

NEBRASKA CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (CQI)



Child Protection & Safety

Tribes (Omaha, Ponca, Santee Sioux and Winnebago Tribes)

Our Vision: Children are safe and healthy and have strong, permanent connections to their families.

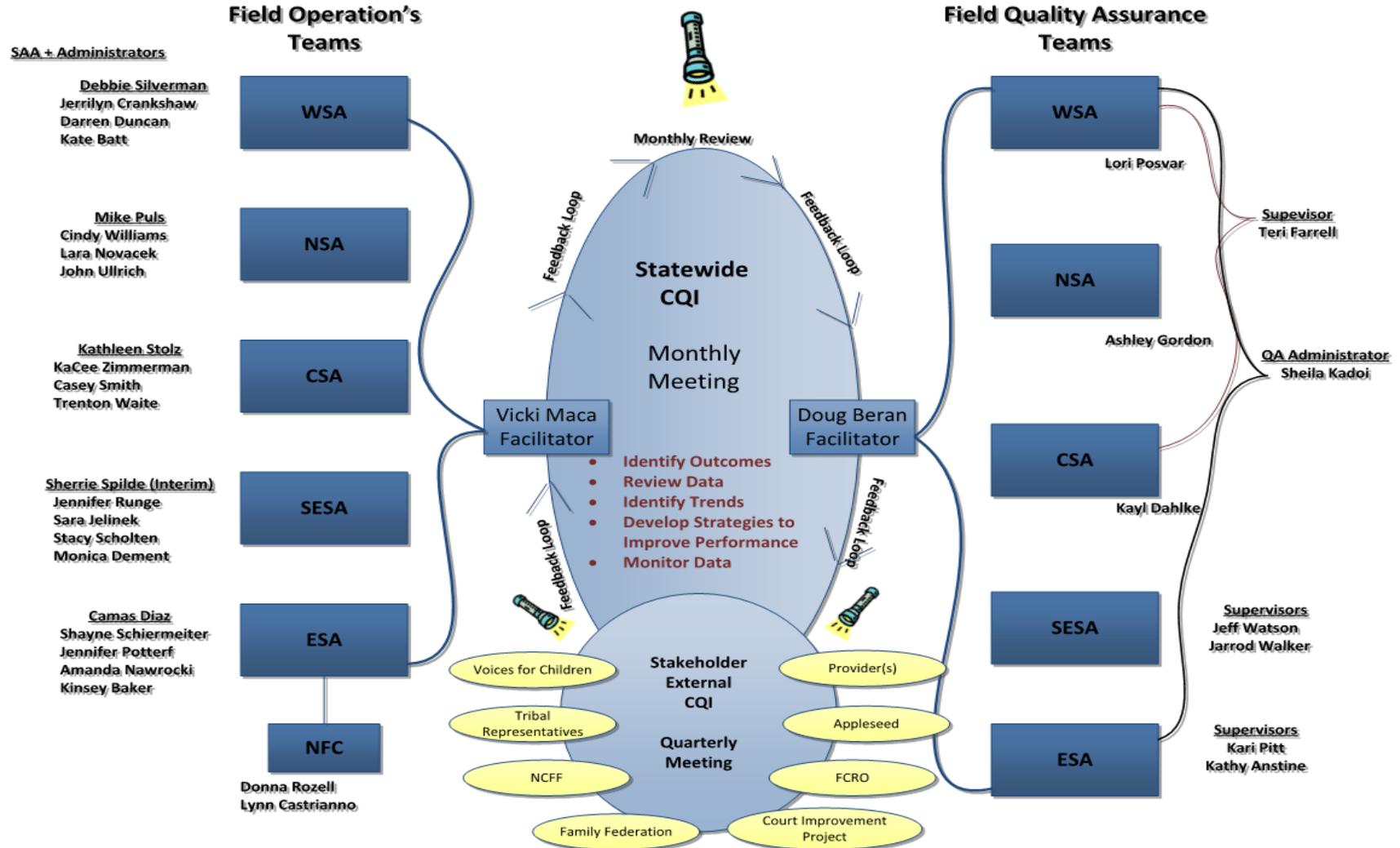
Our Commitments:

1. Children are our #1 priority
2. We respect and value parents and families
3. We value partnerships
4. We are child welfare professionals

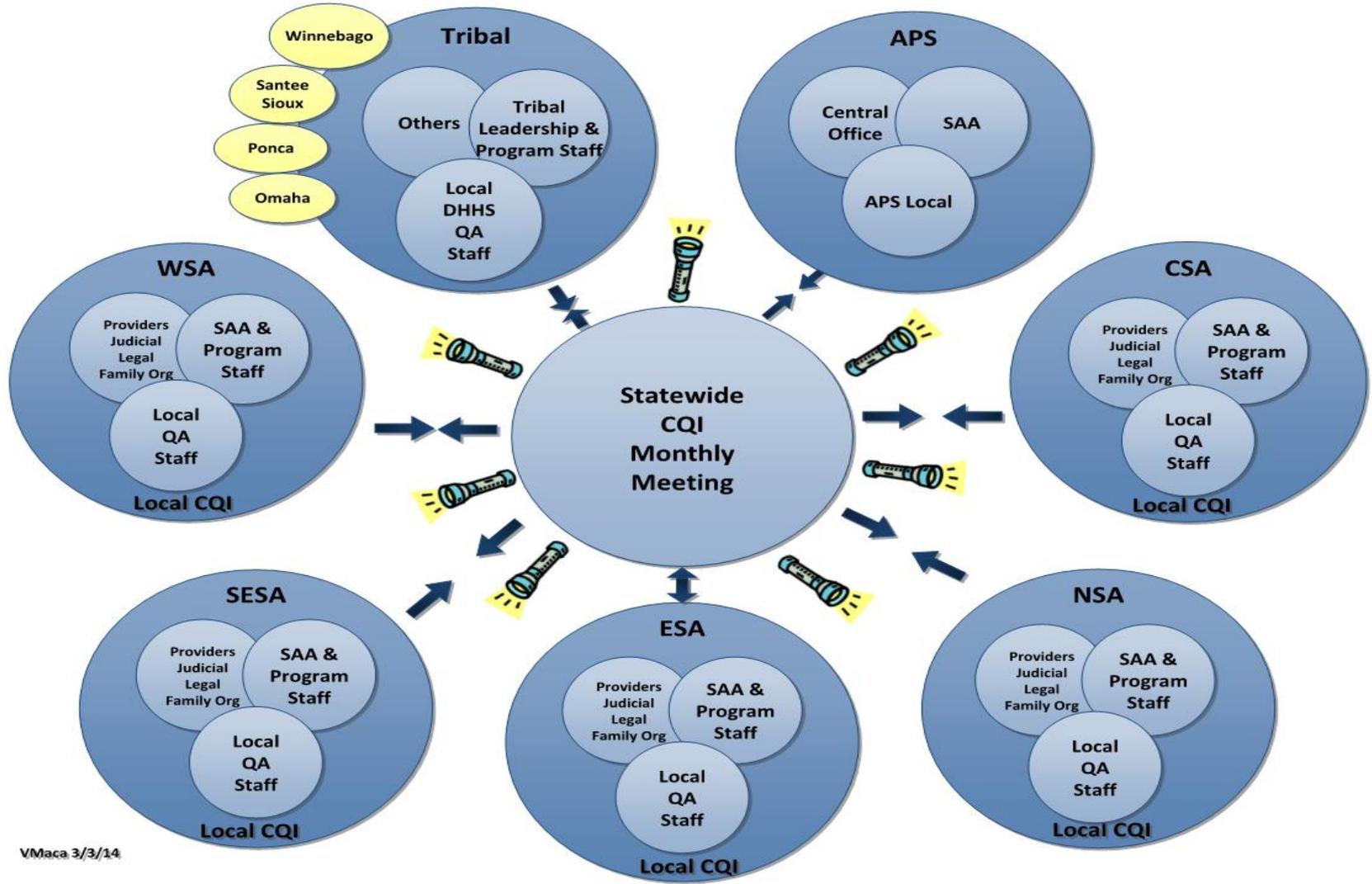
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Statewide CQI Process



Local CQI Process



Priority Outcomes/Measures

1a. Caseworker Monthly Face to Face Contact with the Child

1b. Caseworker Monthly Face to Face Contact with the Child in Out of Home Care (Federal Measure)

2. Family Team Meetings

3. Placement Documentation within 72 hours

Priority #1a: Caseworker Monthly Contact with the Child

Strengths/Opportunities:

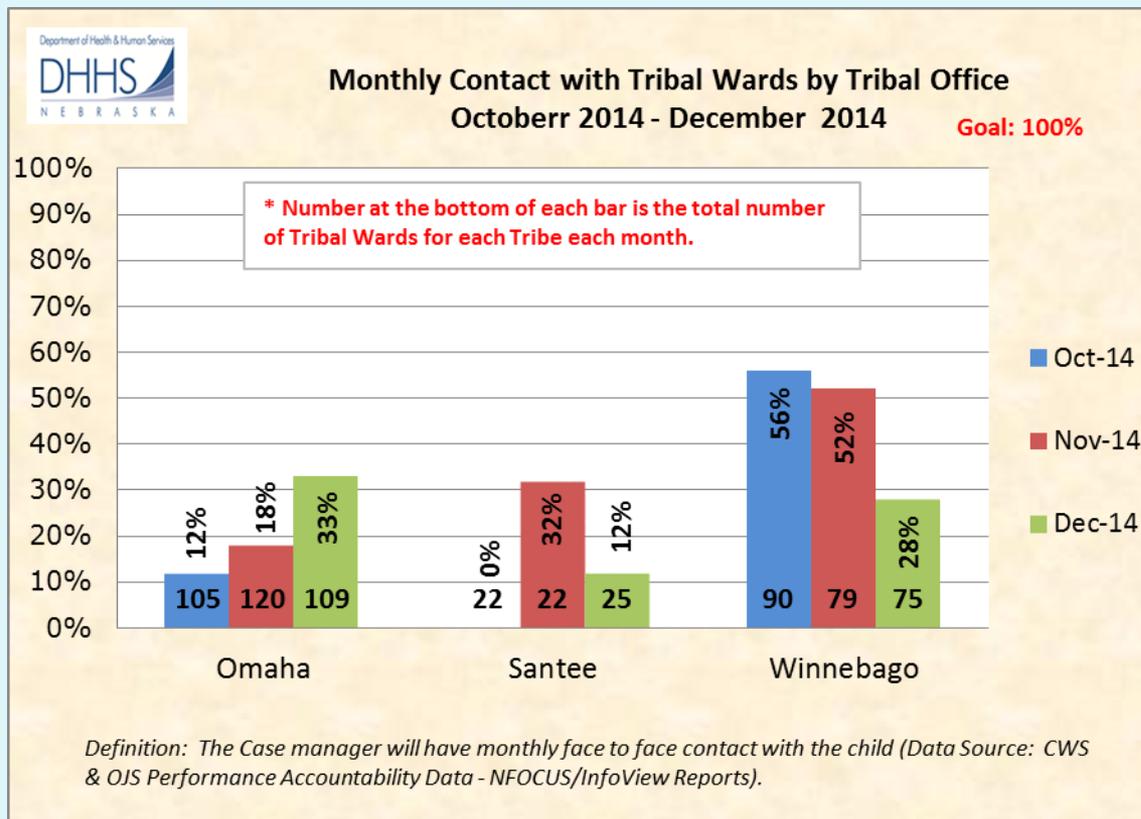
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Barriers:

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Action Items:

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- 2.) DHHS created an ongoing case management due date report for tribal staff. **Done**
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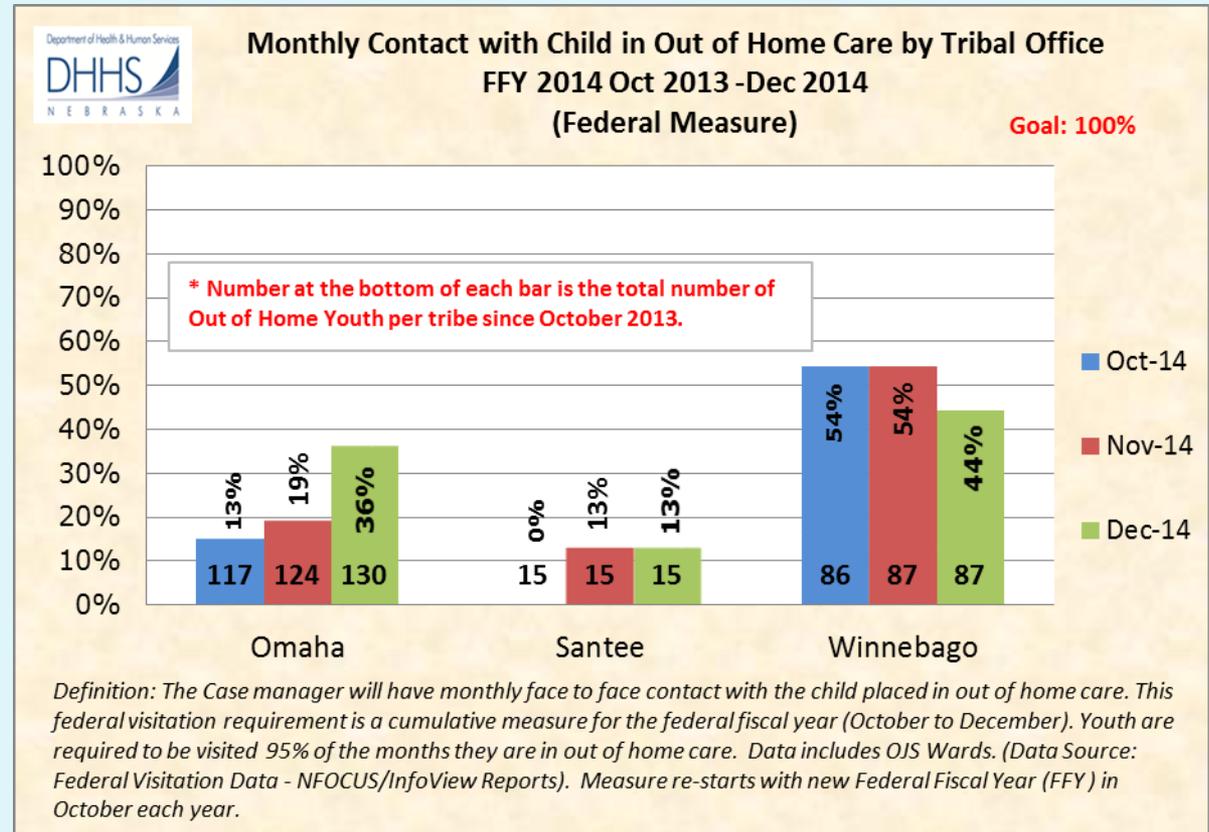
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Priority #1b: Caseworker Monthly Contact with the Child (Federal Measure)



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Priority #2: Family Team Meetings

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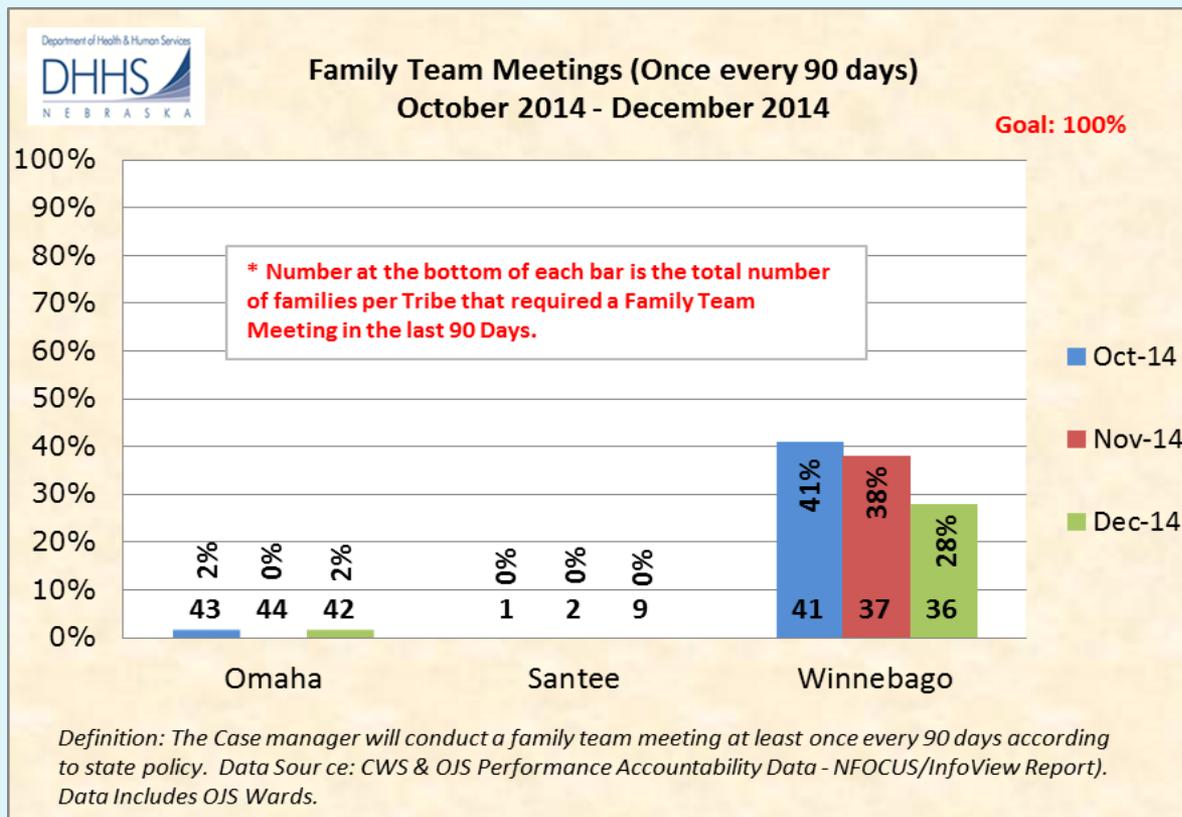
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Bring to next meeting diversion the number of (non-court) case numbers that you know of.

10.) DHHS Team will gather FTM guides and templates and email to this team. **(FTM Guides were shared during the Oct Meeting).**

11. DHHS Team will provide FTM Training for Staff **(Contact Paulette Sombke)**



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Priority #3: Placement Documentation within 72 Hours

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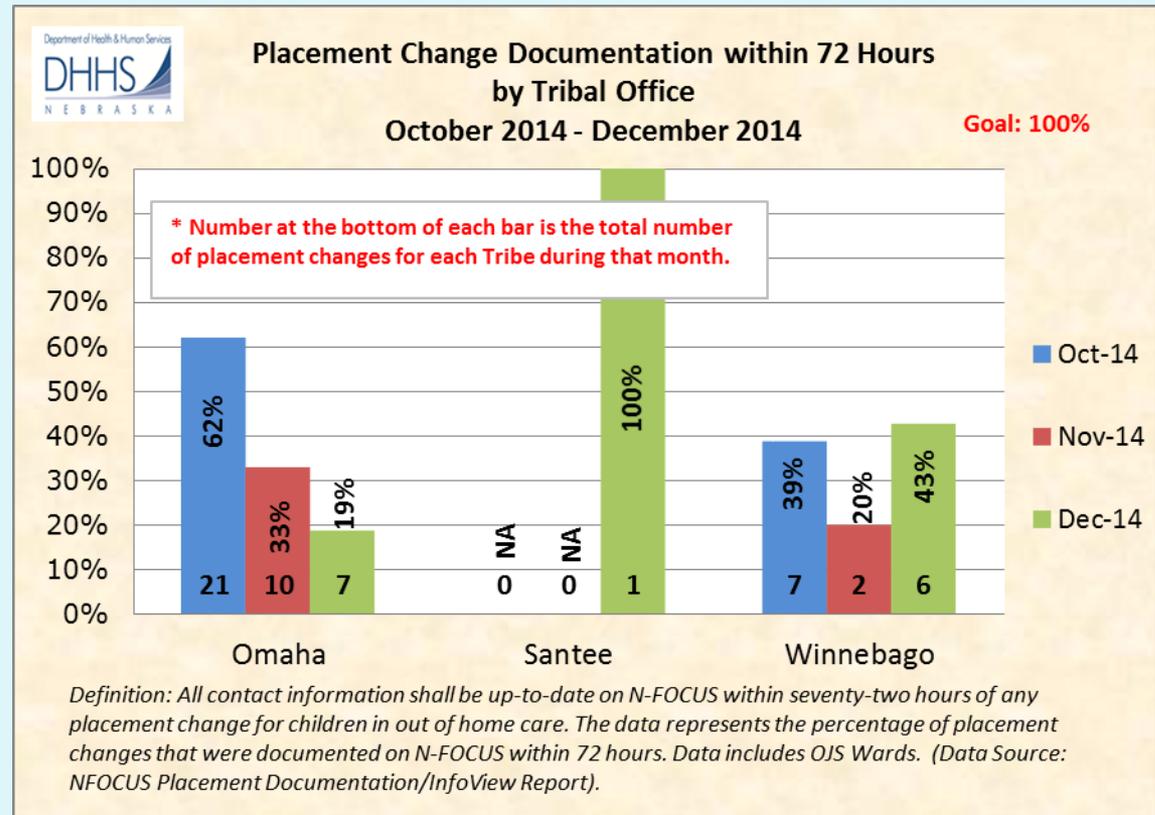
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Action Items:

**Planned:*

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Other Measures

- 1. IA Not Finalized**
- 2. Priority Contact Timeframes**
- 3. Case Plans within 60 Days**

Strengths/Opportunities:

- **There are 213 IA's not finalized for all tribes combined as of 09/30/2014.**
 - **This measure includes all assessments not finalized past 30 days after the intake closure date.**
 - **The following must be completed in order for the IA to be considered finalized:**
 - **A finalized Safety Assessment must be tied to the intake.**
 - **Risk Assessment must be in Final Status.**
 - **Finding(s) must be entered for all Allegations.**

Barriers:**Action Items:**

Initial Assessments Not Finalized

As of 01/13/2015

Count of INTAKE NBR		ASGN OF	LOC SVC					
YEAR RECEIVED	MONTH RECEIVED	MACY	MACY Total	SANTEE T	SANTEE TRII	WINNEBAC	WINNEBAGO	Grand Total
		Tribal		Tribal		Tribal		
2014	December	1	1	2	2	4	4	7
	November	5	5	2	2	1	1	8
	October	7	7	2	2	2	2	11
	September	8	8	5	5	1	1	14
	August	2	2	2	2	4	4	8
	July	2	2	0	0	3	3	5
	June	6	6	1	1	3	3	10
	May	4	4	1	1	4	4	9
	April	8	8	4	4	4	4	16
	March	4	4	0	0	5	5	9
	February	4	4	1	1	3	3	8
	January	8	8	2	2	1	1	11
2014 Total		59	59	22	22	35	35	116
2013		50	50	15	15	23	23	88
2012		46	46	6	6	6	6	58
Grand Total		155	155	43	43	64	64	262

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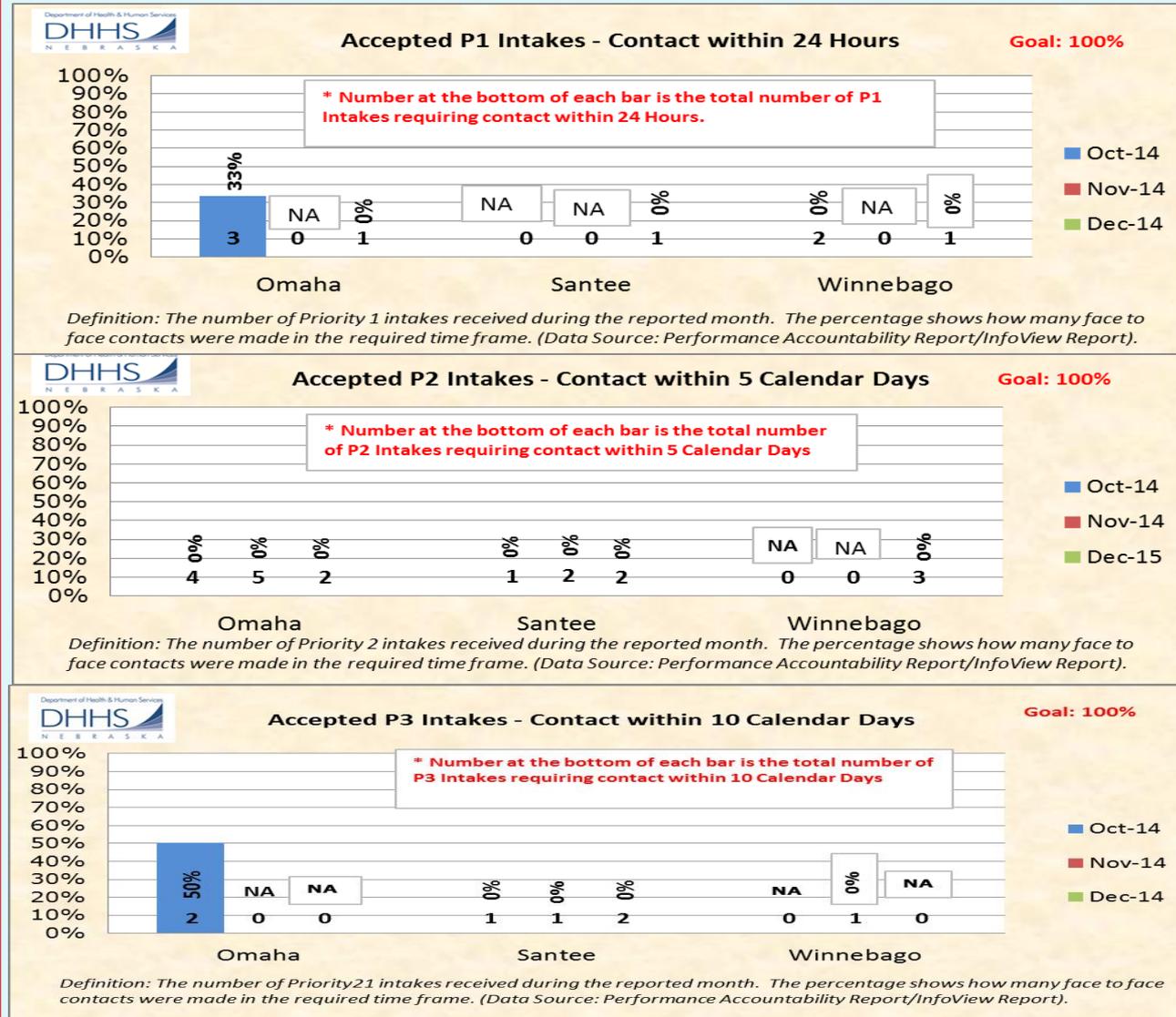
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Priority Contact Timeframes



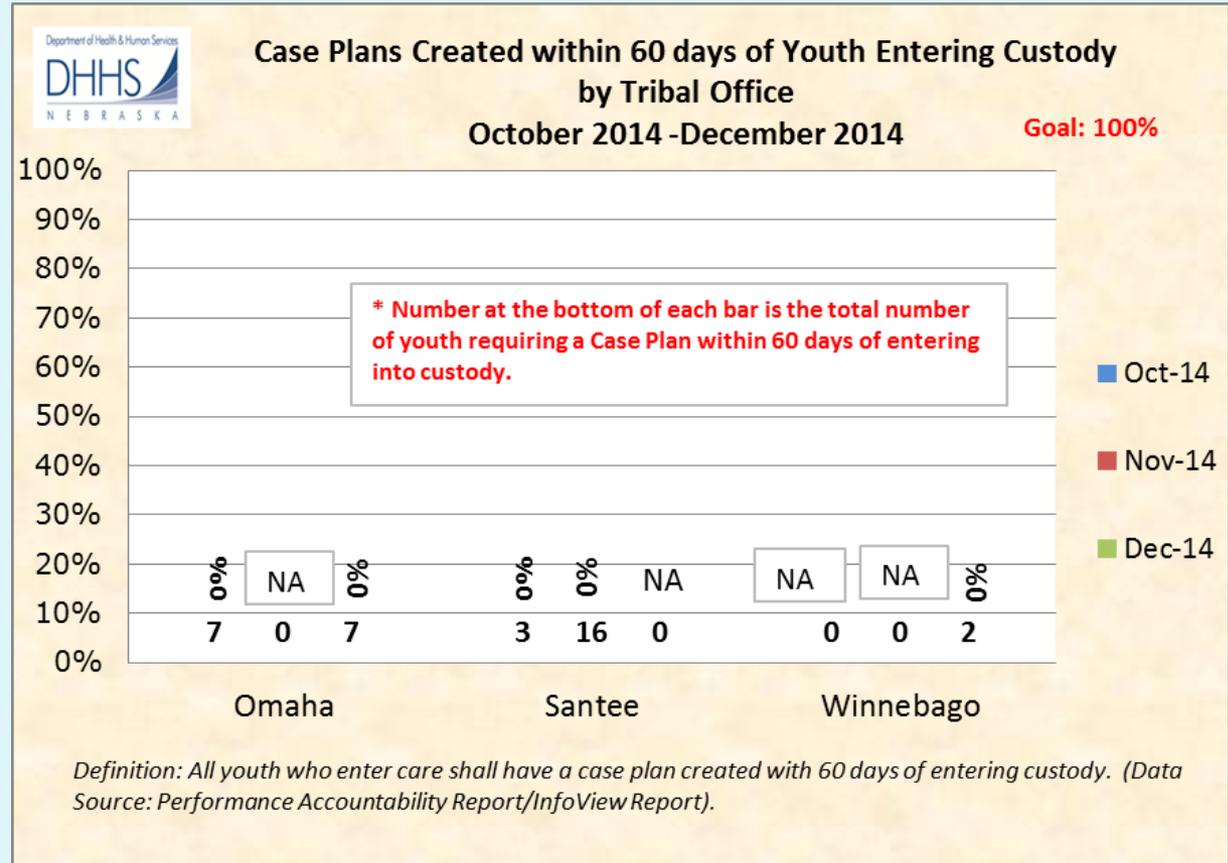
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