

**CASE PROCESSING STANDARDS ANALYSIS
JUVENILE - NEGLECT AND ABUSE**

National Center for State Courts Model Time Standards:

Adjudication Hearing: 98% within 90 days of removal
 Permanency Hearing: 75% within 270 days of removal
 98% within 360 days of removal

Measurement: Date of removal through adjudication

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The Arizona Case Processing Standards Steering Committee recommends that Arizona adopt a faster standard:

Adjudication Hearing:
98% within 90 days of service

Measurement: Date of service on a parent or guardian through a finding of dependency.

Permanency Hearing:
98% of children under 3 years of age within 180 days/6 months of removal
98% of all other cases within 360 days of removal

Measurement: Date of removal through permanent plan determination.

Arizona Rules and Statutes	Timelines under Statute and Rule
Petition Filed: A.R.S. ¹ § 823(B)(6) A.R.S. § 824(A) Rule 50, ARJP ² A.R.S. § 8-842(A) Rule 52, ARJP A.R.S. § 8-844(A) Rule 53 and 54, ARJP	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>(Measurement Starts Here)</u></p> <p><u>Petition filed 72 hours from removal:</u> If a child is taken into temporary custody, a written statement must be provided to the parents that the child will be returned within 72 hours unless a dependency petition is filed.</p> <p><u>Preliminary Protective Hearing:</u> Held within 5-7 days of removal.</p> <p><u>Initial Dependency Hearing:</u> Only held if parents fail to appear at the preliminary protective hearing. Must be held 21 days from service of petition.</p> <p><u>Settlement or Pretrial Conference or Mediation:</u> A settlement conference may be held for the purpose of identifying and resolving issues in a non-adversarial manner. If settlement is not reached, a pretrial conference may be held prior to the dependency adjudication hearing.</p>
Adjudication Hearing: A.R.S. § 8-842(C) Rule 55(B), ARJP	<p><u>Adjudication Hearing:</u> The dependency adjudication hearing shall be completed within 90 days of service of the petition. Hearing may be extended 30 days for good cause shown.</p>

¹ Arizona Revised Statutes

² Arizona Rules of Juvenile Procedure

Arizona Rules and Statutes	Timelines under Statute and Rule
<p>A.R.S. § 8-845 Rule 56(B) ARJP</p>	<p><u>Disposition Hearing:</u> Shall be held within 30 days of the dependency adjudication or in conjunction with the hearings above. (Measurement Stops Here for Adjudication Hearing.)</p>
<p><u>Permanency Hearing:</u> A.R.S. § 8-862(A) Rule 60(C), ARJP</p>	<p><u>Permanency Hearing:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within 30 days of disposition if no reunification services ordered. • Within 6 months of removal if child is under 3 years of age • Within 12 months of removal on all other cases <p>(Measurement Stops Here for Permanency Hearing.)</p>

Arizona Dependency Process

