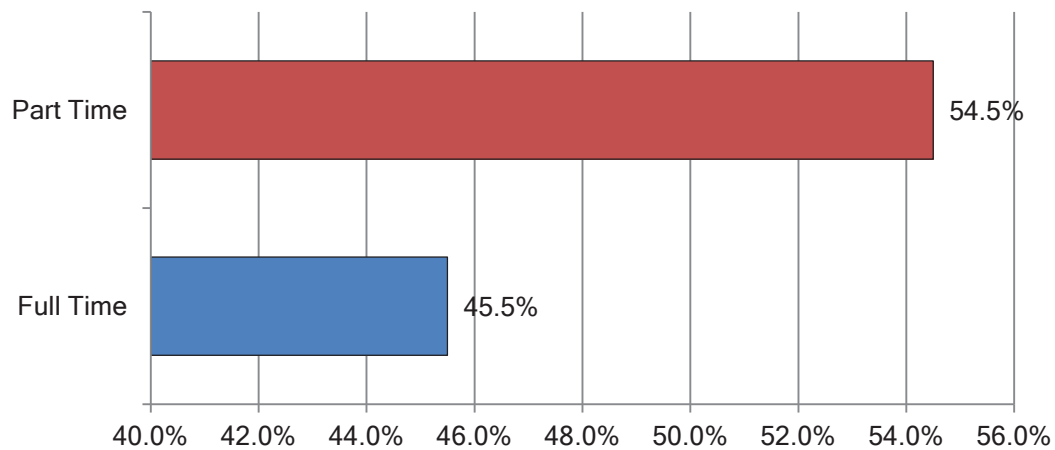


## Hearing Master Survey for Masters

There were a total of 25 respondents to this survey, with 3 of those being test responses. Nineteen individual counties responded. For reference, based on the latest estimate done by the Hearing Officer Committee, 35 counties use Hearing Masters in dependency proceedings in the Commonwealth. Questions 1 and 2 were identifying information on respondent and county.

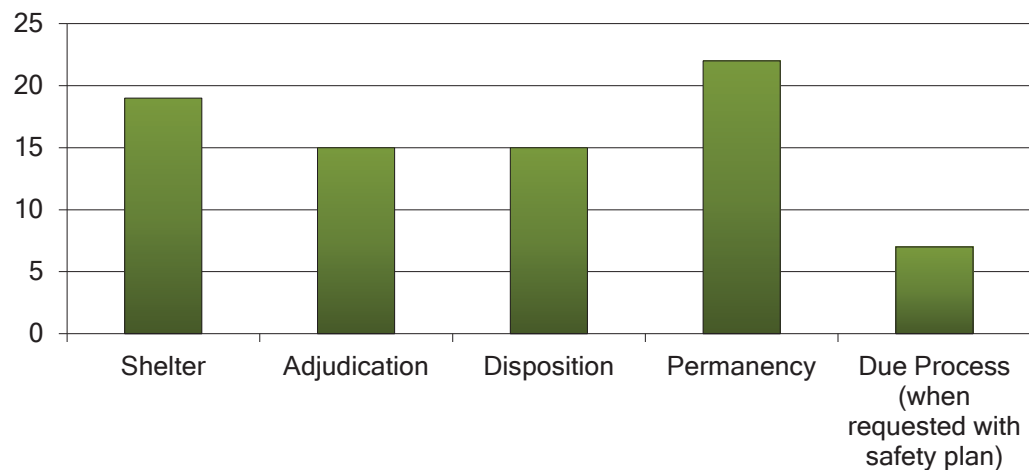
### Q3 Are you a Full Time or Part Time Master?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 3



### Q4 Types of proceedings you hear?

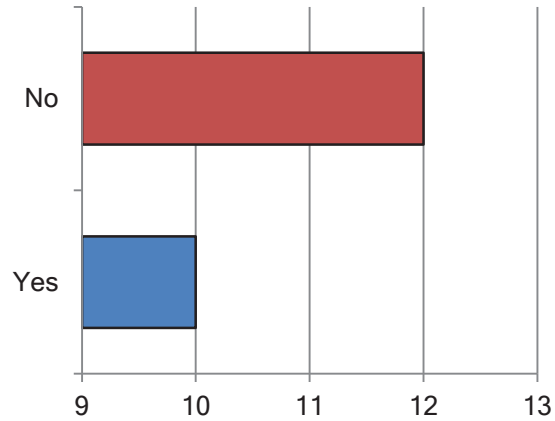
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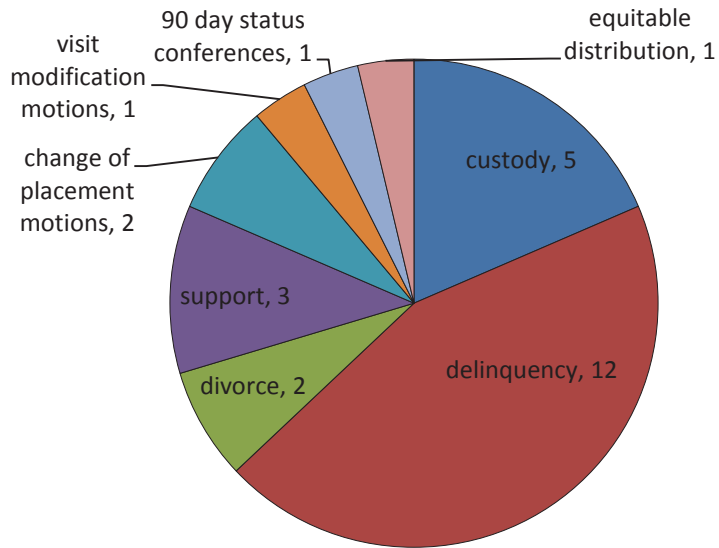
Q5 Do you ever make findings of abuse in your recommendations?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 3



Q6 What other types of proceedings do you hear?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 4



Q7 On average, what is your dependency caseload size?

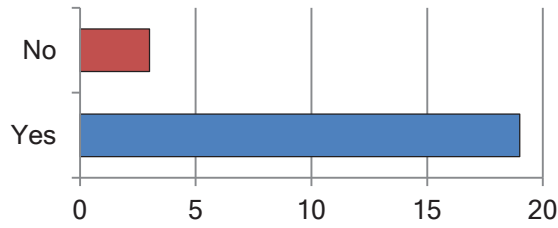
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Responses to this question varied from the small end of hearing 20-40 cases per month to the large end of hearing 300-400 cases per month. This question needs more refinement to gather a more realistic picture of hearing officer practice.

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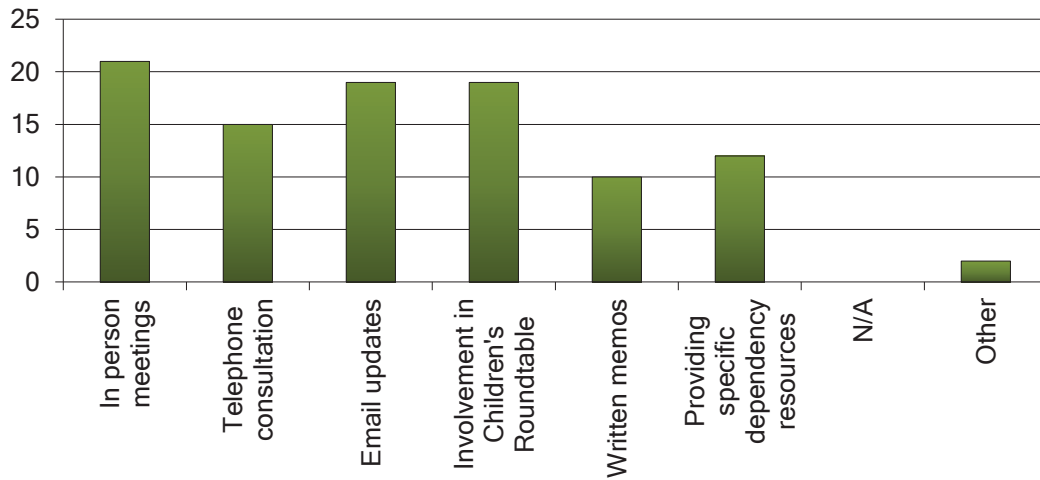
Q8 One Master, one family is a best practice in dependency proceedings. Do you keep your cases from one hearing to the next?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 3



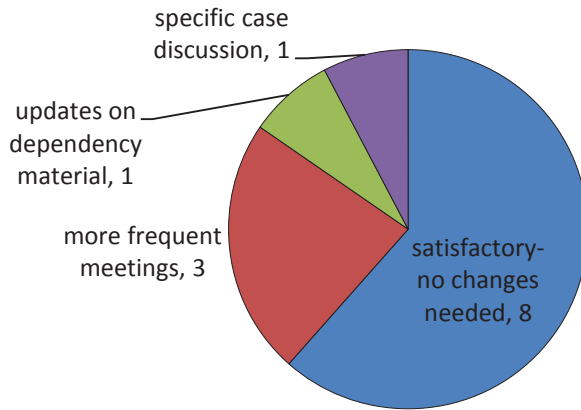
Q9 How is judicial oversight/support provided (check all that apply)?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 3



Q10 How could judicial oversight/support be improved or changed?

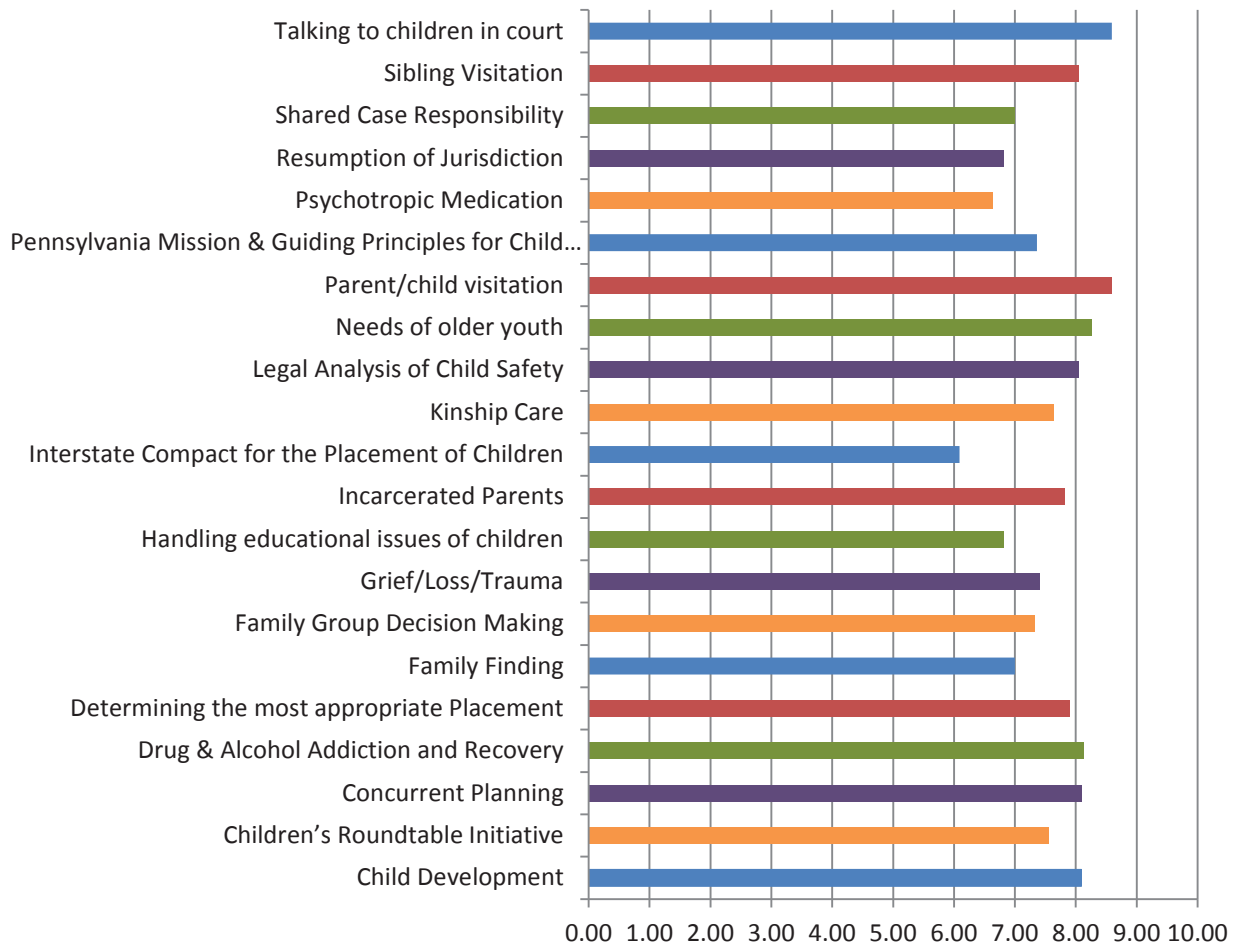
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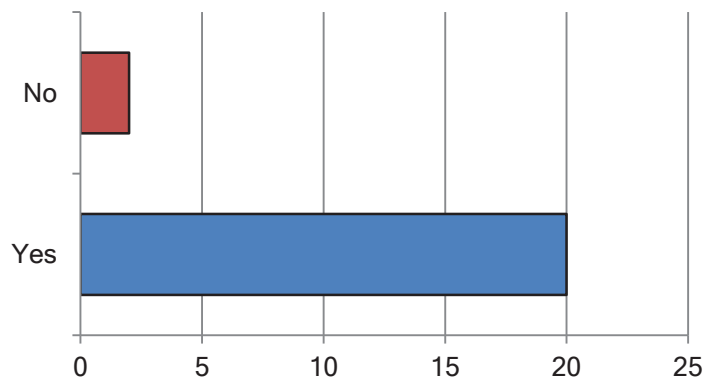
Q11 Rate your level of knowledge in the following areas:

Answered: 22 Skipped: 3



Q12 Do you believe that education for Masters should be mandatory?

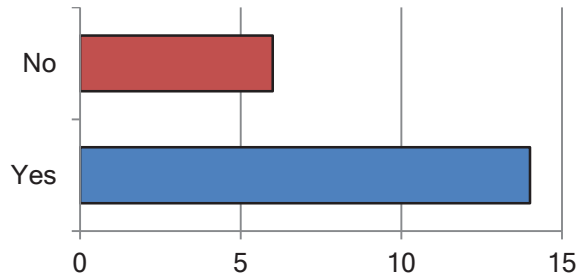
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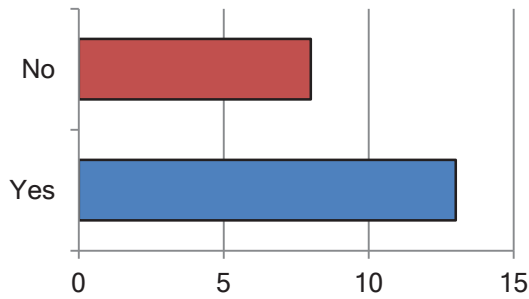
Q13 If so, should certain topics be required?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 5



Q14 Should Master education be required as part of the annual CLEs?

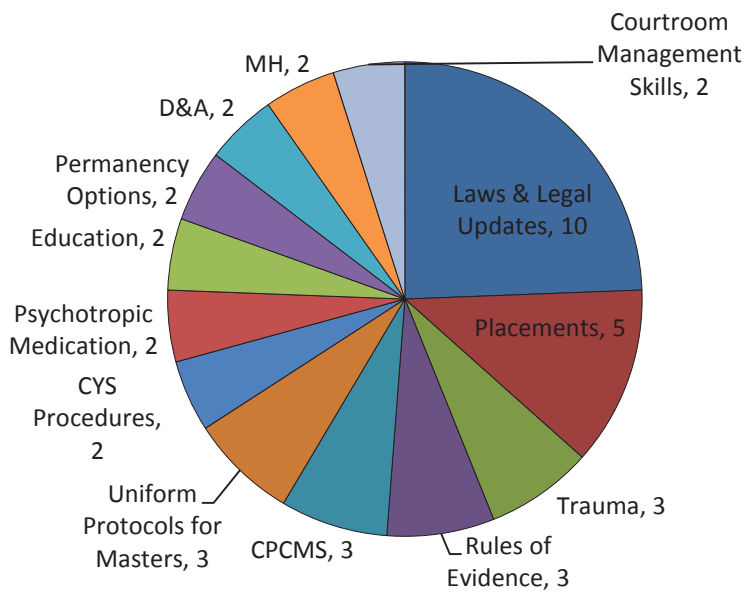
Answered: 21 Skipped: 4



Q15 On which topics do you believe Masters need to receive education?

Answered: 14 Skipped: 11

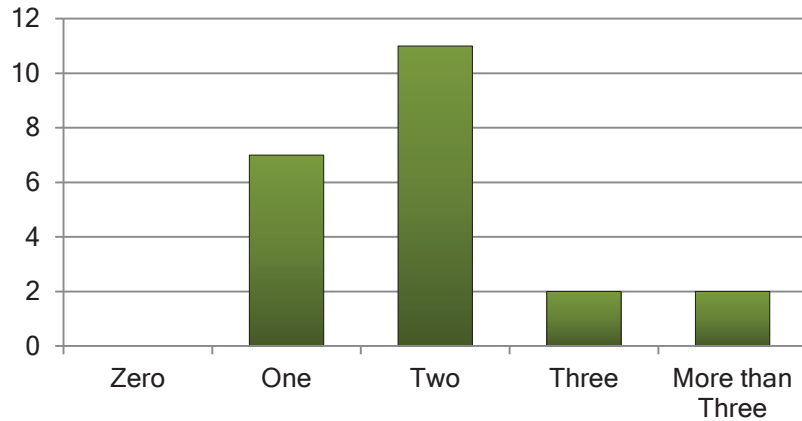
Also related to Q13 with 20 responses and 5 skipped



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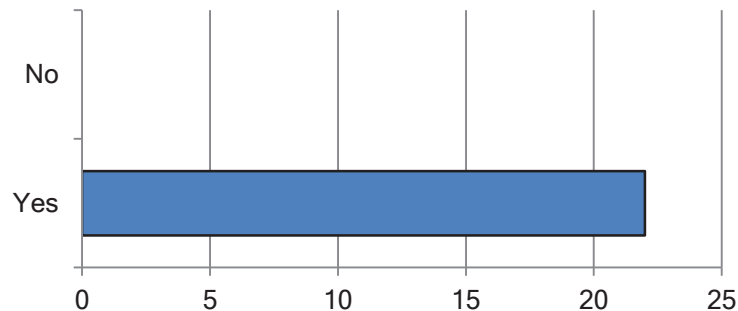
Q16 How many times per year should educational sessions specific to Masters be offered?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 3



Q17 Is your attendance at educational sessions supported by the court?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 3



Q18 Please tell us about educational topics *you* would find interesting?

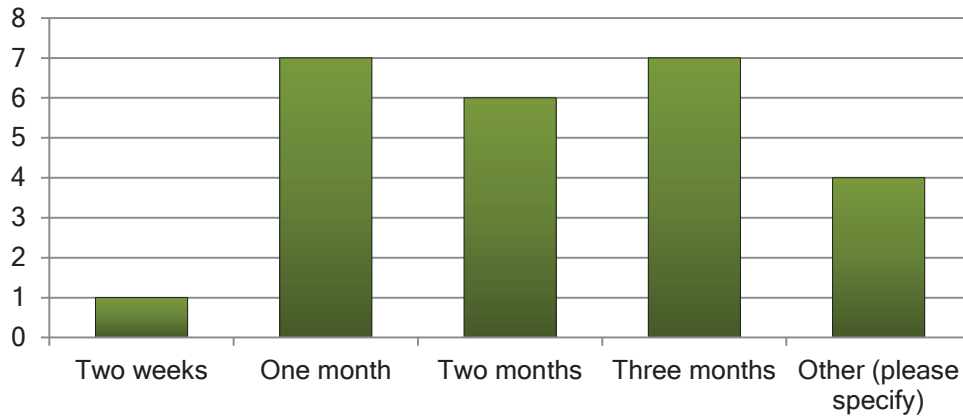
Answered: 11 Skipped: 14

This question had a low response rate, most likely due to questions 13 and 15; several comments to this question even stated “same as question 13 [or 15].” Additional topics offered as answers to this question include: Vulnerable situations with physical and sexual abuse cases, Shared case responsibility, Issues of transitional youth, Child development, Visitation with incarcerated parents, Grave threat analysis.

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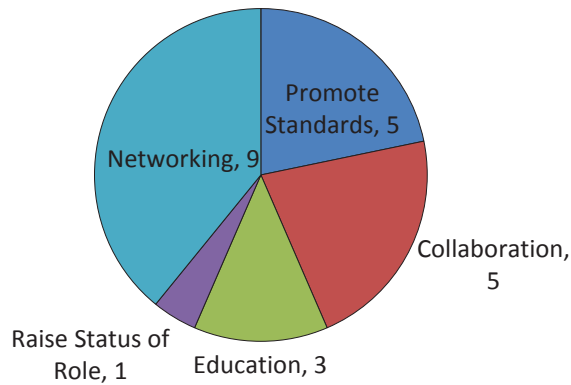
Q19 How much advance notice do you need in order to attend educational sessions?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 4



Q20 If there were a Master's organization, what purpose could it serve?

Answered: 15 Skipped: 10



Q21 Are you involved in your county's local Children's Roundtable?

Answered: 22 Skipped: 3

