

SBC Outcome Measures: CASA Impact Analysis Report

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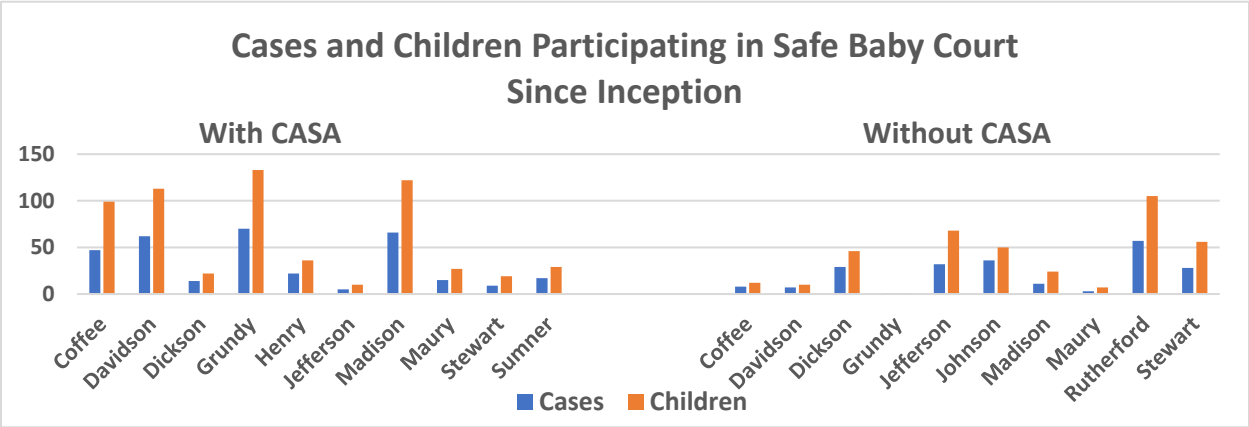
1 Safe Baby Court Sites With CASA vs. Without CASA

21 Safe Baby Court (SBC) sites were fully operational in 2024, and able to take referrals. These sites are Bradley, Coffee, Davidson, DeKalb, Dickson, Gibson, Grundy, Hamilton, Henry, Jefferson, Johnson, Johnson City, Knox, Madison, Maury, Perry, Robertson, Rutherford, Sevier, Stewart, and Sumner Counties. Johnson County ended operation June 30, 2024, and Cannon County was identified as the replacement site. Cannon County and Roane County began implementation in 2024, but did not start receiving referrals in 2024.

This report is a summary of Safe Baby Court program data collected by the AOC through the Quest case management system. The report shows data from each Safe Baby Court jurisdiction, as well as the Safe Baby Court outcome measures, for SBC cases with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and SBC cases without CASA. It is based upon information entered by the individual jurisdictions in the Quest case management system as of December 31, 2024, for SBC cases open for at least one day in since inception. Courts included in this analysis were Coffee, Davidson, Dickson, Grundy, Henry, Jefferson, Johnson, Madison, Maury, Rutherford, Stewart, and Sumner Counties. Courts with new SBC implementation in the second half of 2024 were excluded from the analysis.

As of December 31, 2024, there were **327 cases and 610 children** in SBC cases **with CASA** and **212 cases and 379 children** in SBC cases **without CASA**.

With CASA			Without CASA		
Court	Cases	Children	Court	Cases	Children
Coffee	47	99	Coffee	8	12
Davidson	62	113	Davidson	7	10
Dickson	14	22	Dickson	29	46
Grundy	70	133	Grundy	1	1
Henry	22	36	Jefferson	32	68
Jefferson	5	10	Johnson	36	50
Madison	66	122	Madison	11	24
Maury	15	27	Maury	3	7
Stewart	9	19	Rutherford	57	105
Sumner	17	29	Stewart	28	56



2 Length of Stay in SBC Intervention

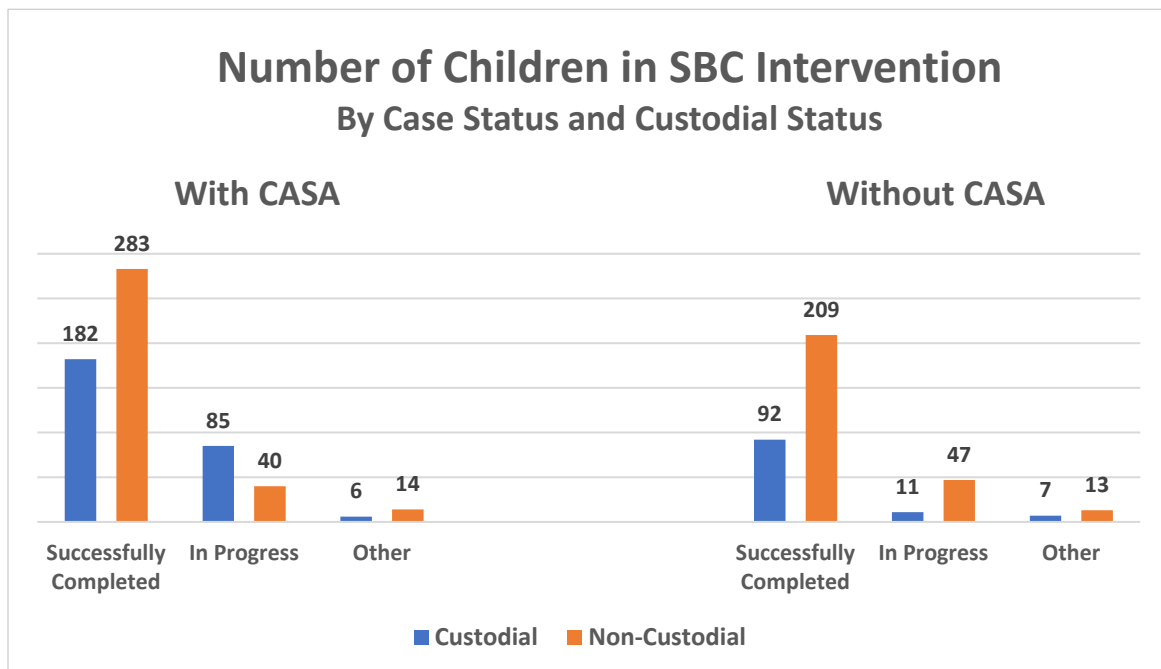
2.1 Frequency Breakdown of Custodial vs. Non-Custodial Children

Custodial children, for the purpose of this report, are defined as children who spent at least one day in foster care.

SBC Status is defined at a case level; if any children in the case have an ongoing SBC, then each child attached to that case will have an SBC Status of “In Progress” in this section.

Case Percentage Breakdown by SBC Status and Custodial Status

Cases With CASA			Cases Without CASA		
Case Status	Custodial	Non-Custodial	Case Status	Custodial	Non-Custodial
Successfully Completed	182 (67%)	283 (84%)	Successfully Completed	92 (84%)	209 (78%)
In Progress	85 (31%)	40 (12%)	In Progress	11 (10%)	47 (17%)
Other	6 (2%)	14 (4%)	Other	7 (6%)	13 (5%)

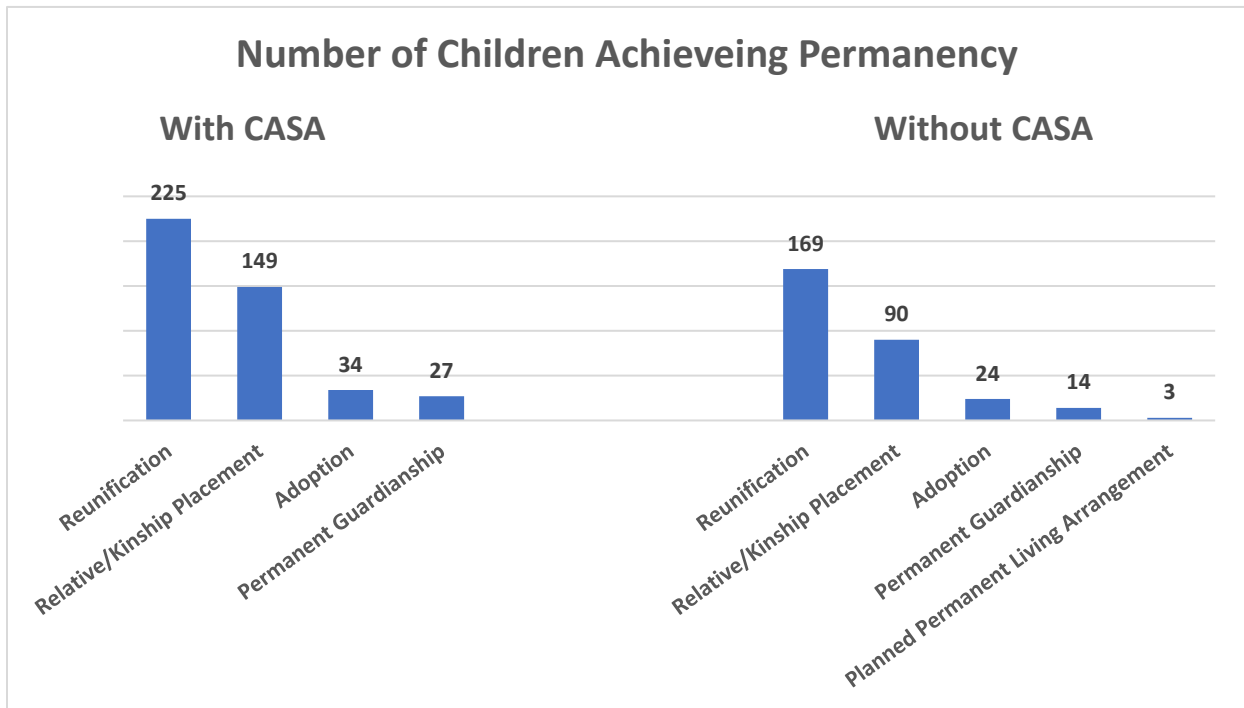


Note that the “Other” category can consist of instances such as a transfer of jurisdiction, a parent requesting to no longer be a part of SBC, a conflict of interest closing the case, or cases that were unsuccessfully discharged from the program by the judge or magistrate hearing the case.

2.2 Permanency Outcome Breakdown

The table and chart below illustrate the number of children achieving permanency since inception.

Cases With CASA		Cases Without CASA	
Permanency Goal	Count (%)	Permanency Goal	Count (%)
Reunification	225 (52%)	Reunification	169 (56%)
Relative/Kinship Placement	149 (34%)	Relative/Kinship Placement	90 (30%)
Adoption	34 (8%)	Adoption	24 (8%)
Permanent Guardianship	27 (6%)	Permanent Guardianship	14 (5%)
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	0 (0%)	Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	3 (1%)

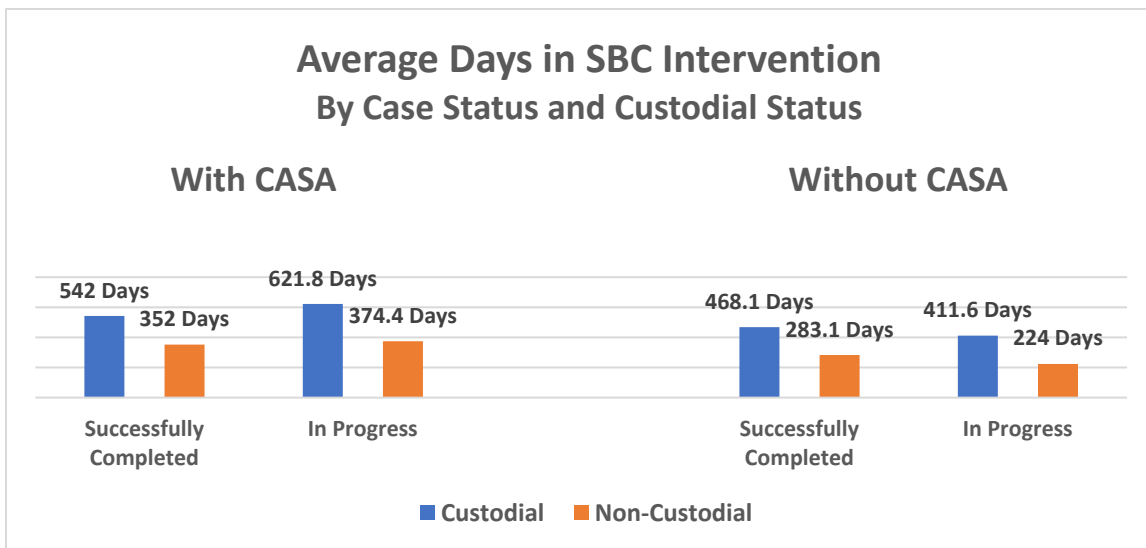


2.3 Average Length of Stay in SBC Intervention

Average Length of Stay (Days) by SBC Status and Custodial Status

Cases With CASA		
SBC Case Status	Custodial	Non-Custodial
Successfully Completed	542 days (182 kids)	352 days (283 kids)
In Progress	621.8 days (85 kids)	374.4 days (40 kids)

Cases Without CASA		
SBC Case Status	Custodial	Non-Custodial
Successfully Completed	468.1 days (92 kids)	283.1 days (209 kids)
In Progress	411.6 days (11 kids)	224 days (47 kids)



For cases with CASA, the average length of stay for custodial cases that successfully completed SBC was 542 days. The average length of stay for custodial cases in progress through December 31, 2024, is 621.8 days.

For cases without CASA, the average length of stay for custodial cases that successfully completed SBC was 468.1 days. The average length of stay for custodial cases in progress through December 31, 2024, is 411.6 days.

For cases with CASA, the average length of stay for non-custodial cases that successfully completed SBC was 352 days. The average length of stay for non-custodial cases in progress through December 31, 2024, is 374.4 days.

For cases without CASA, the average length of stay for non-custodial cases that successfully completed SBC was 283.1 days. The average length of stay for non-custodial cases in progress through December 31, 2024, is 224 days.

For custodial and non-custodial cases that were successfully completed, the following tables break down the average length of stay by permanency outcome.

Average Length of Stay (Days) by Custodial Status and Permanency Outcome in Successfully Completed SBC Interventions

Cases With CASA		
Permanency Outcome	Custodial	Non-Custodial
Reunification	461.6 days (81 kids)	347.7 days (143 kids)
Relative/Kinship Placement	382.5 days (29 kids)	347.7 days (114 kids)
Permanent Guardianship	578.6 days (14 kids)	553.9 days (12 kids)
Adoption	792.2 days (34 kids)	-
In DCS Custody With Ongoing Permanency Plan	796 days (6 kids)	-
(SBC Closed With No Permanency Specified)	574.7 days (18 kids)	258.4 days (14 kids)
Cases Without CASA		
Permanency Outcome	Custodial	Non-Custodial
Reunification	385.8 days (45 kids)	287.8 days (118 kids)
Relative/Kinship Placement	251.2 days (8 kids)	277.4 days (81 kids)
Permanent Guardianship	412.3 days (11 kids)	94.5 days (2 kids)
Adoption	700.6 days (21 kids)	-
Planned Permanent Living Arrangement	-	273 days (3 kids)
In DCS Custody With Ongoing Permanency Plan	795.2 days (5 kids)	-
(SBC Closed With No Permanency Specified)	235.5 days (2 kids)	345.2 days (5 kids)

3 Families and Children Participating in SBC

3.1 Type of Most Recent Living Arrangement

3.1.1 Number and percentage of children most recently in foster care placements and non-custodial placements

The following table shows the totals and percentages of last living arrangement for children in SBC. This represents the *current* placement or the *most recent* placement when the SBC case closed.

In cases with CASA, there were a total of **134 (22%) children most recently in foster care placements and 471 (77%) children in non-custodial placements**. Of children in foster care, 21 (16%) children resided with a relative.

In contrast, in cases without CASA, there were a total of **48 (13%) children most recently in foster care placements and 325 (86%) children in non-custodial placements**. Of children in foster care, 19 (40%) children resided with a relative.

Most Recent Living Arrangement

Placement	Count (%)	Placement	Count (%)
Birth Parent	246 (41%)	Birth Parent	182 (49%)
Relative (Non-Custodial)	210 (35%)	Relative (Non-Custodial)	119 (32%)
Non-Relative (Foster Care)	112 (19%)	Non-Relative (Foster Care)	27 (7%)
Relative (Foster Care)	21 (3%)	Relative (Foster Care)	19 (5%)
Non-Relative (Non-Custodial)	12 (2%)	Birth Parent with Supervision by Relative (Non-Custodial)	15 (4%)
Birth Parent with Supervision by Relative (Non-Custodial)	2 (0%)	Non-Relative (Non-Custodial)	9 (2%)
Birth Parent/Drug Treatment Facility (Non-Custodial)	1 (0%)	Residential Treatment Facility (Foster Care)	2 (1%)
Residential Treatment Facility (Foster Care)	1 (0%)		

3.1.2 Number of placements throughout the SBC case

In cases with CASA, out of 605 children with identified foster care or non-custodial placements, **377 (62%) children were placed once**, 170 (28%) had two placements, 33 (5%) had three placements, 9 (1%) had four placements, 6 (1%) had five placements, and 7 (1%) had six placements, and 1 (0%) had seven placements during SBC.

In cases with CASA, out of 373 children with identified foster care or non-custodial placements, **279 (75%) children were placed once**, 75 (20%) had two placements, and 19 (5%) had three placements during SBC.

Number of Placements

Cases With CASA						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
377 (63%)	170 (28%)	33 (5%)	9 (1%)	6 (1%)	7 (1%)	1 (0%)

Cases Without CASA		
1	2	3
279 (75%)	75 (20%)	19 (5%)

Number of Placements by Court

Cases With CASA								Cases Without CASA			
Court	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Court	1	2	3
Coffee	62	31	4	0	0	0	0	Coffee	11	1	0
Davidson	53	32	12	5	4	2	1	Davidson	10	0	0
Dickson	17	3	0	2	0	0	0	Dickson	34	8	4
Grundy	86	27	14	0	1	5	0	Grundy	1	0	0
Henry	29	7	0	0	0	0	0	Jefferson	59	4	5
Jefferson	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	Johnson	45	5	0
Madison	75	42	1	2	1	0	0	Madison	8	10	0
Maury	16	10	1	0	0	0	0	Maury	4	3	0
Stewart	11	7	1	0	0	0	0	Rutherford	74	29	2
Sumner	20	9	0	0	0	0	0	Stewart	33	15	8

3.2 Length of Time in Foster Care

This section reflects the total amount of time that SBC children spent in foster care, rather than the amount of time that the children were in the SBC intervention.

3.2.1 Number of children in foster care less than 6 months, 7 - 12 months, 13 - 18 months, and 19 months or longer

In cases with CASA, 270 children were in foster care *at some point* during their SBC case. Out of those 270 children, 57 (21%) children were in foster care 0 - 6 months, 48 (18%) were in foster care 7 - 12 months, 66 (24%) were in foster care 13 - 18 months, and 99 (37%) were in foster care 19 months or longer.

In cases without CASA, 107 children were in foster care *at some point* during their SBC case. Out of those 107 children, 7 (7%) children were in foster care 0 - 6 months, 39 (36%) were in foster care 7 - 12 months, 27 (25%) were in foster care 13 - 18 months, and 34 (32%) were in foster care 19 months or longer.

3.3 Family Participation in Treatment Services

3.3.1 Number and percentage of families who participated in one or more services

In cases with CASA, a total of 327 families participated in SBC. Of these families, **289 (88%) participated in 3,262 services**. Of these services that were provided, 2,146 (66%) were successfully completed, 588 (18%) were not completed, 150 (5%) had a status listed as "Other", and 378 (12%) are in progress.

In cases without CASA, a total of 212 families participated in SBC. Of these families, **169 (80%) participated in 1,861 services**. Of these services that were provided, 1,321 (71%) were successfully completed, 402 (22%) were not completed, 18 (1%) had a status listed as "Other", and 120 (6%) are in progress.

The tables below show the 15 services most frequently provided to families with CASA and without CASA.

Top 15 Services Provided to Families in SBC Cases

Cases With CASA		Cases Without CASA	
Service	Count	Service	Count
A&D Assessments	537	A&D Assessments	307
A&D Outpatient Treatment	395	Mental Health Assessments	193
A&D Inpatient Treatment	297	Parenting Classes	192
Mental Health Assessments	286	A&D Outpatient Treatment	172
Parenting Classes	258	TEIS Screening Referrals	137
Individual Counseling	237	Parenting Assessments	131
TEIS Screening Referrals	227	A&D Inpatient Treatment	129
TEIS Evaluations	207	TEIS Evaluations	115
Parenting Assessments	138	Individual Counseling	94
Mental Health Outpatient Treatment	74	Mental Health Outpatient Treatment	52
Psychological Assessments	53	Psychological Assessments	45
AA/NA	45	Medication Management	42
Developmental Therapy	44	Domestic Violence Services	38
CANS Assessments (0-4)	36	Developmental Therapy	21
TINS Assessments	33	A&D Education	16

3.4 Visitation Plan Completion

3.4.1 Number of visits per case, averaged monthly

On average, families with CASA had **11.7 visits per month**. Families without CASA had an average of **19.9 visits per month**.