CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
Child maltreatment is a serious problem that has grave and costly consequences for the child, his or her family and the community at-large. A child who has experienced abuse and neglect is more likely to have social, emotional and physical health problems and perform poorly in school.

### Child Abuse Reports
Reported incidents of suspected child abuse through the ChildLine and Abuse Registry. Does not include General Protective Services reports, which include less severe general neglect reports. (Number and rate per 1,000 children age 0-17)

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### Child Abuse Substantiations
Founded or indicated reports of child abuse. Does not include the number of children determined to need General Protective Services.

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### Repeated Child Abuse
Children with another substantiated incident of abuse following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)

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### IN-HOME SERVICES
In-home services are designed to strengthen families by addressing the root causes of abuse and neglect. The provision of in-home services helps a child to remain safely in his or her home or return home.

#### Unduplicated Number of Children Served
Children who received services provided to both parents and children to address concerns related to child safety and well-being to enable the children to remain safely in their own home. This includes children whose families were screened-in and/or accepted for services.

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FOSTER CARE - SERVED

Foster care is meant to be a temporary intervention to assure the safety and well-being of a child. A child who spends long periods in foster care is more likely than other children to drop out of school, have mental health challenges, and experience unemployment and/or homelessness as an adult. The following shows the past five years of data regarding children served in foster care during each year.

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By Race and Ethnicity

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By First Placement Setting

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Children Entering Foster Care

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Percent of All Children Served by Placement Setting, 2015

Source: AFCARS Report

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### FOSTER CARE - FIRST TIME ENTRIES

Data on first time entries provides information on children who have just begun their foster care experience during the past federal fiscal year. How the child welfare system is serving them may say something about current system practice and decision making.

#### Indicator

**Children Entering for the First Time**

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#### First Time Entries into Foster Care by Age Group and Year of Entry

[Graph showing first time entries by age group and year]

Source: AFCARS Report

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FOSTER CARE - RE-ENTRIES

Data on re-entries provides information on children who come back into foster care because of new or continuing challenges at home. Some children experience numerous foster care episodes or cycle in and out of the system. Others can experience large spans of time between foster care episodes, which is why the age of children who typically re-enter is older.

### Indicator

**Children Re-Entering Foster Care**

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## Foster Care - Goals

All children in foster care have a court-ordered permanency goal, which directs the efforts of the child welfare agency toward a certain family outcome for each child. This data provides information on the most recent goal for every child served in foster care during the federal fiscal year.

### Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal

**Permanency Goals**
- Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s): 93.7% (County), 93.3% (Rural), 91.0% (State)
- Adoption: 7.9% (County), 17.3% (Rural), 17.6% (State)
- Guardianship: 0.0% (County), 3.3% (Rural), 2.9% (State)
- Live with Relative(s): 1.6% (County), 3.7% (Rural), 2.7% (State)

**Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)**
- 6.3% (County), 6.7% (Rural), 9.0% (State)

### APPLA by Age as % of Age Group Served

- 0-15: 0.0% (County), 1.7% (Rural), 1.6% (State)
- 16-20: 20.0% (County), 18.5% (Rural), 27.0% (State)

### APPLA by Discharge Reason

- Exit to Permanent Arrangements
  - Reunification: 0.0% (County), 18.9% (Rural), 28.8% (State)
  - Adoption: 0.0% (County), 16.2% (Rural), 23.9% (State)
- Transferred to Another Agency: 0.0% (County), 2.7% (Rural), 2.1% (State)
- Live with Other Relatives: 0.0% (County), 0.0% (Rural), 2.8% (State)

- Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements
  - Emancipation: 100.0% (County), 81.1% (Rural), 71.0% (State)
  - Runaway: 0.0% (County), 0.0% (Rural), 0.0% (State)
  - Death of Child: 0.0% (County), 0.0% (Rural), 0.1% (State)

### Children with APPLA by Discharge Reason

- Non-Permanency
- Reunification
- Adoption

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*Source: AFCARS Report*
**FOSTER CARE - EXITS**

Data on foster care exits provides information on children who left foster care during the federal fiscal year, where they went when they left and how long their most recent episode of foster care was. A paramount goal of the foster care system is to assure every child has the lifelong support of a permanent family.

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**Exits to Permanency by Discharge Reason**

- **Reunification**
- **Adoption**
- **Guardianship**
- **Live with Other Relatives**

**Exits from Foster Care**

- **Exit to Permanent Arrangements**
- **Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements**

*Source: AFCARS Report*

### Pike (Rural)

**FOSTER CARE - REMAINING IN CARE**

Data on children remaining in foster care provides information on children who did not leave foster care during the year but are still in foster care on the last day of the federal fiscal year. This data includes all children in foster care on September 30. Some of these children may have just entered foster care days prior to the end of the fiscal year and others may have been in foster care for many months.

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**FOSTER CARE - STABILITY**

Every time a child moves, the trauma caused by separation and lack of continuity grows. A child who faces multiple placements struggles to build and maintain healthy relationships and faces academic challenges due to school changes.

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<td>Children who were in foster care for 12 to 23 months and had three or more placement settings.</td>
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**FOSTER CARE - TIMELY REUNIFICATION**

A child’s separation from his or her parents or relatives is traumatic for all involved. Minimizing the time a child spends in foster care without compromising safety is key to healthy child development.

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<td>Children who entered foster care for the first time who were reunified with their parents or discharged to relatives within the next 12 months.</td>
<td>65.2%</td>
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**FOSTER CARE - FAILED REUNIFICATION**

A child re-entering foster care following a return to his or her family signals a breakdown in the family and a potential failure on the part of the child welfare system to appropriately address family needs.

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<td>Children who re-entered foster care in fewer than 12 months following reunification with parents or relatives.</td>
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