

FCI Hot Topic **June 20, 2012**

Increasingly, the field of child welfare is focused on the utilization of evidence-based practices to support and achieve well-being, safety and permanency for children, youth, and families. Fostering Court Improvement (FCI) values and encourages the use of evidence-based practices in particular as we believe doing so will *IMPROVE OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE*. Fostering Court Improvement is a mechanism for the child welfare community in Greene County to discuss evidence based practices we utilize and monitor our success based on the statistics we keep. Data collection is another function of FCI. This data collection leads to rich discussion regarding outcomes for children and families. You are a valuable part of the child welfare community and need to participate in the discussion.

Take a look at the following links. The first is The California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare which is a research site that can be utilized to determine the effectiveness of various practices for child welfare. The second link is the Fostering Court Improvement site showing stats for Missouri and can be broken down by county. You may find some of this information very interesting.

- <http://www.cebc4cw.org/>
- <http://www.fosteringcourtimprovement.org/mo/>

Hopefully these and other tools will enhance your efforts to utilize evaluation, research, and evidence-based re-sources in your work to achieve positive out-comes for children, youth and families.

