

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

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# About the Department of Children and Families



The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is the state agency charged with serving and safeguarding the most vulnerable children and families in the state. DCF, staffed by approximately 7,000 employees, encompasses:

Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS)

Division of Child Behavioral Health Services (DCBHS)

Division Prevention and Community Partnerships (DPCP)

Office of Education (OOE)

Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit (IAIU)

State Central Registry / Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline (SCR)

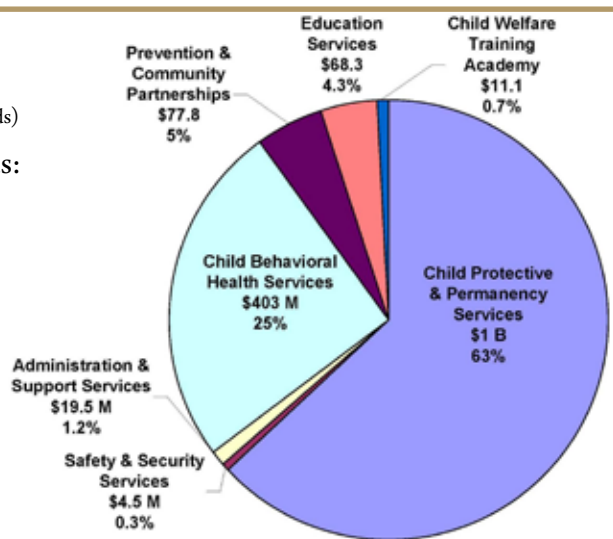
Office of Licensing (OOL)

## FY 2009 Budget Information

DCF's budget in Fiscal Year 2009 represented continued preservation for essential and direct care services for the state's most vulnerable children and families.

DCF FY 2009 Total:  
\$1.51 Billion  
(with state, federal and dedicated funds)

Breakdown of State Funds:  
\$1.06 billion



DCF is focused on strengthening families and achieving safety, permanency, and well-being for all New Jersey's children. The department's priorities are focused on:

- ▶ maintaining manageable caseloads for DYFS staff,
- ▶ continuing the implementation of DCF's case practice,
- ▶ managing outcomes by data,
- ▶ continuing to move children to permanency safely and timely,
- ▶ continuing to recruit safe and loving foster homes for our most vulnerable children,
- ▶ building capacity in the child behavioral health system, and
- ▶ working to prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families and communities.

## Overview of Achievements

Over the last year, DCF has continued to maintain steady progress in improving the state's child welfare system.

DCF has:

- ▶ Safely and successfully reduced the number of children in foster care by more than 25 percent over the last three years - from over 11,000 children in 2006 to 8,300 children by November 2009.
- ▶ Finalized over 5,400 adoptions over the last four fiscal years.
- ▶ Recruited and licensed nearly 6,000 new resource (foster, adoptive and kin) homes between fiscal years 2007 - 2009.
- ▶ Continued remarkable progress in achieving manageable caseloads for caseworkers serving New Jersey's most vulnerable kids and families.
- ▶ Reduced the number of children sent out of state for child behavioral health services by 85 percent in three years - from 327 youth in March 2006 to just 44 youth in November 2009.
- ▶ Served over 50,000 families since mid-2007 through the state's network of 37 neighborhood-based Family Success Centers.
- ▶ Expanded the state's evidence-based home visiting programs to serve 2,500 families at any given time in all 21 counties.
- ▶ Supported over 2,100 families since 2007 through the Differential Response Pilot Initiative in six counties.



### ABOUT THE MODIFIED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

New Jersey's Modified Settlement Agreement (MSA), which is divided into two phases, is the blueprint for child welfare reform in New Jersey. The first phase - July 2006 to December 2008 - focused on the fundamentals of child welfare, including caseloads, the development of data, improving adoption, and improving institutional investigations. The second phase, which began in January 2009, focuses on outcomes for children and families, such as the reduction of youth abused in foster care or re-abuse by a birth parent and improving the state's ability to keep sibling groups together while in care.

*“From the outset, DCF has been dedicated to reaching all of the goals in the MSA and is to be commended on the substantial progress it has made during Phase I.”*

Monitoring Report for  
Charlie and Nadine H.v. Corzine  
 July 1 - December 31, 2008

# Implementing New Case Practice in DCF

New Jersey has continued to implement a new case practice that focuses on empowering families rather than exercising power over them.

In 2007, DCF published – for the first time in DYFS’ history - a model of case practice that details how we want to do our work for children and families. That model identified family engagement as a core strategy, and it articulates how DCF expects children and families to be treated and how they and their natural supports will be engaged and included in decisions affecting each child’s safety, permanency, and well-being.

To date, over 5,000 staff have been trained on the case practice model.

DCF initially selected four local DYFS offices – Bergen Central, Burlington East, Gloucester West and Mercer North – to serve as the first immersion sites for more extensive case practice training and coaching. Since that time, in addition to those four offices, three additional offices completed their immersion training by June 2009 and five other offices were completed by September 2009. Four more offices are expected to complete the immersion training by the end of 2009. DCF is working towards having all 47 local offices complete this extended and intensive training by 2011.



*“My worker is awesome; he cares and truly shows that he cares for me and my family. He is not here just to do a job but because he cares. He has given me a whole new outlook on DYFS and allows my needs to be met.”*

-Quote from family at  
Family Team Meeting.

*“Monitor staff observed Family Team Meetings ... and was impressed with the skill level of the facilitators and the commitment of staff to work as a team with families.”*

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# Maintaining Manageable Caseloads for DYFS Caseworkers

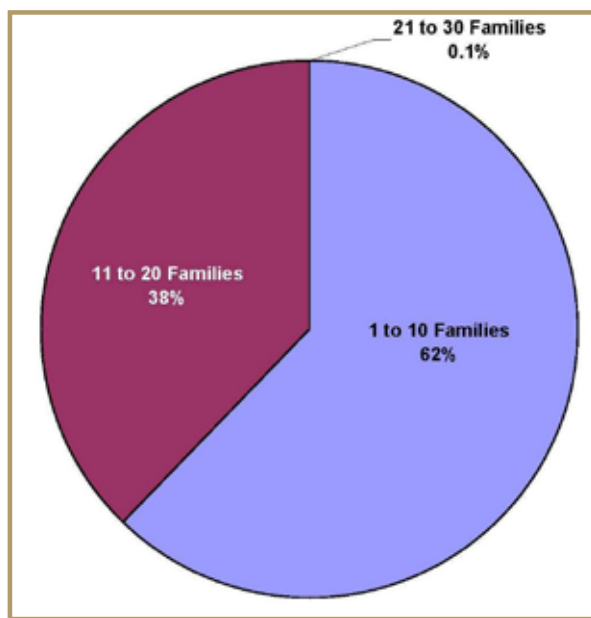


Manageable caseloads in the child welfare system are a necessity of the work.

Families receive the necessary attention and services they need from child welfare staff when caseloads are manageable.

In March 2006, over 100 caseworkers had caseloads of more than 30 families. With that many families, workers could not do the real work of child welfare – engaging and teaming with children and families to lead to better outcomes. As of June 2009, DCF has continued to maintain that not one caseworker has more than 30 families, and the average caseload under 10 families.<sup>1</sup> The same was still true through the end of calendar year 2009.

Average Caseload Size, Statewide  
As of June 2009



“By all reports, this reduction in caseload size is beginning to make a difference in the quality of practice across the State, has produced a greater stability in the workforce, and has created an environment that provides staff the opportunity to follow the principles articulated in the Case Practice Model.”

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<sup>1</sup> See Appendix A for charts detailing caseloads for Fiscal Year 2009 for intake workers (initial investigators), permanency workers (workers with children being served in their homes and in foster care), adoption workers (caseworkers focused on finding forever families for kids in need), and worker to supervisor ratios. Each chart notes the MSA target for the office average, along with the standard for each timeframe.

# Initial Response: Hotline Calls to Central Screening & Institutional Abuse



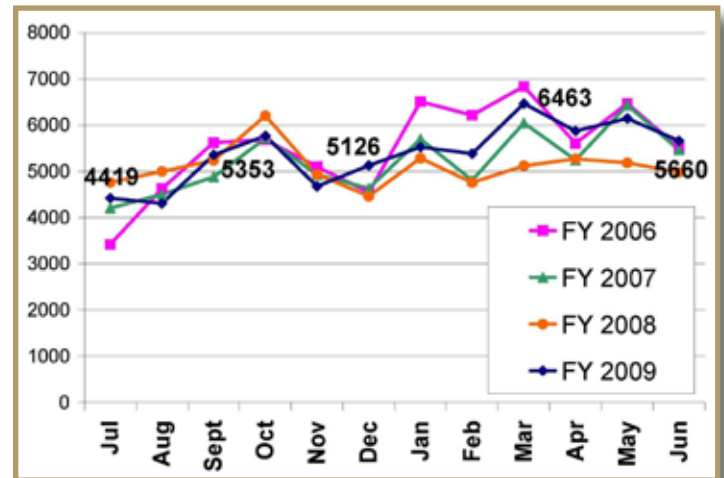
## State Central Registry - Child Abuse Neglect Hotline

The state child abuse and neglect hotline, also known as the State Central Registry, fields approximately 17,000 phone calls per month. Many of these calls are referred to local offices within the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), and fall into two categories:

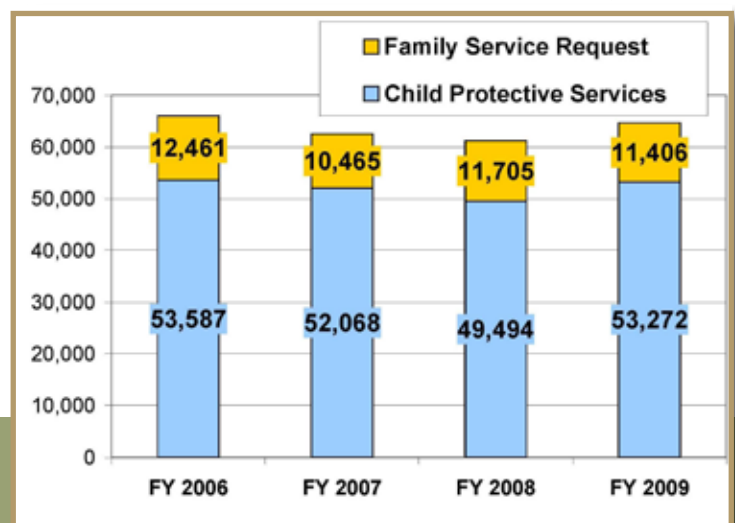
- ① **Child Protective Services:** an allegation of child abuse or neglect is made
- ② **Family Service Request** (also known as a *Child Welfare Assessment*): a family is in need of services but there is no allegation of abuse or neglect

In Fiscal Year 2009, approximately 65,000 calls to the hotline were referred to a DYFS local office for investigation or follow-up. Due to the nation's difficult economic climate, DCF experienced a high number of referrals in the first part of 2009.

Hotline Referrals to all DYFS Local Offices



Hotline Referrals to DYFS Offices  
Child Protective Services v. Family Service Requests



# Initial Response: Hotline Calls to Central Screening & Institutional Abuse



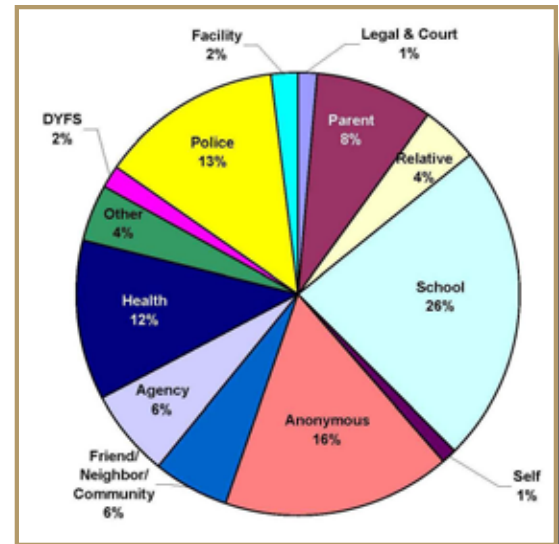
DCF relies on many different community and outside partners to report when child abuse or neglect is suspected, or when a family is in need of services. Our largest partners in this work include schools and education professionals, police and law enforcement, and the health community.<sup>2</sup>

## Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit

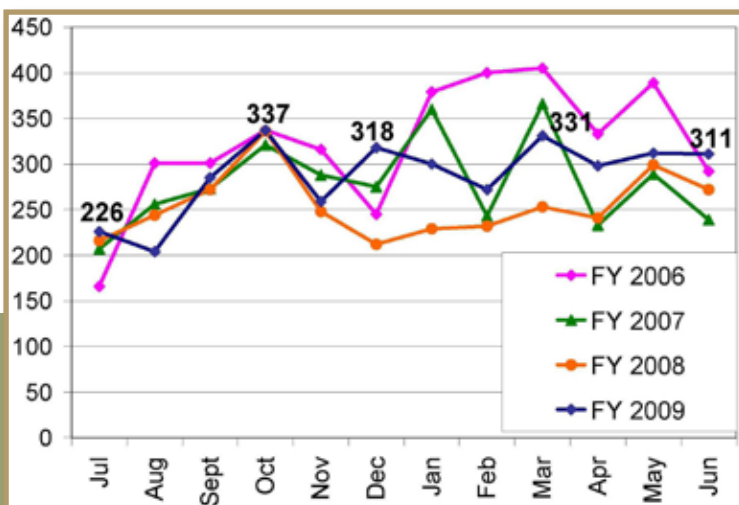
As part of New Jersey's legal mandate to investigate all allegations of abuse and neglect, DCF manages the Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit (IAIU). This unit addresses abuse and neglect allegations that take place in all public and private institutions and facilities. This mandate covers all public and private schools, child care centers, registered and unregistered family day care homes, children's residential treatment facilities and shelters, foster homes, detention and correctional facilities, camps and hospitals.

DCF's greatest resources for reporting child abuse and neglect in institutional settings are schools, parents, and other government agencies.

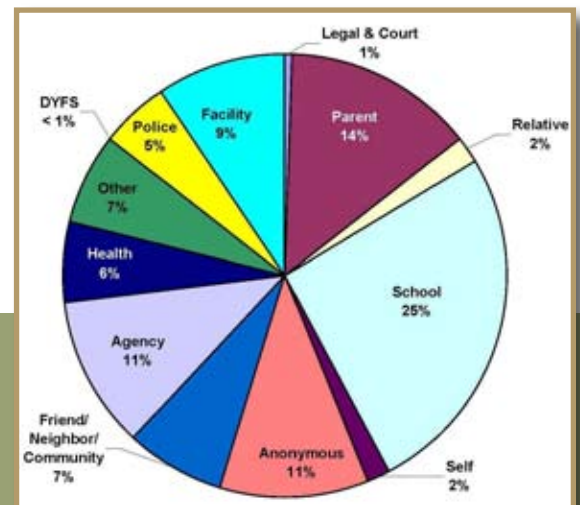
Source of All Hotline Referrals  
(CPS and FSR)  
January – June 2009



All Hotline Referrals to IAIU  
FY 2006 - FY 2009



Source of All IAIU Referrals  
January – June 2009



<sup>2</sup>See Appendix B for additional details on referral numbers and sources specifically for Child Protective Services and Family Service Requests.



# Children Served by the Division of Youth and Family Services

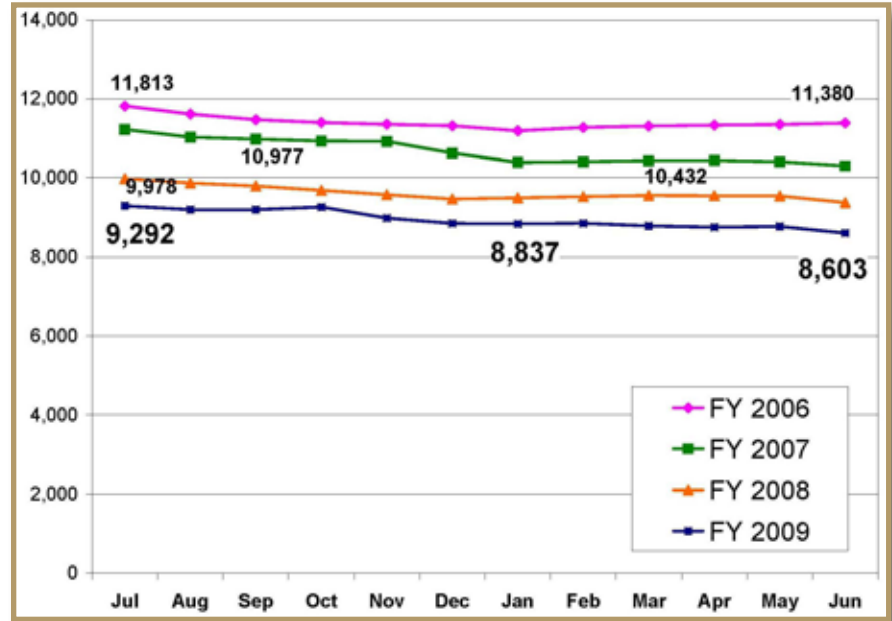


In the last three years, New Jersey has been able to successfully and safely reduce the number of children in out of home placement by more than 25 percent - from over 11,000 children in 2006 to just 8,300 children most recently in November 2009.

In total, DCF serves approximately 48,500 youth both in- and out-of-home.<sup>3</sup>

Approximately 70 percent of the children served by DYFS (both in and out-of-home) are under the age of 12.<sup>4</sup> For the children in out-of-home placement, most are placed in family settings, either with a foster/adoptive home or with relatives.

Children in DYFS Out-of-Home Placement  
FY 2006 – FY 2009



Children in DYFS Out-of-Home Placement<sup>5</sup>  
Placement Types – FY08 v. FY09

	July 2008	July 2009
Independent Living	156	201
Group Homes & Residential	1247	1069
Kinship & Relative	3548	3029
Resource Family (non-kin)	4424	4304
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9375</b>	<b>8603</b>

<sup>3</sup>See Appendix C for full chart comparisons on the total number of children and families served by DYFS.

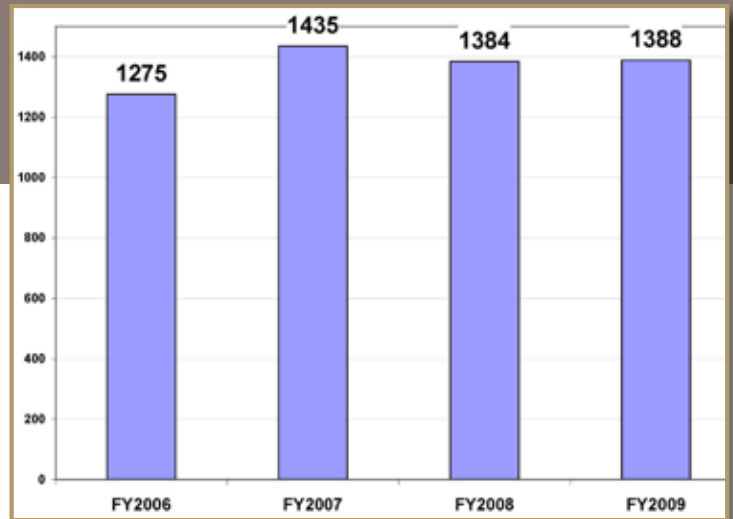
<sup>4</sup>See Appendix C for full charts on the gender, age and race of children served by DYFS, including the total population of children, children served in their homes, and children in out-of-home placement.

<sup>5</sup>See Appendix C for breakout of children in out-of-home placement by county.

# Adoption & Permanency for Children

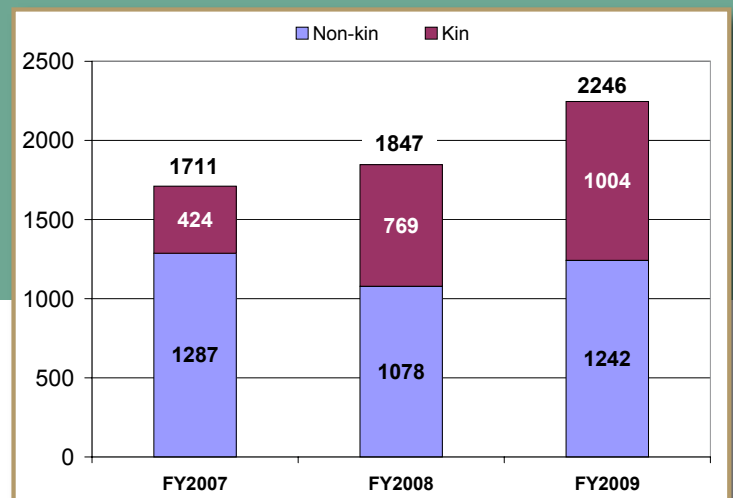
DCF continued its success in moving children to permanency through adoption in Fiscal Year 2009. After rebuilding the adoption infrastructure in 2006, the state has achieved significant progress with record numbers of adoptions – over 5,400 former foster children adopted between January 2006 and November 2009. DCF expects to continue with that momentum through the rest of 2009.

Finalized Adoptions  
FY 2006-2009

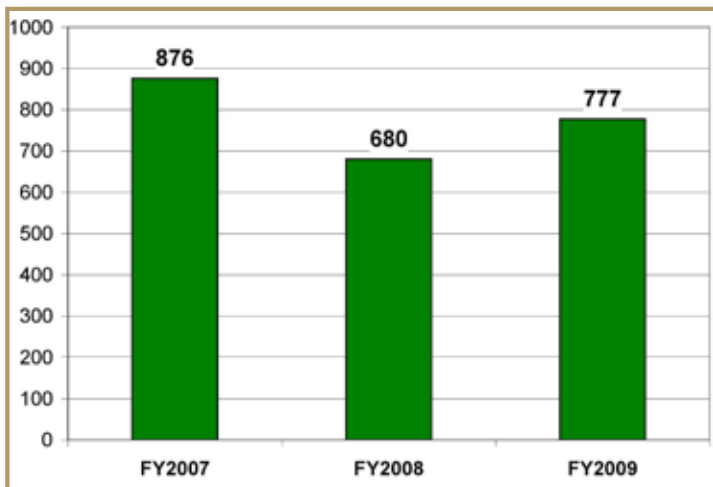


# Recruiting & Licensing Resource Family Homes

Total Resource Family Homes Licensed  
FY 2007 – 2009



Net Gain of Resource Families  
FY 2007 – 2009



In Fiscal Year 2009, DCF continued to build on the exceptional gains it made in its recruitment and licensure of resource families, which include kinship, foster and adoptive caregivers - including a net gain of more than 750 homes in FY2009 alone. (A net gain is the balance between new homes opened and the number of existing homes closed.)

# Services for Transitioning Adolescents



DCF has been committed to supporting programs for youth in foster care who are approaching adulthood, including the maintaining of services like housing, health insurance and other assistance, until they are 21 years old.

DCF has entered into a new collaboration with national non-profit organization Casey Family Programs to improve economic outcomes for young adults who are transitioning from care. This effort will help DCF better incorporate job readiness skills into existing life skills training programs.

DCF also funds Youth Corps programs for transitioning youth ages 16-21 until the age of 25. Corps members receive instruction in basic skills, courses to obtain GED or adult high school diplomas, life skills, employability skills instruction, and counseling.

DCF is also committed to providing safe and stable housing options for transitioning youth - currently funding 239 slots across the state for aging-out and homeless youth who do not otherwise have a home to go to.



Commissioner Ricketts visits staff and residents at the New Jersey Development Corporation's Independence House in Paterson, NJ.

## NEW JERSEY FOSTER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The New Jersey Foster Scholars Program was developed in 2003 and is specifically designed to help adoptive and foster families with the growing expenses of providing a college education to their youngsters. A college education is often the key to helping youth achieve a successful transition to adulthood and self-sufficiency.

In addition to financial assistance with college expenses, participants in the Foster Scholars Program also receive services through Project MYSELF, a mentoring program sponsored through Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Project MYSELF helps current foster youth plan and prepare for post-secondary educational programs and provides support to those who go on to post-secondary educational programs.

Approximately 350 youth participated in the Foster Scholars Program in the 2009-2010 school year.

# Improving Health Care Outcomes for Children in Out-of-Home Care



## Child Health Units

The medical care for children in out-of-home placement is continuing to improve, in large part due to the creation of child health units in DYFS local offices. These units assist DCF with providing comprehensive medical care to all children entering out-of-home care.

Based on DCF's Coordinated Health Care Plan for Children in Out-of-Home Placement,<sup>6</sup> released in 2007, DCF is focused on building Child Health Units – staffed by nurses and staff assistants whose job is to ensure that children in out-of-home placement receive quality health care – across the state. DCF is partnering with the François-Xavier Bagnoud Center School of Nursing at UMDNJ (UMDNJ-FXB) to staff these Child Health Units in DYFS Local Offices across the state.

In 2009, now all child health units are up and running and nursing staff continue to be hired.

## Pre-Placement Assessments & Comprehensive Medical Examinations

### Pre-Placement Assessments (PPA) January - June 2009

Number of Children Requiring PPA	Percentage PPA Completed	Percentage PPA Completed in Non-ER Settings	Percentage PPA Completed in Appropriate Settings
<b>2,382</b>	<b>99.6%</b>	<b>91.6%</b>	<b>97.6%</b>

### Comprehensive Medical Examinations (CME) January - June 2009

Number of Children Requiring CME	Percentage of CME within 60 days
<b>2,060</b>	<b>94.3%</b>

<sup>6</sup>Report can be found at the DCF Web site: [http://www.nj.gov/dcf/DCFHealthCarePlan\\_05.22.07.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dcf/DCFHealthCarePlan_05.22.07.pdf)

# Services for Children with Mental & Behavioral Health Needs



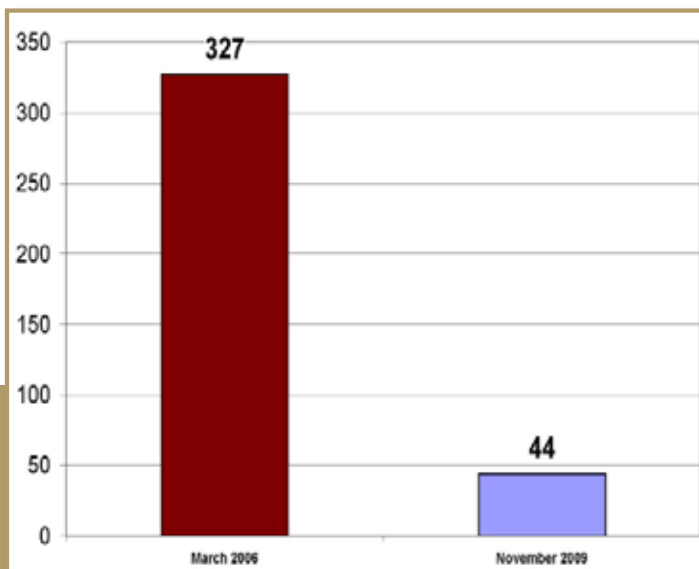
DCF's Division of Child Behavioral Health Services (DCBHS) works hard to keep kids in their homes whenever possible, and serves the majority of youth – approximately 90 percent – at home, with less than six percent receiving care and services in out-of-home placement. Whenever youth are served outside the home, DCBHS strives to serve those children as close to home as possible, and has been reducing the use of out-of-state providers dramatically over the last two years.

Type of Service	FY2007	FY2008	FY2009
Intensive In-Community	19,027	18,006	18,913
Mobile Response	7,341	7,669	8,792
Wrap/Flex	5,578	6,816	8,266
Behavioral Assistance	7,953	6,568	6,965
Outpatient	2,417	3,269	5,273
Out-of-Home Treatment	3,465	3,289	3,100
Partial Care	353	370	296
Hospital	145	168	178
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,279</b>	<b>46,155</b>	<b>51,783</b>

*NOTE: The chart of services above reflects the number of services accessed, not individual children. Some children may access several different services over time.*

## Reducing the Number of Children Receiving Treatment Out-of-State

Number of Children in DCBHS Out-of-State Placements March 2006 v. November 2009



DCF continued its unprecedented success in reducing the number of children receiving behavioral health services in out-of-state facilities. As of September 2009, only 44 youth were placed out-of-state – down from 78 youth in June 2008, and a more than 85 percent reduction since 2006.

DCF's continued success is due to the department's focus on managing new authorizations to out-of-state care, a year-long case planning initiative focusing on returning youth from out-of-state care, and continuing efforts to develop appropriate in-state resources for these youth. Notably, DCF continued this success not by focusing on just reducing the count of youth in out-of-state care. DCF instead emphasized providing high quality, appropriate care for youth as close to their home communities as possible.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup>See Appendix D for further information on youth in DYFS custody in juvenile detention post-disposition awaiting placement, January 2009 - June 2009.

# Services for Children with Mental & Behavioral Health Needs



## Engaging Youth for Better Outcomes

DCBHS has been working hard to ensure youth are decision-makers in their own care, empowered as self-advocates and supported as community advocates with a distinct voice, and has recently unveiled a new DCBHS Youth Development Council Guiding Document.

The entire system of care benefits when youth are given opportunities to contribute to the quality of care, and this document is truly built on the voices of young people. This new document will help guide our work with youth, and ensure that youth are fully engaged and listened to at every part of the system.

The Youth Development Council was formed in the summer of 2009 to engage a core group in outlining a plan and process to more meaningfully incorporate authentic youth voice and roles throughout the system. The members of the council, in addition to youth involved in the system of care, included leaders engaged in youth development and not typically involved in the planning and administration of DCBHS: Girl and Boy Scouts, Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey, 4-H, and the Department of Health and Senior Services as the state's public health agent. The Governor's Council on Anti-Stigma leadership was a full and valued member as well.

Historically, the state's system of care focused primarily on family-guided care, but did not necessarily engage

youth as individuals in the same manner. In line with trends demonstrated in the adult mental health and child welfare community, the system has recently move towards increasingly consumer-guided and directed decision-making. This youth initiative supports the central role of families – including youth – in making use of strengths, driving to outcomes, and maintaining accountability for those who work with youth and families.

Young people managing mental illness and natural developmental processes have a challenging road. When they are invited and supported in meaningful involvement in the service delivery system, they are better able to achieve health and wellness.

The guiding document outlines specific values and principles for the work of engaging youth, as well as provides core concepts essential to any type of youth development and offers guidance on creating a continued community dialogue to reduce the stigma of youth with mental health challenges.



Commissioner Ricketts and Dr. Nadezhda Robinson, DCBHS Director, photographed with youth at the first annual DCBHS conference in October 2009.

# Child Abuse Prevention & Family Support Programs



Local Trenton mothers and their young children attend a workshop at the Children's Home Society South Ward Family Success Center.

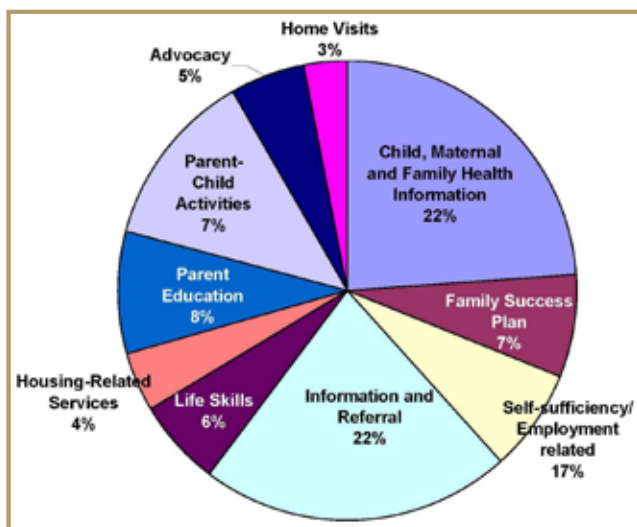
DCF has built a strong and diverse network of child abuse prevention programs that strengthen families and communities across the state.

## Family Success Centers

New Jersey has one of the country's only statewide systems of publicly-supported Family Success Centers. These centers are neighborhood-based gathering places where any community resident can access family support, information and services. These centers have been an integral force in engaging and supporting families by serving as "one stop" shops with wraparound resources and supports for families before they find themselves in crisis.

Some of the services available through Family Success Centers include: employment, information and referral, parent education, health care, parent-child activities, home visiting, life skills training, advocacy and housing. There are currently 37 total Families Success Centers represented in 16 counties. Since mid-2007, over 50,000 families have been served by a local Family Success Center, with nearly 25,000 of those served in FY2009.

Types of Referrals from Family Success Centers  
FY 2009



“A growing number of child welfare systems across the country are turning to prevention as a way to safely reduce the need for foster care.

*The NJ Department of Children and Families is among the leaders in this movement that strengthens families and keeps children safe. As an innovator in child welfare that is committed to safety, New Jersey has a powerful story to tell.*”

Cari DeSantis  
Executive Vice President  
Casey Family Programs

# Child Abuse Prevention & Family Support Programs



## Differential Response Pilot Initiative

The Differential Response Pilot Initiative is a county-based prevention effort to engage vulnerable families who could benefit from supportive services before the onset of child abuse or neglect. Successful Differential Response intervention leaves a family with an established network of formal and informal supports to which the family will have access to when the formal intervention is complete.

Differential Response has been available in Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties since 2007, and was launched in Middlesex and Union Counties in early 2009. Since 2007, over 2,100 families have been served by a Differential Response agency.

## Home Visitation Programs

New Jersey's Home Visitation programs provide services to families challenged by complex health related and/or social problems. This program focuses on young families who are at risk for abuse and neglect with primary prevention and early intervention services for pregnant women and children up to age five. By the end of Fiscal Year 2009, the state has expanded its ability to serve 2,500 families at any given time in all 21 counties. In total, nearly 3,000 families were served throughout FY2009 by Healthy Families, Nurse-Family Partnership or Parents As Teachers programs.

## School-Linked Services

DPCP manages a variety of programs that are linked to schools all over the state. The programs are open to all youth ages 10 -19 and provide services such as school-based youth services, family empowerment, adolescent pregnancy prevention, juvenile delinquency prevention, parent-linking program, family friendly centers, refugee children's programs and NJ Child Abuse Prevention (NJ CAP). There are currently 229 total school-linked programs that served over 120,000 youth in FY 2009.

**2NDFLOOR**  
*Statewide Youth Helpline*  
**1-888-222-2228**

Launched in September 2008, the NJ Statewide youth helpline, 2NDFLOOR, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to children and young adults ages 10-24. Youth can either call the helpline, 1-888-222-2228, or access the interactive Web site [www.2NDFLOOR.org](http://www.2NDFLOOR.org). Calls to the 2NDFLOOR youth helpline are anonymous and confidential, except in life-threatening situations.

Since September 2008, the 2NDFLOOR Youth Helpline has received over 170,000 calls and 98,000 Web site hits.

**2NDFLOOR**  
**888-222-2228**  
 YOUTH HELPLINE  
 2NDFLOOR.ORG



# Child Abuse Prevention & Family Support Programs



## Outreach to At-Risk Youth

Outreach to At-Risk Youth is an initiative that was launched in 2007 designed to prevent crime and deter gang involvement by providing enhanced recreational, vocational, educational, outreach or supportive services to youth, ages 13 to 18, with the option to serve youth until age 21. Programs are located in communities with demonstrated high crime and gang violence. There are currently 21 total Outreach to At-Risk Youth programs represented in 10 counties. Over 2,100 youth participated in these programs in FY2009.

## Domestic Violence and PALS Programs

DPCP is a primary funding source and oversight agency for 24 domestic violence shelter programs and three non-shelter programs. There is at least one DCF-designated lead domestic violence program in each of the state's 21 counties, including a shelter with a 24-hour hotline and response. Programs offer information and referral, counseling, support groups, financial, legal services, housing and general advocacy, children's services and community education.

DPCP oversees PALS (Peace: A Learned Solution) programs for children who have witnessed domestic violence. PALS, which served nearly 1,200 children in FY2009, is an intensive program that provides counseling and creative arts therapy for children who have witnessed domestic violence. The program serves children primarily ages four to 12. There are currently 11 total PALS programs represented in 11 counties.

## Strengthening Families through Early Care & Education

The Strengthening Families Initiative (NJ SFI) is an approach to preventing child abuse and neglect by strengthening families through early care and education developed by the Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP). The fundamental principle is that certain protective factors contribute towards family resiliency and strength and have proven to be effective in preventing child abuse and neglect. There are currently 168 Early Care and Education Centers serving all 21 counties. Over 13,000 children in over 12,000 families accessed services through NJ SFI in FY 2009.

## DCF'S COMMUNITY PROGRAM DIRECTORY

In addition to the programs noted here, there are many other services available in the community supported by DCF, including adolescent pregnancy prevention services and parent linking and empowerment programs. Information on all these services can be found in the DCF Community Program Directory, which can be found on the DCF Web site: <http://www.nj.gov/dcf/prevention/directory.html>.

This directory helps to increase access to resources that are designed to strengthen families and prevent child abuse or neglect, as well as serves as a tool for DYFS caseworkers in the field. The services identified in the directory are funded by DCF's Division of Prevention and Community Partnerships, a grant-making and best practices team committed to strengthening New Jersey's families.

## Child Safety Campaigns



### Launch of New Pool Safety Campaign - *Not Even for a Second*

In May 2009, DCF launched a new child safety campaign - "Not Even for a Second" - urging parents and caretakers to never leave children unattended near water and to child-proof backyard swimming pools.

DCF partnered with several community organizations to help spread the message and reach as many families as possible with posters, brochures and strip cards in both English and Spanish. The department has mailed packages of materials and shared Web site links to licensed child care centers, Family Success Centers, YMCAs and YWCAs, members of the Northeast Spa and Pool Association (NESPA), the Girl Scout Councils of New Jersey, parent-teacher associations, the New Jersey League of Municipalities and New Jersey 2-1-1.

### Safe Haven Infant Protection Act

In New Jersey, the Safe Haven Infant Protection Act is a law that allows an individual to give up an unwanted infant with no fear of arrest or prosecution. No names or records are required. The parents – or someone acting on their behalf – can bring a baby less than 30 days old to any hospital emergency room or police station. DYFS will immediately take the child into custody and place the infant in a foster or pre-adoptive home. No shame. No blame. No names. Since it was enacted in August 2000, a total of 41 infants (as of November 2009) have been safely surrendered under the law.

[www.njsafehaven.org](http://www.njsafehaven.org)  
1-877-839-2339

### NEW TELEVISION PSA TO PREVENT SHAKEN BABY SYNDROME

DCF, in partnership with New Jersey Network (NJN), created a Public Service Announcement about preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome. The PSA depicts a father trying to comfort a crying baby and stresses that no matter how frustrated you may feel, you must never shake a baby as it can cause permanent damage or death. It also encourages caregivers to reach out for help before reaching their breaking point by calling the Family Helpline. This PSA aired on NJN eight times a week from April 23 through September 13, 2009, and will air additionally in 2010.



# Casey Family Programs & New Jersey's Raise Me Up Campaign



DCF and Casey Family Programs launched a new campaign in September 2009 called Raise Me Up, which is aimed at inspiring people to support children in foster care to help prevent child abuse and neglect in communities throughout the state. Raise Me Up is an initiative of Casey Family Programs, the largest national foundation with a sole mission to advocate for children in foster care.



Ed McBride, Chief of Staff for Governor Jon S. Corzine, NJ Foster Scholars recipient Miracle Pygum and Commissioner Ricketts gathered together at the launch.

New Jersey's Raise Me Up campaign benefits programs and services include recruiting foster and adoptive families, supporting adolescents and recently reunified families, volunteering at local Family Success Centers and Boys & Girls Clubs, supporting the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and helping to spread the word about the state's child safety campaigns.

New Jersey's primary partners who are offering volunteer opportunities through their organizations are: Boys & Girls Clubs in New Jersey, CASA of New Jersey, 180 Turning Lives Around, Foster and Adoptive Family Service (FAFS), all 37 local Family Success Center in New Jersey, and Transitions for Youth – Institute for Families in the Rutgers' School of Social Work.

New Jersey also identified several sponsoring organizations that have committed to support Raise Me Up by financially contributing to a participating program. These sponsors include Medco, Verizon, Atlantic City Electric, PSE&G, and the NJ Coalition of Automotive Retailers.

Casey Family Programs selected New Jersey for a national launch, making New Jersey the second launch of Raise Me Up – which had only previously been piloted in Austin, Texas – due to the tremendous work already underway at DCF to improve the state's child welfare system.

Raise Me Up's message is simple:

*"You don't have to raise a foster child to raise them up. You just have to raise your hand and say you'll help."*

# Annual Agency Performance Report

Fiscal Year 2009

*July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009*



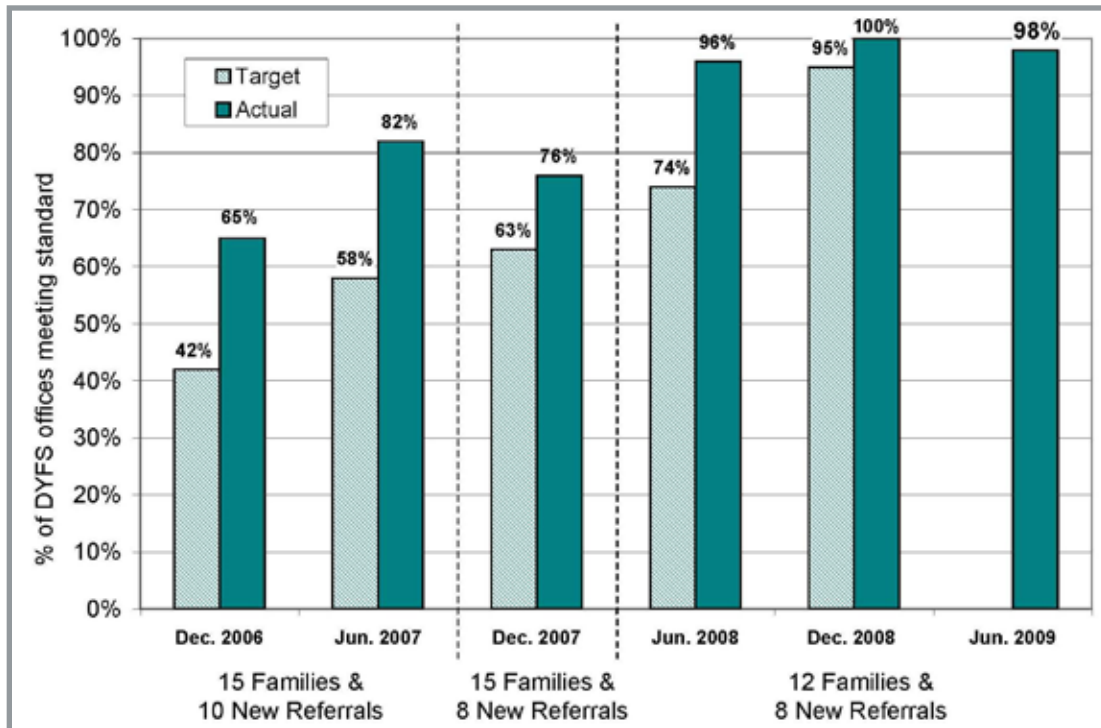
## **APPENDICES A - D**

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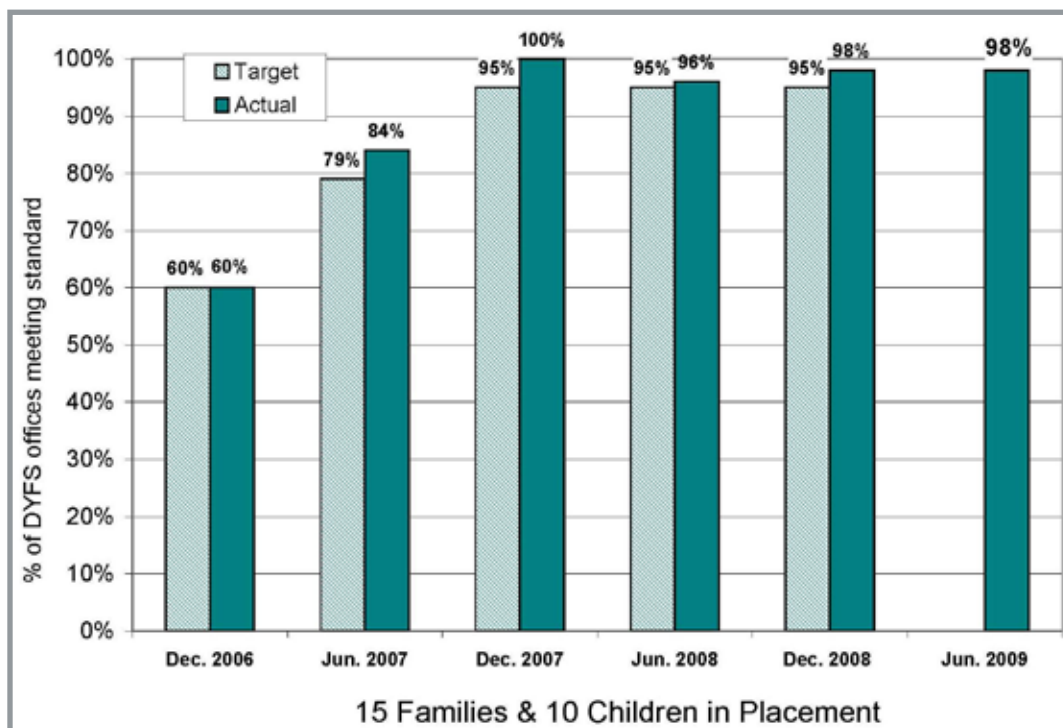
Readers can find additional statistics and data for New Jersey's child welfare system, updated regularly, on the DCF Web site: [www.nj.gov/DCF](http://www.nj.gov/DCF)

# APPENDIX A: Caseloads

## INTAKE CASELOADS

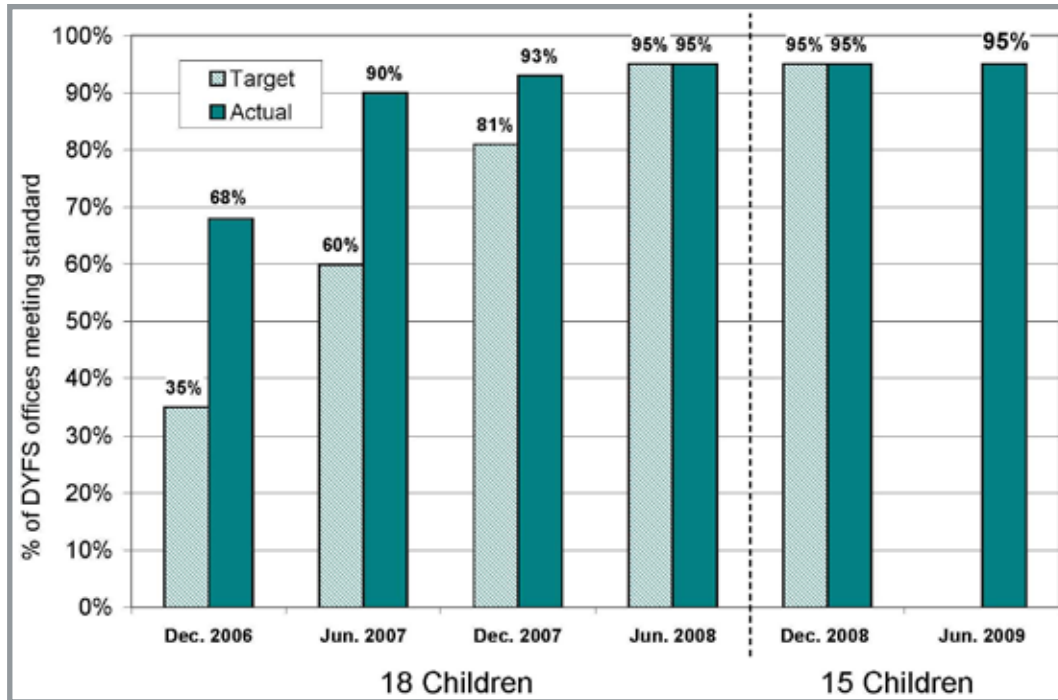


## PERMANENCY CASELOADS

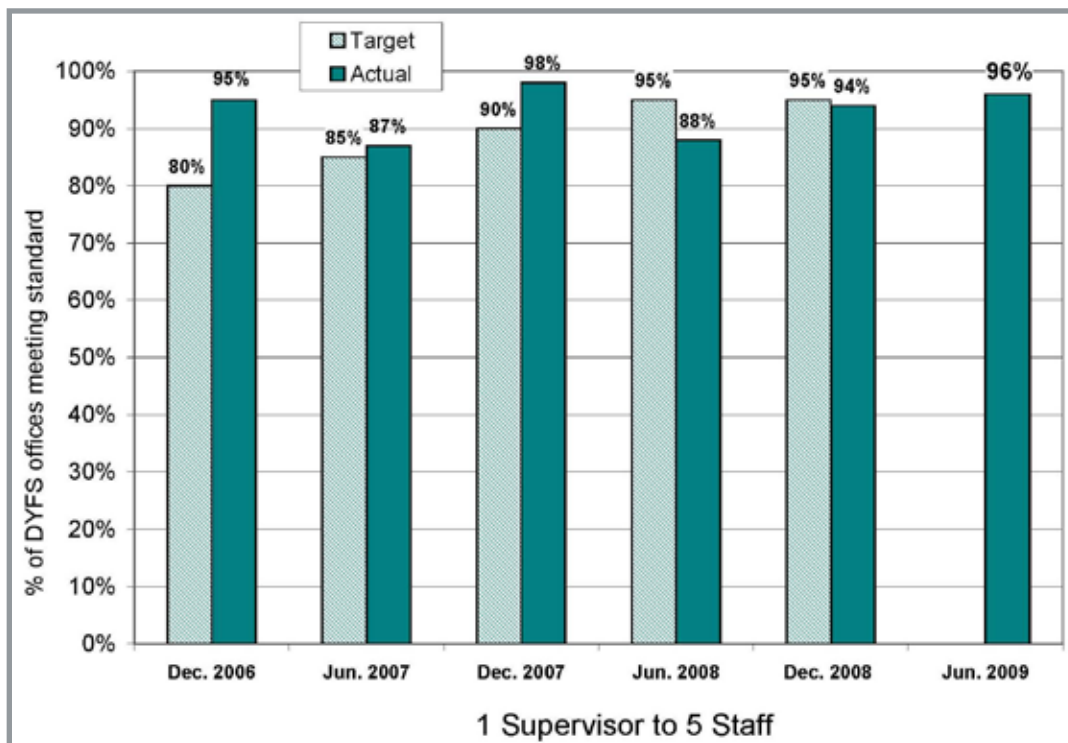


# APPENDIX A: Caseloads

## ADOPTION CASELOADS



## SUPERVISOR RATIOS

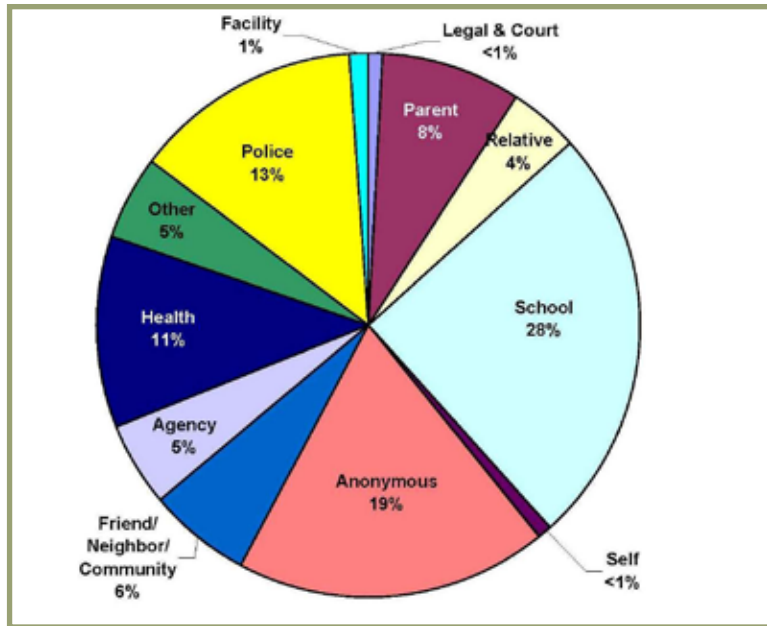


# APPENDIX B: Initial Response

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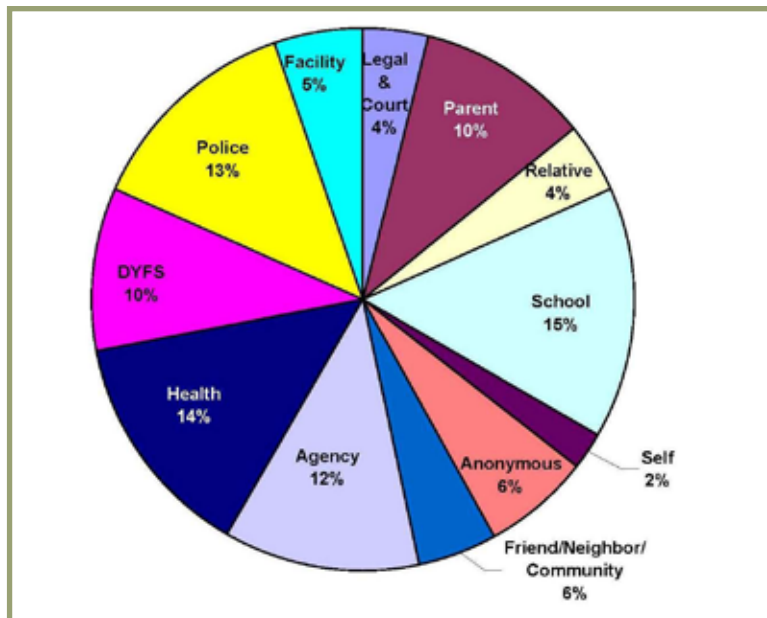
### CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Source of Referral



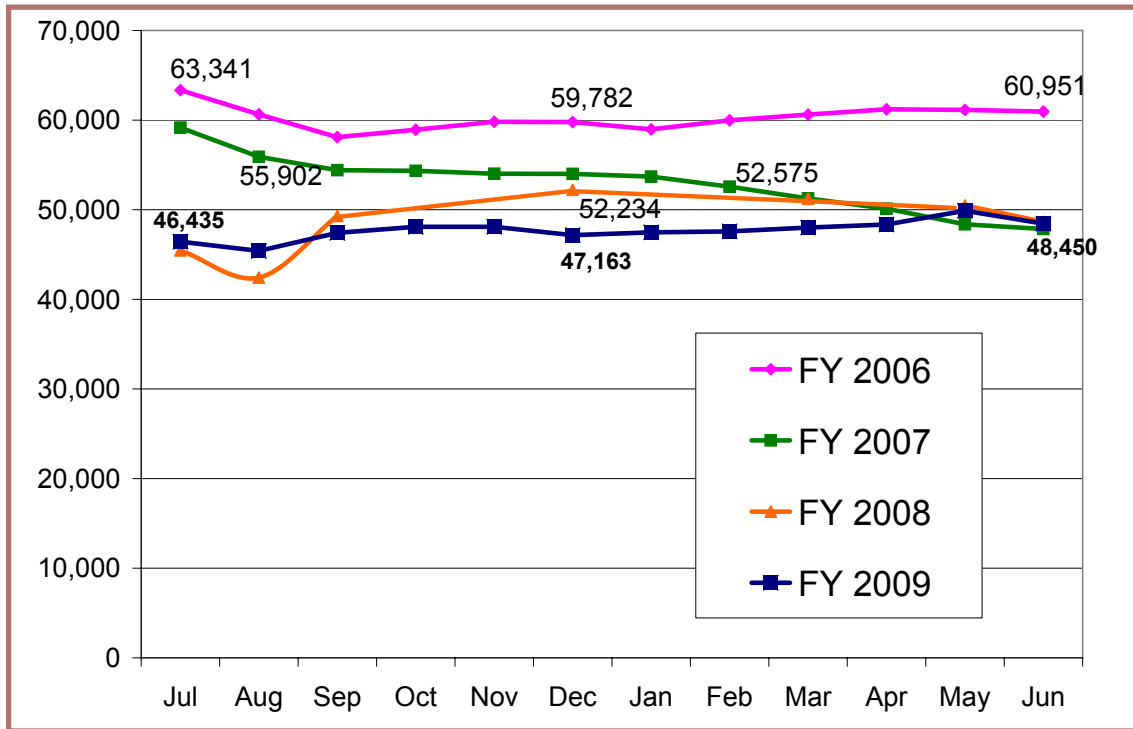
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Source of Referral

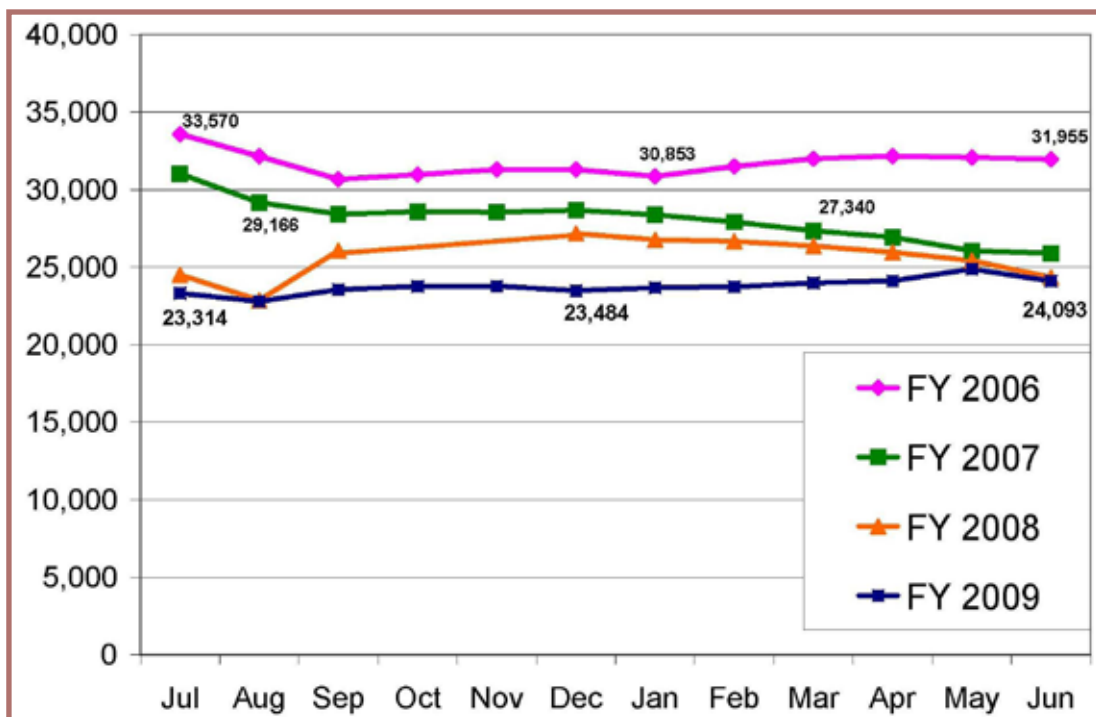


# APPENDIX C: Children Served By DYFS

## All Children Served by DYFS FY 2006 - FY 2009



## All Families Supervised by DYFS FY 2006 - FY 2009





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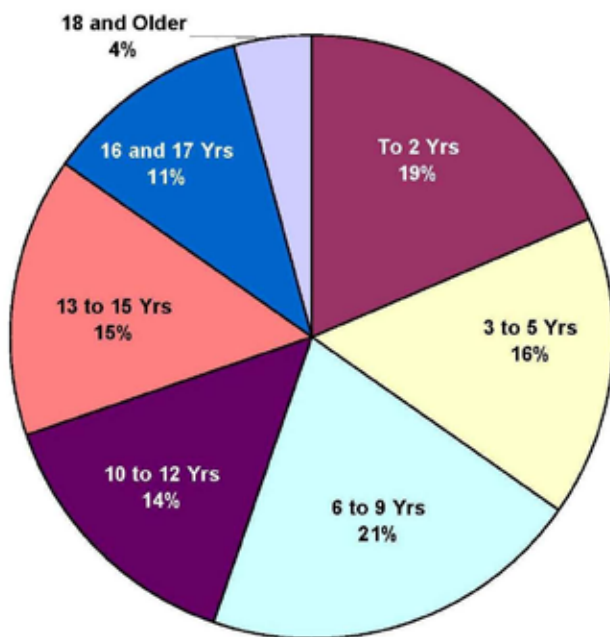
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As of June 2009

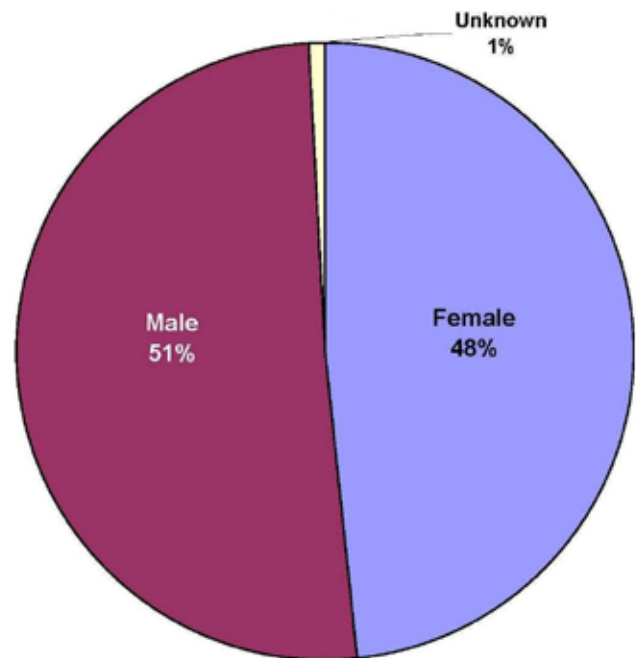
All Children Served by DYFS

Total: 48,450

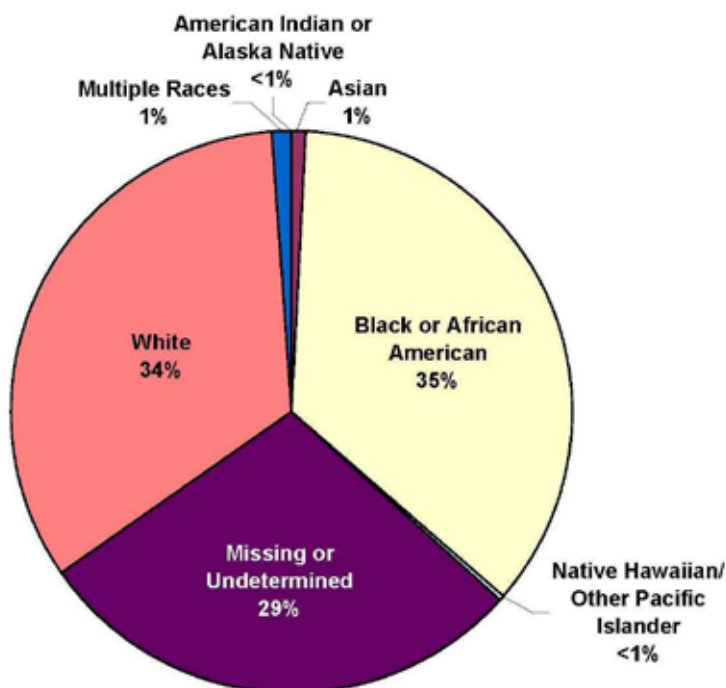
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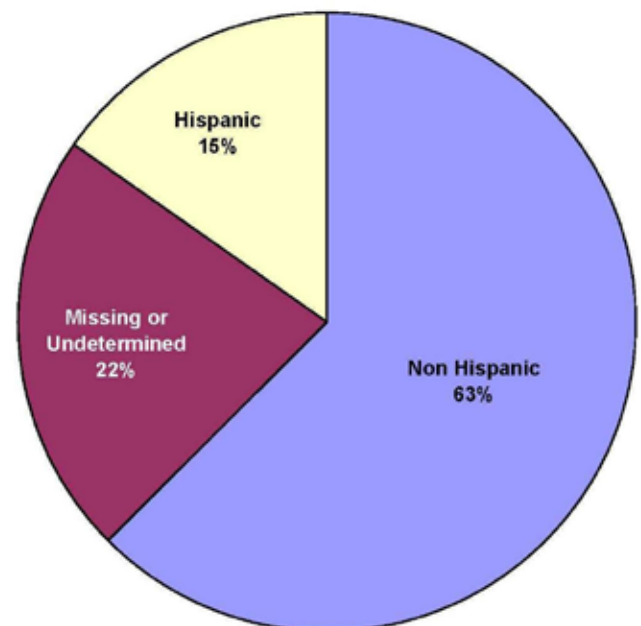
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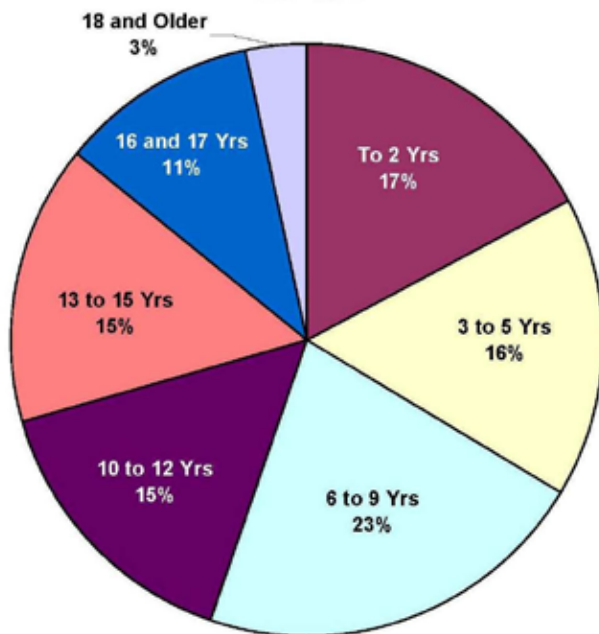
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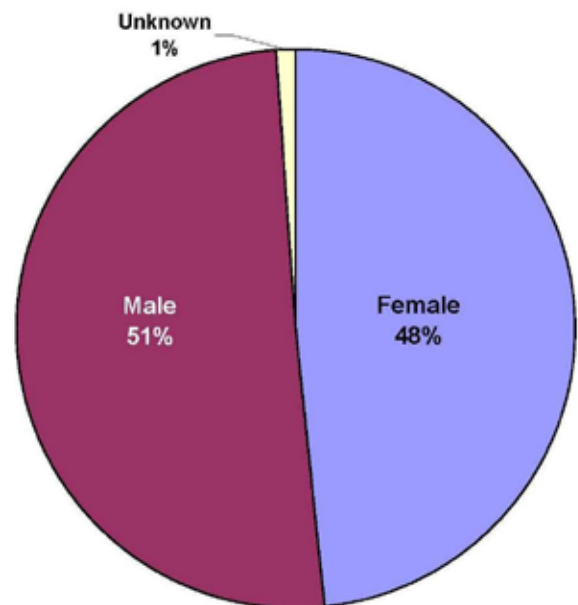
Children In Own Homes Receiving DYFS Services

Total: 39,847

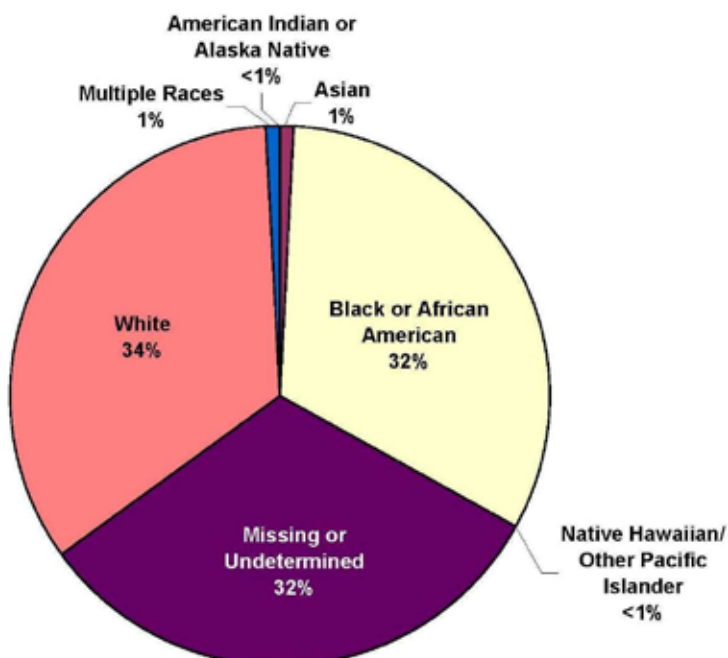
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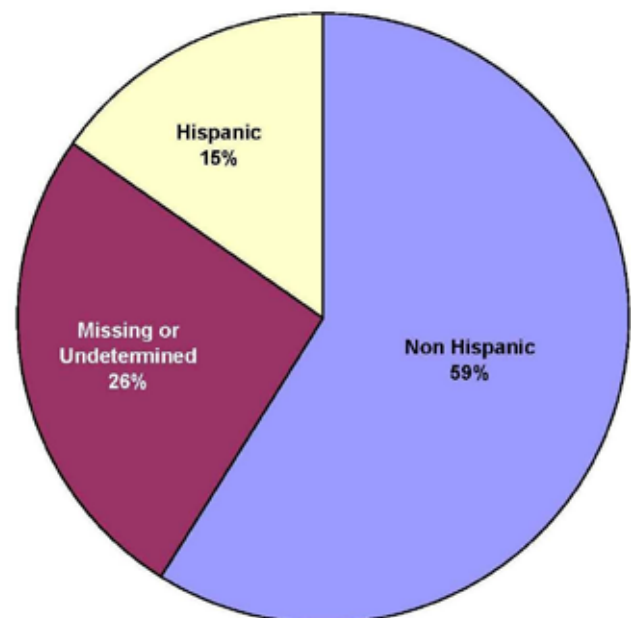
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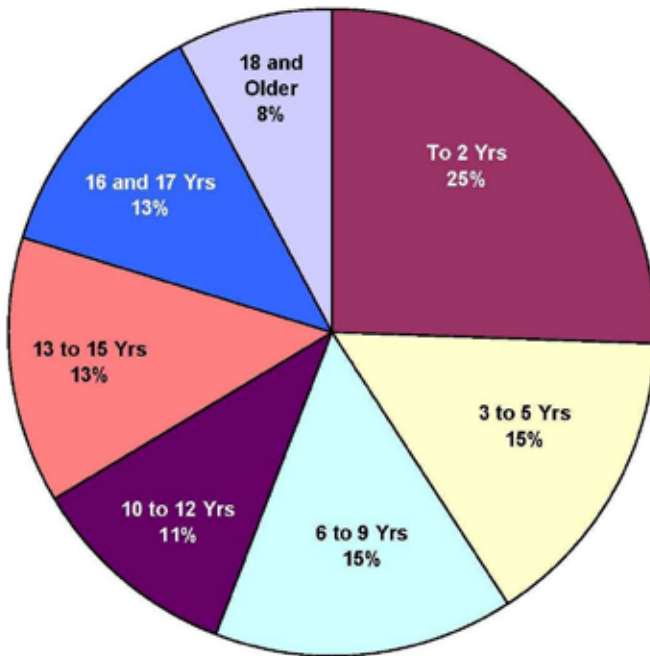
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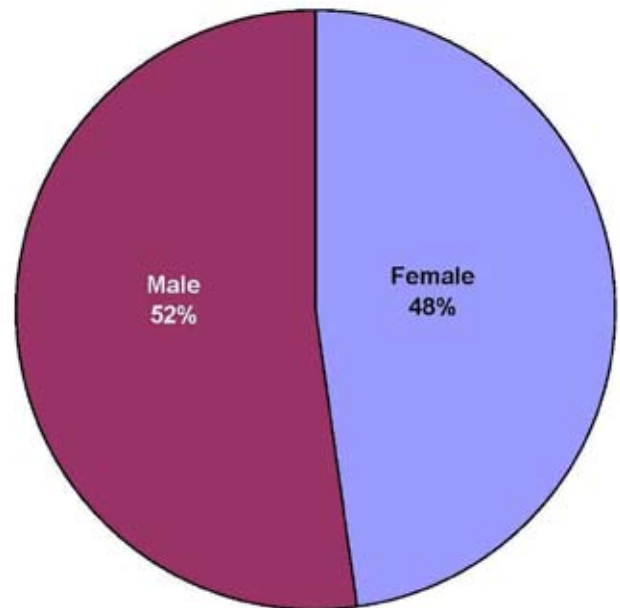
Children in DYFS Out-of-Home Placement

Total: 8,603

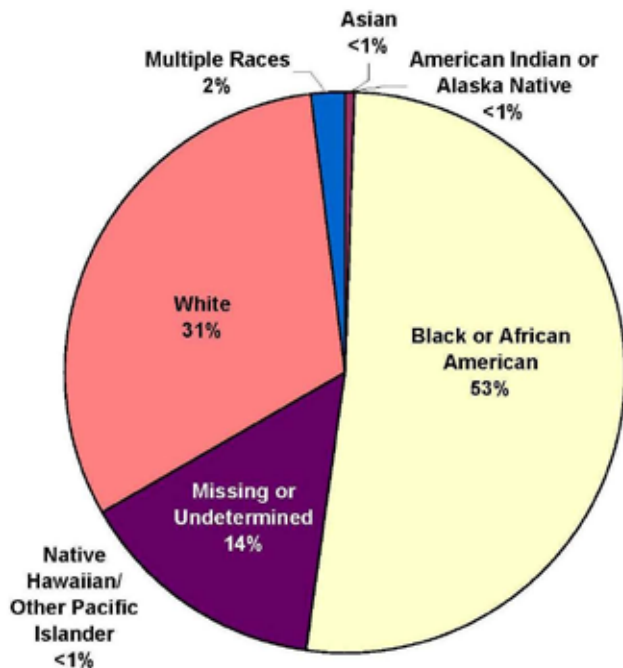
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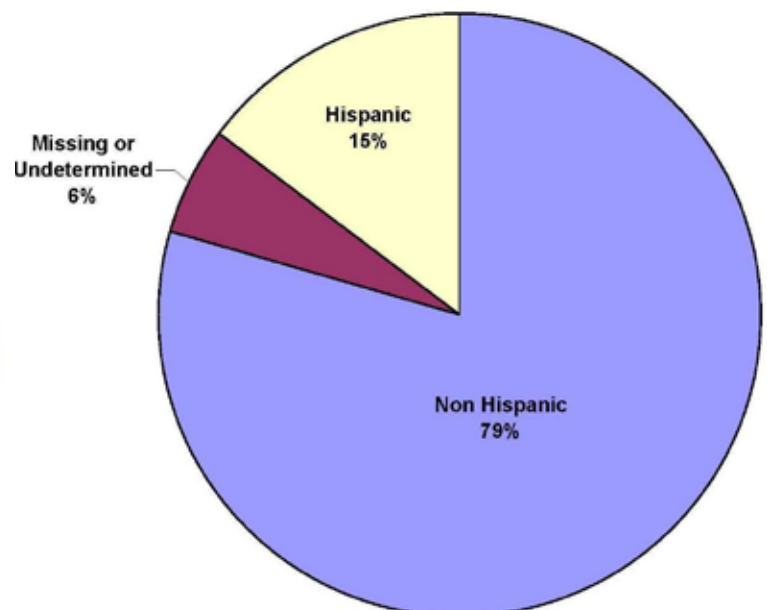
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# APPENDIX C: Children Served By DYFS

## DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

<b>Children in Out-of-Home Placement By County As of June 30, 2009</b>	
<b>County</b>	<b># of Children</b>
Atlantic	293
Bergen	305
Burlington	312
Camden	723
Cape May	168
Cumberland	268
Essex	1875
Gloucester	304
Hudson	716
Hunterdon	31
Mercer	448
Middlesex	433
Monmouth	418
Morris	185
Ocean	489
Passaic	452
Salem	120
Somerset	164
Sussex	79
Union	591
Warren	188
<b>Total</b>	<b>8562</b>

# APPENDIX D: Child Behavioral Health

Youth in DYFS Custody in Juvenile  
Detention Post-Disposition Awaiting Placement  
January 2009 - June 2009

<b>Length of waiting time</b>	<b>Number of Youth</b>
0-15 days	10
16-30 days	11
Over 30 days	0