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2012 Court Improvement Summit

Foster Parents and Court Hearings

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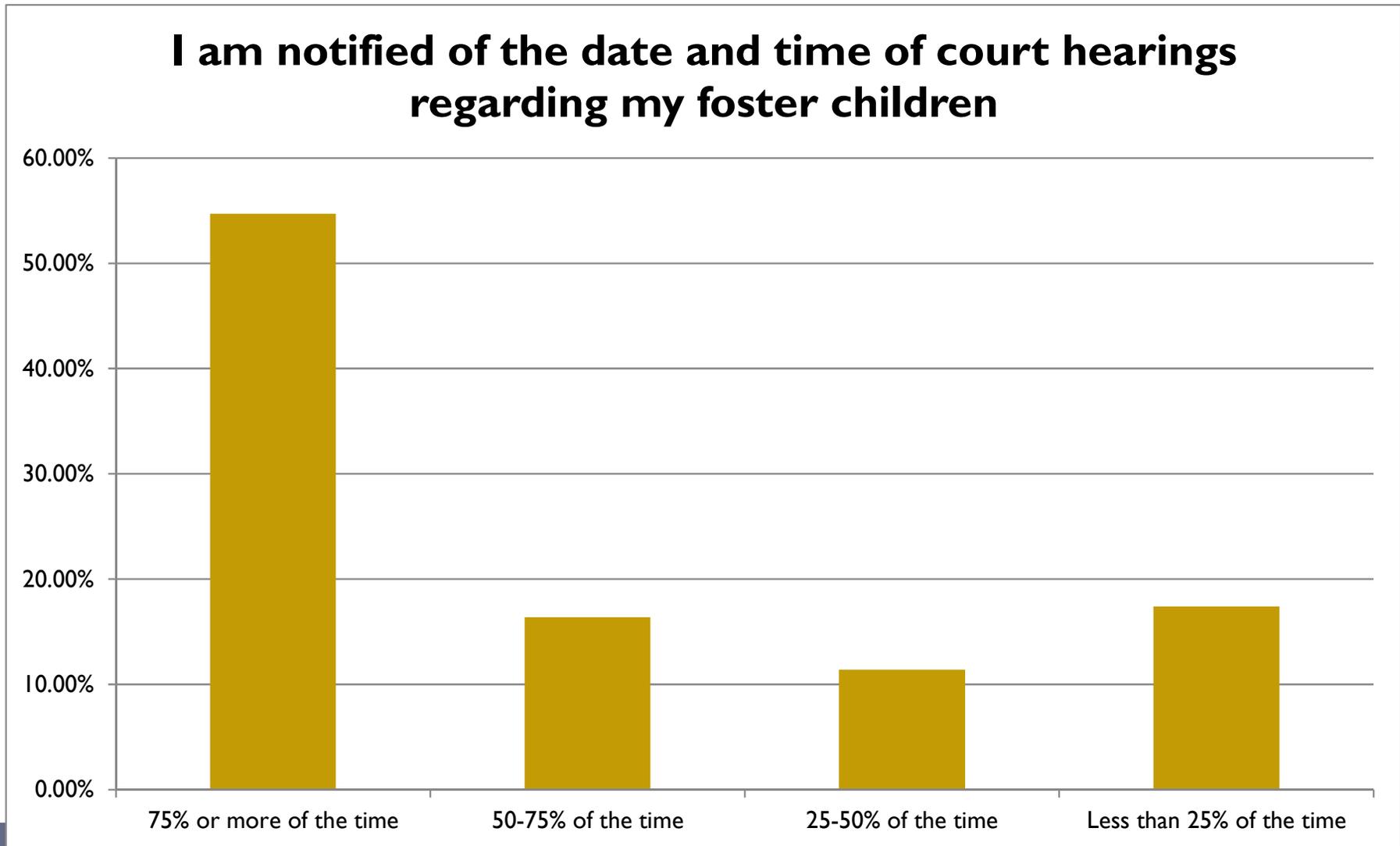
Legal Basis

- **Juvenile Court Act -78A-6-317. All proceedings -- Persons entitled to be present**
- (1) A child who is the subject of a juvenile court hearing, any person entitled to notice pursuant to Section 78A-6-306 or 78A-6-310, **preadoptive parents, foster parents, and any relative** providing care for the child, are:
 - (a) entitled to notice of, and to be present at, each hearing and proceeding held under this part, including administrative reviews; and
 - (b) have a right to be heard at each hearing and proceeding described in Subsection (1)(a).

Federal Review Finding

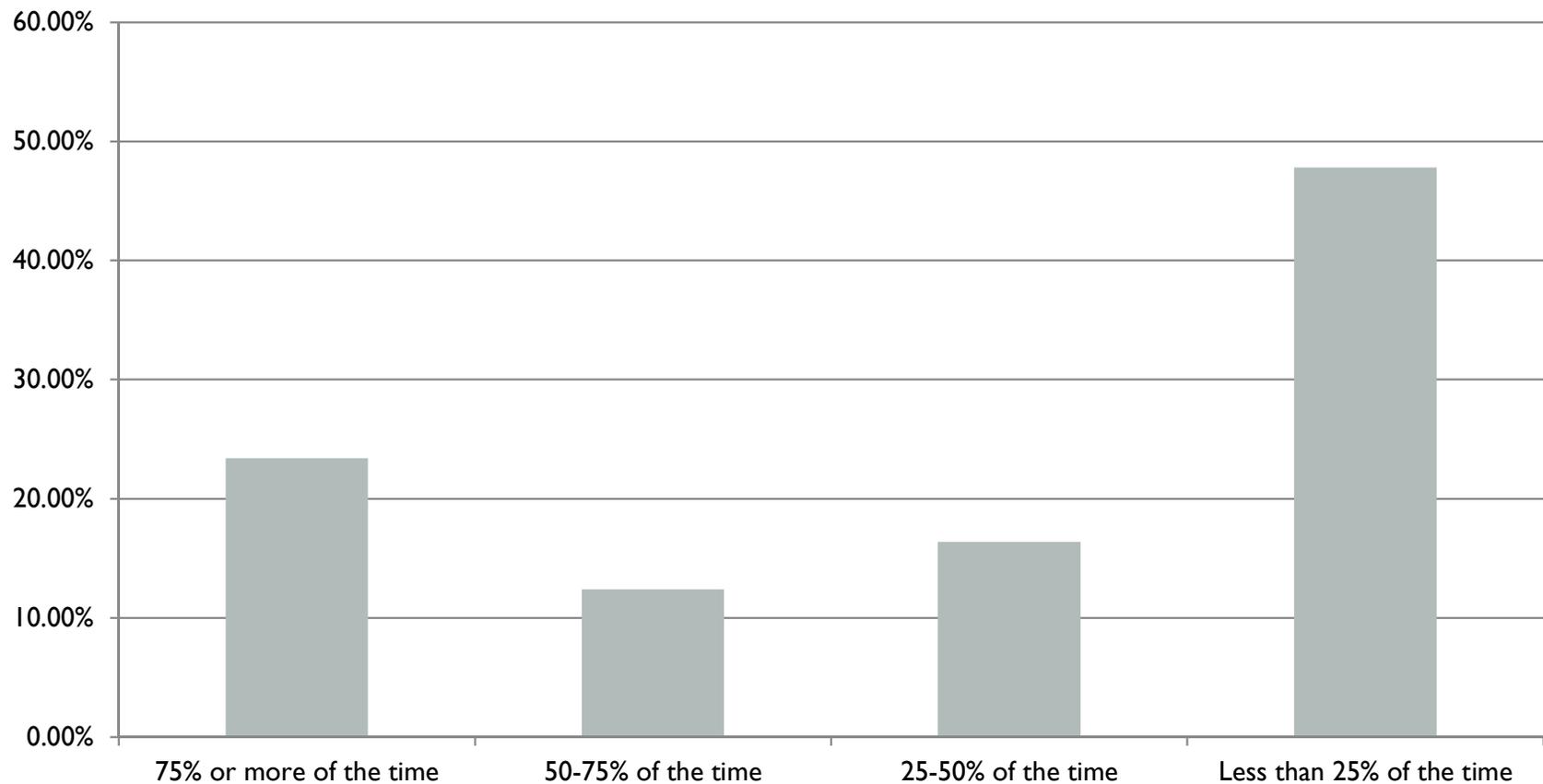
- The federal Child and Family Services Review evaluates the following:
 - Notice of Hearings and Reviews to Caregivers: The state provides a process for foster parents, pre-adoptive parents, and relative caregivers of children in foster care to be notified of, and have an opportunity to be heard in, any review or hearing held with respect to the child.
- Finding: Utah was not in substantial conformity.

Foster Parent Survey Findings



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I am given an opportunity to be heard at court hearings



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Foster Parent Survey Findings

- Open-ended responses indicated
 - They felt it was important, as the day to day caregivers of the child, to have the opportunity to give input.
 - Several expressed that they felt their input was not desired or valued

Suggestions for improvement on notification

- 77% strongly agree they would like access to a **website** to get information on their foster children's court dates, fines, and community service hours.
- 80% would like an **email** regarding changes to court date information

Suggestions for improvement on having a voice

- A large number of open ended responses suggested that it should be part of the court process to ask Foster Parents/caregivers for their input and that courts should designate someone who is responsible to make sure this happens.

Email

- Modify Foster Parent Agreements to include expectation to provide email and state that email will be used for some communication

Website development

- Utilize current My Case functionality
- Validate using Care to SAFE interface.

Login Screen

Waiting for localhost...

Payment Login

localhost:9080/JuvenileEpaymentWEB/fosterCareLogin

WAS8_Migration smartcardreader

 **Utah State Courts**

Utah Courts Juvenile E-Payment System

Safe User Access Login



Enter all fields below and click the Login button

Case #*

Case First Name*

Case Last Name*

Date of Birth* (MM-DD-YYYY)  

PIN#*

I Accept the confidentiality agreement
Juvenile court records contain confidential information. By clicking on the button below, you acknowledge that you are authorized to access this case and the information within. Misuse of the information contained in this juvenile record is a Class B misdemeanor (UCA 63G-2-801) and punishable by a fine of up to \$1000 and up to six months in jail.

Login

Hearing / Appointments

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Browser tabs: "Inbox - ramas@utcourts.g...", "juvenileEpayment"
- Address bar: "localhost:9080/JuvenileEpaymentWEB/fosterCareLogin"
- Navigation: "WASS_Migration", "smartcardreador"
- Page Header: "Welcome: Colby Bringham" and navigation links: "Home", "Court Info", "Case History", "Hearings/Appts", "Help", "Logout"
- Section: "Hearings/Appts"
- Case Information: "Case Name : Colby Bringham", "Case # : 970839"
- Table: A table with 5 columns: Date, Start - End Time, Event Type, Hearing Location, and Description.

Date	Start - End Time	Event Type	Hearing Location	Description
05-09-2012	01:30 PM-01:40 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
11-01-2011	01:40 PM-01:50 PM	Hearing	Roosevelt (DU2)	CW - Review
05-10-2011	01:40 PM-01:50 PM	Hearing	Roosevelt (DU2)	CW - Review
12-08-2010	01:40 PM-01:50 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
06-16-2010	01:40 PM-01:50 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
12-02-2009	01:50 PM-01:59 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
06-03-2009	02:00 PM-02:05 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
12-10-2008	01:35 PM-01:40 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
06-25-2008	01:35 PM-01:40 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
12-19-2007	01:35 PM-01:40 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
06-20-2007	01:35 PM-01:40 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
12-13-2006	02:00 PM-02:05 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
09-20-2006	01:30 PM-01:35 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
03-15-2006	01:35 PM-01:40 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
09-14-2005	02:00 PM-02:10 PM	Hearing	Duchesne (DU1)	CW - Review
06-22-2005	02:21 PM-02:30 PM	Hearing	Roosevelt (DU2)	CW - Review
03-23-2005	02:00 PM-02:10 PM	Hearing	Roosevelt (DU2)	CW - Review
02-23-2005	01:40 PM-01:50 PM	Hearing	Roosevelt (DU2)	CW - Review

Home Screen -

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following content:

- Browser Tabs:** "Inbox - remas@outcourts.gov" and "juvenileEpayment".
- Address Bar:** "localhost:9080/juvenileEpaymentWEB/fosterCareLogin".
- Navigation:** "WASB_Migration" and "smartcardreader" folders; "Home", "Court Info", "Case History", "Hearings/Appts", "Help", and "Logout" menu items.
- Welcome Message:** "Welcome: Colby Bringham".
- Case Information:**
 - Case Name: Colby Bringham
 - Case #: 970839
- Balance Owed Table:**

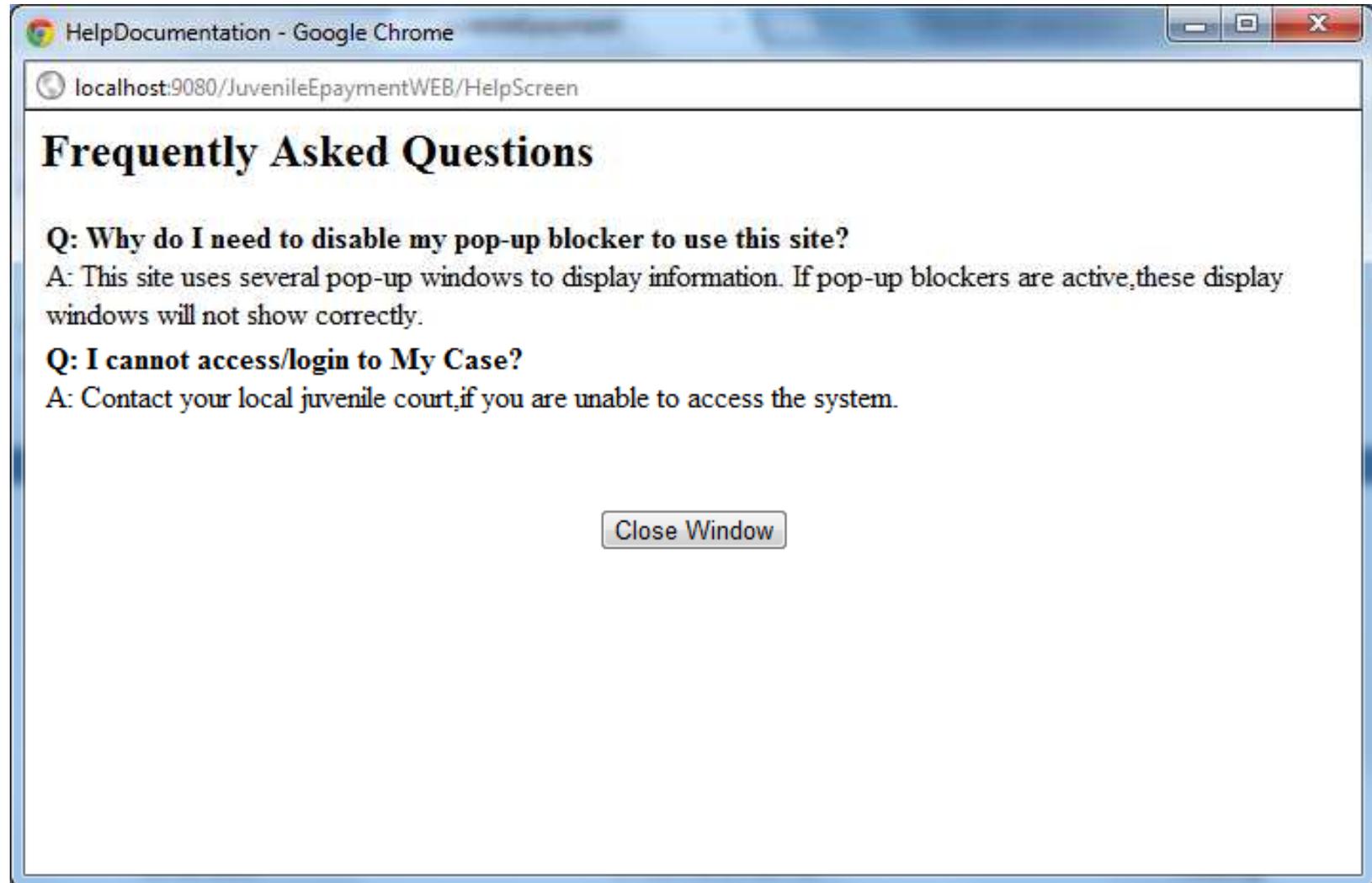
Balance Owed	
Dollars	\$2,158.68
Hours	20 Hours
Items	11.00 Items
Misc Fees Due	\$1,216.25
- Payment Button:** "Make E-Payment" button with MasterCard and Visa logos.

Court Information

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Address bar: localhost:9080/JuvenileEpaymentWEB/fosterCareLogin
- Navigation buttons: Home, Court Info, Case History, Hearings/Appts, Help, Logout
- Page content: A red heading "Court Information" followed by the text:
Eighth District Juvenile Court
Duchesne District Office
21554 W 9000 S
PO BOX 990
DUCESNE UT 84021
(435)738-2753

Help



How to give Foster Parent's a voice in court

- Suggest that a court process be established to address this concern.



The End

- Questions?