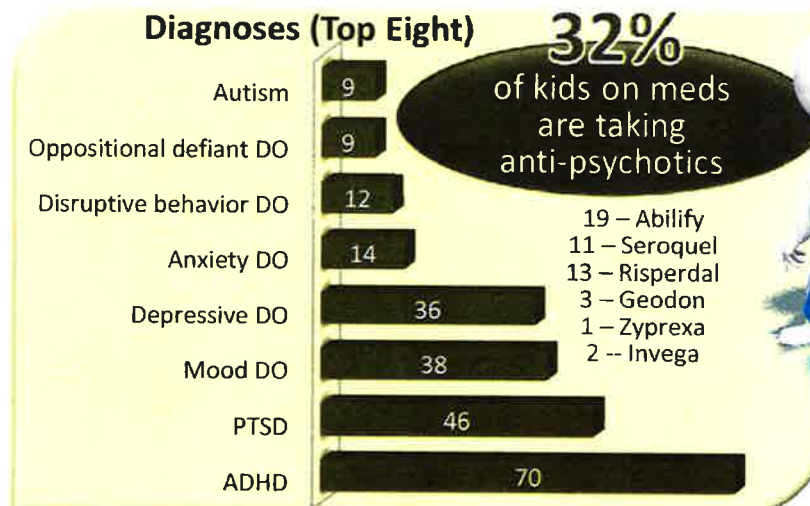
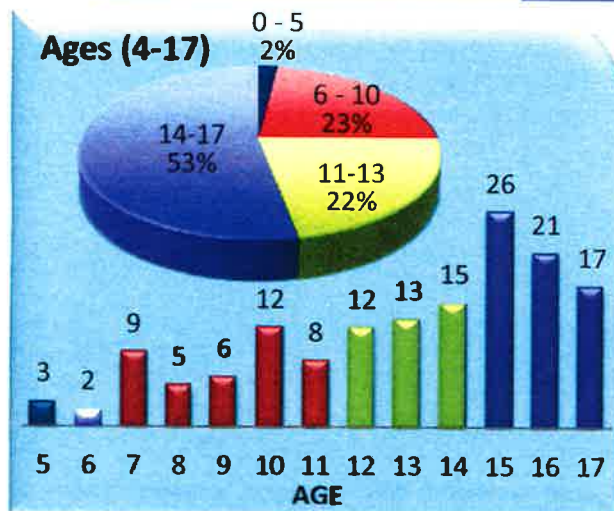
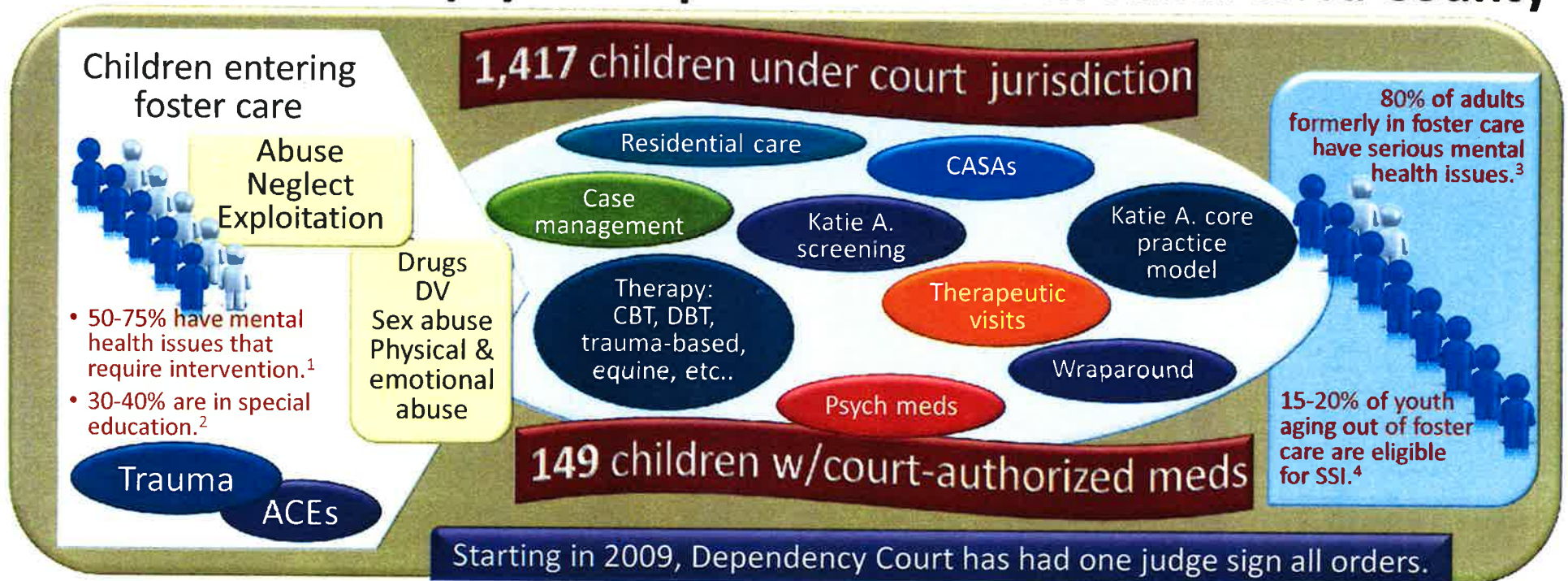


# Foster children & psychotropic medication in Santa Clara County



91% child psychiatrist  
 3% psychiatrist  
 5% pediatrician  
 2% nurse practitioner

**Medication Practice Guidelines**  
 Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Department

1 National Institute of Mental Health funded a national survey (Burns et al., 2004); found 47.9% of foster youth had clinically significant emotional or behavioral problems. Literature review for the Casey Family Programs (Landsverk, Burns, Stambaugh & Rolls Reutz, 2006) found between one-half & three-fourths of children entering foster care needed mental health services.  
 2 Casey Family Programs, 2004.  
 3 National Collaborative on Workforce and Disability  
 4 State of CA Health & Human Services Agency, Dept. of Social Services. "Ensuring Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Payments for California's Foster Youth"

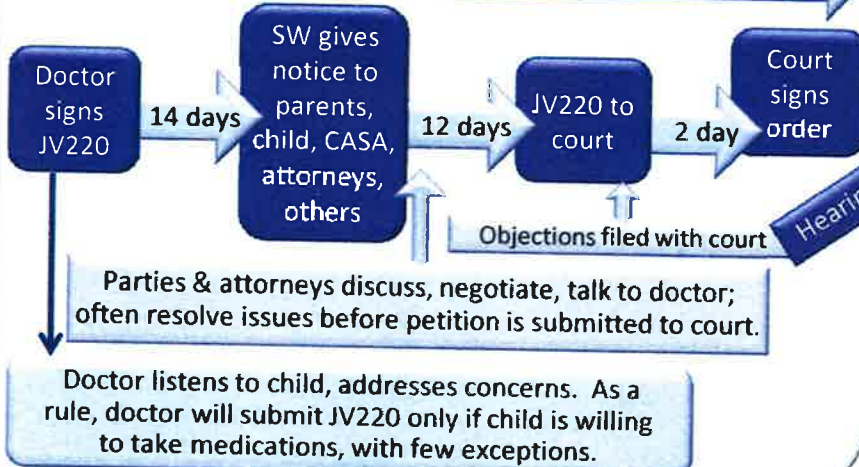
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 and infographic created by  
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## The JV-220 process\*

Average time from doctor's signature to judge's signature = 24 days



\* Tracking since May 2012

## Does the judge ever say no?

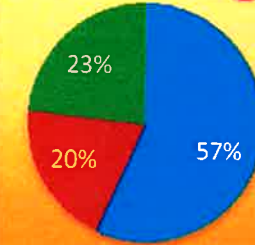
**225** Objections filed since 2009

**38** Resolved before hearing (17%)

- 18 – objections withdrawn
- 11 – no JV220 filed based on objection
- 4 – MD changed rec based on input
- 2 – signed to titrate off
- 3 – signed w/ dosages adjusted

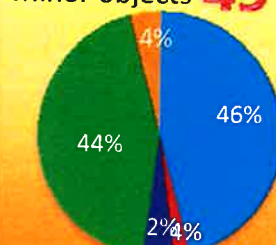
**168** Contested hearings held since 2009

Mi's atty objects **30**



Ordered over objection  
Objection withdrawn

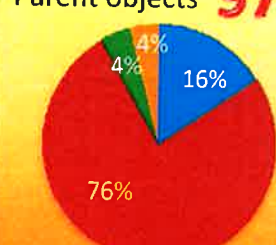
Minor objects **49**



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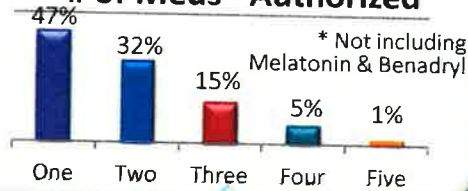
No meds ordered / meds ordered to taper only

Parent objects **97**



JV220 withdrawn, doc stopped meds

## # of Meds\* Authorized

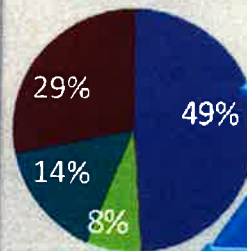


Excluding Melatonin & Benadryl...  
**47%** take only one medication  
**53%** take more than one med

**18%** of youth taking medications are taking only meds for ADHD

## Once started, do medications ever stop? How often?

- Current court order for meds
- Alternate decision maker
- NMDs (on meds till 18)
- Stopped meds



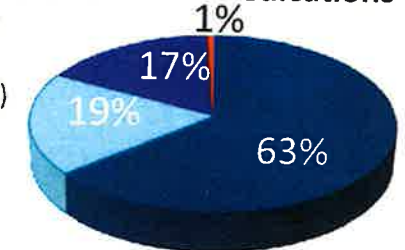
**149**  
# of kids who currently have ct-authorized meds

**305**  
# of kids w/ open cases who have ever had court-authorized meds

**732**  
# of kids who have had court-authorized meds since 2009

NMD: non-minor dependent (youth ages 18-21)

## NMDs\* and Medications



- Never took meds (256)
- Stopped before 18 (93)
- On meds at 18 (98)
- Alternate decision maker (3)

Of NMDs who ever took meds, 51% (88 out of 171), took them short-term and stopped before age 18.

\*491 NMDs since AB12 inception