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### **CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS)**

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 and Neglect Reports**

Total reported incidents of suspected child abuse and neglect through the ChildLine Registry. (Number and rate per 1,000 children age 0-17)



12.7%

8.8%

1 in 11

11.4%

7.2%

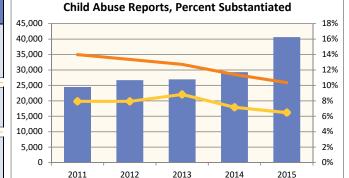
1 in 14

State



-25.9%

-18.3%



### **Child Abuse and Neglect Substantiations**

Founded or indicated reports of child abuse and/or

### Repeated Child Abuse and Neglect

Children with another substantiated incident of abuse and/or neglect following the first reported incident. (Data may be overstated.)

14.0%

7.9%

1 in 13

13.4%

7.9%

1 in 13

**GENERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICES (GPS)** Pennsylvania has a differential response system in that reports not alleging abuse of a child are categorized as general protective services (GPS) reports. Addressing concerns related to child safety and well-being before allegations of child abuse or severe neglect are made enables children to remain safely in their own homes while services are provided to the family to mitigate the risk of potential maltreatment.

10.4%

6.5%

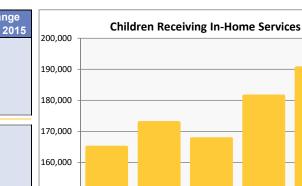
1 in 15

### Indicator

### **GPS Reports**

Total reported concerns of general neglect, not alleging child abuse. General neglect concerns may include parental substance abuse, inadequate shelter or supervision, parent-child conflict or truancy concerns.

	% Change				
2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2011 to 2015
-	-	-	-	131,953	-



2013

2014

2015

2012

Substantiations %

2011

2012

Source: CY-28 reports

Reports Source: Annual Child Protective Services Report

#### Valid Reports

Reports of general neglect in which the allegations were found to have merit. Includes reports accepted for in-home services and reports referred out to community agencies for services.

State										
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016						



### **Unduplicated Number of Children Served**

Children who received in-home services along with parents to address concerns related to child safety and 164,842 172,807 167,582 181,371 190,413 well-being.



- Reports of suspected child abuse has greatly increased in 2015 the highest number of reports recorded to date.
- In 2016, more than 1 in 6 reports of general protective services were found valid, and subsequently received services by the county children and youth agency or other community partners.
- In-home services aimed at preventing the need for foster care were provided to over 9,000 more children in 2016 than in 2015. This is the second consecutive year in which this number has increased.

2016

Repeated Child Abuse %

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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 homeless as an adult. The following shows the past five years of data regarding children served in foster care during each federal fiscal year.

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Indicator	2012	2013	State 2014	2015	2016	% Change 2012 to 2016	25,000 -		Foste	er Care Se	rvices		
Unduplicated Number of Children Served		20.0	2011	20.0	20.0	2012 (0 2010							
All Children in Foster Care During the Year	22,000	21,416	22,510	22,980	24,543	11.6%							
(Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20)	6.5	6.4	6.7	6.8	7.3	11.070	20,000 -	Undupli Child					
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By Age													
0-2	18.9%	19.2%	19.4%	19.9%	20.2%	6.9%	15,000 -						
3-5	15.6%	15.9%	16.8%	17.1%	17.0%	8.9%							
6-8	10.8%	11.5%	12.3%	12.9%	13.0%	20.8%		Exits					
9-11	8.9%	8.9%	9.5%	10.0%	11.0%	23.5%	10,000 -	LAILS					
12-14	12.0%	11.4%	10.9%	11.4%	11.2%	-6.1%		All Entri	es				
15-17	23.3%	22.3%	21.4%	20.4%	19.6%	-15.9%							
18-20	10.5%	10.7%	9.8%	8.3%	7.9%	-24.5%	5,000 -			-			1
Infants (age 0-1)	12.2%	11.9%	12.5%	12.8%	12.8%	5.0%	'	2012	2013	20:	14	2015	2016
Youth (age 13+)	42.4%	41.5%	38.9%	36.7%	35.5%	-16.2%	Source: AF	CARS Report					
By Boss and Ethnicity									Latest Pla	acement (	Setting		
By Race and Ethnicity Non-Hispanic White	43.3%	41.8%	42.3%	40.9%	42.5%	-2.0%		of All	Children		_	Cara	
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	34.9%	34.8%	35.2%	34.6%	35.3%	1.1%	100% -	OI AII	Ciliaren	Serveu II	rostei	Care	
Non-Hispanic Black of Afficial Afficial	6.5%	7.0%	4.4%	5.9%	3.3%	-48.7%							
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.2%	3.9%	4.4%	5.3%	5.4%	68.0%	90% -	_			_	-	_
Hispanic or Latino	12.0%	12.5%	13.1%	13.4%	13.4%	12.1%							
- Inspanie of Easile	12.070	12.070	10.170	10.170	10.170	12.170	80% -	_	_	_			_
By Gender													
Male	50.5%	50.8%	50.8%	51.0%	51.2%	1.4%	70% -						_
Female	49.5%	49.2%	49.2%	49.0%	48.8%	-1.4%							
							60% -						
By Latest Placement Setting							500/						
Family Setting	72.8%	73.4%	75.8%	77.1%	79.0%	8.5%	50% -						
Pre-adoptive Home	3.2%	3.4%	3.5%	3.1%	4.5%	41.8%	400/						
Foster Family Home – Relative	24.4%	24.8%	29.6%	31.5%	34.1%	39.7%	40% -						
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	45.2%	45.2%	42.7%	42.5%	40.5%	-10.6%	30% -						
Congregate Care Setting	20.6%	19.6%	18.3%	17.1%	15.8%	-22.9%	30% -						Other
Group Home	12.5%	12.1%	11.6%	10.5%	9.1%	-27.7%	20% -						- Other
Institution	8.0%	7.5%	6.8%	6.6%	6.8%	-15.6%	20%						Congregate
Supervised Independent Living Runaway	1.8% 1.4%	2.0% 1.8%	1.9% 1.2%	1.7% 1.3%	1.6% 1.4%	-12.3% -4.3%	10% -						Care Setting
Trial Home Visit	3.4%	3.2%	2.8%	2.9%	2.2%	-4.3% -35.3%	10%						■ Family
That nome visit	3.4 /0	3.2 //	2.0 /0	2.3 /0	Z.Z 70	-33.3 /0	0% -						Setting
Children Entering Foster Care							5/3	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
All Entries into Foster Care During the Year	9,793	9,306	10,364	10,387	10,567	7.9%	Source: AE	CARS Report					
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- The unduplicated number of children served in foster care continues to rise.
- The population of children served in foster care is young. In 2016, more than 3 in 5 children served in foster care were under 12 years.
- The number of children entering foster care is slightly less than the number of children exiting foster care. This last occurred in 2012.

### **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.

State   2012   2013   2014   2015   2016   2012 to 2016
First Time Entries During the Year 7,018 6,698 7,592 7,843 8,082 (Rate per 1,000 children age 0-20) 2,1 2,0 2,3 2,4 15.2%
(Rate per 1 000 children age 0-20) 2.1 2.0 2.3 2.3 2.4 15.2%
(Rate per 1 000 children age 0-20)   21   20   23   23   24
First Time Entries as Percent of All Entries 71.7% 72.0% 73.3% 75.5% 76.5% 6.7%
By Age 6,000 - Re-Entrie
0-2 32.2% 32.8% 32.7% 33.3% 33.4% 33.4%
3-5   14.2%   14.6%   15.7%   14.6%   14.7%   3.4%   4,000   4,000
Entries
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12-14
15-17   20.4%   20.8%   18.0%   17.2%   -15.5%   0
18-20 0.0% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 0.1% 334.2% 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016
Infants (age 0-1) 26.2% 26.4% 26.3% 26.2% 26.3% 0.5%
Youth (age 13+) 31.2% 31.4% 27.6% 27.5% 26.6% -14.9%
First Time Entries into Foster Care
By Race and Ethnicity by Age Group and Year of Entry
Non-Hispanic White 49.3% 45.7% 46.9% 42.7% 49.4% 0.3% 35%
Non-Hispanic Black or African American 31.9% 29.6% 29.2% 29.1% 28.6% -10.5% 3 <sub>.0%</sub> 3 <sub>.0%</sub>
Non-Hispanic Other Race 4.1% 7.9% 5.1% 8.7% 4.1% -1.8%
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races 3.0% 3.9% 4.9% 5.6% 5.4% 79.9% 25% 25%
Hispanic or Latino 11.7% 13.0% 13.9% 14.0% 12.6% 7.8%
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By Gender  Male 49.9% 50.2% 51.0% 50.8% 50.8% 1.9%
Family 50.40/ 40.00/ 40.00/ 40.00/ 40.00/ 40.00/ 40.00/
By First Placement Setting 5%
Family Setting 76.4% 76.7% 80.7% 80.9% 82.3% 7.7%
Pre-adoptive Home 0.2% 0.3% 0.2% 0.1% 0.2% 45.9% 0%
Foster Family Home – Relative 25.8% 27.2% 33.1% 33.6% 37.5% 45.1% 0-2 3-5 6-8 9-11 12-14 15-17
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative 50.4% 49.3% 47.5% 47.2% 44.6% -11.5%
Congregate Care Setting 21.1% 21.0% 17.5% 17.0% 15.9% -24.5%
Group Home   14.7%   15.0%   12.1%   10.7%   9.7%   -33.9%
Institution 6.4% 6.0% 5.4% 6.3% 6.2% -2.9%
Supervised Independent Living 0.2% 0.1% 0.1% 0.2% 11.4%
Runaway 0.4% 0.6% 0.4% 0.6% 31.3%
Trial Home Visit 1.9% 1.5% 1.2% 1.5% 1.0% -46.6%

- The proportion of children entering foster care as first time entries continues to increase. More than 3 in 4 entries are first time entries.
- The majority of children entering foster care as first time entries are in the 0-2 age group. The proportion of children entering foster care as first time entries has increased over the past five years for children under 12 years.
- In 2016, more than 4 in 5 children entering foster care as first time entries were placed in family settings. Of those children, over 45 percent were placed with a relative.

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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 re-enter is typically older.

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ndicator	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2012 to 2016	Re-Entries into Foster Care
Children Re-Entering Foster Care							by Age Group and Year of Re-Entry
Re-Entries During the Year	2,775	2,608	2,772	2,544	2,485	-10.5%	45%
Re-Entries as Percent of All Entries	28.3%	28.0%	26.7%	24.5%	23.5%	-17.0%	40%
By Age							35%
0-2	8.5%	6.6%	8.2%	10.8%	11.2%	32.6%	30%
3-5	9.5%	7.8%	9.2%	11.4%	9.7%	1.9%	25%
6-8	6.5%	7.4%	8.8%	9.0%	10.1%	56.6%	20%
9-11	7.4%	6.3%	7.5%	7.9%	9.6%	30.8%	15%
12-14	21.7%	18.4%	17.1%	16.5%	18.5%	-14.7%	10%
15-17	44.1%	46.3%	43.7%	38.2%	36.4%	-17.4%	5%
18-20	2.5%	7.1%	5.7%	6.3%	4.5%	79.6%	0%
Infants (age 0-1)	4.9%	3.8%	5.2%	6.5%	7.4%	53.0%	0-2 3-5 6-8 9-11 12-14 15-17 18-20 Source: AFCARS Report
Youth (age 13+)	64.3%	68.6%	63.5%	57.9%	55.3%	-13.9%	Source: AFCARS Report
By Race and Ethnicity							Bounded of Children has Bloom and Coddi
Non-Hispanic White	35.7%	34.3%	35.8%	34.7%	39.5%	10.4%	Percent of Children by Placement Settin
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	45.5%	44.2%	43.3%	40.4%	40.1%	-11.9%	at Re-Entry to Foster Care, 2016
Non-Hispanic Other Race	4.1%	6.7%	4.1%	7.8%	3.1%	-25.2%	
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.3%	3.4%	4.5%	4.9%	5.8%	73.6%	Other,
Hispanic or Latino	11.3%	11.4%	12.2%	12.2%	11.6%	2.4%	4.3%
<u> </u>							Congregate Institution,
By Gender							Care, 14.8%
Male	47.6%	48.1%	50.6%	50.5%	50.3%	5.8%	34.0%
Female	52.4%	51.9%	49.4%	49.5%	49.7%	-5.2%	Group Home, Family
							Group Home, Family 19.3% Setting,
By Placement Setting at Re-Entry							61.7%
Family Setting	50.5%	48.5%	53.7%	58.0%	61.7%	22.3%	01.770
Pre-adoptive Home	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.6%	0.7%	60.1%	
Foster Family Home – Relative	16.5%	14.9%	20.2%	24.3%	26.3%	60.0%	
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	33.5%	33.3%	33.3%	33.1%	34.6%	3.3%	Source: AFCARS Report
Congregate Care Setting	45.3%	44.4%	40.6%	37.1%	34.0%	-24.8%	
Group Home	26.0%	26.7%	24.8%	22.3%	19.3%	-26.0%	
Institution	19.2%	17.7%	15.9%	14.8%	14.8%	-23.2%	
Supervised Independent Living	0.8%	1.6%	1.6%	1.7%	1.3%	52.3%	
Runaway	2.5%	4.3%	3.3%	2.4%	2.5%	-0.1%	
Trial Home Visit	1.0%	1.2%	0.8%	0.8%	0.5%	-45.6%	

- The proportion of children re-entering foster care has decreased over the past five years.
- The majority of re-entries are youth age 12-20, specifically children age 15-17.
- In 2016, over 3 in 5 children re-entering foster care were placed in family settings. Of those children, 56 percent were placed in a non-relative foster home.

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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. In addition to the court-ordered 'primary' goal, a 'concurrent' goal is put in place to ensure permanency is achieved if for some reason the primary goal cannot be met. This data provides information on the most recent primary goal for every child served in foster care during the federal fiscal year.

Indicator			State				% Change	Percent of All Children Served in Foster Care by
indicator	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		2012 to 2016	Most Recent Case Plan Goal
Percent of Children by Case Plan Goal								100%
Family-Based Permanency Goals	90.9%	92.8%	93.6%	95.2%	95.0%		4.6%	90%
Reunify With Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	69.6%	70.5%	72.6%	73.1%	69.8%		0.2%	80% Reunification
Adoption	16.6%	16.7%	16.1%	17.4%	19.5%		17.7%	
Guardianship	3.1%	3.6%	3.1%	3.0%	4.3%		39.0%	Live With
Live with Relative(s)	1.6%	2.1%	1.8%	1.7%	1.5%		-5.0%	60% Relative(s) Adoption
Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement								50% — Adoption
(APPLA)	9.1%	7.2%	6.4%	4.8%	5.0%		-45.7%	40% — Guardiansh
Long Term Foster Care	3.2%	2.1%	1.8%	1.2%	1.0%		-69.6%	30%
Emancipation	5.9%	5.1%	4.6%	3.6%	4.0%		-32.5%	20% — ■APPLA
								10%
APPLA By Age as % of Age Group Served								0%
0-15	1.7%	1.1%	0.8%	0.4%	0.2%		-88.5%	2012 2013 2014 2015 2016
16-20	28.4%	23.6%	23.1%	19.4%	21.6%		-24.0%	Source: AFCARS Report
APPLA By Discharge Reason						1		
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	34.1%	28.9%	19.4%	23.0%	32.1%		-5.8%	Children with APPLA by Discharge Reason
Reunification	29.6%	22.8%	14.5%	17.6%	27.0%		-8.9%	
(number of months until reunification)	37.2	27.8	36.2	27.5	30.4		-18.1%	2016
Adoption	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%		-100.0%	
(number of months until adoption)	76.0	41.1	149.3	31.2	0.0		-100.0%	
Guardianship	1.7%	3.4%	2.5%	1.4%	4.2%	1		
(number of month until guardianship)					4.2%		141.6%	2015
(number of month until quartianship)	35.3	32.0					141.6% -9.1%	2015
Live with Other Relatives	35.3 2.6%		27.8	18.0	32.0	-		2015
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		32.0	27.8	18.0	32.0		-9.1% -64.2% 54.1%	2014
Live with Other Relatives (number of months until living with relatives)	2.6% 25.8	32.0 2.2% 30.6	27.8 2.1% 15.9	18.0 3.7% 37.1	32.0 0.9% 39.8		-9.1% -64.2%	
Live with Other Relatives (number of months until living with relatives)  Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	2.6% 25.8 <b>65.8%</b>	32.0 2.2% 30.6 <b>70.8%</b>	27.8 2.1% 15.9 <b>80.4%</b>	18.0 3.7% 37.1 <b>76.4%</b>	32.0 0.9% 39.8 <b>68.6%</b>		-9.1% -64.2% 54.1% <b>4.4%</b>	2014
Live with Other Relatives (number of months until living with relatives)  Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements  Emancipation	2.6% 25.8 <b>65.8%</b> 60.5%	32.0 2.2% 30.6 <b>70.8%</b> 64.2%	27.8 2.1% 15.9 <b>80.4%</b> 73.0%	18.0 3.7% 37.1 <b>76.4%</b> 71.7%	32.0 0.9% 39.8 <b>68.6%</b> 62.2%		-9.1% -64.2% 54.1% <b>4.4%</b> 2.8%	2014
Live with Other Relatives (number of months until living with relatives)  Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements Emancipation (number of months until emancipation)	2.6% 25.8 <b>65.8%</b> 60.5% 40.6	32.0 2.2% 30.6 <b>70.8%</b> 64.2% 33.1	27.8 2.1% 15.9 <b>80.4%</b> 73.0% 33.5	18.0 3.7% 37.1 <b>76.4%</b> 71.7% 34.3	32.0 0.9% 39.8 <b>68.6%</b> 62.2% 30.6		-9.1% -64.2% 54.1% <b>4.4%</b> 2.8% -24.6%	2014
Live with Other Relatives (number of months until living with relatives)  Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements Emancipation (number of months until emancipation)  Transfer to Another Agency	2.6% 25.8 <b>65.8%</b> 60.5% 40.6 3.6%	32.0 2.2% 30.6 <b>70.8%</b> 64.2% 33.1 3.6%	27.8 2.1% 15.9 <b>80.4%</b> 73.0% 33.5 5.5%	18.0 3.7% 37.1 <b>76.4%</b> 71.7% 34.3 2.7%	32.0 0.9% 39.8 <b>68.6%</b> 62.2% 30.6 5.0%		-9.1% -64.2% 54.1% <b>4.4%</b> 2.8% -24.6% 38.2%	2014
Live with Other Relatives (number of months until living with relatives)  Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements Emancipation (number of months until emancipation)  Transfer to Another Agency (number of months until transfer)	2.6% 25.8 <b>65.8%</b> 60.5% 40.6 3.6% 51.5	32.0 2.2% 30.6 <b>70.8%</b> 64.2% 33.1 3.6% 46.4	27.8 2.1% 15.9 <b>80.4%</b> 73.0% 33.5 5.5% 13.0	18.0 3.7% 37.1 <b>76.4%</b> 71.7% 34.3 2.7% 40.7	32.0 0.9% 39.8 <b>68.6%</b> 62.2% 30.6 5.0% 27.6		-9.1% -64.2% 54.1% <b>4.4%</b> 2.8% -24.6% 38.2% -46.3%	2014 2013 2012
Live with Other Relatives (number of months until living with relatives)  Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements Emancipation (number of months until emancipation)  Transfer to Another Agency (number of months until transfer)  Runaway	2.6% 25.8 <b>65.8%</b> 60.5% 40.6 3.6% 51.5	32.0 2.2% 30.6 <b>70.8%</b> 64.2% 33.1 3.6% 46.4 3.1%	27.8 2.1% 15.9 <b>80.4%</b> 73.0% 33.5 5.5% 13.0	18.0 3.7% 37.1 <b>76.4%</b> 71.7% 34.3 2.7% 40.7 2.0%	32.0 0.9% 39.8 <b>68.6%</b> 62.2% 30.6 5.0% 27.6		-9.1% -64.2% 54.1% <b>4.4%</b> 2.8% -24.6% 38.2% -46.3% -13.3%	2014 2013 2012 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

- Far too often the permanency goal of APPLA results in youth leaving foster care without a permanent family to rely on more than 68 percent of the time.
- In 2016, over 21 percent of older youth had the goal of APPLA.

(number of months until running away)

(number of months until death of a child)

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### **FOSTER CARE - EXITS**

**Children Exiting Foster Care** 

Indicator

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 ensure every child has the lifelong support of a permanent family.

2016

% Change

2012 to 2016

132.5%

-5.0%

180.8%

State

2014

2015

iniaion Eximigi octor care							
Total Children Leaving Foster Care	10,098	9,123	9,769	9,471	10,635	5.3%	
Percent of Children Leaving Foster Care	45.9%	42.6%	43.4%	41.2%	43.3%	-5.6%	
(number of months until leaving)	11.9	11.9	10.7	11.4	11.7	-1.7%	
By Discharge Reason							
Exit to Permanent Arrangements	87.9%	89.3%	86.9%	85.0%	84.5%	-3.8%	
Reunification	60.1%	57.3%	57.2%	54.5%	54.5%	-9.2%	
(number of months until reunification)	6.1	6.0	5.5	5.7	6.7	8.6%	
Adoption	18.0%	20.2%	18.6%	18.7%	18.7%	3.4%	
(number of months until adoption)	27.6	26.7	27.4	28.3	28.7	4.2%	
Guardianship	5.4%	6.4%	6.1%	6.5%	6.6%	22.8%	
(number of month until guardianship)	20.4	21.2	20.8	21.1	19.4	-4.8%	
Live with Other Relatives	4.4%	5.5%	5.0%	5.4%	4.7%	8.3%	
(number of months until living with relatives)	2.7	2.6	1.0	3.0	2.2	-21.1%	
Exit to Non-Permanent Arrangements	12.0%	10.5%	13.0%	14.8%	15.4%	28.0%	
Emancipation	8.0%	8.1%	7.7%	7.8%	6.8%	-15.8%	
(number of months until emancipation)	37.4	31.4	29.6	28.1	23.4	-37.3%	
Transfer to Another Agency	1.6%	2.0%	4.3%	5.8%	7.9%	399.7%	
(number of months until transfer)	5.3	6.0	5.0	6.7	7.6	44.2%	
Runaway	2.4%	0.5%	1.1%	1.3%	0.7%	-71.0%	

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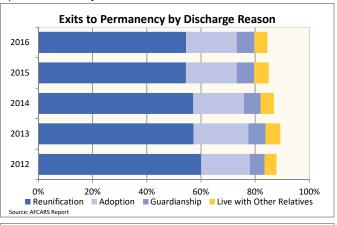
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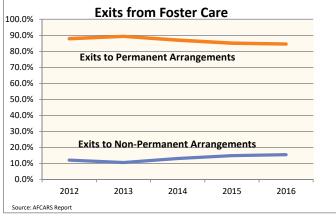
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### **Statewide Findings**

- On average, children will remain in foster care 11.7 months from their entry into the system.

Death of Child

- Reunification and adoption remain the two most common reasons for children exiting foster care.

# **PENNSYLVANIA**

### **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 years.

ndicator			State				% Change		Cilla	ren in Fos		and Year		
idicator	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		2012 to 2016	25% —		by Ag	e Group	anu tear	_	
children Remaining in Foster Care									*					
Children in Foster Care on Last Day	13,566	13,697	14,162	14,859	15,382		13.4%	20%						201
(number of months children have been in care)	13.0	13.1	12.6	12.5	13.2		1.8%	15%						201
						1 1		15%						201
By Age	40.50/	40.00/	00.00/	04.00/	04.00/		0.40/	10%			Ж			201
0-2	19.5%	19.9%	20.0%	21.0%	21.3%		9.1%						<b>W</b>	201
3-5	15.3%	15.6%	16.7%	16.7%	17.0%		11.6%	5%						
6-8	10.9%	11.6%	12.4%	12.9%	13.2%		21.8%							
9-11	9.2%	9.1%	9.6%	10.7%	11.6%		26.9%	0% +	-	ı	1 1	- 1	- 1	_
12-14	12.4%	11.7%	11.5%	11.7%	12.0%		-3.3%	Caaa. AE	0-2 3 CARS Report	-5 6-8	9-11	12-14 1	5-17 18-2	.0
15-17	23.4%	22.6%	21.1%	20.2%	19.6%		-16.5%	Source: Ar	CARS REPORT					
18-20	9.4%	9.5%	8.4%	6.8%	5.3%		-43.7%		Perce	nt of Plac	ements	into Con	gregate C	are
Infants (age 0-1)	13.2%	12.7%	13.2%	13.9%	13.8%		4.4%	50%						
Youth (age 13+)	41.9%	40.7%	37.8%	35.2%	33.5%		-20.2%	45%						
								40%	Re-Ent	ries				
By Race and Ethnicity														
Non-Hispanic White	40.9%	38.7%	40.1%	37.9%	41.0%		0.2%	35%						
Non-Hispanic Black or African American	37.5%	37.1%	38.3%	36.9%	37.0%		-1.4%	30%						
Non-Hispanic Other Race	6.0%	7.8%	3.9%	6.0%	2.9%		-51.7%		First Ti	ne				
Non-Hispanic Two or More Races	3.3%	3.7%	4.7%	4.9%	5.5%		68.3%	25% -	Entrie	s				
Hispanic or Latino	12.2%	12.7%	13.0%	14.3%	13.6%		10.8%	20%						
<u> </u>		•	•		•			15%	Remaini	ng in				
By Gender									Foster	-				
Male	50.8%	50.7%	50.9%	51.3%	51.2%		0.7%	10% +		1	ı	1	-	
Female	49.2%	49.3%	49.1%	48.7%	48.8%		-0.7%		2012	2013	20	014	2015	2016
								Source: AF	CARS Report					
By Latest Placement Setting									Late	st Placem	ent Setti	ing of Ch	ildren	
Family Setting	76.1%	76.8%	79.0%	80.6%	82.5%		8.4%	1000/		Remain	ing in Fo	ster Care	!	
Pre-adoptive Home	3.0%	3.2%	3.9%	3.2%	5.3%		76.6%	100% -						
Foster Family Home – Relative	25.2%	25.7%	30.0%	32.8%	35.1%		39.3%	80% -						Other
Foster Family Home – Non-Relative	47.9%	47.9%	45.1%	44.5%	42.1%		-12.1%	80% -						
Congregate Care Setting	19.2%	18.7%	17.3%	16.0%	14.7%		-23.4%	60% -						
Group Home	11.0%	10.8%	10.6%	9.0%	8.4%		-23.8%	00%						Congregation Core Setti
Institution	8.2%	7.8%	6.7%	7.0%	6.3%		-22.9%	40% -						Care Setti
Supervised Independent Living	1.9%	2.1%	1.7%	1.4%	1.3%		-27.1%	10/0						■ Family
Runaway	1.8%	1.4%	1.1%	1.1%	0.7%		-57.8%	20% -						■ Family  Setting
Trial Home Visit	1.1%	1.0%	0.8%	1.0%	0.7%		-36.3%	2070						Jetting
						. (	, -	0% -						
									2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
								Source: AF	CARS Report					

- The majority of children remaining in foster care are less than 9 years old.
- The majority of children remaining in foster care are placed in a non-relative foster family home.
- The proportion of children remaining in foster care within a congregate care setting continues to decrease.

### **PENNSYLVANIA**

### **FOSTER CARE - STABILITY**

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

### Indicator

### **Foster Care Placement Stability**

Children who were in foster care for 12 to 23 months and had three or more placement settings.

State											
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016							
36.9%	34.1%	32.7%	32.8%	33.6%							

% Change 2012 to 2016 -9.0%

% Change

2012 to 2016

-19.3%

### **Statewide Findings**

Over the last year, stability for children in foster care has worsened.

### **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.

#### Indicator

### Timely Reunification with Parents or Relatives

Children who entered foster care for the first time who were reunified with their parents or discharged to relatives within the next 12 months.

		State		
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
44.6%	41.3%	39.7%	39.0%	36.0%

### Statewide Findings

The percentage of children reunified with their parents or relatives within 12 months of entering foster care continues to decline.

### **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.

#### Indicator

#### Failed 1-Year Reunification (Re-entry)

Children who re-entered foster care in fewer than 12 months following reunification with parents or relatives (Data may be overstated.)

State					
2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
26.3%	26.4%	26.9%	24.1%	24.8%	

% Change 2012 to 2016	l
-5.7%	
-3.770	

### **Statewide Findings**

The rate of failed reunification has improved over the past five years. Pennsylvania maintains one of the highest rates in the country.



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