

ID Child and Family Services Review Data Profile, September 23, 2002

I. CHILD SAFETY PROFILE ^A	Calendar Year 1999						Calendar Year 2000						Calendar Fiscal Year 2001 ^B					
	Reports	%	Duplic. Childn. ²	%	Unique Childn. ²	%	Reports	%	Duplic. Childn. ²	%	Unique Childn. ²	%	Reports	%	Duplic. Childn. ²	%	Unique Childn. ²	%
I. Total CA/N Reports Disposed¹	9,363		11,161				9,063		14,158				7,076		9,959		8,274	
II. Disposition of CA/N Reports³																		
Substantiated & Indicated	2,312	24.7	2,928	26.2			1,896	20.9	3,171	22.4			2,487	35.1	3,557	35.7	3,239	39.1
Unsubstantiated	5,020	53.6	5,991	53.7			3,449	38.1	6,758	47.7			4,511	63.8	6,296	63.2	4,964	60.0
Other	2,031	21.7	2,242	20.1			3,718	41.0	4,229	29.9			78	1.1	106	1.1	71	0.9
III. Child Cases Opened for Services⁴			895	30.6					1,079	34.0					1,533	43.1	1,419	43.8
IV. Children Entering Care Based on CA/N Report⁵			389	13.3					728	23.0					957	26.9	934	28.8
V. Child Fatalities⁶					4						1						4	0.1
STATEWIDE AGGREGATE DATA USED TO DETERMINE SUBSTANTIAL CONFORMITY																		
VI. Recurrence of Maltreatment⁷ [Standard: 6.1% or less]																	163 of 1,747	9.3
VII. Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care⁸ (for Jan-Sept) [Standard: 0.57% or less]					of 1,641						of 1,788						7 of 1,941	0.36

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FOOTNOTES TO DATA ELEMENTS IN CHILD SAFETY PROFILE

Each maltreatment allegation reported to NCANDS is associated with a disposition or finding that is used to derive the counts provided in this safety profile. The safety profile uses three categories. The various terms that are used in NCANDS reporting have been collapsed into these three groups.

Disposition Category	Safety Profile Disposition	NCANDS Disposition Codes Included
A	Substantiated or Indicated (Maltreatment Victim)	“Substantiated,” “Indicated,” and “Alternative Response Disposition Victim”
B	Unsubstantiated	“Unsubstantiated,” “Unsubstantiated, Other than Intentionally False Reporting” and “Unsubstantiated Due to Intentionally False Reporting”
C	Other	“Closed-No Finding,” “Alternative Response Disposition – Not a Victim,” “Other,” and “Unknown or Missing”

Alternative Response was added starting with the 2000 data year. The two categories of Unsubstantiated were added starting with the 2000 day year. In earlier years there was only the category of Unsubstantiated

1. The data element, “Total CA/N Reports Disposed,” is based on the reports received in the State that received a disposition in the reporting period under review. The number shown may include reports received during a previous year that received a disposition in the reporting year. Counts based on “reports,” “duplicated counts of children,” and “unique counts of children” are provided.
2. The duplicated count of children (report-child pairs) counts a child each time that (s)he was reported. The unique count of children counts a child only once during the reporting period, regardless of how many times the child was reported.
3. For the column labeled “Reports,” the data element, “Disposition of CA/N Reports,” is based on upon the highest disposition of any child who was the subject of an investigation in a particular report. For example, if a report investigated two children, and one child is found to be neglected and the other child found not to be maltreated, the report disposition will be substantiated (Group A). The disposition for each child is based on the specific finding related to the maltreatment(s). In other words, of the two children above, one is a victim and is counted under “substantiated” (Group A) and the other is not a victim and is counted under “unsubstantiated” (Group B). In determining the unique counts of children, the highest finding is given priority. If a child is found to be a victim in one report (Group A), but not a victim in a second report (Group B), the unique count of children includes the child only as a victim (Group A). The category of “other” (Group C) includes children whose report may have been “closed without a finding,” children for whom the allegation disposition is “unknown,” and other dispositions that a State is unable to code as substantiated, indicated, alternative response victim, or unsubstantiated.
4. The data element, “Child Cases Opened for Services,” is based on the number of victims (Group A) during the reporting period under review. “Opened for Services” refers to post-investigative services. The duplicated number counts each time a victim’s report is linked to on-going services; the unique number counts a victim only once regardless of the number of times services are linked to reports of substantiated maltreatment.

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5. The data element, “Children Entering Care Based on CA/N Report,” is based on the number of victims (Group A) during the reporting period under review. The duplicated number counts each time a victim’s report is linked to a foster care removal date. The unique number counts a victim only once regardless of the number of removals that may be reported.
6. The data element “Child Fatalities” counts the number of children reported to NCANDS as having died as a result of child abuse and/or neglect. Depending upon State practice, this number may count only those children for whom a case record has been opened either prior to or after the death, or may include a number of children whose deaths have been investigated as possibly related to child maltreatment. For example, some States include neglected-related deaths such as those caused by motor vehicle or boating accidents, house fires or access to firearms, under certain circumstances. The percentage is based on a count of unique victims of maltreatment for the reporting period. The count also includes fatalities that have been reported on the Agency File, which collects non-child welfare information system data.
7. The data element, “Recurrence of Maltreatment,” is defined as follows: Of all children associated with a “substantiated,” “indicated,” or “alternative response victim” finding of maltreatment during the first six months of the reporting period, what percentage had another “substantiated,” “indicated,” or “alternative response victim” finding of maltreatment within a 6-month period. The number of victims during the first six-month period and the number of these victims who were recurrent victims within six months are provided. This data element is used to determine, in part, the State’s substantial conformity with Safety Outcome #1.
8. The data element, “Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care,” is defined as follows: Of all children who were served in foster care during the reporting period, what percentage were found to be victims of maltreatment. A child is counted as having been maltreated in foster care if the perpetrator of the maltreatment was identified as a foster parent or residential facility staff. Counts of children maltreated in foster care are derived from NCANDS, while counts of children placed in foster care are derived from AFCARS. The observation period for these measures is January-September because this is the reporting period jointly addressed by both NCANDS and AFCARS. For both measures, the number of children found to be maltreated in foster care and the percentage of all children in foster care are provided. This data element is used to determine, in part, the State’s substantial conformity with Safety Outcome #2.

Additional Footnotes

- A. Data Sources: 1999-2000 Summary Data Component (SDC); 2001 Detailed Case Data Component (DCDC).
- B. The number of reports that received a disposition does not include referrals to other agencies, such as Emergency Assistance or School Prevention. Idaho previously coded these as other when submitting SDC data. No dates or dispositions are captured on these reports. In 2001, there were 1209 referrals to School Prevention and 270 to Emergency Assistance.

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II. POINT-IN-TIME PERMANENCY PROFILE	Federal FY 1999		Federal FY 2000		Federal FY 2001	
	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
I. Foster Care Population Flow						
Children in foster care on first day of year	757		900		989	
Admissions during year	999		1,125		1,209	
Discharges during year	806		991		1,084	
Children in care on last day of year	959		1,034		1,114	
Net change during year	+202		+134		+125	
II. Placement Types for Children in Care						
Pre-Adoptive Homes	58	6.0	41	4.0	37	3.3
Foster Family Homes (Relative)	145	15.1	108	10.4	141	12.7
Foster Family Homes (Non-Relative)	593	61.8	696	67.3	721	64.7
Group Homes	85	8.9	104	10.1	109	9.8
Institutions	45	4.7	75	7.3	78	7.0
Supervised Independent Living	0	0	1	0.1	0	0
Runaway	2	0.2	3	0.3	11	1.0
Trial Home Visit	5	0.5	5	0.5	15	1.3
Missing Placement Information	13	1.4	0	0	0	0
Not Applicable (Placement in subsequent year)	13	1.4	1	0.1	2	0.2
III. Permanency Goals for Children in Care						
Reunification	584	60.9	654	63.2	746	67.0
Live with Other Relatives	39	4.1	54	5.2	64	5.7
Adoption	83	8.7	67	6.5	64	5.7
Long Term Foster Care	99	10.3	119	11.5	118	10.6
Emancipation	37	3.9	32	3.1	36	3.2
Guardianship	112	11.7	108	10.4	86	7.7
Case Plan Goal Not Established	5	0.5	0	0	0	0
Missing Goal Information	0	0	0	0	0	0

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II. POINT-IN-TIME PERMANENCY PROFILE (continued)	Federal FY 1999		Federal FY 2000		Federal FY 2001	
	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
IV. Number of Placement Settings in Current Episode						
One	187	19.5	203	19.6	297	26.7
Two	455	47.4	304	29.4	355	31.9
Three	194	20.2	243	23.5	193	17.3
Four	63	6.6	126	12.2	110	9.9
Five	36	3.8	68	6.6	65	5.8
Six or more	24	2.5	90	8.7	94	8.4
Missing placement settings	0	0	0	0	0	0
V. Number of Removal Episodes						
One	906	94.5	814	78.7	880	79.0
Two	49	5.1	171	16.5	189	17.0
Three	3	0.3	39	3.8	33	3.0
Four	1	0.1	7	0.7	9	0.8
Five	0	0	2	0.2	2	0.2
Six or more	0	0	1	0.1	1	0.1
Missing removal episodes	0	0	0	0	0	0
VI. Number of children in care 17 of the most recent 22 months² (percent based on cases with sufficient information for computation)	282	38.2	197	27.8	191	26.0
	Number of Months		Number of Months		Number of Months	
VII. Median Length of Stay in Foster Care (of children in care on last day of FY)	12.5		11.0		11.1	

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II. POINT-IN-TIME PERMANENCY PROFILE (continued)	Federal FY 1999		Federal FY 2000		Federal FY 2001	
	# of Children Discharged	Median Months to Discharge	# of Children Discharged	Median Months to Discharge	# of Children Discharged	Median Months to Discharge
VIII. Length of Time to Achieve Perm. Goal						
Reunification	667	1.1	802	1.5	879	1.7
Adoption	52	33.7	99	36.8	110	28.8
Guardianship	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	48	12.5	75	13.3	91	16.9
Missing Discharge Reason	22	6.3	14	14.4	0	0
Missing Date of Latest Removal or Date Error ³	17	NA	1	NA	4	NA
Statewide Aggregate Data Used in Determining Substantial Conformity	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
IX. Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percentage was reunified in less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal for home? (4.1) [Standard: 76.2% or more]	568	83.2	659	82.1	785	88.9
X. Of all children who exited care to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in less than 24 months from the time of the latest removal from home? (5.1) [Standard: 32.0% or more]	10	19.2	18	18.2	37	33.6
XI. Of all children served who have been in foster care less than 12 months from the time of the latest removal from home, what percentage have had no more than two placement settings? (6.1) [Standard: 86.7% or more]	789	73.6	948	75.7	1,133	81.1
XII. Of all children who entered care during the year, what percentage re-entered foster care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode? (4.2) [Standard: 8.6% or less]	54	5.4 (90% new entry)	114	10.1 (82% new entry)	144	11.9 (84% new entry)

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III. PERMANENCY PROFILE FIRST-TIME ENTRY COHORT GROUP	Federal FY 1999		Federal FY 2000		Federal FY 2001	
	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
I. Number of children entering care for the first time in cohort group (% = 1 st time entry of all entering within first 6 months)	420	93.8	460	83.6	493	83.6
II. Most Recent Placement Types						
Pre-Adoptive Homes	2	0.5	0	0	0	0
Foster Family Homes (Relative)	53	12.6	56	12.2	58	11.8
Foster Family Homes (Non-Relative)	284	67.6	315	68.5	353	71.6
Group Homes	45	10.7	42	9.1	38	7.7
Institutions	25	6.0	31	6.7	28	5.7
Supervised Independent Living	0	0	0	0	0	0
Runaway	0	0	4	0.9	2	0.4
Trial Home Visit	3	0.7	12	2.6	14	2.8
Missing Placement Information	7	1.7	0	0	0	0
Not Applicable (Placement in subsequent yr)	1	0.2	0	0	0	0
III. Most Recent Permanency Goal						
Reunification	337	80.2	413	89.8	460	93.3
Live with Other Relatives	14	3.3	17	3.7	14	2.8
Adoption	3	0.7	0	0	0	0
Long-Term Foster Care	4	1.0	8	1.7	5	1.0
Emancipation	8	1.9	5	1.1	7	1.4
Guardianship	22	5.2	17	3.7	7	1.4
Case Plan Goal Not Established	32	7.6	0	0	0	0
Missing Goal Information	0	0	0	0	0	0

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III. PERMANENCY PROFILE FIRST-TIME ENTRY COHORT GROUP (Continued)	Federal FY 1999		Federal FY 2000		Federal FY 2001	
	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children	# of Children	% of Children
IV. Number of Placement Settings in Current Episode						
One	150	35.7	222	48.3	279	56.6
Two	147	35.0	122	26.5	114	23.1
Three	61	14.5	72	15.7	57	11.6
Four	28	6.7	18	3.9	26	5.3
Five	10	2.4	19	4.1	14	2.8
Six or more	4	1.0	7	1.5	3	0.6
Missing placement settings	20	4.8	0	0	0	0
V. Reason for Discharge						
Reunification/Relative Placement	243	94.6	265	93.6	292	95.1
Adoption	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guardianship	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	7	2.7	15	5.3	15	4.9
Unknown (missing discharge reason or N/A)	7	2.7	3	1.1	0	0
	Number of Months		Number of Months		Number of Months	
VI. Median Length of Stay in Foster Care	4.8 ⁴		4.3 ⁵		4.9 ⁶	

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FOOTNOTES TO DATA ELEMENTS IN THE PERMANENCY PROFILE

¹The FY99, FY00, and FY 01 counts of children in care at the start of the year exclude 18, 33, and 17 children, respectively. They were excluded to avoid counting them twice. That is, although they were actually in care on the first day, they also qualify as new entries because they left and re-entered again at some point during the same reporting period. To avoid counting them as both "in care on the first day" and "entries," the Children's Bureau selects only the most recent record. That means they get counted as "entries," not "in care on the first day."

²We designated the indicator, *17 of the most recent 22 months*, rather than the statutory time frame for initiating termination of parental rights proceedings at *15 of the most 22 months*, since the AFCARS system cannot determine the *date the child is considered to have entered foster care* as defined in the regulation. We used the outside date for determining the *date the child is considered to have entered foster care*, which is 60 days from the actual removal date.

³Dates necessary for calculation of length of time in care in these records are chronologically incorrect. N/A = Not Applicable

⁴ This First-Time Entry Cohort median length of stay was 4.8 months in FY99. This includes 2 children who entered and exited on the same day (who had a zero length of stay). If these children were excluded, the median length of stay would be 4.9 months.

⁵ This First-Time Entry Cohort median length of stay was 4.3 months for FY00. This includes 1 child who entered and exited on the same day (who had a zero length of stay). If this child were excluded, the median length of stay would be slightly higher, but would still round to 4.3 months.

⁶ This First-Time Entry Cohort median length of stay is 4.9 months for FY01. This includes 1 child who entered and exited on the same day (who had a zero length of stay). If this child were excluded, the median length of stay would increase just slightly to 5.0 months.

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