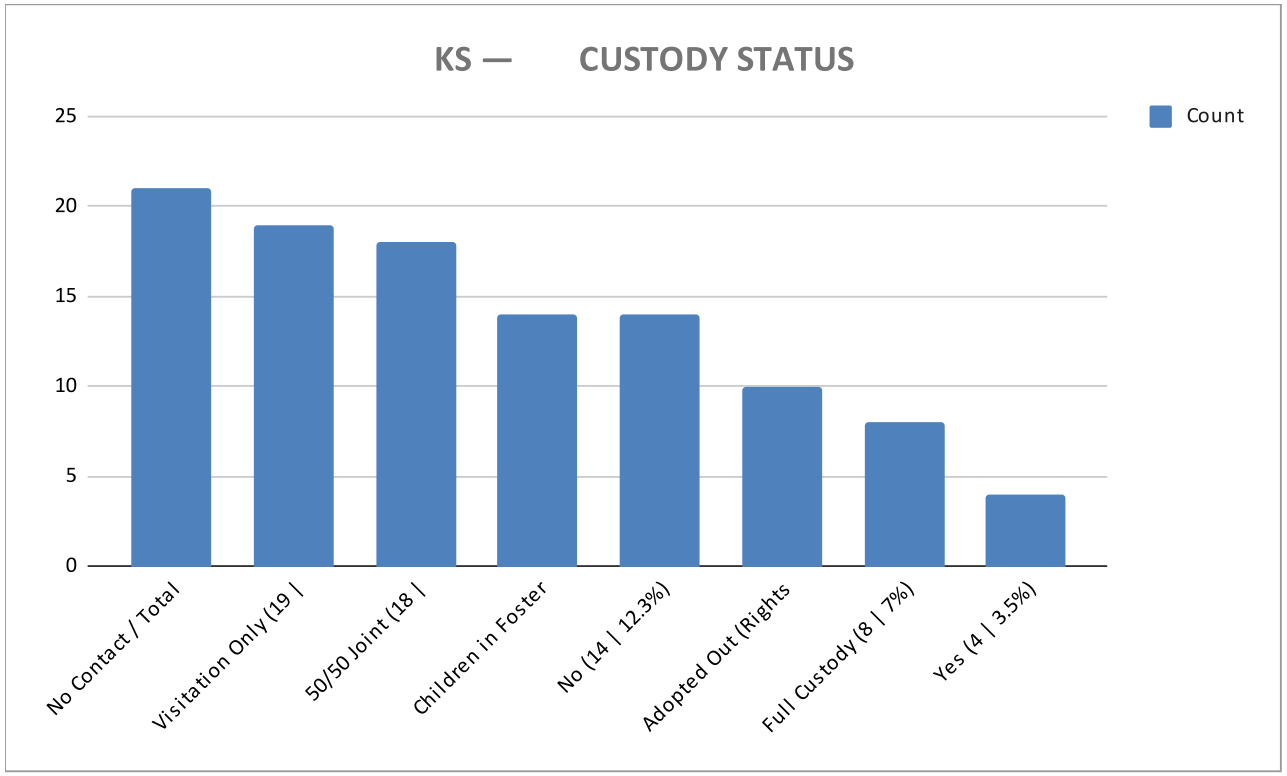


TIME IN SYSTEM	Count	%
5 – 10 years (25 | 21.9%)	25	21.9
3 – 5 years (23 | 20.2%)	23	20.2
1 – 3 years (19 | 16.7%)	19	16.7
Over 10 years (12 | 10.5%)	12	10.5
5+ years (10 | 8.8%)	10	8.8
6 months – 1 year (8 | 7%)	8	7
1-3 years (6 | 5.3%)	6	5.3
0-1 years (5 | 4.4%)	5	4.4



CUSTODY STATUS	Count	%
No Contact / Total Loss of Access (21 | 18.4%)	21	18.4
Visitation Only (19 | 16.7%)	19	16.7
50/50 Joint (18 | 15.8%)	18	15.8
Children in Foster Care (14 | 12.3%)	14	12.3
No (14 | 12.3%)	14	12.3
Adopted Out (Rights Terminated) (10 | 8.8%)	10	8.8
Full Custody (8 | 7%)	8	7
Yes (4 | 3.5%)	4	3.5




KS — CUSTODY STATUS
Count
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15
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5
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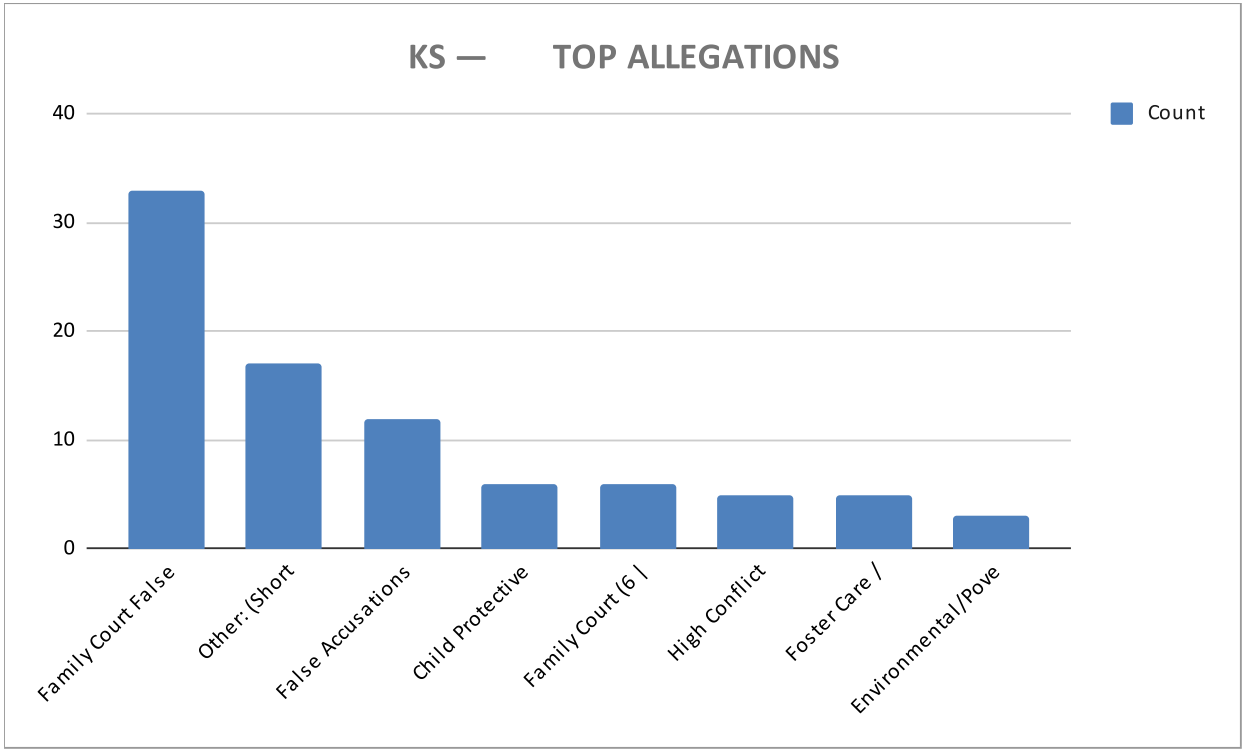
No Contact / Total
Visitation Only (19 |
50/50 Joint (18 |
Children in Foster
No (14 | 12.3%)
Adopted Out (Rights
Full Custody (8 | 7%)
Yes (4 | 3.5%)

TOP ALLEGATIONS	Count	%
Family Court False Accusations (Do (33 | 28.9%)	33	28.9
Other: (Short answer) (17 | 14.9%)	17	14.9
False Accusations CPS (Non-Medical (12 | 10.5%)	12	10.5
Child Protective Services (CPS / D (6 | 5.3%)	6	5.3
Family Court (6 | 5.3%)	6	5.3
High Conflict Divorce (5 | 4.4%)	5	4.4
Foster Care / Termination of Paren (5 | 4.4%)	5	4.4
Environmental/Poverty-Related (Lac (3 | 2.6%)	3	2.6



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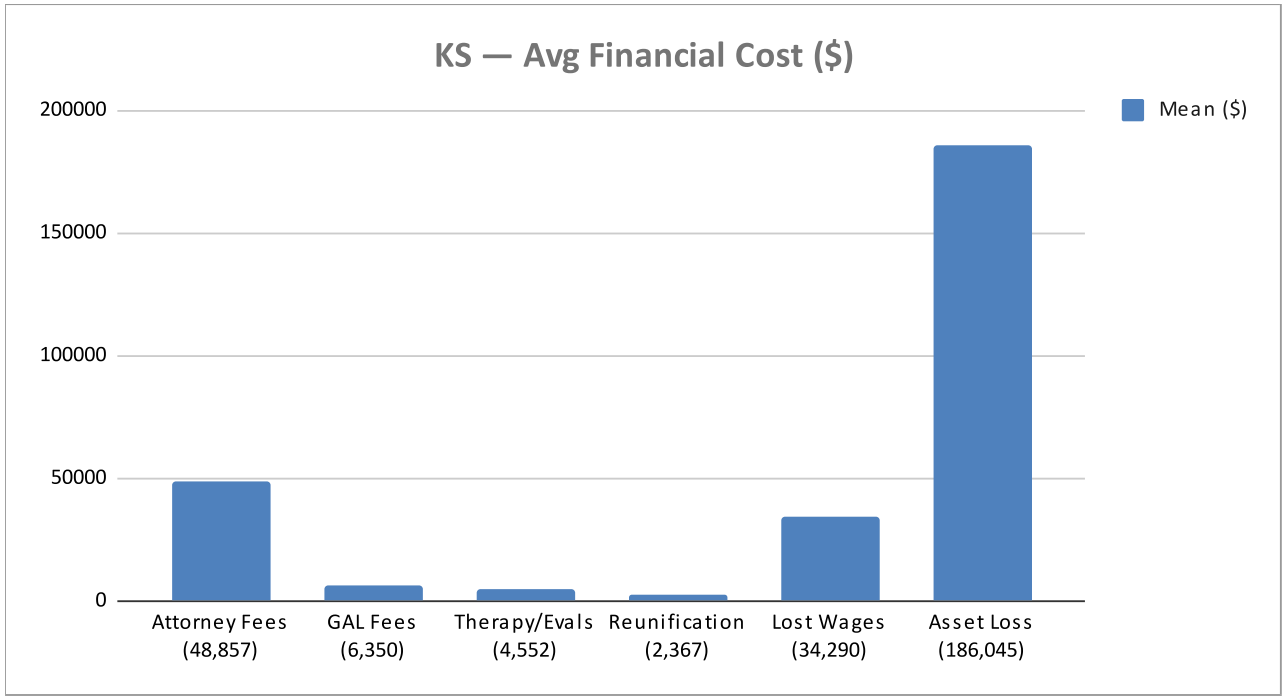
Category	Mean ($)	Median ($)
Attorney Fees (48,857)	48857	15000
GAL Fees (6,350)	6350	2500
Therapy/Evals (4,552)	4552	1000
Reunification (2,367)	2367	50
Lost Wages (34,290)	34290	5000
Asset Loss (186,045)	186045	54000