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I. Introduction

This report, *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998: Annual Report*, is the first in a series of annual reports from the Department of Health and Human Services required by the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA). Its purpose is to present data on State performance in meeting the needs of children and families who come into contact with the child welfare system, focusing specifically on the "outcomes," or results, for these children. The outcomes presented in this report were developed by the Department of Health and Human Services (the Department) in consultation with State officials, advocates, and other experts in the field and reflect widely held performance objectives for child welfare program practice. The outcomes follow:

This report establishes the baseline performance of each State for which data are available on each outcome measure and will be the basis for assessing State progress on the measures in the future.

- Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect;
- Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care;
- Increase permanency for children in foster care;
- Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing re-entry;
- Reduce time in foster care to adoption;
- Increase placement stability; and
- Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions.

This introductory chapter depicts the child welfare system as seen through the perspective of children in the system. It also describes the current challenges in child welfare, the Congress' and Department's response to these challenges, and the material that is presented in the remaining sections of this report.

The Faces of Children in Need

Many children enter the child welfare system because they have been abused or neglected by their families. Other children come to the attention of the system because their families have not been able to meet their emotional and developmental needs. Still others, mainly older children, enter the child welfare system because their own behavior makes them unable to live with their families.

Each year, almost 3 million children are alleged to have been abused or neglected, and nearly 1 million are found to have been victims of maltreatment. As of September 30, 1998,

Based on 1997 data from 43 States, more than half of all victims of maltreatment suffered neglect, while almost a quarter suffered physical abuse.

an estimated 560,000 children were living in foster care in the United States. The median length of stay for these children was almost 2 years, and more than one-third of these children had been in foster care for 3 or more years. Approximately 122,000 children were unable to return to their parents' homes and were waiting for new permanent families. (See appendix A for additional national statistics.)

As troubling as these statistics are, the real challenges of child welfare are most clearly illustrated by looking at the experience through the eyes of a child.

> *One day my mother did not come home. I was all alone with my little brother, David. He began to cry and so I carried him around a while. Then we ate something in the kitchen. The next day she still didn't come home. When we had no more food, I went to the neighbors. They called child welfare. We went to foster care, but David went to one family and me to another. I am still waiting for my mother to come get me.* ***Amy, age 11***

> *I have been in foster care for 5 years and been in four foster homes. The last place I lived, I really hated. No one liked me and I didn't like anyone either. I really liked my first family and wish I could go back there. My social worker comes now and then, but she doesn't know what to do with me. I'm going to run away soon.* ***William, age 13***

> *My mom and dad fight a lot. Some days my mother looks real bad. One day a neighbor called the social worker. The social worker came to our apartment and told my parents that all the shouting and yelling wasn't good for us kids. I think that they are going to counseling now. Sometimes the social worker comes to see us to be sure that we are okay. My mom seems happier now.* ***Jimmy, age 8***

> *I was living with my grandmother and my two little brothers. My dad is an addict and I don't know where my mother is. One day a social worker came and took us all away. I am living with a foster family. They treat me real good, even better than my mom did. I miss my brothers and my dad. I am afraid that my brothers will forget me.* ***Patrice, age 9***

As the experiences of these children demonstrate, the complexities of meeting the needs of children present major challenges. Service providers must work to assure the continuity

and stability of foster care placements, reduce the time children spend in foster care, assist parents in resolving problems so children can be reunified, and increase the opportunities for adoption for children in foster care who cannot be safely returned to their own families.

The Challenges Faced by the Child Welfare System

No single agency or group in a community can resolve all of the problems children face. Meeting the needs of these children requires the collective work of many professions, community organizations, and Government agencies. However, public child welfare systems are charged with (1) protecting children who have suffered maltreatment or are at risk for maltreatment and (2) securing permanent living arrangements for children who are unable to live at home. These agencies must ensure that children are safe in their homes, removed if they are not safe, returned to their families if their safety can be assured, or adopted by a new family if returning home is not feasible.

As they work to accomplish these objectives, child welfare professionals face many difficult challenges. They must balance respect for family privacy with the need to protect children from abuse and/or neglect; they must balance children's need for a safe environment with children's need to return to their birth families. They must also balance children's need for connection to their birth families with the possible need to find them safer, alternative families.

Over the past 10 years, there have been a number of high-profile child deaths due to maltreatment and an increase in the number of children in foster care. This has led policymakers, legislators, child welfare administrators, and child advocates to become increasingly concerned that the child welfare system has not been able to strike the right balance between safety and permanency and, hence, has fallen short in meeting children's needs. Fortunately, public debate and concern over the fate of children in child welfare has generated a productive climate of reform as people around the country have begun to address new and innovative ways to focus attention on improved results for children.

A trigger for concern—by the public, the Congress, and the media—is the number of high-profile child deaths across the country.

Responding to the Challenges

In reaction to these and similar challenges, on November 19, 1997, the President signed into law the **Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA)**. This legislation, passed by the Congress with overwhelming bipartisan support, represents an important landmark in

Following the passage of ASFA, the Department held 37 focus group meetings nationwide and convened 10 regional conferences to get early feedback on ASFA implementation issues, including the performance measurement requirements in section 203.

Federal child welfare law. First and foremost, it establishes unequivocally that our national goals for children in the child welfare system are **safety, permanency, and well-being**. It puts into place key provisions to ensure that child safety is the paramount concern in all child welfare decision-making, to shorten the timeframes for making permanency planning decisions, and to promote the adoption of children who cannot safely return to their own homes. Section 203 of ASFA requires, for the first time, the development of a set of outcome measures that can be used to assess the performance of States in achieving the national child welfare system goals. Through ASFA, policymakers and the public have asked for a new level of accountability from public child welfare agencies serving children and families. As a result, States are being asked to demonstrate that their programs have actually made a positive difference in the lives of children.

Section 203 of ASFA also requires the Department to submit two reports to the Congress. *Child Welfare Outcomes 1998: Annual Report* is one of the required reports. The other report, which will be issued later this year, will address performance-based incentive systems for child welfare. (Section 203 can be found in appendix B.)

ASFA's emphasis on outcomes reflects a broader concern with ensuring positive results in the field of child welfare in general. The **Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA)**, P.L.103–62, requires all programs in the Federal Government to develop specific goals and outcome measures on which to assess the performance of Federal agencies. In response to the GPRA requirements, the Department has developed annual performance plans and annual performance reports. Within the Department, the Children's Bureau (the Federal agency with oversight responsibility for State child protection and child welfare programs) identified several key outcomes for monitoring the Children's Bureau's performance, which are included in the Department's annual performance plans and reports. In the future, Federal agency budgets may be linked to their performance on the measures.

A focus on results is also at the heart of the new **Child and Family Services (CFS)** reviews the Department is implementing to assess the performance of State child welfare systems. The new CFS review process was published in a final rule in the *Federal Register* (65 FR 4020–4093) on January 25, 2000. The reviews use statewide data indicators and qualitative information, obtained from intensive on-site reviews, to determine State

achievement in two areas: (1) outcomes for children and families in the areas of safety, permanency, and well-being; and (2) systemic factors that directly impact the State's capacity to deliver services that support improved outcomes. Unlike previous review systems, which focused exclusively on procedural compliance, States now will be required to demonstrate that children and families served by the child welfare system are experiencing positive results.

All 50 States and the District of Columbia will participate in a Child and Family Services review over the next 4 years.

To the extent possible, the statewide data indicators used in the CFS reviews have been coordinated with the child welfare outcome measures found in chapter II of this report, such as the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care, length of time to achieve adoption and reunification, and stability of foster care placements. Because a State's performance in the CFS review is linked to its performance on these outcome measures, future annual reports will identify State CFS review results.

In a number of programs, Federal funding is being tied to successful State performance. For instance, the **Adoption Incentive Program,** also authorized by ASFA and first recommended by President Clinton as part of the Adoption 2002 initiative to double the annual number of children adopted from foster care, provides per-child financial incentives to States that succeed in increasing the number of children adopted from foster care.

Thirty-five States qualified for $42,510,000 in adoption bonuses for their FY 1998 performance.

Another important part of current Federal-State efforts to reform child welfare is the **Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Program**, authorized under section 1130 of the Social Security Act (the Act) and expanded and extended to FY 2002 under ASFA. These demonstrations involve the waiver of certain requirements of titles IV–B and IV–E of the Act that govern foster care, adoption assistance, independent living, child welfare services, promoting safe and stable families, and related expenses for title IV–E program administration, training, and automated systems. The program allows States the flexibility to use existing funds to develop creative approaches to achieve permanency for children. The States can design and demonstrate a wide range of approaches to improve and reform child welfare. The demonstrations have specific program goals and outcome measures, which collectively are aimed at improving

As of September 1999, 21 States and the District of Columbia had received approval for 24 child welfare waiver demonstration projects.

permanency outcomes for children. Here too, Federal-State efforts are working to ensure that innovations in financing and service delivery actually result in improved outcomes for children and families.

Through the new CFS reviews and these other efforts, the Department is supporting a shift to an outcomes focus. This report is part of that effort. It is framed by the overriding mission of child welfare to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of America's most vulnerable children.

Child Welfare Outcomes 1998: Annual Report

Child Welfare Outcomes 1998: Annual Report is the first of its kind. Although many States have begun to use data to report outcomes, this is the first attempt to report outcomes in child welfare on a national scale. While the Department is excited about the opportunity to improve the lives of children through outcome measurement, it recognizes that outcome measurement in child welfare is still in its infancy. Future reports will incorporate refinements and enhancements—in addition to analysis of trends—to reflect advances in outcome measurement in child welfare.

This report is organized into five chapters. Following this introductory chapter, chapter II presents the seven outcomes, the measures for each outcome, and the rationale for the selection of each of the measures. Chapter III describes the data sources used for measuring State performance on the outcomes. Chapter IV presents key findings resulting from this first year's effort and includes a summary of the best available State data on the outcome measures. Chapter V presents the individual State data pages. The State data pages consist of two pages of context data and three pages of outcome measures. Some States have included an optional page of commentary on their data as well.

II. The Development of the Outcome Measures

The national goals of **safety, permanency, and well-being** provide the framework for the development of the outcome measures. The Department broadly defines the goal of safety as the protection of children from abuse or neglect in their own homes or in foster care. Permanency is conceptualized as children having stable and consistent living situations (such as living with their families, living with adoptive families, or living with legal guardians), continuity of family relationships, and community connections. Well-being is defined as families having the capacity to provide for their children's needs, children having educational opportunities and achievements appropriate to their abilities, and children receiving physical and mental health services adequate to meet their needs.

Every child deserves a safe, permanent, and loving family.

Although there is general consensus among child welfare professionals and advocates that child safety, permanency, and well-being are valid goals, there were no previously established national outcome measures to assess performance related to them. To meet this need and respond to the congressional directive in section 203 of the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA), the Department established a consultation group to help in the development of outcome measures. This group included representatives from State, Tribal, county, and municipal child welfare agencies; private nonprofit child and family services agencies; State legislatures; Governors' offices; juvenile and family courts; local child advocacy organizations; and a national public employees' union. The Department also invited representatives from national organizations to serve as resources to the consultation group. A list of the consultation group members and the representatives of the resource organizations can be found in appendix C of this report.

During the fall of 1998, the Department engaged the consultation group in a series of discussions that resulted in four principles that guided the development of the child welfare outcome measures presented in this report. This chapter describes the four principles, gives the rationale for selection of the outcome measures, and introduces contextual information that is used to aid in interpreting each State's performance on the outcome measures.

Guiding Principles

In sharing their experiences and opinions, the consultation group identified a number of key issues that have important implications for using outcomes to assess the performance

of State child welfare systems. As a result of these discussions, the Department established the following principles:

- **The outcome measures should reflect performance that is to a large extent within the control of State child welfare systems**. It is difficult to identify outcomes that can be linked solely to child welfare system operations because of the dependency of child welfare on the functioning of many other systems. The outcomes related to safety, permanency, and well-being are significantly influenced by factors beyond the control of a child welfare agency. For example, the capacity and functioning of juvenile or family court systems, juvenile justice systems, law enforcement systems, mental health services, and substance abuse treatment systems in a State or community significantly affect a child welfare agency's ability to impact outcomes in the areas of safety, permanency, and well-being for the children it serves. In addition, economic conditions or the extent of substance abuse problems in a community can increase the number of children who are unsafe in their own homes or reduce the number of children who can be safely returned to their families once they have been removed from their homes.

It is critical that communities establish cohesive systems of supports for children and their families.

- **The outcome measures should be assessed in ways that limit the potential for misinterpretation.** Determining the meaning of changes in State performance is complex. Such changes can be the result of other influencing factors and/or imbalances in the child welfare system. Basically, positive or negative changes must be viewed in relation to other conditions in the State. For example, an increase in the number of child abuse and/or neglect reports could be the result of an economic downturn or an increase in the extent of substance abuse problems in a community. Equally important is for States to focus attention on strengthening all parts of the system to ensure a balanced approach to systems performance. This will result in (1) better decisions for the children and families who come into contact with the child welfare agency and (2) improved performance on the outcome measures overall. Conversely, if a State focuses on improving one part of its system such as reducing the time children spend in foster care, the State may achieve the desired goal but negatively impact some other part of the system, e.g., increase the rate of re-entry of children into foster care.

The challenge of ensuring a balanced approach to improving all parts of a State's child welfare system is to understand the magnitude of changes that the State must make.

- **The outcome measures should be used to assess the continuous improvement of each State over time, rather than compare the performance of States with one another**. Comparison across States on their performance on the outcome measures is difficult due to variations in State population demographics, programs, and policies and must be undertaken with great care. State performance is better assessed by tracking a State's own continuous improvement over time. Some useful factors in considering State variations may include the proportion of children in poverty in each State; the State's definition of abuse and/or neglect; the State's standards that prompt the removal of children from their homes and the decision to return them home; the resources available in the community to meet the needs of children and families; the resources allocated by the State to the child welfare system to develop and test innovative strategies to attain desired outcomes; and the internal capacity of the child welfare agency in terms of staffing, caseload size, and other factors.

In future years, the Annual Report will be designed to provide trend data that compare a State's current performance to its performance in past years.

- **Outcome measures should be based on data that are available through existing data collection systems in order to limit the reporting burden on the States.** There have been great advances at the State and Federal Government levels in collecting, analyzing, and reporting child welfare data, using the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS). This is evident by the number of States reporting data in this first annual report. Despite this progress, a significant number of States are in the process of improving their data collection capabilities through the design and implementation of new and improved Statewide Automated Child Welfare Systems (SACWIS). As a result, many State SACWIS systems are still developing and being refined, which means that the national collection and reporting of data to support measuring some or all of the outcomes are not yet available for all States. The Department is confident that State data will continue to improve each year and in subsequent annual reports and is providing assistance to States on developing and implementing their SACWIS systems, in addition to assistance on improving the quality of their data submissions on the outcome measures.

The outcome measures have been designed and calculated using two national data collection systems currently in operation, the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS).

The Final List of Outcomes and Measures

Within the context of the above principles, the Department published a preliminary list of child welfare outcomes and measures in the *Federal Register* for public comment on February 2, 1999. Based on an analysis of the comments received in response to this notice, numerous changes were made to the preliminary list. On August 20, 1999, the Department published a final list of outcomes and measures in the *Federal Register*. The final list, which is presented below, forms the basis for this first annual report and for subsequent annual reports to the Congress on the performance of States in operating child welfare programs.

The final list of outcomes and measures does not encompass all areas of State child welfare functioning. It does, however, capture essential performance features related to the goals of safety and permanency. Outcomes relevant to the well-being of children served by the system, such as children's physical health, mental health, and educational status, are not included in the current set because existing national child welfare data systems do not collect these data. However, the Department is committed to developing outcomes and measures relevant to child well-being in the future, particularly those pertaining to the health and educational status of children in foster care. (See appendix D for a list of the child welfare outcomes and measures.)

The Department plans to initiate activities related to the development of child well-being outcome measures in 2000.

The outcomes and measures pertaining to safety and permanency, as well as the rationale for their inclusion in this report, are described below.

Safety Outcomes

Safety-related outcomes are intended to assess a State child welfare system's effectiveness in protecting children from abuse or neglect in their own homes and in foster care. A system may be viewed as achieving the objective of child safety if, at a minimum, it (1) reduces the rate of recurrence of abuse or neglect of children who come into contact with the child welfare agency and (2) reduces and even eliminates harm to children by foster parents and institutional staff.

These requirements are reflected in the following safety outcomes:

The safety of children is the paramount concern that must guide all child welfare decision-making.

Child Welfare Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect. While State child welfare agencies are required to work toward the prevention of child abuse and neglect, they cannot be held directly accountable for the rate of occurrence of initial, substantiated child abuse and neglect. Other factors influence the initial rate of occurrence such as the extent of substance abuse problems in the community and the capacity of substance abuse treatment centers to deal with these problems. However, State child welfare agencies can and should be held accountable for the rate of recurrence of substantiated or indicated maltreatment. Once an allegation of initial child abuse and/or neglect is substantiated or indicated, State child welfare agencies and courts must ensure the safety of children by providing quality services to enable families in crisis to address problems. It is only when timely and intensive services are provided to families that agencies and courts can make informed decisions about the parents' ability to protect and care for their children. Based on this premise, the following measure was developed:

> Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the reporting period, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 12-month period?

Child Welfare Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care. State child welfare agencies have a responsibility for ensuring that children are not abused or neglected by their caregivers while under the placement and care responsibility of the State, either in a family foster home, group home, or institutional setting. The measure pertaining to this outcome follows:

> Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the reporting period, what percentage was the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff?

The Department recognizes that safety is a paramount consideration in all decisions affecting children who come into contact with child welfare agencies. It also recognizes that the vast majority of these children do not enter foster care and, therefore, is interested in exploring additional outcome measures to understand what happens to these children and their families. Two questions are of particular concern: What services do children who do not come into foster care receive? How does the quality of their lives, particularly the

Child welfare safety measures 1.1 and 2.1 and permanency measures 4.1, 4.2, 5.1, and 6.1 have been incorporated into the Department's new results-focused monitoring process, the Child and Family Services (CFS) review.

risk of continued maltreatment, change as a result of these services? These questions will be carefully considered in determining the outcomes to be added in the future.

Permanency Outcomes

Permanency for children in foster care has been a key child welfare system goal since passage of the Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980 (P.L. 96–272). In seeking to achieve this goal, child welfare agencies must focus their efforts on ensuring that children do not stay in foster care longer than needed. Foster care is a temporary setting and not a place for children to grow up. Permanency may be achieved when a child is reunified with his or her family, placed with a legal guardian, or adopted. For the five permanency outcomes described below, the term "foster care" refers to all out-of-home care arrangements for children under the placement and care responsibility of the State child welfare agency.

The outcomes and measures developed to assess permanency are based on the belief that a system's effectiveness in attaining permanency for children is not measured solely by the number of adoptions, reunifications, and legal guardianships. Effectiveness also depends on the timeliness of achieving these actions and how lasting they are—i.e., the children do not re-enter the foster care system. In addition, the permanency measures address the child welfare system's effectiveness in attaining permanency for children of color, children with disabilities, and adolescents.

The permanency outcomes are presented below:

Child Welfare Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care. This outcome reflects a fundamental goal of the child welfare system to attain permanency for children in foster care, either by returning them to their original family or finding a new family when they cannot return home. In effect, child welfare agencies seek to minimize the number of children who "grow up" in foster care—i.e., those children who enter foster care when they are young and leave through emancipation. Furthermore, States should hold themselves accountable to be equally successful in attaining permanency for all children under their placement and care responsibility, including children of color, children with disabilities, and adolescents. These children are often considered as having special needs and have historically spent longer periods of time in foster care than other children.

The following measures draw attention to improvements that may be needed to achieve permanence for these populations:

Measure 3.1: For all children who exited foster care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.2: For children who exited foster care and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.3: For children who exited foster care and were age 12 or older at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Permanency planning efforts for children should begin as soon as a child enters foster care and should be expedited by the provision of services to families.

Measure 3.4: For all children who exited foster care, what percentage by racial/ethnic category left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.5: Of all children exiting foster care to emancipation, what percentage was age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care?

Child Welfare Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing re-entry. When it is necessary to remove a child from the home, the focus of service delivery should be on safely reunifying the family as soon as possible, if appropriate. Yet, returning children to their families too quickly may increase, in some instances, the risk of harm and re-entries into foster care. Because of this concern, children should only be returned home when the agency is certain that the risk of harm to the child has been minimized. In effect, the agency's decision to return the child home should be viewed as returning the child to a safe, permanent arrangement. The two measures developed for this outcome assess how quickly children are returned to their families and the rate at which children re-enter foster care. The measures for this outcome follow:

Foster care is a temporary setting and not a place for children to grow up.

Measure 4.1: Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percentage was reunified in the following time periods?

(1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
(2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
(3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months

(4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
(5) 48 or more months

Measure 4.2: Of all children who entered foster care during the reporting period, what percentage re-entered care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode?

Child Welfare Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption. Children who cannot be reunified with their families and who have a goal of adoption should be placed with a new family as quickly as possible. Because of the social service and legal procedures involved in adoption, it is unusual for an adoption to be finalized in less than 24 months from when the child enters foster care, even for very young children. Also, because many prospective adoptive parents prefer to adopt young children, older children are at an increased risk of remaining in the foster care system. Children who are 3 years of age or older when they enter foster care have a lower probability of being adopted than children who are younger than 3 when they enter foster care. Hence, special attention should be given to improving the time to adoption for children who are 3 years of age or older when they enter foster care. Lastly, the Department strongly urges child welfare agencies and court systems to work collaboratively to improve the adoption time frames for all children. The specific measures for this outcome follow:

Measure 5.1: Of all children who exited foster care to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in the following time periods?

(1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
(2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
(3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
(4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
(5) 48 or more months

Measure 5.2: Of all children who exited foster care to a finalized adoption and who were age 3 or older at the time of entry into care, what percentage exited care in the following time periods?

(1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
(2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
(3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
(4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
(5) 48 or more months

Child Welfare Outcome 6: Increase placement stability. Children should experience stability in their foster care placements to minimize any further disruption in their lives. The Department believes that, ideally, children should experience only one foster care placement that lasts until the child leaves foster care and that the child welfare agency should provide adequate supports to the foster family and the child to prevent disruption of the placement. However, many jurisdictions use short-term, emergency foster care placements when a child is removed from his or her home because of a family crisis. Therefore, jurisdictions that use emergency foster care placements would always report an additional placement for children. Thus, this measure examines how many children experience two or fewer placements during the time that they are in foster care rather than one.

Children need stability in family settings while they are in foster care.

Measure 6.1: Of all children served who had been in foster care for the time periods listed below, what percentage had no more than two placement settings during that time period?

(1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
(2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
(3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
(4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
(5) 48 or more months

Child Welfare Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions. This outcome reflects the requirement at 475(5)A of the Social Security Act to place children in the least restrictive environments, e.g., family foster homes. It is acknowledged that a group home placement setting may be appropriate when the child's needs dictate this type of placement. However, the Department believes that such placements should only be considered after other less restrictive and/or more family-like options have been seriously pursued. The Department believes, even more so, that children under 12 should not be placed in these settings because of the benefits of a stable and loving family, and that States should take steps to reduce the number of young children who are placed in group homes or institutions. The measure designed to assess this outcome is as follows:

Measure 7.1: For all children who entered foster care during the reporting period and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage was placed in a group home or an institution?

The CFS reviews will examine in greater detail the factors that influence State achievement on the outcome measures and the contextual information. The results of these reviews will be included in future annual reports.

Context Information

The consultation group suggested that it was important to develop information for understanding the context of each State's performance on the outcome measures. Discussion centered on the types of information that would be most useful in providing the reader with an overview of the State's child welfare system, while at the same time showing some variations among State programs. The importance of selecting context information that was available from existing Federal data sources, rather than burdening States with additional reporting requirements, was also emphasized. The context information used in this report includes demographics on each State's general population, the number of children reported to child protective services, the number of children in foster care, the number of children waiting to be adopted at the end of the fiscal year, and the number of children adopted during the fiscal year.

The Department believes significant progress has been made in defining appropriate child welfare outcomes and measures and wishes to take this opportunity to thank the members of the consultation group for sharing their time and expertise in the development of this first national set of outcome measures. The Department believes, however, that it will need to monitor the outcome measures over the next several years to ensure that they do, in fact, provide a framework for assessing State performance in achieving the national goals of safety and permanency. And, of course, the Department remains committed to developing child well-being measures to assess whether the child welfare system meets the health, educational, and other needs of children.

III. Federal Data Sources

To know whether State child welfare agencies are achieving the desired outcomes of safety and permanency for children, the data used to measure these outcomes must be accurate and reliable. Only with such data can all those concerned with the welfare of children—parents, social workers, administrators, attorneys, judges, legislators, Federal and State officials, and the public—make informed decisions regarding the children served by the child welfare system, the programs designed to help children and families, and the policies that establish the mandates for services.

This chapter provides an overview of the States' capacities to collect and report child welfare data and briefly summarizes the data sources that were used for this report.

State Capacity to Collect and Report on Child Welfare Outcomes

Over the past several years, State child welfare agencies have made great strides in collecting and analyzing child welfare data and in reporting these data to the Federal Government. States have been assisted in this endeavor in a number of ways. The Congress, through the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993, provided 3 years of enhanced Federal funding to States to modernize and expand their data collection capabilities through the design of new and improved **Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information Systems (SACWIS)**. Even though the period of enhanced Federal funding has ended, States may still improve their child welfare information systems and claim 50 percent of their expenditures as title IV–E administrative costs.

In spite of the development of new data collection infrastructures, State capacity to collect and report valid data in a nationally consistent format continues to be a challenge. As States transition from older, payment-focused systems to more

As of May 2000, there were 22 fully operational SACWIS systems; 18 systems were being implemented; and 6 were in the planning and design stages.

Operational Systems: Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming.

Implementation Phase: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Wisconsin.

Planning Phase: Alaska, Georgia, Kansas, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio.

comprehensive, child-focused systems, State agencies face difficult decisions as to how best to implement the new systems while still addressing everyday work requirements. For example, workers need to be trained; manuals need to be revised; and paper and automated information systems need to be synchronized. The reality is that some States are still in the process of converting their data to their SACWIS systems and may not have been able to supply all of the data elements for the outcome measures used in this report.

Data Sources for the Outcome Measures

Information for this report has been compiled from several data sources. The report uses 1997 population estimates from the Census Bureau to provide general, contextual information for each State, such as the total number of children younger than 18 years of age in the State. The majority of data used in this report has been extracted from two national child welfare reporting systems: the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), which collects data on child maltreatment, and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), which collects data on foster care and adoption. These data collection systems are briefly described below. See appendix E for a list of the data elements that have been used for the contextual information and the outcome measures.

In response to the 1988 amendments to the Child Abuse and Prevention Treatment Act (CAPTA), the Department developed the voluntary **National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)**. The NCANDS has two components: the Summary Data Component (SDC), which collects State aggregate data on key child maltreatment indicators, and the Detailed Case Data Component (DCDC), which collects case-level data on children in all reports alleging child abuse and/or neglect. Both components collect data on an annual basis.

The ninth annual report on child maltreatment was published by the Department in June 2000.

Almost all States submit data to the SDC. Recent amendments to CAPTA require States that receive the CAPTA State Child Abuse and Neglect Grant (the Basic State Grant) to report, to the maximum extent practicable, a number of data elements on child maltreatment, which have been incorporated into the SDC. Forty-nine States submitted data to the SDC for 1997. The participation in the voluntary DCDC has been more gradual. In 1997, 16 States reported to the DCDC. It is anticipated that as States fully implement their SACWIS systems, participation will increase in the coming years.

The Department expects additional States to report DCDC case-level data for 1998.

In 1986, Congress added section 479 of the Social Security Act, directing the Department to establish and implement a system for the collection of comprehensive adoption and foster care data in the United States. After an extensive assessment of the ability of States to provide such data, the **Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS)** was designed and implemented. Data are reported twice a year. The first reporting period was October 1, 1994, through March 31, 1995.

AFCARS consists of two databases: the Foster Care Database and the Adoption Database. States submit case-level data to the Foster Care Database on all children in out-of-home care who are under placement, care, and supervision of the State child welfare agency. States also submit case-level data to the Adoption Database on all children adopted with State child welfare agency involvement. These include children in foster care and other children who received services from the child welfare system.

This report uses data from the 1998 Annual Foster Care Database and the 1998 Annual Adoption Database. The programming logic used to unduplicate and merge the 6-month submissions into annual databases can be accessed on-line at the Children's Bureau's website, located at **http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb**. Data from 41 States are included in the 1998 Annual Foster Care Database, and data from 49 States make up the 1998 Annual Adoption Database.

No additional reporting burden has been placed on the States in compiling data for this report.

Because this report uses these two established national data sources, the NCANDS and the AFCARS, all 50 States plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have data on some elements.

To assist the States in improving the quality of their data submissions, the Department is providing technical assistance through the newly established National Resource Center on Information Technology in Child Welfare and through the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) Development, Implementation, and Technical Assistance Program. The Department is confident that through these collaborative efforts, State data capacity will continue to improve, and data from more States will be incorporated into future annual reports.

IV. Key Findings and Implications

The circumstances that bring children to the attention of the child welfare system are often unique, complex, and multi-dimensional. Diagnosing child maltreatment, providing appropriate services, and helping parents meet their responsibilities to protect and nurture their children involve collecting and using detailed information from many people and sources. Each child welfare agency, and its partners in providing services, must be held accountable to measure, report, and track results for the children they serve.

As the Federal agency with oversight responsibility for State child welfare programs, the Department must ensure that States provide quality services that result in positive outcomes for children and families. The 1998 Annual Summary of State Child Welfare Data (Annual Summary), found at the end of this chapter, provides detailed contextual information and performance data for 30 States with the best data available on the national set of outcome measures. The chapter describes the criteria used in selecting the 30 States for inclusion in the Annual Summary. It discusses some key findings based on the aggregate performance of these 30 States, and highlights their implications for policy and practice in child welfare, and it concludes with a presentation of the Annual Summary.

The availability and quality of data are critical factors in measuring outcomes for children in the child welfare system.

Criteria for Inclusion of State Data in the Annual Summary

The Annual Summary presents a picture of the status of children receiving services from State child welfare agencies, based on a sample of 30 States with the most comprehensive data submissions to the NCANDS and AFCARS. The 30 States were selected based on the following criteria:

- Data on the majority of the outcome measures must have been provided. A State must have provided data for at least 9 of the 13 outcome measures.
- Data for most of Outcome 3.1, Exits from Foster Care, must have been provided. A State must have provided data for at least 70 percent of all exits of children from foster care and included data on exits to adoption.

Appendix F indicates which States have data included in the Annual Summary for each contextual element and outcome measure. It also indicates which States are not included in the Annual Summary, but have data included on their State pages. In effect, some elements have data from more than 30 States.

In the coming years, it is anticipated that State data submissions will improve and data from more States will be included in future annual summaries, resulting in data that are more comparable to national statistics.

Because the contextual information in the Annual Summary is based on a sample of 30 States, the data should not be regarded as national statistics. For example, highlights from *Child Maltreatment 1997* in appendix A show more complete information from more States on child maltreatment victims than the Annual Summary. Similarly, the FY 1998 AFCARS Report, also in appendix A, reports data from more States and shows many more children in foster care on September 30, 1998, than the Annual Summary.

Findings Based on the Contextual Information

The first two pages of the Annual Summary provide contextual information for the 30 States. Some key findings from the contextual part of the Annual Summary follow:

- In 1997, there were 485,870 child victims of maltreatment in these 30 States. In *Child Maltreatment 1997*, it was estimated that there were 984,000 victims of maltreatment nationwide.
- In these 30 States, more than half of the child victims suffered neglect (56%). A fifth of the child victims (20%) were victims of physical abuse; 12 percent experienced sexual abuse.
- In FY 1998, 153,168 children entered foster care in these States. Forty-one percent of these children were 11 years of age or older. The FY 1998 AFCARS Report estimates that there were 286,000 children entering foster care nationwide, and 40 percent were 11 years of age or older.
- The median length of stay of the children who exited care was 10.8 months. The median length of stay of children in care on September 30, 1998, was 22.2 months.
- African American and Alaska Native/American Indian children were over-represented in the foster care system. African American children were 17 percent of the general population, but 48 percent of the children in foster care at the end of FY 1998. Alaska Native/American Indian children were 1 percent of the general population and 2 percent of the children in foster care at the end of FY 1998.

- In these 30 States, 23,523 children were adopted. Almost half of the children adopted were African American. The FY 1998 AFCARS Report estimates that there were 36,000 children adopted from the public child welfare system nationwide, and 46 percent were African American.

Findings and Policy Implications Based on the Outcome Measures

The Annual Summary presents performance data for the 30 States. Some fundamental questions were developed in order to frame the findings from the Annual Summary and discuss the policy and practice implications of these findings:

1. **How many children are repeat victims of maltreatment?**

   Eleven percent of child victims of maltreatment were estimated to have been victims of at least one additional incident of maltreatment within 12 months.

   The State child protective services (CPS) agency must ensure that the child's safety is the paramount concern in all decision-making. The CPS agency must make every effort to utilize assessment tools to determine the dangers to the child and the family, the problems precipitating those dangers, and the families who are most likely to re-abuse their children. The CPS agency should make accessible, timely, and appropriate services available to these families and children and evaluate the results of these interventions before deciding to close the case.

2. **Is permanency being achieved for children under the placement and care responsibility of State child welfare agencies?**

   Eighty-two percent of children exiting foster care left to permanent placements: 66 percent were reunified with their families or other relatives, 14 percent were adopted, and 2 percent had legal guardians appointed.

   While most of the children who exit foster care achieve permanency, some children do not. State child welfare agencies should take steps to achieve permanency for all of the children under their placement and care and ensure that these children grow up in safe, stable families.

3. Is permanency being established for children of different races and ethnicities?

Racial and ethnic differences in the percentage of children who exited to permanent placements were relatively small: 80 percent of African American children exited to permanency compared to 82 percent of Hispanic children, 82 percent of Alaska Native/American Indian children, and 83 percent of Caucasian children.

Approximately four-fifths of all children leaving foster care, regardless of race or ethnicity, exit to permanent settings. However, the contextual data from the 30 States show that African American and Alaska Native/American Indian children are over-represented in foster care. For example, African American children comprised 17 percent of the general population, but 48 percent of the children in foster care at the end of FY 1998; Alaska Native/American Indian children were 1 percent of the general population and 2 percent of the children in foster care during the same period.

States should work to develop and/or reinforce community supports for families that are designed to address cultural differences and increase parental child rearing competencies to help parents overcome abusive behavior toward their children. State child welfare agencies should take steps to keep children safe and, if they are removed from their homes, to find them permanent placements as quickly as possible.

4. How many youth exit foster care to emancipation?

In these 30 States, approximately 6 percent of children exited foster care to emancipation. More than one-third of these children were younger than 12 when they entered the foster care system, meaning they had spent 6 or more years in care without finding a permanent home.

Given the large number of children growing up in foster care, this finding supports the mandate of the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999, which requires States to provide independent living and other supportive services to children who continue to remain in foster care to help them transition to self sufficiency. It also suggests that States should make increased efforts to find permanent homes for older youths.

5. How quickly are children in the foster care system being reunified with their families?

Sixty-five percent of children who were reunified with their parents or other relatives had been in foster care for less than 12 months.

While most children are being reunified with their families within 12 months of entering foster care, many other children take much longer to reunify. If children must be separated from their parents, the State child welfare agency should work for the child's return, if it can be done safely. The agency should identify which services are needed by families of abused or neglected children and take steps to expedite the safe return of children to their families through the provision of services.

6. Of the children entering foster care in FY 1998, how many were re-entering foster care?

Seventeen percent of the children entering foster care in FY 1998 had been in foster care previously.

State child welfare agencies must avoid reunifying children without providing the necessary supportive services to their families.

7. How quickly are children in the foster care system being adopted?

Sixteen percent of adoptions occurred within 2 years of the child's entry into foster care. However, 49 percent of adoptions occurred after the children had been in foster care 4 years or more.

Many children wait too long to find a permanent home. The Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA) includes provisions that shorten the timeframe for making permanency planning decisions and establish a timeframe for initiating proceedings to terminate parental rights. Also, ASFA strongly promotes the timely adoption of children who cannot return safely to their own homes. Many State child welfare agencies have implemented effective practices to meet the ASFA provisions, thus reducing the length of time to adoption. These agencies work concurrently to reunify a family while, at the same time, planning for the possibility that reunification will not succeed. For example, an agency might seek out foster parents or potential adoptive parents who will be willing to adopt the child should reunification efforts fail. These and other practices—like listing the child with appropriate adoption exchanges or taking timely steps to complete home studies—can expedite the time to adoption.

8. Are children experiencing stable foster care placements?

For children who had been in foster care less than 12 months, 81 percent had two or fewer placements; for children in care 48 months or more, only 39 percent had two or fewer placements.

The longer children remained in foster care, the less likely they were to have experienced stable placements. To reduce the number of placement settings experienced by children in foster care, State child welfare agencies should provide adequate supports to foster children and their foster parents in order to prevent the disruption of placements.

These data highlights are based on the data presented in the Annual Summary, which follows. The Annual Summary provides a baseline for tracking State performance on the outcome measures in the future.

1998 Annual Summary of State Child Welfare Data

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**41,516,560**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	1%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
• Black	17%
• Hispanic	13%
• White	66%
Child population in poverty	**19%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**79%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997 (N=27 States)	**485,870**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98 (N=30 States)	**306,940**
Children adopted during FY 1998 (N=30 States)	**23,523**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW		Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	(N=26 States)	1,528,140	39 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	(N=27 States)	485,870	12 per 1,000
Child fatalities	(N=27 States)	742	1.8 per 100,000

AGE (N=25 States)	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	7%	31%	30%	23%	6%	3%	100%	408,529

RACE/ETHNICITY (N=24 States)	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	2%	1%	29%	8%	58%	2%	8%	108%	402,838

MALTREATMENT TYPE (N=25 States)	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	4%	3%	56%	20%	12%	19%	0%	114%	408,761

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW (N=30 States)	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	284,160	153,168	130,696	306,940	437,328
Median length of stay (months)	24.0	N/A	10.8	22.2	N/A

AGE (N=30 States)	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	27%	27%	27%	13%	2%	0%	100%	284,160
Entered care (FY 1998)	13%	25%	21%	30%	11%	0%	0%	100%	153,168
Exited care (FY 1998)	4%	25%	23%	26%	20%	3%	0%	101%	130,696
In care on 9/30/98	4%	26%	27%	27%	14%	2%	0%	100%	306,940

RACE/ETHNICITY (N=30 States)	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	2%	1%	51%	8%	33%	6%	101%	284,160
Entered care (FY 1998)	3%	2%	33%	9%	47%	6%	100%	153,168
Exited care (FY 1998)	3%	2%	37%	8%	45%	6%	101%	130,696
In care on 9/30/98	2%	1%	48%	9%	35%	6%	101%	306,940

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW		
Children waiting to be adopted	(N=30 States)	91,745
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	(N=29 States)	43,845

AGE (N=30 States)	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	34%	37%	23%	3%	1%	101%	91,745

RACE/ETHNICITY (N=30 States)	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	1%	55%	9%	27%	6%	99%	91,745

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE (N=30 States)	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	42%	38%	16%	2%	0%	99%	23,523

RACE/ETHNICITY (N=30 States)	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	1%	1%	49%	9%	33%	6%	99%	23,523

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

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Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

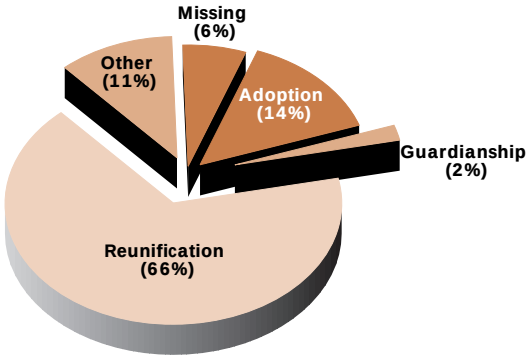
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment (N=12 States)	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	89%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	11%
Total	100%
Number	160,745

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care (N=30 States)	
Adoption	14%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	66%
Other	11%
Missing	6%
Total	99%
Number	130,696



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (N=27 States)	
Adoption	17%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	56%
Other	16%
Missing	9%
Total	100%
Number	18,166

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry (N=30 States)	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	68%
Other	22%
Missing	8%
Total	100%
Number	47,699

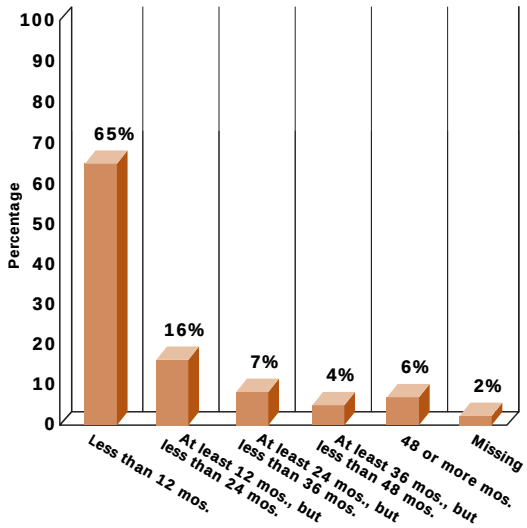
Summary

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (N=30 States)	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	6%	16%	19%	14%	11%	16%	1%
Guardianship	4%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%
Reunification	72%	68%	60%	67%	70%	67%	67%
Other	9%	12%	11%	12%	11%	11%	5%
Missing	9%	1%	8%	6%	6%	5%	27%
Total	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	3,919	2,039	47,899	10,794	58,248	7,695	102

3.5 Exits to Emancipation (N=30 States)	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	35%
Children older than 12 at entry	65%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	7,725

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

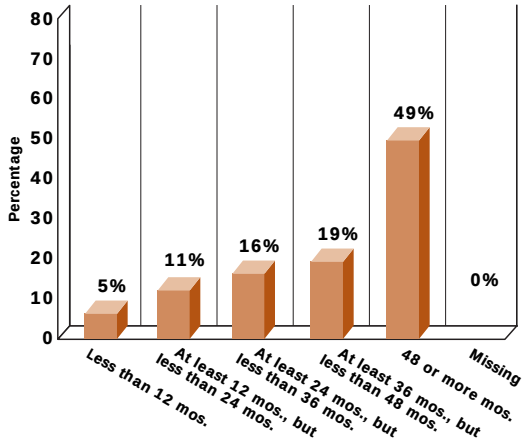
4.1 Time to Reunification (N=30 States)	
Less than 12 months	65%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	16%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	7%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	4%
48 or more months	6%
Missing	2%
Total	100%
Number	86,586



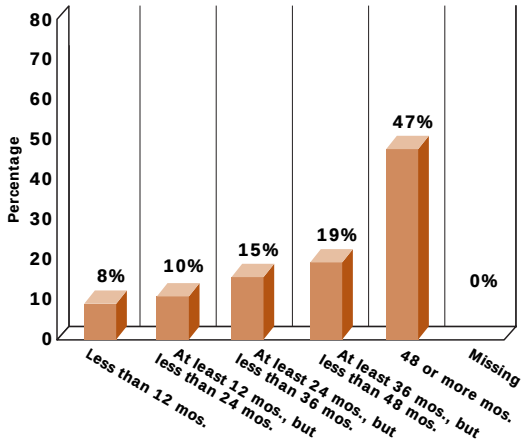
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998 (N=30 States)	
Children entering care for the first time	78%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	10%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	7%
Missing	5%
Total	100%
Number	153,168

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption (N=30 States)	
Less than 12 months	5%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	11%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	16%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	19%
48 or more months	49%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	18,858



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry (N=30 States)	
Less than 12 months	8%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	10%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	15%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	19%
48 or more months	47%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	6,965



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (N=30 States)	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	81%	60%	52%	48%	39%	93%
Children with 3 or more placements	18%	40%	47%	52%	61%	3%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%
Total	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Number	131,355	57,715	38,671	29,828	69,591	2,063

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (N=30 States)	
Group homes	5%
Institutions	6%
Other settings	88%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	87,401

V. 1998 State Child Welfare Outcomes Data

In keeping with the guiding principle that the State data be used to assess the continuous improvement in performance over time, the 1998 outcome measures are presented on a State-by-State basis. Each State's statistics are presented in their entirety on several consecutive pages: two pages of context data, three pages of outcome data, and one page of State commentary. This chapter describes the review process that was conducted with the States, summarizes some of the main clarification points that are intended to assist the reader when reviewing the State pages, and presents each State's data.

State Review of Their Data

Using the data from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) and the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS), the Department prepared drafts of each State's data. These drafts were sent to the States on September 9, 1999. The States were given the opportunity to provide comments to clarify their data submissions or to identify factors that may have affected performance. The comments provided by the States are included with each State's data.

Each State was invited to provide additional information on the State child welfare system and its outcome data. These comments assist the reader in interpreting the State data.

Additional Clarification Notes

Based on the commentary from the States and the procedures for developing the data to support the outcomes and measures, the Department has prepared clarification notes for the reader. The main points are summarized below. A more complete discussion of these and other issues can be found in appendix G.

- A child who has been found by the child protective services agency to have been the subject of a substantiated or indicated report of maltreatment is counted as a **child maltreatment victim**. The majority of States report to NCANDS using the "substantiated" category; 11 States use both "substantiated" and "indicated" categories. These States may have higher rates of child maltreatment victims than those States that use only one category.

- The numbers of **child fatalities** due to maltreatment are based on the information that is available to State child protective services agencies. These numbers are

influenced by the specific State and local policies and protocols for investigating child deaths, including suspicious and accidental deaths.

- The **median** is the score of the middle case, when the scores of all cases are arranged in order. For example, if data on 125 children are ordered from the shortest length of stay in foster care to the longest length of stay, the length of stay of the 63rd child is the median length of stay for these children.

- Children who have been counted as "**waiting to be adopted**" are those with a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children 16 years of age and older whose parents' rights have been terminated, but who have a goal of emancipation, are not included.

- For some States, there is a difference between the number of **adopted children** reported in the context element on the number of adoptions completed in FY 1998 and the number reported in the outcome measure on reduction of time to adoption. The context element includes all children who were classified as having been adopted with "State agency involvement," while the outcome measure refers only to children who have been adopted from the foster care system. These counts may differ from those associated with the Adoption Incentive Program, which uses different criteria for counting adoptions in awarding the incentive funds.

- **Recurrence of maltreatment** is determined by counting the association of a child with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment. An estimating technique has been used to forecast the recurrence rate of child abuse and neglect victims over a 12-month time period.

- Some States include in their **AFCARS foster care population** adolescents who have committed offenses under the juvenile justice system and are under the placement, care, or supervision of the State child welfare agency. The proportion of these children in the State foster care population varies significantly among the States.

State Data Pages

Beginning with the next page, each State's data on the context information and the child welfare outcomes are presented.

Alabama

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,071,708**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	32%
• Hispanic	1%
• White	65%
Child population in poverty	**25%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**67%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**19,489**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**5,198**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**123**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	40,773	38 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	19,489	18 per 1,000
Child fatalities	25	2.3 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	7%	29%	30%	27%	5%	1%	99%	19,489

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	38%	1%	61%	0%	1%	101%	19,489

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	7%	0%	48%	39%	21%	0%	0%	115%	19,489

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Alabama

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	5,246	2,803	2,851	5,198	8,049
Median length of stay (months)	19.3	N/A	9.4	22.1	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	25%	24%	29%	17%	2%	0%	101%	5,246
Entered care (FY 1998)	14%	24%	22%	28%	11%	0%	0%	99%	2,803
Exited care (FY 1998)	5%	25%	22%	24%	19%	4%	0%	99%	2,851
In care on 9/30/98	4%	23%	25%	29%	17%	2%	0%	100%	5,198

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	55%	1%	44%	0%	100%	5,246
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	49%	1%	49%	0%	99%	2,803
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	49%	1%	50%	0%	100%	2,851
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	55%	1%	44%	0%	100%	5,198

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	972
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	489

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	30%	38%	20%	5%	5%	100%	972

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	0%	56%	1%	42%	0%	100%	972

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	4%	47%	36%	13%	0%	0%	100%	123

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	46%	2%	52%	0%	100%	123

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Alabama

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

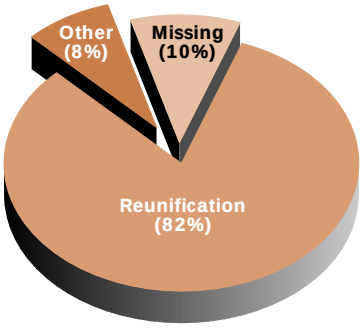
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	82%
Other	8%
Missing	10%
Total	100%
Number	2,851



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	61%
Other	19%
Missing	20%
Total	100%
Number	208

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	78%
Other	13%
Missing	9%
Total	100%
Number	970

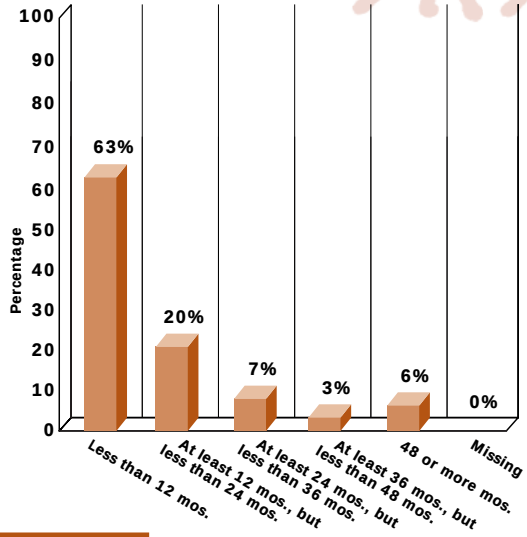
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	100%	80%	83%	89%	82%	50%	0%
Other	0%	0%	9%	3%	6%	0%	0%
Missing	0%	20%	8%	9%	12%	50%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	0%
Number	7	5	1,389	35	1,413	2	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	64%
Children older than 12 at entry	36%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	87

Alabama

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	63%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	20%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	7%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	3%
48 or more months	6%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	2,341



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	81%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	8%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	10%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	2,803

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	95%	82%	70%	69%	49%	92%
Children with 3 or more placements	5%	18%	30%	31%	51%	8%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	3,277	1,651	881	539	1,689	12

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	2%
Institutions	6%
Other settings	88%
Missing	3%
Total	99%
Number	1,929

Alaska

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**188,329**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	22%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	4%
• Black	4%
• Hispanic	4%
• White	65%
Child population in poverty	**10%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**45%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**9,017**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**-**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**95**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	11,616	62 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	9,017	48 per 1,000
Child fatalities	-	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	6%	34%	32%	24%	4%	0%	100%	9,017

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	42%	2%	8%	3%	40%	0%	7%	102%	9,017

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	1%	0%	61%	26%	12%	0%	0%	100%	9,017

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	-	-	-	-	-
Median length of stay (months)	-	N/A	-	-	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	-
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	0%	48%	37%	15%	0%	0%	100%	95

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	53%	0%	22%	3%	22%	0%	100%	95

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

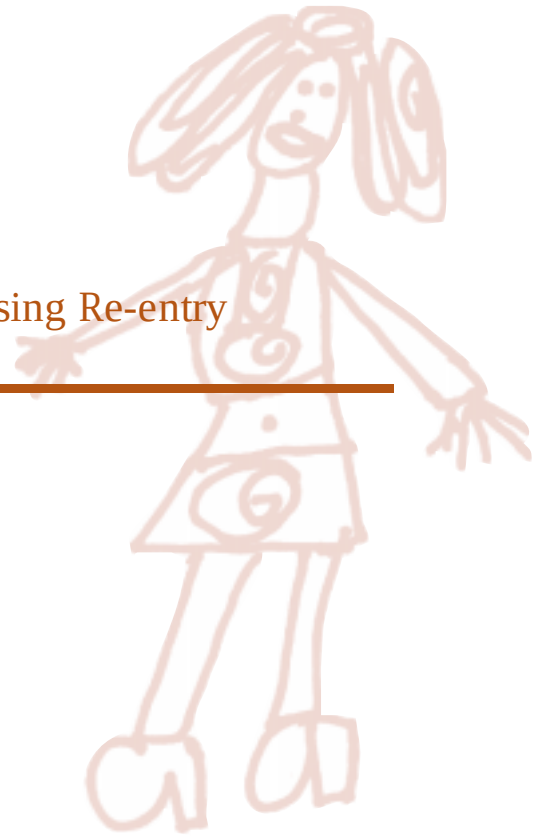
3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Alaska



4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	-
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	-
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Alaska

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	-
Institutions	-
Other settings	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

State Comments

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The Alaska Division of Family and Youth Services is currently in the planning phase of our new Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System: Online Resources for the Children of Alaska, or ORCA. Once ORCA is fully implemented, AFCARS Foster Care as well as NCANDS DCDC data will be submitted for inclusion in the *Annual Report on Child Welfare Outcomes.*

There is one point of clarification that should be made with respect to the Child Victims element of the *Child Welfare Context Data, Section B*: Alaska classifies the disposition of investigated maltreatment reports into three categories: substantiated, indicated, and invalid. The Child Victims element of the *Child Welfare Context Data, Section B* includes all of the children who had a disposition of either "substantiated" or "indicated" as victims. This accounts for the remarkably high child victim rate that is reported for Alaska.

Arizona

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,278,063**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	7%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	3%
• Hispanic	31%
• White	57%
Child population in poverty	**25%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**82%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**24,005**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**5,608**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**-**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	52,886	41 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	24,005	19 per 1,000
Child fatalities	12	0.9 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	6%	29%	29%	23%	5%	7%	99%	24,005

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	4%	0%	6%	23%	52%	28%	10%	123%	24,005

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	2%	8%	51%	32%	6%	0%	0%	99%	24,005

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Arizona

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	3,498	4,300	2,190	5,608	7,798
Median length of stay (months)	16.0	N/A	3.7	10.6	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	27%	27%	30%	12%	0%	0%	100%	3,498
Entered care (FY 1998)	13%	28%	25%	25%	9%	0%	0%	100%	4,300
Exited care (FY 1998)	7%	28%	26%	23%	16%	0%	0%	100%	2,190
In care on 9/30/98	5%	27%	26%	28%	14%	0%	0%	100%	5,608

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	0%	15%	24%	55%	2%	100%	3,498
Entered care (FY 1998)	5%	0%	11%	28%	50%	6%	100%	4,300
Exited care (FY 1998)	5%	0%	12%	23%	56%	4%	100%	2,190
In care on 9/30/98	4%	0%	13%	27%	51%	4%	99%	5,608

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	1,375
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	7

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	5%	38%	39%	17%	1%	0%	100%	1,375

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	4%	0%	14%	26%	53%	3%	100%	1,375

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

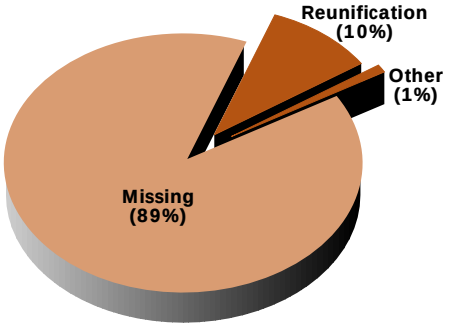
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	10%
Other	1%
Missing	89%
Total	100%
Number	2,190



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	23%
Other	0%
Missing	78%
Total	101%
Number	40

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	7%
Other	1%
Missing	91%
Total	99%
Number	641

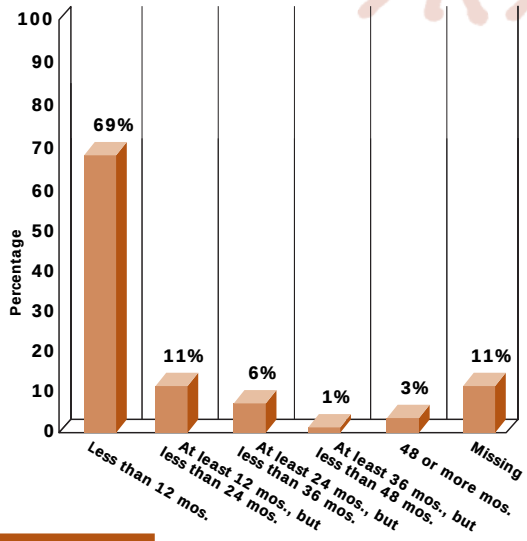
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	16%	0%	10%	8%	10%	15%	0%
Other	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Missing	84%	100%	89%	92%	89%	85%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	0%
Number	106	7	266	506	1,225	80	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	50%
Children older than 12 at entry	50%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	4

Arizona

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	69%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	11%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	6%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	1%
48 or more months	3%
Missing	11%
Total	101%
Number	223



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	84%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	10%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	3%
Missing	3%
Total	100%
Number	4,300

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	32%	0%	0%	0%	0%	47%
Children with 3 or more placements	66%	100%	100%	100%	100%	33%
Missing	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	21%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Number	4,496	1,263	692	501	757	89

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	6%
Institutions	22%
Other settings	71%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	3,010

Arkansas

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**662,692**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	1%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	21%
• Hispanic	3%
• White	75%
Child population in poverty	**27%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**48%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**5,109**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**3,138**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**258**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	30,441	46 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	5,109	8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	0.5 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	3%	24%	24%	21%	7%	21%	100%	5,109

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	22%	2%	69%	1%	8%	102%	5,109

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,109

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Arkansas

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	2,490	2,737	2,094	3,138	5,227
Median length of stay (months)	11.3	N/A	3.7	12.2	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	5%	23%	22%	30%	20%	1%	0%	101%	2,490
Entered care (FY 1998)	10%	24%	24%	32%	10%	0%	0%	100%	2,737
Exited care (FY 1998)	5%	28%	21%	25%	20%	1%	0%	100%	2,094
In care on 9/30/98	4%	23%	24%	31%	18%	1%	0%	101%	3,138

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	1%	0%	42%	1%	56%	0%	100%	2,490
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	32%	2%	62%	3%	99%	2,737
Exited care (FY 1998)	1%	0%	30%	2%	64%	3%	100%	2,094
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	41%	1%	56%	1%	99%	3,138

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	335
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	37

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	4%	30%	33%	30%	2%	0%	99%	335

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	43%	0%	55%	2%	100%	335

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	3%	38%	39%	17%	2%	0%	99%	258

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	1%	0%	22%	2%	74%	0%	99%	258

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Arkansas

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

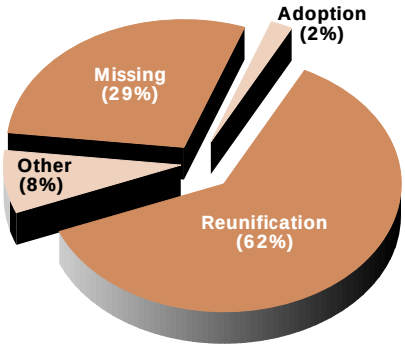
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	2%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	62%
Other	8%
Missing	29%
Total	101%
Number	2,094



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	4%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	64%
Other	10%
Missing	22%
Total	100%
Number	166

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	48%
Other	17%
Missing	35%
Total	100%
Number	844

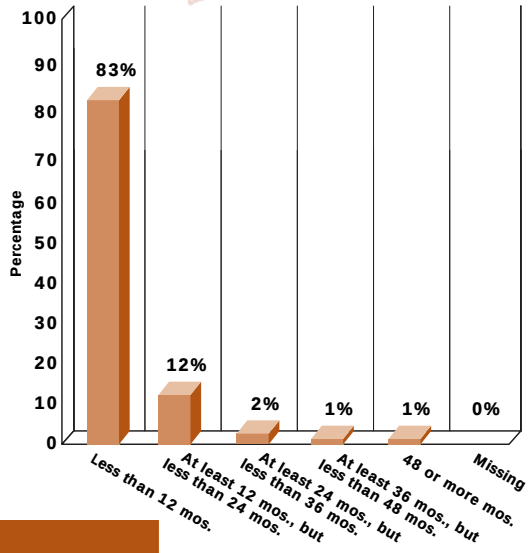
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	19%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	63%	100%	61%	63%	62%	81%	55%
Other	6%	0%	5%	4%	9%	6%	3%
Missing	13%	0%	32%	33%	28%	14%	42%
Total	101%	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%	100%
Number	16	7	620	46	1,338	36	31

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	10%
Children older than 12 at entry	90%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	49

Arkansas

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

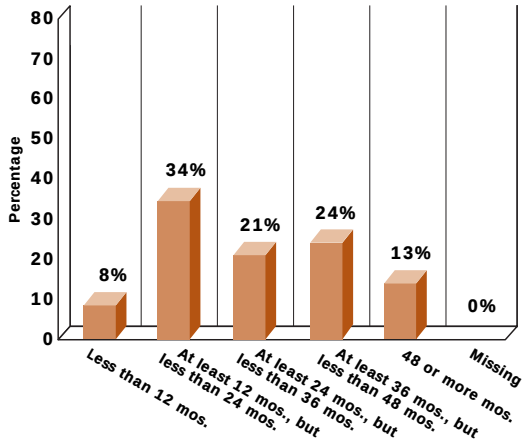
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	83%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	12%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	2%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	1%
48 or more months	1%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	1,297



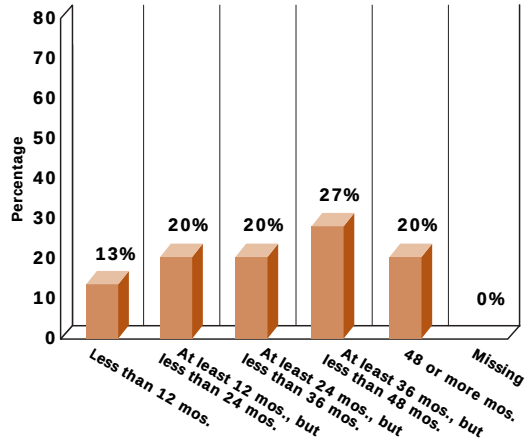
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	90%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	7%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	0%
Missing	3%
Total	100%
Number	2,737

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	8%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	34%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	21%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	24%
48 or more months	13%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	38



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	13%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	20%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	20%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	27%
48 or more months	20%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	15



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	71%	65%	72%	79%	84%	72%
Children with 3 or more placements	29%	35%	28%	21%	16%	22%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	3,112	1,014	432	211	440	18

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	0%
Institutions	9%
Other settings	89%
Missing	2%
Total	100%
Number	1,547

Arkansas

California

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**8,951,653**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	1%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	11%
• Black	7%
• Hispanic	40%
• White	41%
Child population in poverty	**25%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**99%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**174,170**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**112,767**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**4,062**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	480,443	54 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	174,170	19 per 1,000
Child fatalities	47	0.5 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	1%	8%	11%	9%	4%	67%	100%	174,170

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	1%	4%	12%	14%	0%	80%	111%	174,170

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	7%	0%	47%	31%	15%	0%	0%	100%	174,170

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	109,819	52,997	50,049	112,767	162,816
Median length of stay (months)	19.8	N/A	12.2	21.6	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	30%	29%	24%	12%	1%	0%	100%	109,819
Entered care (FY 1998)	14%	29%	23%	24%	11%	0%	0%	101%	52,997
Exited care (FY 1998)	4%	31%	23%	19%	20%	2%	0%	99%	50,049
In care on 9/30/98	4%	28%	29%	27%	12%	0%	0%	100%	112,767

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	1%	2%	37%	29%	31%	0%	100%	109,819
Entered care (FY 1998)	1%	3%	23%	35%	37%	1%	100%	52,997
Exited care (FY 1998)	1%	3%	24%	32%	38%	1%	99%	50,049
In care on 9/30/98	1%	2%	35%	31%	30%	1%	100%	112,767

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	4,455
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	1,915

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	8%	55%	26%	9%	2%	0%	100%	4,455

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	1%	27%	30%	40%	0%	99%	4,455

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	3%	61%	28%	7%	1%	0%	100%	4,062

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	1%	3%	25%	34%	37%	1%	101%	4,062

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

California

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

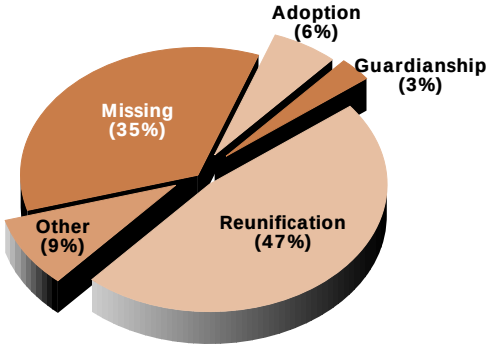
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	6%
Guardianship	3%
Reunification	47%
Other	9%
Missing	35%
Total	100%
Number	50,049



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	7%
Guardianship	3%
Reunification	46%
Other	9%
Missing	36%
Total	101%
Number	988

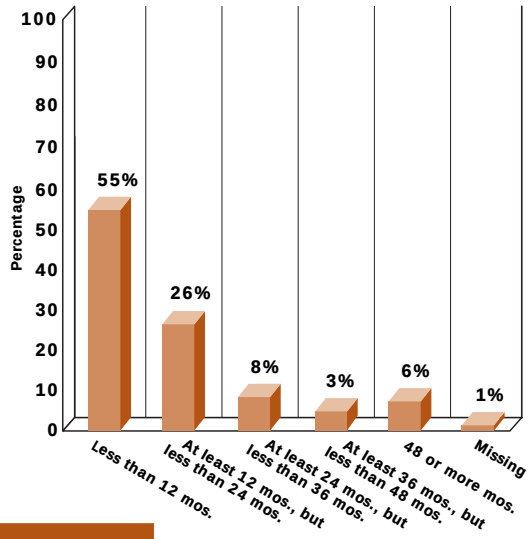
3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	48%
Other	20%
Missing	30%
Total	99%
Number	15,145

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	7%	3%	6%	5%	8%	4%	0%
Guardianship	7%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	0%
Reunification	43%	53%	45%	50%	45%	46%	0%
Other	8%	7%	12%	7%	8%	5%	0%
Missing	35%	35%	34%	35%	36%	44%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	0%
Number	627	1,504	12,166	16,168	19,009	575	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	36%
Children older than 12 at entry	64%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	2,739

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

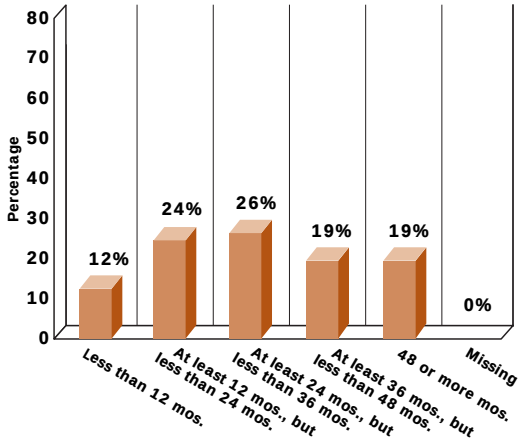
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	55%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	26%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	8%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	3%
48 or more months	6%
Missing	1%
Total	99%
Number	23,680



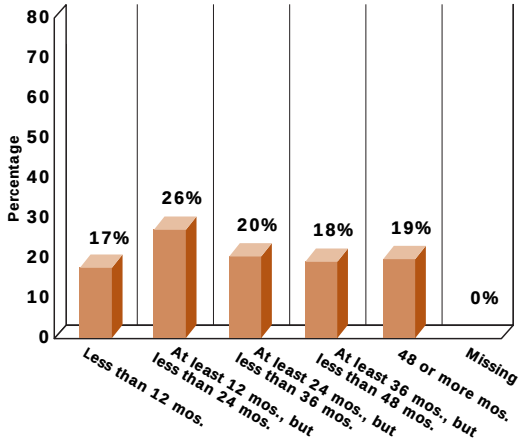
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	78%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	14%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	7%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	52,997

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	12%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	24%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	26%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	19%
48 or more months	19%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	3,105



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	17%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	26%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	20%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	18%
48 or more months	19%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,159



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85%	70%	62%	59%	61%	99%
Children with 3 or more placements	15%	30%	38%	41%	39%	1%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	59,548	36,159	18,868	11,927	35,355	959

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	5%
Institutions	11%
Other settings	84%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	37,818

State Comments

California

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Child Welfare Context Data, Section B: The first child abuse reporting law in California mandated that only physicians report physical abuse. Over the years, the definition of child abuse and the persons required to report expanded. California's Child Abuse Reporting Law now includes child care custodians, health practitioners, child protective agencies, commercial film and photographic print processors, animal control officers, firefighters, and clergy. California's larger-than-average number of individuals required by law to report child abuse contributes to a higher child abuse reports per capita than other States.

Child Welfare Context Data, Section C: Among its foster care population, California includes dependent children cared for by relative caregivers and probation children residing in group homes. This number is anticipated to be significantly reduced by implementation of California's Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payment Program (Kin-GAP) January 1, 2000. This program will provide subsidies to foster children living with relative guardians when they have lived with the relative at least 12 months and juvenile court dependency has been dismissed.

Child Welfare Context Data, Section C: With regard to the median length of stay, it should be noted that this statistic can be skewed by the fact that children living with relative caregivers, who are included in California's foster care population, tend to stay in care longer than children living with nonrelative foster parents. This statistic is also anticipated to be positively impacted by the implementation of the Kin-GAP program, which will reduce the numbers of children in foster care with relative caregivers and therefore reduce lengths of stay in the foster care system.

Child Welfare Outcomes Data, Measure 3.3: Probation children, who are counted in California's foster care population, come into the system at older ages and tend not to be good candidates for adoption. Because a significant portion of older children at entry to foster care are probation children, this skews the data to indicate a low rate of exit due to adoption.

Child Welfare Outcomes Data, Measures 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3: The statistic on reasons for discharge ("Missing" category) was negatively impacted by data conversion in which a valid code was not available prior to our transition to our new Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS). The amount of old data converted was at the discretion of the 58 counties, but was promoted to enrich the new database. The majority of missing data for reasons for discharge has been corrected in CWS/CMS.

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Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,015,529**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	1%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	5%
• Hispanic	20%
• White	72%
Child population in poverty	**9%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**86%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**7,123**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**7,951**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**575**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	-	-
Child maltreatment victims [1]	7,123	7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	24	2.4 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	9%	30%	32%	24%	4%	0%	99%	7,123

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	2%	1%	9%	22%	74%	7%	9%	124%	7,123

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	13%	6%	63%	28%	15%	0%	0%	125%	7,123

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	6,006	7,147	5,202	7,951	13,153
Median length of stay (months)	15.2	N/A	3.8	11.1	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	18%	23%	34%	20%	1%	0%	99%	6,006
Entered care (FY 1998)	8%	19%	19%	37%	17%	0%	0%	100%	7,147
Exited care (FY 1998)	4%	19%	17%	31%	28%	1%	0%	100%	5,202
In care on 9/30/98	4%	19%	22%	34%	20%	1%	0%	100%	7,951

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	2%	1%	17%	22%	53%	3%	98%	6,006
Entered care (FY 1998)	2%	1%	12%	27%	52%	6%	100%	7,147
Exited care (FY 1998)	2%	1%	13%	24%	53%	6%	99%	5,202
In care on 9/30/98	2%	1%	16%	25%	53%	3%	100%	7,951

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	1,480
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	974

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	30%	39%	25%	3%	1%	100%	1,480

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	1%	22%	26%	47%	2%	100%	1,480

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	2%	49%	36%	11%	1%	0%	99%	575

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	2%	1%	21%	24%	51%	1%	100%	575

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Colorado

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

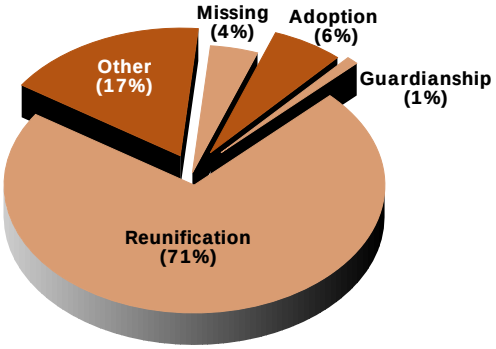
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	97%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	3%
Total	100%
Number	5,443

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	6%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	71%
Other	17%
Missing	4%
Total	99%
Number	5,202



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	6%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	68%
Other	21%
Missing	3%
Total	99%
Number	1,517

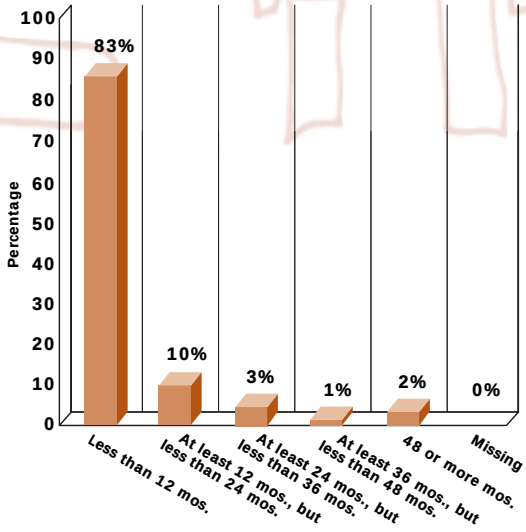
3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	71%
Other	27%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	2,803

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	11%	3%	11%	5%	6%	4%	0%
Guardianship	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Reunification	67%	75%	63%	76%	71%	79%	0%
Other	20%	17%	19%	15%	17%	15%	0%
Missing	2%	4%	6%	3%	5%	0%	0%
Total	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	0%
Number	121	77	654	1,273	2,748	329	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	19%
Children older than 12 at entry	81%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	262

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

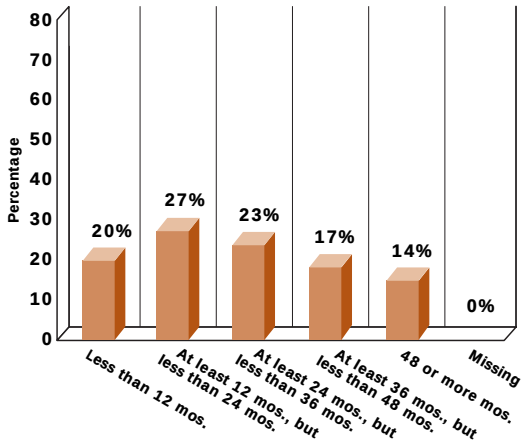
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	83%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	10%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	3%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	1%
48 or more months	2%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	3,718



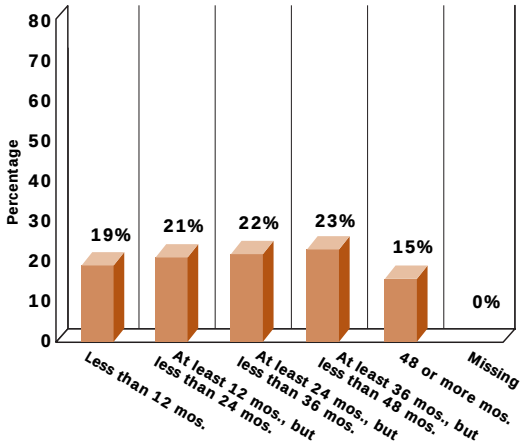
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	70%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	18%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	11%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	7,147

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	20%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	27%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	23%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	17%
48 or more months	14%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	328



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	19%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	21%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	22%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	23%
48 or more months	15%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	149



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87%	55%	38%	32%	24%	96%
Children with 3 or more placements	13%	45%	62%	68%	76%	4%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	7,889	2,113	1,108	774	1,243	26

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	2%
Institutions	7%
Other settings	91%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	3,809

Colorado

State Comments

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Colorado has a State-supervised, county-administered delivery system that served approximately 53,345 children and 36,158 families during State fiscal year 1998 through County Departments of Social Services in 61 counties. The majority of the children served (70.88 percent) were served for reasons of child abuse and/or neglect.

Child Welfare Context Data, Section B: Colorado defines maltreatment fatalities based on the following criteria:

(1) Parent or parent substitute identified as perpetrator (including all caregivers put in a position of direct responsibility for the child by the parent or parent substitute; this includes babysitters, nannies, relatives, paramours, etc.);

(2) Classified as an abuse/neglect-related death by the State fatality review board. (May include auto-related neglect and lack of supervision, including suicide by the victim.);

(3) Victim is under the age of 18.

Child Welfare Context Data, Section D: The free-for-adoption children include children who are in permanent placements, e.g., children in permanent designated family foster homes, guardianship, and/or kinship care, as well as children over the age of 18 who are still in out-of-home care. Therefore, the number of children who are available for adoption and still in need of permanent placement is smaller than the total number of children free for adoption indicates.

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Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**792,161**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	0%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
• Black	11%
• Hispanic	12%
• White	74%
Child population in poverty	**10%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**95%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**18,178**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**6,683**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**229***

*See State Commentary

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	37,031	47 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	18,178	23 per 1,000
Child fatalities	-	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	4%	31%	32%	24%	8%	1%	100%	18,178

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	21%	16%	32%	16%	30%	115%	18,178

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	66%	5%	90%	22%	6%	13%	0%	202%	18,178

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	5,143	5,222	3,682	6,683	10,365
Median length of stay (months)	9.5	N/A	6.4	11.4	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	5%	31%	27%	26%	10%	1%	0%	100%	5,143
Entered care (FY 1998)	10%	26%	24%	31%	8%	0%	0%	99%	5,222
Exited care (FY 1998)	6%	27%	24%	26%	17%	1%	0%	101%	3,682
In care on 9/30/98	4%	29%	28%	28%	11%	1%	0%	101%	6,683

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	37%	30%	32%	0%	99%	5,143
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	31%	36%	32%	0%	99%	5,222
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	33%	35%	31%	0%	99%	3,682
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	35%	32%	33%	0%	100%	6,683

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	728
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	728

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	37%	39%	19%	3%	1%	100%	728

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	39%	25%	36%	0%	100%	728

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	49%	36%	13%	1%	0%	100%	229

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	31%	12%	44%	13%	100%	229

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Connecticut

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

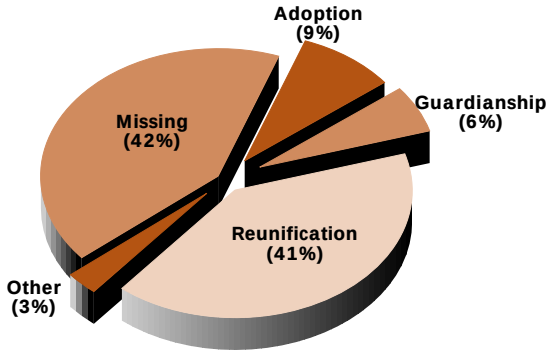
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	82%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	18%
Total	100%
Number	16,326

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	9%
Guardianship	6%
Reunification	41%
Other	3%
Missing	42%
Total	101%
Number	3,682



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	39%
Other	6%
Missing	55%
Total	100%
Number	110

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	2%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	23%
Other	8%
Missing	66%
Total	101%
Number	1,378

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3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	12%	5%	9%	0%	0%
Guardianship	7%	0%	6%	6%	4%	0%	0%
Reunification	64%	80%	39%	45%	36%	0%	0%
Other	0%	0%	3%	2%	4%	0%	0%
Missing	29%	20%	39%	41%	47%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	0%	0%
Number	14	5	1,218	1,301	1,144	0	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	6%
Children older than 12 at entry	94%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	36

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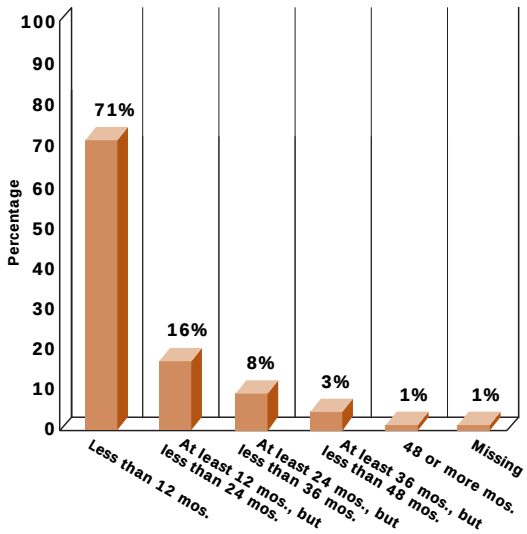
4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

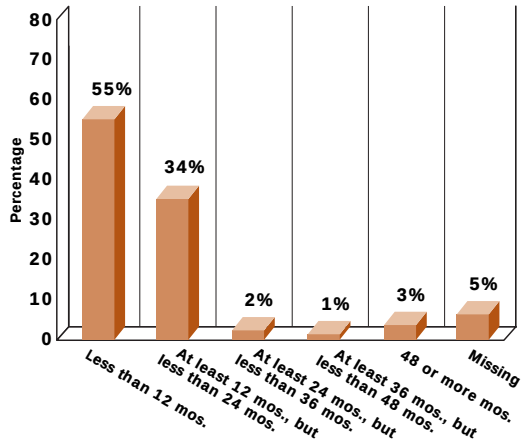
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	71%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	16%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	8%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	3%
48 or more months	1%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	1,494



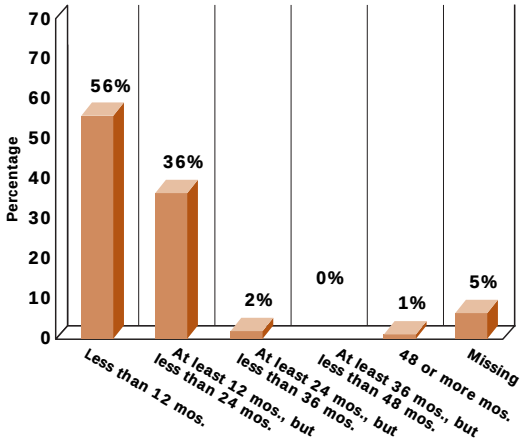
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	68%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	26%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	6%
Missing	1%
Total	101%
Number	5,222

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	55%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	34%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	2%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	1%
48 or more months	3%
Missing	5%
Total	100%
Number	321



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	56%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	36%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	2%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	0%
48 or more months	1%
Missing	5%
Total	100%
Number	247



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85%	76%	76%	79%	84%	91%
Children with 3 or more placements	15%	24%	24%	21%	16%	9%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	5,963	2,273	1,119	488	412	110

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	0%
Institutions	7%
Other settings	92%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	3,374

State Comments

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Connecticut joins others in affirming the fundamental principles of safety, permanency, and well-being for children as the basic values of child welfare. We also affirm that our practice must be outcome-based and we must be held accountable in our efforts to achieve those principles. Concurrently, we wish to express our belief that national comparisons are misleading and can influence conclusions that are incorrect. The variance in State statutes, policies, data collection, funding, and social welfare values cannot be over-stated. The role of systems other than the child welfare agency also cannot be ignored in assessing outcomes for children.

Having stated our caution, our comments regarding some of the context data follow. To begin, Connecticut reports all child maltreatment fatalities to DCF, including those victims who were not previously known to the agency.

"Child Victims" is a discrete count of children, but maltreatment types are duplicate counts.

"Children Waiting to be Adopted" in *Child Welfare Context Data, Section D*, includes all children whose parental rights have been terminated. That total includes children in pre-adoptive homes, children in foster care in which foster parents are adopting, youth in Independent Living, and children who have treatment needs that must be satisfied before placement in a family setting can be effected.

"Children Adopted" in the *Child Welfare Context Data, Section E,* is discrepant with *Child Welfare Outcome Measure 5.1,* "Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption," and the latter is more consistent with the actual number of adoptions in Connecticut in FY 1998 (314).

The amount of missing data is an indication of the complexity of the system, and/or a mapping difficulty between the State elements and AFCARS. Connecticut plans to research the missing data and to roll out an additional component of our SACWIS this fiscal year that will include treatment planning. These enhancements will impact on the collection of data. We close requesting acknowledgement that child welfare practice and information systems are dynamic. We must be permitted to comment in depth about the data, the influences of law, policy, and external systems on the measures for which we are held accountable and the goals that we strive to achieve.

Delaware

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**177,411**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	0%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	24%
• Hispanic	5%
• White	69%
Child population in poverty	**16%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**86%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**4,416**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**1,480**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**62***

*See State Commentary

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,657	54 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	4,416	25 per 1,000
Child fatalities	-	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	5%	28%	32%	25%	9%	0%	99%	4,416

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	45%	5%	46%	4%	5%	105%	4,416

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	0%	2%	41%	38%	6%	13%	0%	100%	4,416

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	781	1,023	333	1,480	1,804
Median length of stay (months)	12.7	N/A	3.2	9.4	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	6%	22%	23%	26%	23%	0%	0%	100%	781
Entered care (FY 1998)	8%	18%	17%	30%	27%	0%	0%	100%	1,023
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	0%	29%	71%	0%	0%	100%	333
In care on 9/30/98	4%	25%	25%	26%	20%	0%	0%	100%	1,480

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	58%	5%	32%	5%	100%	781
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	59%	6%	31%	4%	100%	1,023
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	59%	6%	32%	2%	99%	333
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	59%	5%	31%	5%	100%	1,480

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	138
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	39%	46%	13%	1%	0%	100%	138

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	57%	6%	27%	10%	100%	138

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	0%	39%	47%	15%	0%	0%	101%	62

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	52%	8%	15%	26%	101%	62

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

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Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

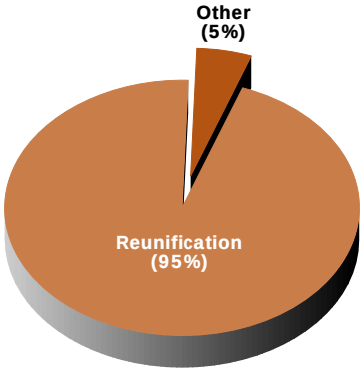
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	95%
Other	5%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	333



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	93%
Other	7%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	30

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	94%
Other	5%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	326

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	0%	0%	95%	95%	94%	86%	0%
Other	0%	0%	5%	5%	6%	14%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	0%	0%	101%	100%	100%	100%	0%
Number	0	0	198	20	108	7	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	0%
Children older than 12 at entry	100%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	3

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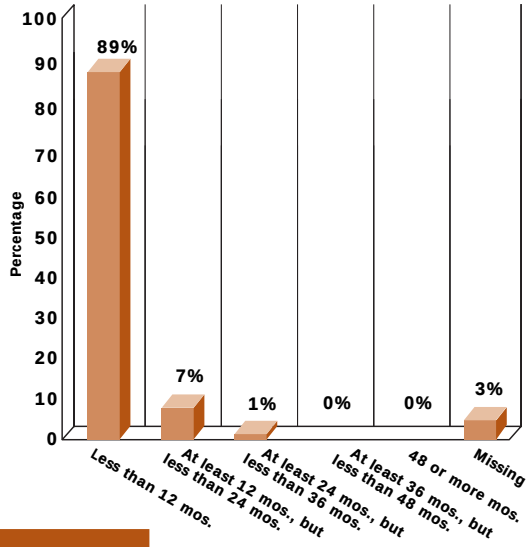
4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	89%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	7%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	1%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	0%
48 or more months	0%
Missing	3%
Total	100%
Number	315



4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	75%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	17%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	4%
Missing	3%
Total	99%
Number	1,023

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	98%	84%	83%	83%	74%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	2%	16%	17%	17%	26%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	1,111	288	159	96	140	10

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	2%
Institutions	2%
Other settings	95%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	502

State Comments

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Delaware's Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families is an integrated children's services department. The State's data, therefore, include children in alternative residential services in the juvenile justice system as well as the foster care system for abused and neglected children.

The report contains information in *Child Welfare Context Data, Section C,* dealing with the age of children exiting from care and in *Child Welfare Outcome Measure 3.1,* about number of exits from foster care to adoptions that immediately identified problems with the mapping of information in the State's data extract. A spot check of data within our automated system identified cases that fell within the categories reported as zero percent in the *Child Welfare Outcome Measure 3.1.* The State estimates that the number of children exiting care in the age groups of <1 year to 10 years is about 400 children and that the number of children in care at the end of the period was approximately 1,100. The adoption data within the report itself are not consistent. Key statistics data show that 62 children were adopted in FY 1998. *Child Welfare Outcome Measure 3.1,* "Exits from Foster Care," indicated no exits from foster care due to adoption. Given these two visible, gross inaccuracies, a full review of the extract is underway. The State plans to submit a revised extract with adjusted numbers once the mapping problems are corrected. Future extracts will use the corrected process and should reflect more accurate data.

Consistent with the Adoption and Safe Families Act, the State has instituted some practice and policy changes to promote improved outcomes for children. Key changes include internal permanency reviews at 9 months for all children in our care, judicial permanency reviews when a child has been in placement for 12 months, and concurrent planning. These efforts are expected to positively impact permanency outcomes for children.

Delaware is committed to continuous quality improvement and to improving outcomes for the children we serve in our child welfare system.

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Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**107,204**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	0%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
• Black	76%
• Hispanic	9%
• White	13%
Child population in poverty	**39%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**100%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**5,341**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**3,188**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**96**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	11,518	107 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	5,341	50 per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	3.7 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,341

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,341

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	91%	7%	2%	0%	0%	100%	5,341

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	2,939	1,039	792	3,188	3,978
Median length of stay (months)	30.0	N/A	13.9	29.9	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	28%	26%	22%	15%	5%	0%	99%	2,939
Entered care (FY 1998)	13%	38%	23%	19%	6%	0%	0%	99%	1,039
Exited care (FY 1998)	6%	37%	24%	14%	7%	12%	0%	100%	792
In care on 9/30/98	2%	26%	28%	23%	15%	6%	0%	100%	3,188

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	97%	0%	1%	2%	100%	2,939
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	98%	0%	0%	2%	100%	1,039
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	97%	0%	0%	2%	99%	792
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	97%	0%	1%	2%	100%	3,188

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	1,016
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	11

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	39%	43%	15%	1%	0%	99%	1,016

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	97%	0%	1%	1%	99%	1,016

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	0%	52%	30%	15%	3%	0%	100%	96

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	99%	0%	1%	0%	100%	96

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

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Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

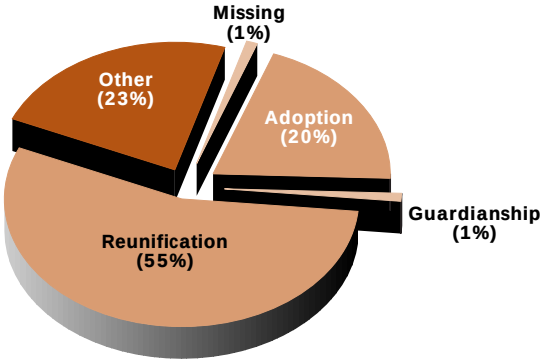
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	20%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	55%
Other	23%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	792



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	22%
Guardianship	11%
Reunification	22%
Other	44%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	9

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	5%
Guardianship	4%
Reunification	40%
Other	51%
Missing	1%
Total	101%
Number	166

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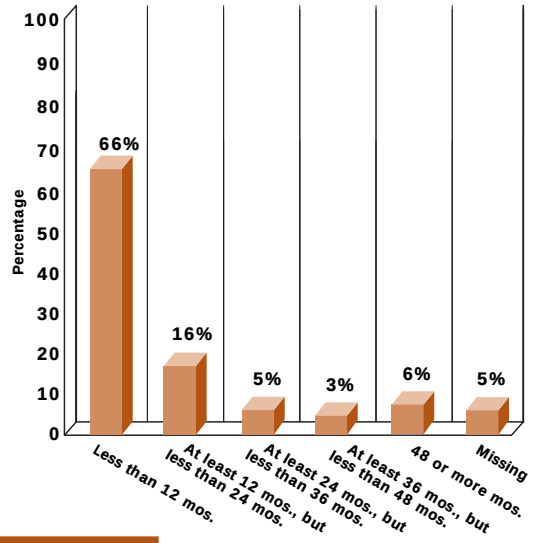
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	20%	50%	100%	11%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	0%	0%	56%	0%	0%	22%	0%
Other	0%	0%	22%	50%	0%	67%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
Number	0	0	771	2	1	18	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	33%
Children older than 12 at entry	66%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	85

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

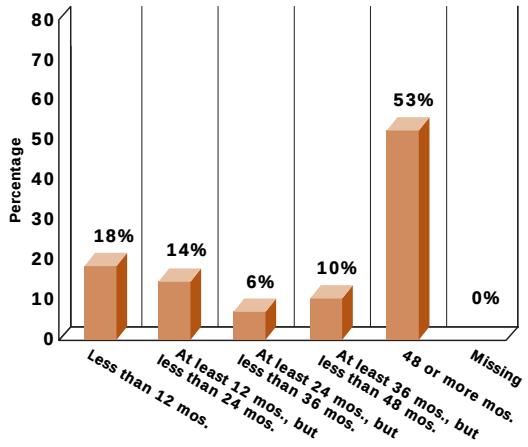
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	66%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	16%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	5%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	3%
48 or more months	6%
Missing	5%
Total	101%
Number	433



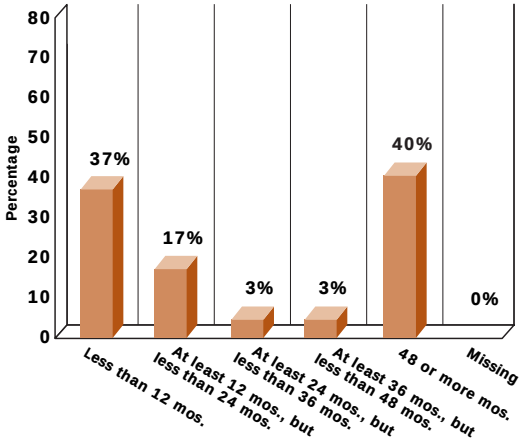
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	60%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	2%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	0%
Missing	38%
Total	100%
Number	1,039

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	18%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	14%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	6%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	10%
48 or more months	53%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	159



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	37%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	17%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	3%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	3%
48 or more months	40%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	65



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	89%	68%	57%	50%	39%	81%
Children with 3 or more placements	10%	31%	42%	49%	61%	11%
Missing	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	7%
Total	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%
Number	1,115	714	496	386	1,240	27

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	9%
Institutions	13%
Other settings	78%
Missing	1%
Total	101%
Number	830

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Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**3,471,316**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	21%
• Hispanic	16%
• White	60%
Child population in poverty	**20%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**95%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**79,785**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**26,320**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**1,549**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	184,197	53 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	79,785	23 per 1,000
Child fatalities	78	2.2 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	8%	29%	27%	21%	5%	9%	99%	79,785

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	29%	0%	61%	0%	10%	100%	79,785

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	3%	3%	45%	20%	8%	46%	0%	125%	79,785

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	20,274	13,980	7,934	26,320	34,254
Median length of stay (months)	15.8	N/A	16.1	13.3	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	31%	30%	24%	10%	1%	0%	100%	20,274
Entered care (FY 1998)	14%	34%	27%	20%	5%	0%	0%	100%	13,980
Exited care (FY 1998)	2%	32%	30%	20%	13%	2%	0%	99%	7,934
In care on 9/30/98	5%	31%	30%	23%	10%	1%	0%	100%	26,320

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	53%	4%	42%	0%	99%	20,274
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	45%	5%	49%	0%	99%	13,980
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	50%	4%	45%	0%	99%	7,934
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	50%	5%	45%	0%	100%	26,320

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	4,203
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	32%	37%	25%	3%	0%	100%	4,203

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	50%	4%	44%	0%	98%	4,203

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	47%	35%	15%	2%	0%	100%	1,549

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	40%	10%	49%	0%	99%	1,549

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

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Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

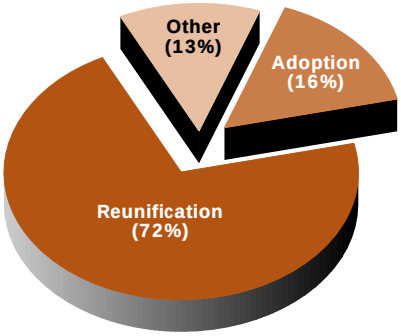
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	87%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	13%
Total	100%
Number	66,676

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	16%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	72%
Other	13%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	7,934



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	4%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	57%
Other	39%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,728

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	7%	11%	13%	11%	19%	25%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	87%	78%	75%	77%	68%	67%	0%
Other	7%	11%	13%	12%	13%	8%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	0%
Number	15	18	3,937	327	3,601	36	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	28%
Children older than 12 at entry	72%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	684

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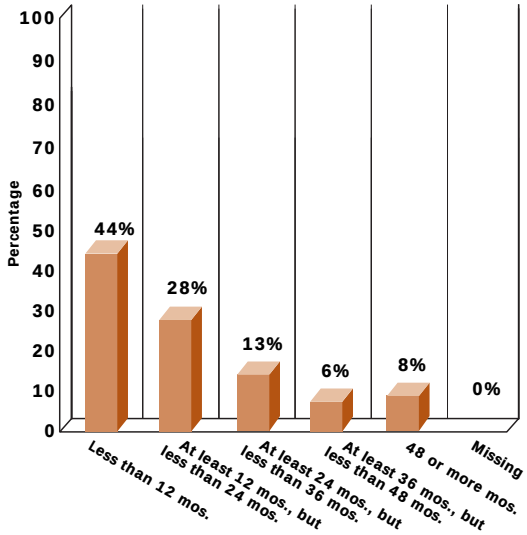
4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

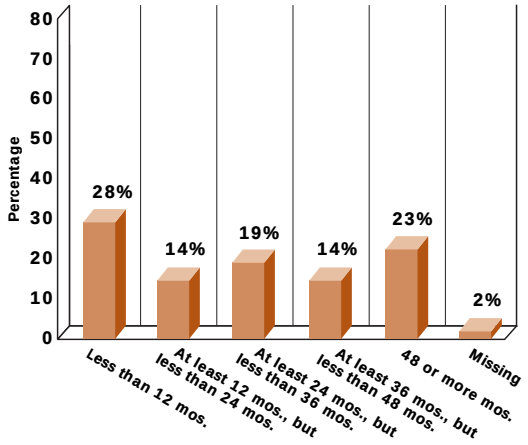
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	44%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	28%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	13%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	6%
48 or more months	8%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	5,674



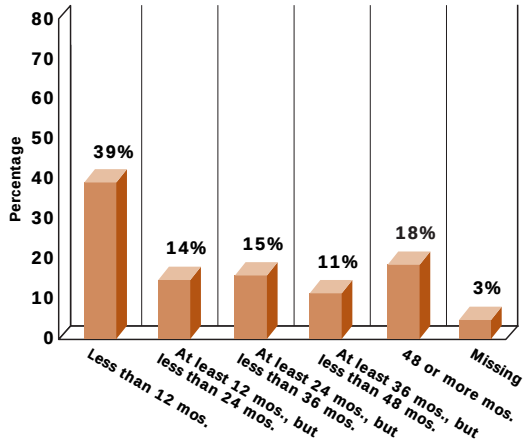
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	88%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	5%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	8%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	13,980

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	28%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	14%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	19%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	14%
48 or more months	23%
Missing	2%
Total	100%
Number	1,241



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	39%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	14%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	15%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	11%
48 or more months	18%
Missing	3%
Total	100%
Number	694



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	-
Institutions	-
Other settings	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Florida

State Comments

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Florida reports ethnicity in AFCARS but not NCANDS. Ethnicity is available to case workers in the computer system for abuse reports, but not in the legacy reporting extract used for NCANDS. In Florida's foster care data, Hispanic children are under-reported. Ethnicity has only been captured for children having a new abuse report since 1/17/1996.

Florida's high percentage of "Other" maltreatments reflect the State category Threatened Harm. Almost a quarter of these relate to domestic violence.

Child Welfare Outcome Measure 1: When Florida measures recurrence, the follow-up period starts when all State services are closed, and substantiation is determined for each individual child.

Child Welfare Outcome Measures 3.1- 3.4: Florida children who exit foster care to guardianship are included in reunification.

Child Welfare Outcome Measures 6.1 and 7.1: Florida has been tracking placement data locally, not in statewide data systems. Starting with the October 1999-March 2000 reporting period, Florida expects to report these data.

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Georgia

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,987,811**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	0%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	34%
• Hispanic	4%
• White	60%
Child population in poverty	**25%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**66%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**45,504**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**9,937**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**672**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	79,848	40 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	45,504	23 per 1,000
Child fatalities	24	1.2 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	5%	33%	29%	23%	5%	5%	100%	45,504

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	39%	2%	44%	2%	14%	101%	45,504

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	4%	5%	58%	19%	9%	4%	0%	99%	45,504

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	9,844	3,724	3,632	9,937	13,568
Median length of stay (months)	23.0	N/A	12.0	26.2	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	28%	29%	28%	10%	1%	0%	100%	9,844
Entered care (FY 1998)	17%	29%	26%	23%	6%	0%	0%	101%	3,724
Exited care (FY 1998)	5%	29%	27%	23%	15%	1%	0%	100%	3,632
In care on 9/30/98	3%	28%	29%	27%	12%	1%	0%	100%	9,937

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	61%	1%	34%	3%	99%	9,844
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	51%	4%	41%	3%	99%	3,724
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	54%	4%	39%	2%	99%	3,632
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	59%	1%	35%	3%	98%	9,937

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	2,403
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	1,394

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	33%	35%	24%	5%	1%	100%	2,403

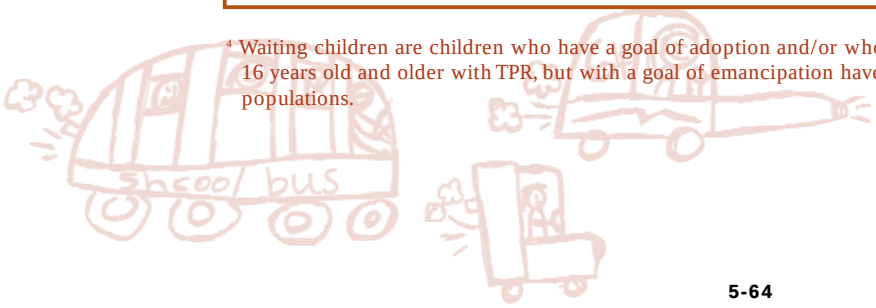
RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	57%	1%	38%	4%	100%	2,403

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	2%	47%	35%	15%	1%	0%	100%	672

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	58%	2%	37%	3%	100%	672

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.



Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

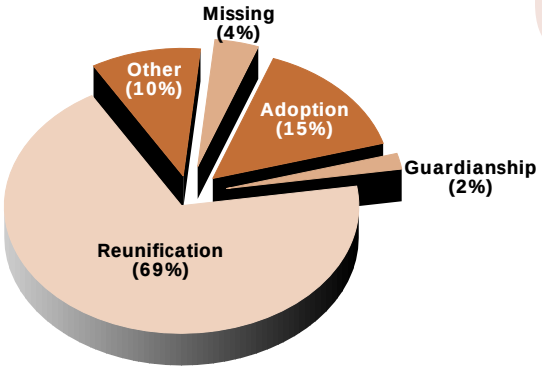
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	15%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	69%
Other	10%
Missing	4%
Total	100%
Number	3,632



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	19%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	52%
Other	21%
Missing	7%
Total	100%
Number	456

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	69%
Other	24%
Missing	4%
Total	100%
Number	957

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	31%	0%	14%	15%	15%	24%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%	0%
Reunification	31%	82%	70%	73%	68%	62%	0%
Other	0%	18%	9%	10%	12%	3%	0%
Missing	38%	0%	5%	2%	4%	8%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	0%
Number	13	11	1,958	143	1,420	87	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	47%
Children older than 12 at entry	53%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	232

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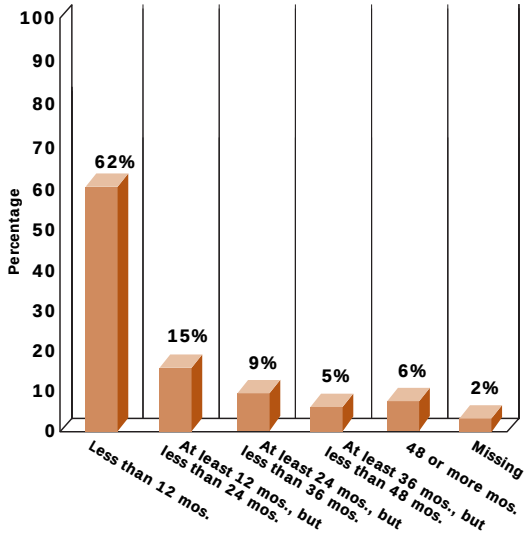
4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

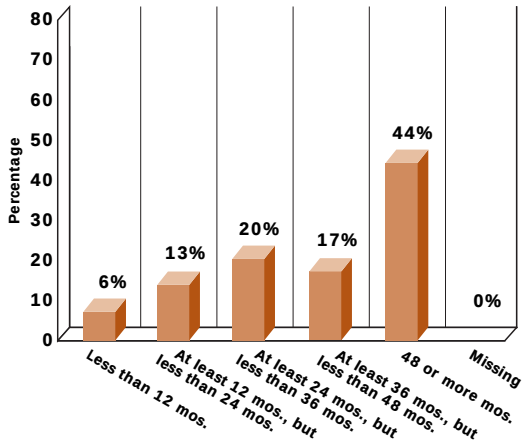
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	62%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	15%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	9%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	5%
48 or more months	6%
Missing	2%
Total	99%
Number	2,512



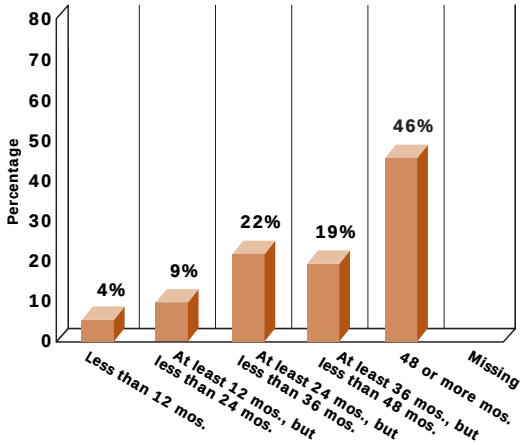
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	92%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	4%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	3%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	3,724

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	6%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	13%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	20%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	17%
48 or more months	44%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	529



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	4%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	9%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	22%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	19%
48 or more months	46%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	208



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	90%	77%	70%	65%	55%	97%
Children with 3 or more placements	10%	23%	30%	35%	45%	3%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	4,141	2,787	2,039	1,423	3,105	73

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	6%
Institutions	6%
Other settings	88%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	2,946

Georgia

State Comments

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Georgia is utilizing legacy computer systems to meet State and Federal reporting needs because we do not yet have an operable SACWIS system in place. Our ability to report data at this time is directly due to the tremendous efforts from our data contractors and programmers. While we await the completion of our SACWIS system, some data could be slightly inconsistent between categories. In general, we are proud that we are in compliance with AFCARS reporting requirements and please be assured that Georgia's overall effort to have consistent and accurate data reporting will continue.

Hawaii

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**302,592**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	0%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	62%
• Black	3%
• Hispanic	11%
• White	24%
Child population in poverty	**21%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**70%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**2,559**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**2,441**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**301**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	4,221	14 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	2,559	8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	1.7 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	13%	30%	28%	22%	6%	1%	100%	2,559

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	1%	60%	22%	2%	15%	0%	2%	102%	2,559

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	1%	1%	10%	10%	6%	70%	1%	99%	2,559

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Hawaii

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	2,077	1,774	1,410	2,441	3,851
Median length of stay (months)	15.8	N/A	10.9	12.3	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	5%	35%	26%	23%	10%	0%	0%	99%	2,077
Entered care (FY 1998)	15%	30%	26%	22%	6%	0%	0%	99%	1,774
Exited care (FY 1998)	5%	33%	29%	19%	14%	0%	0%	100%	1,410
In care on 9/30/98	7%	33%	27%	23%	11%	0%	0%	101%	2,441

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	1%	77%	2%	3%	12%	5%	100%	2,077
Entered care (FY 1998)	1%	74%	3%	2%	14%	5%	99%	1,774
Exited care (FY 1998)	1%	74%	3%	3%	15%	3%	99%	1,410
In care on 9/30/98	1%	77%	2%	2%	12%	6%	100%	2,441

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	585
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	451

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	32%	31%	24%	10%	0%	100%	585

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	75%	3%	3%	14%	3%	100%	585

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	2%	53%	35%	9%	1%	0%	100%	301

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	2%	80%	1%	4%	11%	2%	100%	301

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Hawaii

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

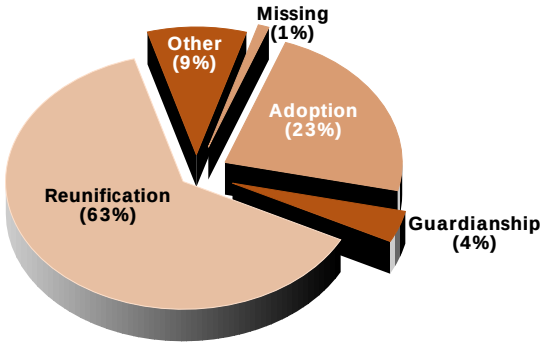
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	23%
Guardianship	4%
Reunification	63%
Other	9%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	1,410



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	40%
Guardianship	7%
Reunification	39%
Other	13%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	205

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	3%
Reunification	65%
Other	29%
Missing	1%
Total	99%
Number	338

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	70%	25%	6%	24%	15%	8%	0%
Guardianship	0%	5%	12%	2%	1%	0%	0%
Reunification	20%	61%	71%	51%	74%	71%	100%
Other	10%	9%	10%	22%	8%	16%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	0%
Total	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	0%
Number	10	1,043	49	45	207	49	7

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20%
Children older than 12 at entry	80%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	103

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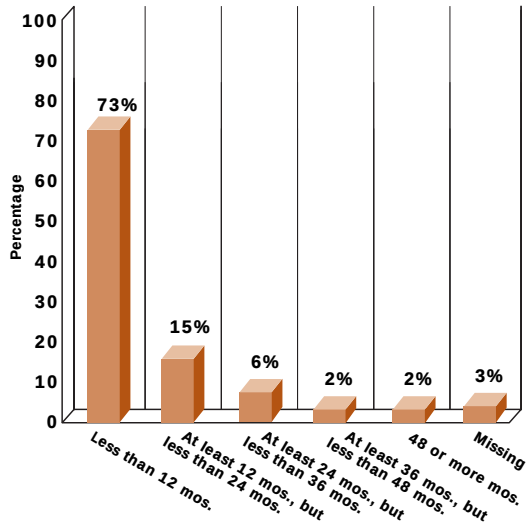
4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

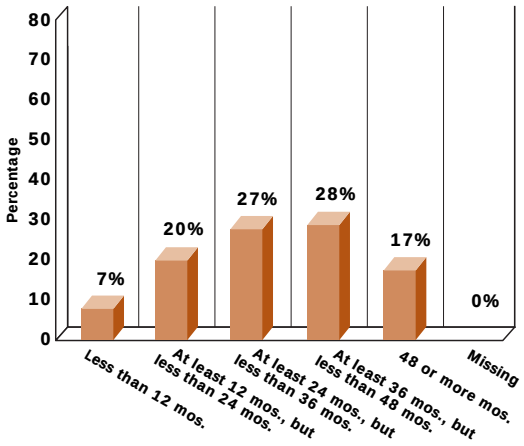
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	73%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	15%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	6%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	2%
48 or more months	2%
Missing	3%
Total	101%
Number	890



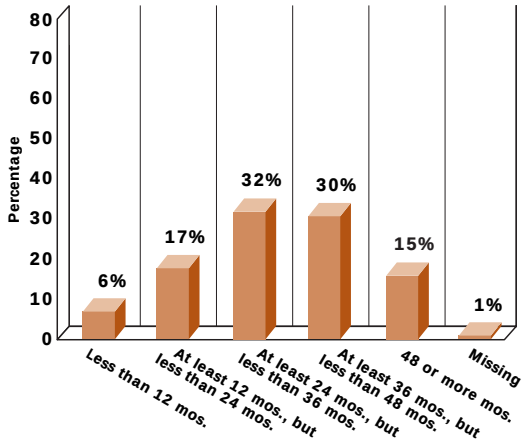
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	79%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	10%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	10%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	1,774

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	7%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	20%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	27%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	28%
48 or more months	17%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	322



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	6%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	17%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	32%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	30%
48 or more months	15%
Missing	1%
Total	101%
Number	136



Hawaii

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82%	61%	50%	47%	33%	77%
Children with 3 or more placements	14%	36%	49%	52%	64%	3%
Missing	3%	3%	1%	1%	3%	19%
Total	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Number	1,923	798	413	304	382	31

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	11%
Institutions	1%
Other settings	86%
Missing	3%
Total	101%
Number	1,381

State Comments

Hawaii

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Child Welfare Context Data, Section B: The age data underwent corrections after the FY 1998 AFCARS foster care record was transmitted for the report period ending 9/98.

Child Welfare Outcome Data, Outcome Measure 7: ("Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions Group Homes.") The percentage is inflated because some types of homes included in the count were erroneously defined as group homes.

We noted that there were no data listed for Hawaii for *Child Welfare Outcome Measure 1:* ("Reduce Recurrence of child Abuse and/or Neglect.") We now have prior year data (FY 1996) available to calculate this outcome, and we would be happy to submit these data for future reports.

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Idaho

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**351,352**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	1%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	0%
• Hispanic	10%
• White	87%
Child population in poverty	**20%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**29%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**8,283**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**963**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**14***

*See State Commentary

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	32,522	93 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	8,283	24 per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	1.1 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	3%	24%	26%	24%	11%	11%	99%	8,283

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	2%	0%	1%	10%	81%	1%	16%	111%	8,283

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	42%	33%	19%	5%	0%	99%	8,283

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Idaho

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	682	851	572	963	1,533
Median length of stay (months)	12.8	N/A	1.2	12.4	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	5%	28%	29%	26%	12%	0%	0%	100%	682
Entered care (FY 1998)	13%	26%	25%	28%	8%	0%	0%	100%	851
Exited care (FY 1998)	7%	31%	23%	27%	13%	0%	0%	101%	572
In care on 9/30/98	4%	26%	30%	28%	13%	0%	0%	101%	963

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	0%	2%	7%	87%	1%	100%	682
Entered care (FY 1998)	4%	0%	1%	11%	83%	1%	100%	851
Exited care (FY 1998)	2%	0%	1%	13%	83%	1%	100%	572
In care on 9/30/98	4%	0%	2%	7%	86%	1%	100%	963

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	149
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	97

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	31%	38%	21%	6%	1%	100%	149

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	0%	3%	10%	86%	0%	100%	149

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	14%	29%	50%	7%	0%	0%	100%	14

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	0%	0%	86%	14%	100%	14

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Idaho

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

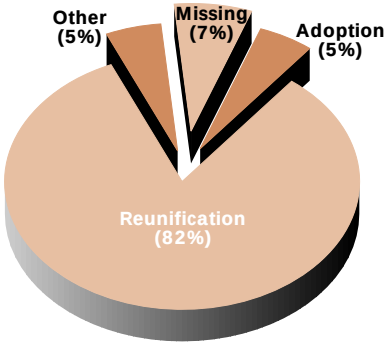
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	5%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	82%
Other	5%
Missing	7%
Total	99%
Number	572



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	10%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	75%
Other	4%
Missing	12%
Total	101%
Number	51

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	78%
Other	12%
Missing	10%
Total	100%
Number	197

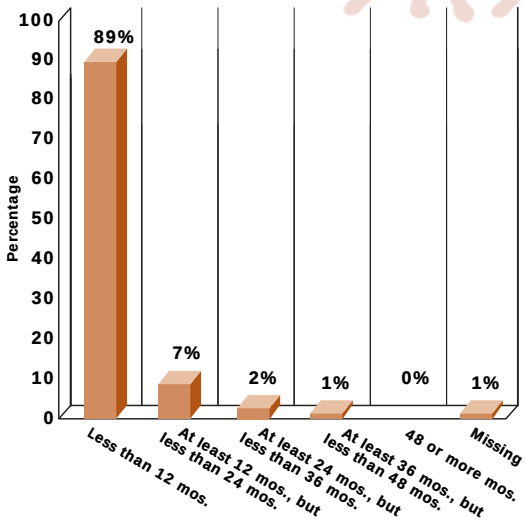
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	0%	9%	5%	0%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	42%	0%	75%	74%	84%	100%	0%
Other	8%	0%	0%	7%	5%	0%	0%
Missing	50%	0%	25%	9%	6%	0%	0%
Total	100%	0%	100%	99%	100%	100%	0%
Number	12	0	4	74	475	7	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	11%
Children older than 12 at entry	89%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	19

Idaho

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

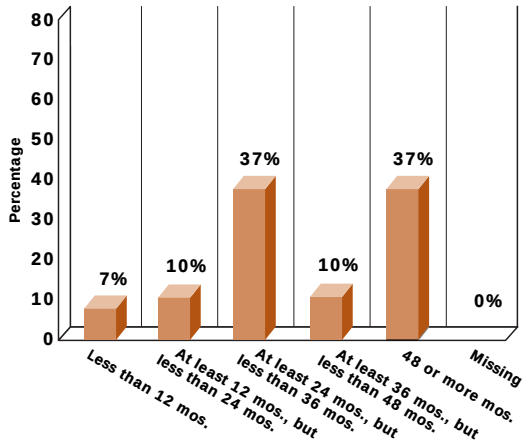
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	89%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	7%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	2%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	1%
48 or more months	0%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	470



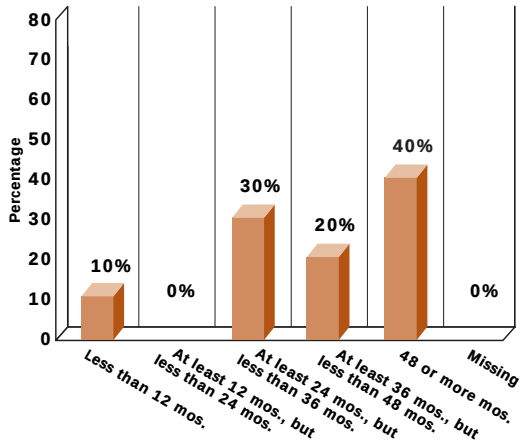
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	81%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	7%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	4%
Missing	7%
Total	99%
Number	851

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	7%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	10%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	37%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	10%
48 or more months	37%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	30



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	10%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	0%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	30%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	20%
48 or more months	40%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	10



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	70%	46%	41%	32%	25%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	26%	53%	59%	60%	69%	0%
Missing	4%	1%	0%	9%	6%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Number	934	261	133	82	120	3

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	3%
Institutions	4%
Other settings	92%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	571

State Comments

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The number of children adopted during Federal fiscal year 1998 is under-reported. This is due in part to partial implementation of a new information system used to report the data. Not all data were available for submission for the 1998 report. The actual number of agency adoptions during this time period is 57.

Illinois

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**3,174,223**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	0%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
• Black	19%
• Hispanic	14%
• White	64%
Child population in poverty	**16%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**83%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**38,936**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**48,737**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**4,656**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	115,344	36 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	38,936	12 per 1,000
Child fatalities	79	2.5 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	14%	34%	29%	20%	4%	0%	101%	38,936

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	40%	9%	47%	2%	9%	107%	38,936

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	1%	3%	44%	11%	10%	46%	0%	115%	38,936

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Illinois

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	52,134	9,229	12,627	48,737	61,363
Median length of stay (months)	35.6	N/A	42.4	40.0	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	30%	30%	23%	11%	3%	0%	100%	52,134
Entered care (FY 1998)	25%	28%	21%	19%	7%	1%	0%	101%	9,229
Exited care (FY 1998)	2%	28%	29%	19%	13%	8%	2%	101%	12,627
In care on 9/30/98	3%	28%	30%	24%	12%	3%	0%	100%	48,737

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	78%	5%	16%	1%	100%	52,134
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	64%	7%	26%	2%	99%	9,229
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	69%	6%	23%	2%	100%	12,627
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	77%	5%	17%	1%	100%	48,737

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	23,023
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	6,066

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	36%	39%	21%	2%	0%	100%	23,023

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	83%	4%	12%	1%	100%	23,023

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	39%	41%	17%	2%	0%	100%	4,656

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	75%	5%	19%	1%	100%	4,656

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Illinois

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

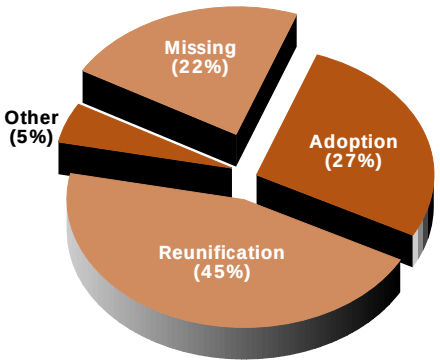
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	88%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	12%
Total	100%
Number	31,852

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	27%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	45%
Other	5%
Missing	22%
Total	99%
Number	12,627



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	32%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	29%
Other	8%
Missing	30%
Total	99%
Number	1,687

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	33%
Other	17%
Missing	48%
Total	99%
Number	2,711

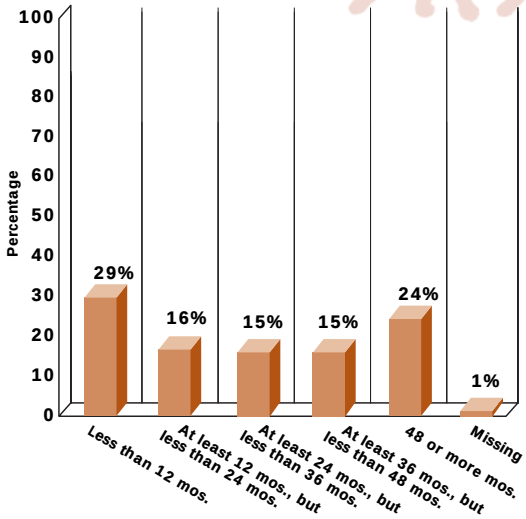
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	13%	11%	29%	23%	23%	26%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	53%	54%	42%	56%	51%	59%	0%
Other	20%	25%	5%	5%	5%	3%	0%
Missing	13%	11%	24%	16%	20%	13%	0%
Total	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%	101%	0%
Number	15	28	8,747	765	2,872	200	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	28%
Children older than 12 at entry	72%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	516

Illinois

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

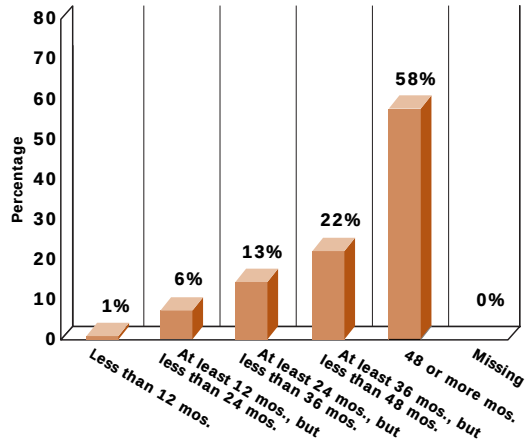
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	29%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	16%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	15%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	15%
48 or more months	24%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	5,696



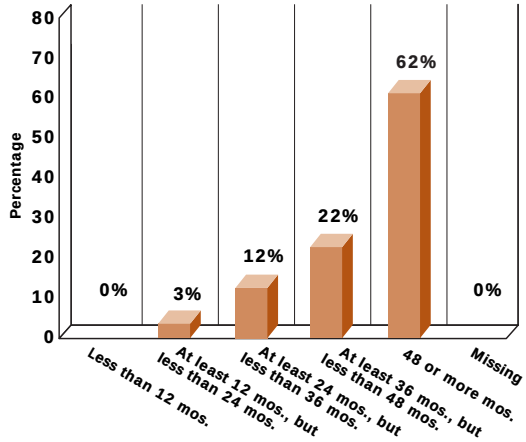
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	78%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	14%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	7%
Missing	2%
Total	101%
Number	9,229

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	1%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	6%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	13%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	22%
48 or more months	58%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	3,466



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	3%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	12%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	22%
48 or more months	62%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	1,206



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	79%	62%	55%	49%	38%	57%
Children with 3 or more placements	21%	38%	45%	51%	62%	3%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	41%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Number	9,787	8,434	8,964	9,213	24,849	116

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	0%
Institutions	3%
Other settings	94%
Missing	2%
Total	99%
Number	7,376

State Comments

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Illinois' dramatic improvements in reducing length of stay are missed because of AFCARS' inability to track children prospectively. In a rapidly changing child welfare system, it is precarious to gauge performance based on point-in-time statistics or exit cohorts (e.g., time in care at reunification).

Using Illinois' definition of substitute care, caseload peaked at 51,841 children in March 1997, ending nearly two decades of uninterrupted growth. It has continued to decline to 36,610 children as of September 1999. This dramatic reduction can be traced to State reforms that have decreased intake and increased permanencies.

Intake Declines: Intake dropped from 16,071 placements in FY 1995 to 8,086 placements in FY 1999 due to improved safety assessments and redesigned family services that keep children safely with their parents.

Permanency Increases: Adoption and guardianship nearly quadrupled from 2,414 (2,229 adoptions and 185 guardianships) in FY 1997 to 9,514 (7,315 adoptions and 2,199 guardianships) in FY 1999. Improvements result from performance contracting that creates incentives for surpassing permanency benchmarks, statutory and court reforms, and the availability of subsidized guardianship.

Length of Stay Shortens: More timely permanencies have reduced the median time it takes children to exit the system from 55 months to under 40 months as of September 1999. HHS' measure misses this improvement because it focuses on exits or children remaining in care.

Safety Improves: Reduced length of stay has been accompanied by improvements in the safety of foster care. The percentage of foster children with a substantiated report dropped from 3.5 percent in 1995 to 2.0 percent in 1998. Rates of recurrence among all children also fell from 18 percent to 12 percent at 1-year follow-up.

Reunification Targeted: Reunification counts are inflated by including children in protective custody lasting less than 48 hours. Excluding these cases, reunification gains have lagged behind adoption and guardianship. Illinois' second waiver targets families for enhanced substance treatment support services to increase future prospects of returning children home.

Indiana

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,497,455**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	10%
• Hispanic	3%
• White	86%
Child population in poverty	**11%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**56%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**15,624**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**5,070**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**800**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	47,170	32 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	15,624	10 per 1,000
Child fatalities	37	2.5 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	8%	29%	30%	27%	6%	0%	100%	15,624

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	15%	2%	67%	4%	13%	101%	15,624

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	0%	5%	57%	20%	19%	0%	0%	101%	15,624

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Indiana

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	8,259	6,328	9,524	5,070	14,587
Median length of stay (months)	18.2	N/A	7.6	19.0	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	24%	23%	28%	18%	2%	1%	100%	8,259
Entered care (FY 1998)	11%	23%	20%	33%	12%	0%	0%	99%	6,328
Exited care (FY 1998)	5%	22%	21%	31%	19%	1%	0%	99%	9,524
In care on 9/30/98	4%	26%	23%	25%	15%	4%	3%	100%	5,070

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	32%	2%	57%	9%	100%	8,259
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	28%	2%	58%	12%	100%	6,328
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	28%	2%	59%	10%	99%	9,524
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	34%	1%	56%	8%	99%	5,070

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	443
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	124

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	42%	31%	18%	4%	3%	100%	443

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	39%	2%	55%	5%	101%	443

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	39%	41%	17%	2%	0%	100%	800

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	29%	3%	60%	7%	99%	800

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Indiana

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Indiana

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	78%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	13%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	6%
Missing	3%
Total	100%
Number	6,328

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	79%	67%	62%	61%	57%	96%
Children with 3 or more placements	20%	32%	37%	38%	42%	3%
Missing	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Total	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	7,102	2,396	1,568	1,027	2,030	464

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	1%
Institutions	9%
Other settings	66%
Missing	23%
Total	99%
Number	3,925

State Comments

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To improve data quality, Indiana began implementation of the Indiana Child Welfare Information System (ICWIS) in March of 1997. Technological challenges delayed implementation, so it was not fully functional statewide until January of 1999.

During implementation, data from our legacy system was converted to ICWIS and significant staff effort was taken to clean data, to enter historical data for the period during which both systems were inoperable, and to become current with daily data entry. This has been a significant challenge.

Due to the lengthy implementation process, Indiana is not fully represented in the outcome data included in this Annual Report. I would like to stress that this is an area of ongoing work and we are strongly committed to improving data collection and data integrity for future reports. State-developed performance outcomes are tracked on a monthly basis, and continual program monitoring and evaluation is on-going.

Because permanency and stability are top priorities for Indiana, it is encouraging to see high marks for Indiana in these areas. Indiana also is proud, and very pleased, to be awarded the sixth-highest adoption incentive payment this year.

Iowa

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**725,325**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	3%
• Hispanic	3%
• White	93%
Child population in poverty	**11%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**40%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**-**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**-**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**517**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	-	-
Child maltreatment victims [1]	-	-
Child fatalities	-	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Iowa

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	-	-	-	-	-
Median length of stay (months)	-	N/A	-	-	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	-
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	47%	37%	13%	2%	0%	100%	517

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	6%	1%	17%	3%	73%	0%	100%	517

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Iowa

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Iowa

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	-
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	-
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Iowa

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	-
Institutions	-
Other settings	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

State Comments

Iowa

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Iowa's Child Welfare Information System (CWIS), containing child abuse, adoption, and foster care data, has been active since July of 1997. Data from CWIS are routinely used to monitor services and practices at the client level and administrative level.

Some data elements, primarily dates, were mismapped in the transfer from CWIS to AFCARS causing the appearance of missing data for many of the foster care data elements. Also, the initial submission for child abuse data was not timely, therefore, data are not reflected for this period even though those data are available. The requested data are present in CWIS, and the mapping issue has been addressed for more recent submissions, as well as procedures to assure timely, accurate submissions.

Iowa routinely tracks and monitors child safety and permanency, and the status of children in foster care and adoption based upon data from the CWIS system.

Data are used to examine a variety of elements, such as the number of children currently in foster care, length of time in care, number of finalized adoptions, time from TRP to adoption, ASFA compliance issues, confirmed abuse, repeated abuse, and type of abuse.

Each data item can be analyzed by age of the child and other demographic factors including location. We are also in process of putting the data into extract files that can be accessed locally to improve our ability to monitor client results and manage programs and budgets.

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Kansas

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**687,931**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	1%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	7%
• Hispanic	7%
• White	83%
Child population in poverty	**11%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**67%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**18,592**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**8,488**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**389**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	47,096	68 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	18,592	27 per 1,000
Child fatalities	4	0.6 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	3%	14%	13%	9%	3%	58%	100%	18,592

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	1%	0%	15%	5%	74%	8%	2%	105%	18,592

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	4%	3%	24%	27%	12%	9%	21%	100%	18,592

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Kansas

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	5,205	6,683	3,400	8,488	11,888
Median length of stay (months)	11.1	N/A	11.7	8.8	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	1%	4%	5%	15%	14%	0%	62%	101%	5,205
Entered care (FY 1998)	4%	7%	8%	20%	12%	0%	49%	100%	6,683
Exited care (FY 1998)	1%	7%	7%	21%	30%	2%	31%	99%	3,400
In care on 9/30/98	2%	5%	6%	13%	9%	0%	64%	99%	8,488

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	1%	1%	21%	8%	67%	2%	100%	5,205
Entered care (FY 1998)	1%	1%	17%	7%	72%	3%	101%	6,683
Exited care (FY 1998)	1%	1%	17%	7%	71%	3%	100%	3,400
In care on 9/30/98	1%	1%	19%	7%	69%	2%	99%	8,488

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	1,528
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	789

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	5%	6%	10%	3%	75%	101%	1,528

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	0%	27%	6%	62%	3%	100%	1,528

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	39%	35%	22%	3%	0%	100%	389

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	1%	1%	22%	6%	67%	3%	100%	389

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Kansas

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

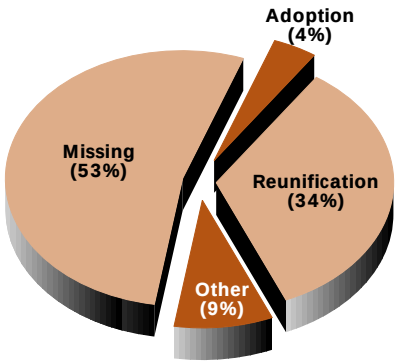
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	4%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	34%
Other	9%
Missing	53%
Total	100%
Number	3,400



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	44%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	11%
Other	0%
Missing	44%
Total	99%
Number	9

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	33%
Other	10%
Missing	56%
Total	100%
Number	1,547

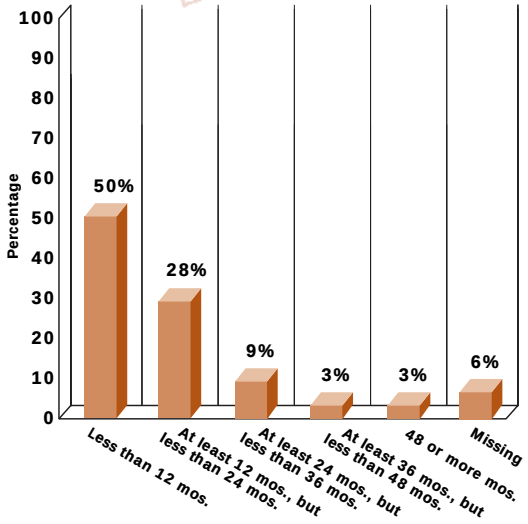
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	20%	0%	5%	4%	3%	8%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%
Reunification	5%	47%	24%	35%	36%	25%	0%
Other	20%	0%	11%	3%	10%	10%	0%
Missing	55%	53%	60%	57%	50%	55%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	0%
Number	40	36	576	252	2,400	96	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	18%
Children older than 12 at entry	46%
Missing	36%
Total	100%
Number	96

Kansas

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

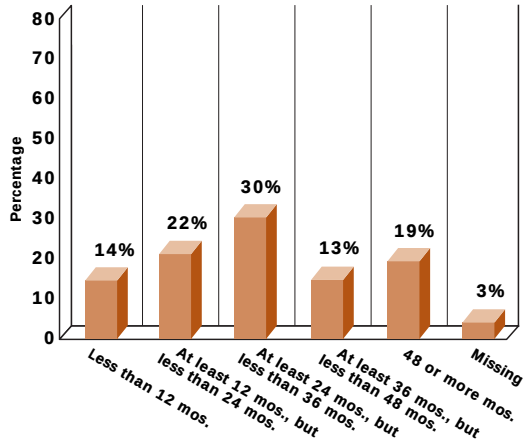
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	50%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	28%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	9%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	3%
48 or more months	3%
Missing	6%
Total	99%
Number	1,140



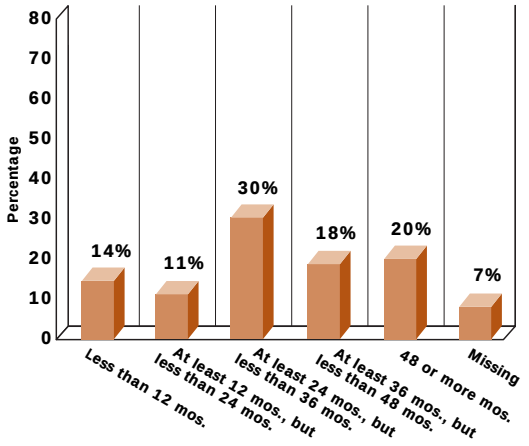
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	92%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	2%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	1%
Missing	5%
Total	100%
Number	6,683

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	14%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	22%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	30%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	13%
48 or more months	19%
Missing	3%
Total	101%
Number	139



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	14%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	11%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	30%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	18%
48 or more months	20%
Missing	7%
Total	100%
Number	56



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6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	61%	30%	14%	10%	15%	59%
Children with 3 or more placements	39%	70%	86%	90%	85%	41%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	6,930	2,384	952	447	876	299

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	4%
Institutions	4%
Other settings	92%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	976

State Comments

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During Federal fiscal years 1997 and 1998, Kansas data were in transition from one information system to another. Many of the existing case data did not convert in the manner expected, resulting in the missing data reported for the period as reflected in this report. During the same period, Kansas family preservation, reintegration/foster care, and adoption programs were in transition from State-provided services to a public/private partnership in which these programs were contracted to the private sector. This major program shift also resulted in some loss of information as dissimilar data systems among the contractors and the State had to be brought into agreement. Data reliability has improved with each succeeding year with Federal FY 1999 data being the first year the data can be considered generally complete and accurate.

Kentucky

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**961,202**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	9%
• Hispanic	1%
• White	89%
Child population in poverty	**23%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**40%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**20,783**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**-**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**206**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	45,001	47 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	20,783	22 per 1,000
Child fatalities	25	2.6 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	7%	33%	31%	23%	5%	0%	99%	20,783

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	15%	0%	80%	3%	1%	99%	20,783

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	13%	0%	61%	28%	7%	0%	0%	109%	20,783

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Kentucky

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	-	-	-	-	-
Median length of stay (months)	-	N/A	-	-	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	-
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	0%	47%	41%	10%	1%	0%	99%	206

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	1%	19%	3%	58%	19%	100%	206

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Kentucky

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	91%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	9%
Total	100%
Number	15,519

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Kentucky

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

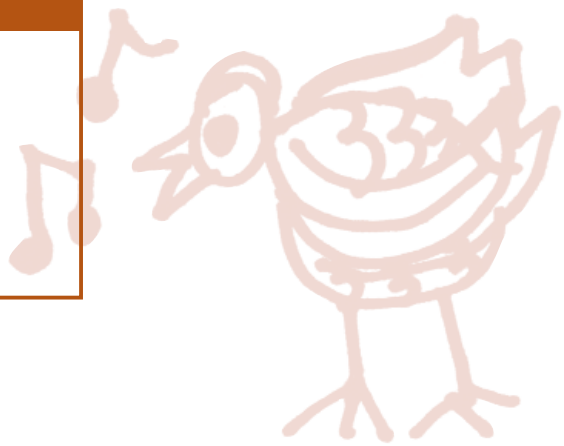
3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Kentucky

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	-
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	-
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-



5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	-
Institutions	-
Other settings	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Louisiana

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,190,878**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	39%
• Hispanic	3%
• White	56%
Child population in poverty	**23%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**81%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**14,825**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**6,301**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**236***

*See State Commentary

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	46,287	39 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	14,825	12 per 1,000
Child fatalities	17	1.4 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	7%	31%	30%	26%	7%	0%	101%	14,825

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	55%	0%	44%	0%	1%	100%	14,825

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	4%	0%	69%	21%	6%	1%	0%	101%	14,825

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	5,649	3,051	2,399	6,301	8,700
Median length of stay (months)	23.0	N/A	15.6	19.5	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	2%	25%	28%	31%	13%	0%	0%	99%	5,649
Entered care (FY 1998)	10%	23%	22%	36%	9%	0%	0%	100%	3,051
Exited care (FY 1998)	4%	29%	26%	20%	21%	0%	0%	100%	2,399
In care on 9/30/98	3%	21%	25%	36%	15%	0%	0%	100%	6,301

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	66%	0%	32%	0%	98%	5,649
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	60%	1%	38%	0%	99%	3,051
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	62%	1%	36%	1%	100%	2,399
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	65%	1%	34%	0%	100%	6,301

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	1,171
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	253

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	31%	41%	24%	2%	0%	100%	1,171

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	61%	1%	37%	1%	100%	1,171

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	2%	37%	45%	15%	1%	0%	100%	236

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	64%	0%	35%	1%	100%	236

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Louisiana

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

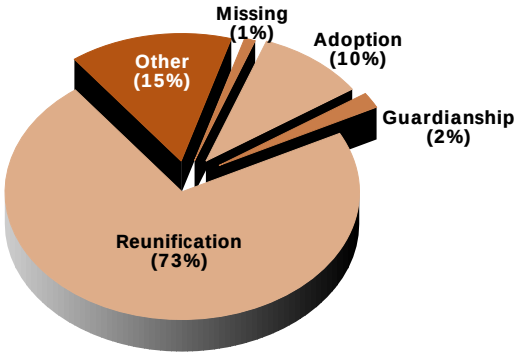
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	93%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	7%
Total	100%
Number	8,669

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	10%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	73%
Other	15%
Missing	1%
Total	101%
Number	2,399



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	21%
Guardianship	3%
Reunification	39%
Other	36%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	384

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	63%
Other	34%
Missing	1%
Total	101%
Number	577

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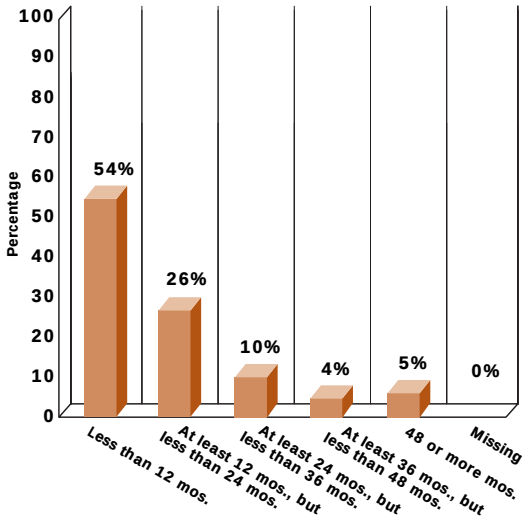
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	17%	10%	0%	10%	23%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	2%	0%	2%	15%	0%
Reunification	43%	33%	73%	77%	74%	54%	0%
Other	57%	50%	15%	23%	13%	8%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	0%
Number	7	6	1,497	13	863	13	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	50%
Children older than 12 at entry	50%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	304

Louisiana

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

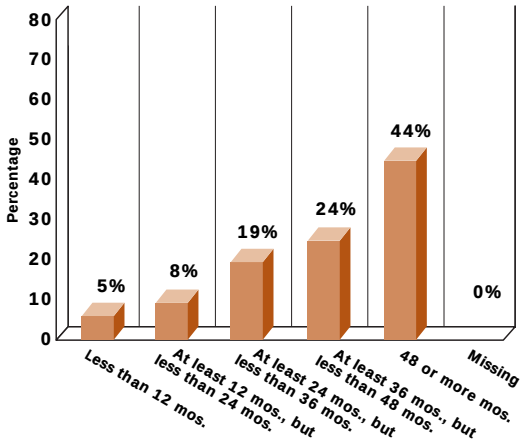
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	54%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	26%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	10%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	4%
48 or more months	5%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	1,747



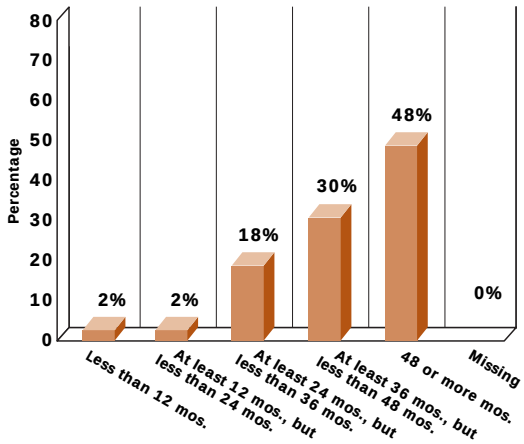
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	83%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	7%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	9%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	3,051

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	4%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	8%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	19%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	24%
48 or more months	44%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	236



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	2%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	2%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	18%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	30%
48 or more months	48%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	100



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	78%	46%	29%	25%	15%	86%
Children with 3 or more placements	20%	54%	71%	75%	85%	10%
Missing	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%
Total	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Number	3,415	1,628	1,005	669	1,962	21

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	2%
Institutions	6%
Other settings	92%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,889

Louisiana

State Comments

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The total number of adoptions of children from foster care during FY98 was 311, not 236.

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Maine

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**297,266**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	1%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	0%
• Hispanic	1%
• White	97%
Child population in poverty	**13%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**33%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**3,746**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**3,595**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**112**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	10,041	34 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	3,746	13 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	1.0 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	5%	29%	32%	27%	7%	0%	100%	3,746

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	2%	0%	2%	1%	96%	0%	0%	101%	3,746

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	69%	0%	51%	22%	11%	0%	0%	153%	3,746

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Maine

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	2,658	1,646	712	3,595	4,304
Median length of stay (months)	26.2	N/A	14.7	18.4	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	2%	21%	26%	30%	17%	2%	2%	100%	2,658
Entered care (FY 1998)	16%	25%	23%	28%	7%	0%	1%	100%	1,646
Exited care (FY 1998)	5%	23%	20%	21%	24%	5%	1%	99%	712
In care on 9/30/98	5%	21%	26%	29%	16%	2%	2%	101%	3,595

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	1%	0%	2%	1%	93%	2%	99%	2,658
Entered care (FY 1998)	2%	0%	2%	2%	84%	11%	101%	1,646
Exited care (FY 1998)	3%	0%	3%	1%	91%	3%	101%	712
In care on 9/30/98	1%	0%	2%	2%	89%	5%	99%	3,595

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	1,199
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	1,353

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	5%	29%	35%	21%	6%	4%	100%	1,199

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	1%	2%	1%	92%	3%	100%	1,199

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	0%	38%	34%	22%	4%	3%	101%	112

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	4%	0%	2%	2%	88%	4%	100%	112

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Maine

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

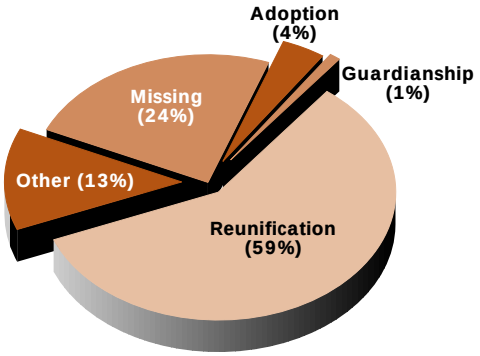
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	4%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	59%
Other	13%
Missing	24%
Total	101%
Number	712



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	50%
Other	0%
Missing	50%
Total	100%
Number	2

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	44%
Other	29%
Missing	25%
Total	100%
Number	251

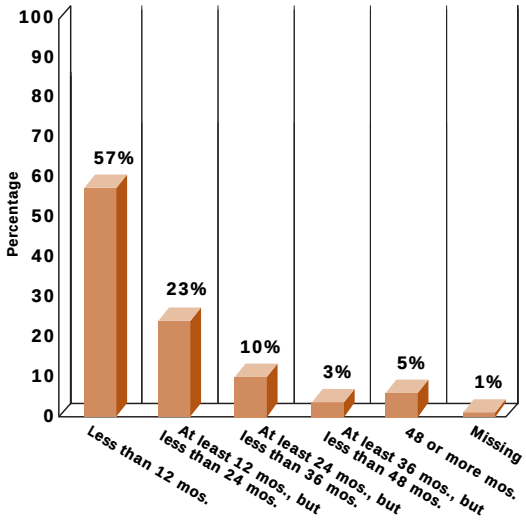
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	6%	14%	4%	0%	17%
Guardianship	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	76%	50%	61%	0%	59%	75%	17%
Other	10%	50%	0%	0%	13%	0%	17%
Missing	5%	0%	33%	86%	23%	25%	50%
Total	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%
Number	21	2	18	7	646	12	6

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	22%
Children older than 12 at entry	78%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	60

Maine

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

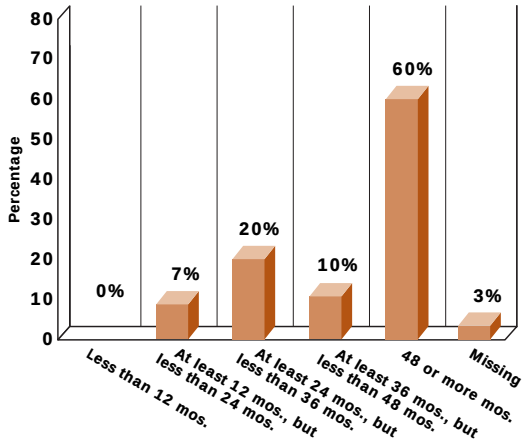
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	57%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	23%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	10%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	3%
48 or more months	5%
Missing	1%
Total	99%
Number	420



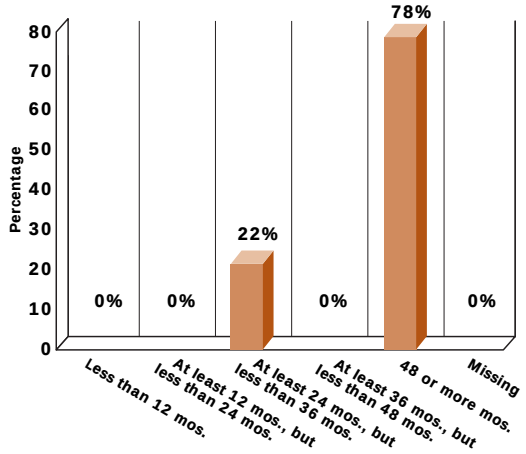
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	89%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	2%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	0%
Missing	8%
Total	99%
Number	1,646

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	7%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	20%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	10%
48 or more months	60%
Missing	3%
Total	100%
Number	30



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	0%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	22%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	0%
48 or more months	78%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	9



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	66%	45%	34%	31%	28%	81%
Children with 3 or more placements	33%	55%	66%	68%	71%	10%
Missing	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	10%
Total	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	101%
Number	1,737	697	479	358	1,002	31

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	1%
Institutions	2%
Other settings	87%
Missing	9%
Total	99%
Number	1,012

Maine

State Comments

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MACWIS, Maine's SACWIS system became operational statewide in April 1998. The AFCARS submission for March 31, 1998, consisted of data from Maine's legacy system and was incomplete. Data for the March 31, 1998, submission that we know to be under-reported include number of children submitted as adopted; number of children diagnosed as disabled; and number of children discharged from foster care.

Data for the September 1998 submission that we suspect may be under-reported include number of children discharged from foster care by discharge reason and number of children with a previous discharge from foster care.

Also, in *Child Welfare Context Data Section D:* ("Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998,") it is unclear how this term is defined. If "Children Waiting to be Adopted" means the number of children whose parents' rights were terminated, then the figure of 995 is not far off, but the actual number is probably about 100 children fewer. If the term means the number of children with the goal of adoption, then the number is high by about 200.

Maryland

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,268,552**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	4%
• Black	31%
• Hispanic	4%
• White	60%
Child population in poverty	**13%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**90%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**14,198**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**12,890**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**435**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	48,528	38 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	14,198	11 per 1,000
Child fatalities	17	1.3 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,198

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	40%	5%	55%	5%	0%	105%	14,198

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,198

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	11,719	4,467	3,296	12,890	16,186
Median length of stay (months)	25.6	N/A	13.7	26.2	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	25%	30%	27%	13%	2%	0%	100%	11,719
Entered care (FY 1998)	14%	27%	26%	26%	7%	0%	0%	100%	4,467
Exited care (FY 1998)	5%	27%	26%	23%	16%	3%	0%	100%	3,296
In care on 9/30/98	3%	23%	30%	28%	13%	3%	0%	100%	12,890

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	79%	1%	19%	1%	100%	11,719
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	70%	1%	25%	3%	99%	4,467
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	67%	2%	29%	1%	99%	3,296
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	79%	1%	18%	1%	99%	12,890

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	2,211
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	972

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	31%	43%	22%	2%	0%	99%	2,211

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	78%	1%	20%	1%	100%	2,211

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	3%	44%	41%	11%	1%	0%	100%	435

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	1%	63%	3%	33%	1%	101%	435

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Maryland

O u t c o m e s D a t a

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

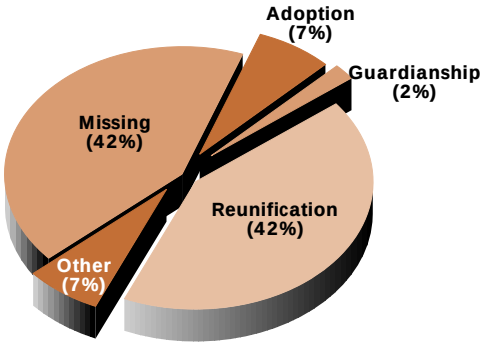
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	7%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	42%
Other	7%
Missing	42%
Total	100%
Number	3,296



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	9%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	38%
Other	14%
Missing	38%
Total	100%
Number	544

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	41%
Other	17%
Missing	41%
Total	100%
Number	954

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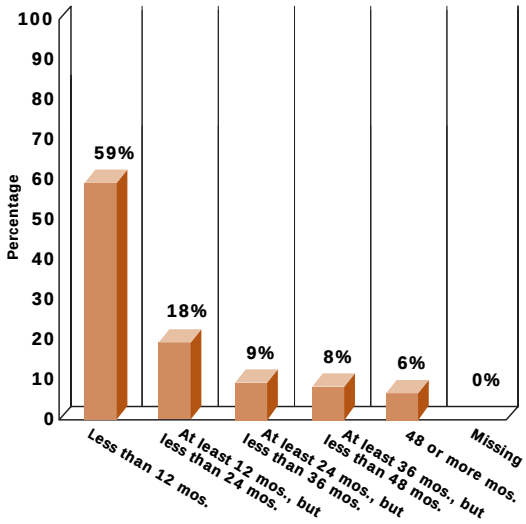
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	13%	6%	8%	9%	0%	8%
Guardianship	0%	0%	2%	5%	1%	0%	2%
Reunification	17%	63%	40%	45%	45%	0%	42%
Other	0%	13%	6%	3%	9%	0%	2%
Missing	83%	13%	45%	40%	36%	0%	46%
Total	100%	102%	99%	101%	100%	0%	100%
Number	6	8	2,224	65	945	0	48

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32%
Children older than 12 at entry	68%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	143

Maryland

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

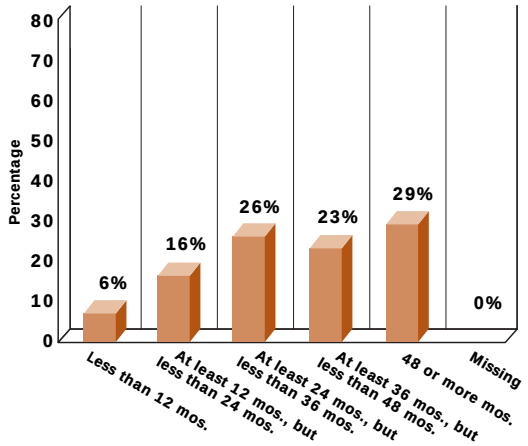
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	59%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	18%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	9%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	8%
48 or more months	6%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,376



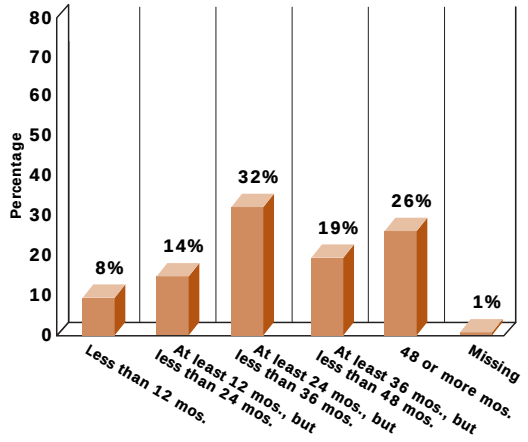
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	74%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	13%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	11%
Missing	1%
Total	99%
Number	4,467

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	6%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	16%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	26%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	23%
48 or more months	29%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	238



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	8%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	14%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	32%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	19%
48 or more months	26%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	100



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	95%	88%	83%	78%	72%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	5%	12%	17%	22%	28%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	4,909	3,221	2,136	1,752	4,109	59

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	5%
Institutions	1%
Other settings	93%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	3,258

Massachusetts

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,451,374**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	4%
• Black	7%
• Hispanic	10%
• White	78%
Child population in poverty	**20%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**93%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**29,815**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	*****
Children adopted during FY 1998	**1,100**

*See State Commentary

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	58,743	40 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	29,815	21 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.1 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	9%	32%	31%	23%	5%	0%	100%	29,815

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	2%	17%	18%	54%	0%	27%	118%	29,815

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	2%	0%	82%	24%	5%	0%	0%	113%	29,815

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Massachusetts

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	-	-	-	-	-
Median length of stay (months)	-	N/A	-	-	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	-
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	47%	40%	13%	1%	0%	102%	1,100

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	1%	23%	23%	46%	7%	100%	1,100

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Massachusetts

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	83%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	17%
Total	100%
Number	25,812

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

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3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	-
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	-
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	-
Institutions	-
Other settings	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Massachusetts

State Comments

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The Massachusetts Department of Social Services fully supports the effort to develop and monitor a set of child welfare outcomes and measures. While major differences exist across States in terms of laws, policies, definitions, resources, and demographics, the effort to explore commonalties in terms of the outcomes of child welfare work is critical to improving the lives of children and families through the U.S. To that end, Massachusetts provided input to the Children's Bureau during the outcome development process based on our internal work with similar data and tracking of outcomes over the past 10 years.

Unfortunately, we have identified major discrepancies within our AFCARS data for FY 1998 that dramatically misrepresent Massachusetts' performance on most of the child welfare outcomes. These discrepancies resulted from our effort to convert old data into our new child welfare computer system in 1998. For example, while the AFCARS data show that Massachusetts had 13,677 children in care as of September 30, 1998, the true number was only 11,498 children, a difference of nearly 20 percent. Including these extra children in the data set also distorts many of the outcomes in the report.

In response to these problems, we have decided, in consultation with the Children's Bureau, that Massachusetts' data should not be included in the first *Annual Report to Congress*. As a result, many of Massachusetts' outcomes will have no data showing in the report. We are currently involved in an extensive process of reviewing and correcting our AFCARS data, and we look forward to having an accurate data set for the next year's Report to Congress on the Child Welfare Outcomes.

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Michigan

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**2,504,757**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	1%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	17%
• Hispanic	4%
• White	77%
Child population in poverty	**14%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**89%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**20,654**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**-**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**2,254**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	147,628	59 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	20,654	8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	-	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	10%	32%	30%	24%	5%	0%	101%	20,654

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	1%	0%	39%	2%	56%	0%	4%	102%	20,654

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	5%	2%	48%	21%	7%	23%	0%	106%	20,654

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Michigan

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	-	-	-	-	-
Median length of stay (months)	-	N/A	-	-	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	-
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	45%	38%	14%	2%	0%	100%	2,254

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	1%	0%	53%	3%	41%	1%	99%	2,254

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Michigan

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Michigan

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Michigan

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	-
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	-
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	-
Institutions	-
Other settings	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

State Comments

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Michigan did not report most of the data elements to the sources used for this report for several reasons. Participation in the DCDC of NCANDS is voluntary, and Michigan had other more critical automation priorities including Y2K. The remaining data come from AFCARS. Michigan's AFCARS report for FY 1998 included all required adoption data and foster care data available in electronic form. Unfortunately, only data from States able to report complete AFCARS data was included in the first report.

Michigan intends to comply with AFCARS and is working toward the implementation of SACWIS, which will provide complete and accurate AFCARS data. Michigan is also working with NCANDS project staff to develop a program that will compile the DCDC data for future reports.

Minnesota

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,250,685**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	2%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	4%
• Black	4%
• Hispanic	3%
• White	88%
Child population in poverty	**16%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**69%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**10,777**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**8,618**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**429***

*See State Commentary

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	26,252	21 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	10,777	9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	7	0.6 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	6%	30%	36%	24%	5%	0%	101%	10,777

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	8%	3%	26%	7%	63%	0%	1%	108%	10,777

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	2%	5%	65%	29%	9%	0%	0%	110%	10,777

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Minnesota

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	7,354	11,772	10,512	8,618	19,126
Median length of stay (months)	14.5	N/A	1.1	12.0	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	18%	25%	34%	20%	1%	0%	101%	7,354
Entered care (FY 1998)	5%	15%	15%	41%	24%	0%	0%	100%	11,772
Exited care (FY 1998)	3%	15%	15%	37%	29%	1%	0%	100%	10,512
In care on 9/30/98	3%	16%	22%	35%	22%	1%	0%	99%	8,618

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	13%	2%	25%	4%	55%	1%	100%	7,354
Entered care (FY 1998)	10%	2%	20%	4%	61%	2%	99%	11,772
Exited care (FY 1998)	9%	2%	20%	4%	61%	3%	99%	10,512
In care on 9/30/98	13%	2%	24%	5%	56%	1%	101%	8,618

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	1,636
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	1,353

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	22%	36%	28%	8%	3%	99%	1,636

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	11%	1%	34%	5%	48%	0%	99%	1,636

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	36%	46%	15%	2%	0%	100%	429

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	9%	2%	42%	6%	42%	0%	101%	429

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Minnesota

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

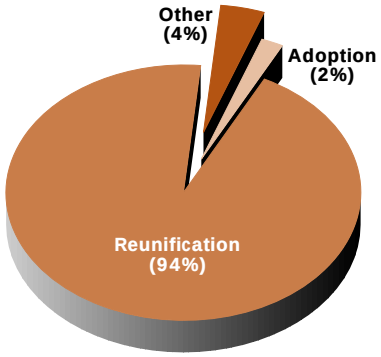
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	2%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	94%
Other	4%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	10,512



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	4%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	88%
Other	8%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,945

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	94%
Other	6%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	6,468

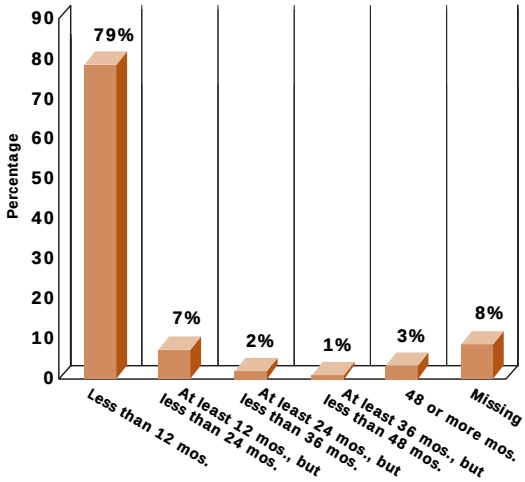
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	0%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	93%	93%	97%	94%	93%	100%	0%
Other	5%	5%	2%	3%	5%	0%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	0%
Number	994	247	2,141	422	6,435	273	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	14%
Children older than 12 at entry	86%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	210

Minnesota

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

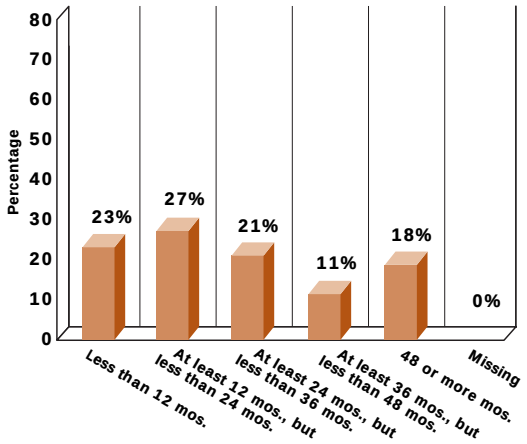
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	79%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	7%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	2%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	1%
48 or more months	3%
Missing	8%
Total	100%
Number	9,844



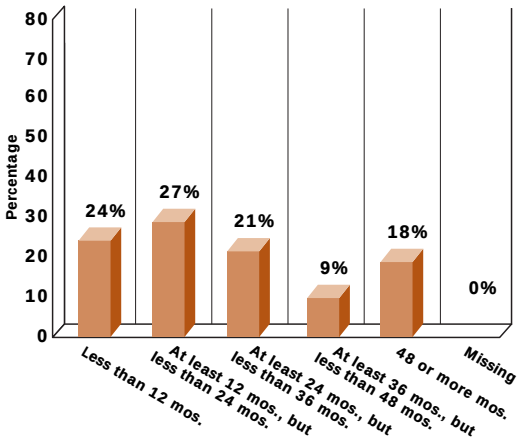
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	53%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	0%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	0%
Missing	47%
Total	100%
Number	11,772

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	23%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	27%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	21%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	11%
48 or more months	18%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	224



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	24%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	27%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	21%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	9%
48 or more months	18%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	146



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86%	61%	54%	48%	44%	99%
Children with 3 or more placements	14%	39%	46%	52%	56%	1%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	12,352	2,321	1,126	671	1,870	786

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	4%
Institutions	20%
Other settings	76%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	4,673

State Comments

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A number of factors may affect Minnesota's performance on the outcome measures, and are addressed below.

Child Welfare Context Data:
Minnesota's child welfare context data include children who are in placement solely due to delinquency or status offenses, which account for 26 percent of all placements. Also included are emergency placements of less than 72 hours and less than 24 hours. These inclusions may drive up numbers in all areas, and specifically affect areas such as re-entry and reunification.

Delinquency and status offenses also impact exits to emancipation for children age 12 and younger.

The context data count of finalized adoptions is reflected as 429, yet later reflected as 224 in *Child Welfare Outcome Measure 5.1,* "Time to Adoption." Neither number matches Minnesota's Adoption 2002 Initiative count of 427 finalized adoptions. It may be helpful to rectify these differences and/or explain reasons for the inconsistencies.

Child Welfare Outcomes Data Measure 4.2: Two calendar years were combined to produce re-entry numbers for children entering foster care in fiscal year 1998. Consequently, outcomes for specific children cannot be tracked between calendar years because child-identifiers are randomly assigned per calendar year.

Child Welfare Outcomes Data, Measures 5.1 and 5.2: Minnesota has two separate systems that track children using separate child-identifiers: (1) entry to foster care through termination of parental rights (TRP) and (2) TRP through adoption. These two systems currently do not allow for tracking from last removal from home, all the way through adoption. The new SACWIS system will improve tracking in this area.

Child Welfare Outcomes Data, Measures 6.1 and 7.1: Eighty percent of the placements in Minnesota's largest county are initially in an emergency shelter setting. It is unclear whether such an emergency shelter setting is described in measure 7.1 as "Institutions" or "Other Settings." If emergency shelter is considered institutional, then the policy to utilize emergency shelter increases the percentage of institutions.

Mississippi

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**752,998**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	0%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	45%
• Hispanic	1%
• White	53%
Child population in poverty	**21%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**32%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**-**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**3,359**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**169**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	-	-
Child maltreatment victims [1]	-	-
Child fatalities	18	2.4 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Mississippi

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	2,852	1,821	1,325	3,359	4,673
Median length of stay (months)	18.9	N/A	9.5	17.4	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	27%	27%	27%	13%	1%	0%	99%	2,852
Entered care (FY 1998)	12%	28%	25%	26%	7%	0%	2%	100%	1,821
Exited care (FY 1998)	5%	30%	26%	24%	12%	3%	1%	101%	1,325
In care on 9/30/98	4%	26%	27%	27%	14%	2%	1%	101%	3,359

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	1%	57%	1%	41%	0%	100%	2,852
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	55%	1%	43%	1%	100%	1,821
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	51%	1%	47%	1%	100%	1,325
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	58%	1%	40%	0%	99%	3,359

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	616
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	174

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	26%	36%	26%	9%	2%	100%	616

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	1%	65%	0%	35%	0%	101%	616

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	2%	28%	38%	25%	7%	1%	101%	169

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	1%	0%	49%	2%	48%	1%	101%	169

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Mississippi

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

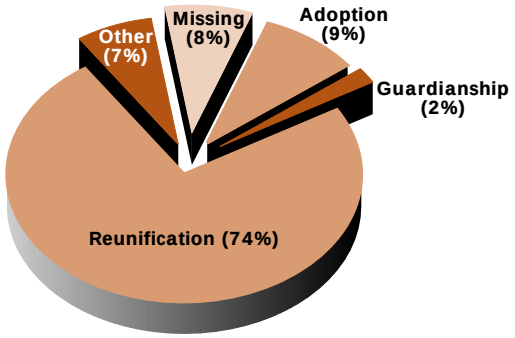
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	9%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	74%
Other	7%
Missing	8%
Total	100%
Number	1,325



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	17%
Guardianship	5%
Reunification	53%
Other	16%
Missing	10%
Total	101%
Number	175

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	71%
Other	17%
Missing	10%
Total	100%
Number	328

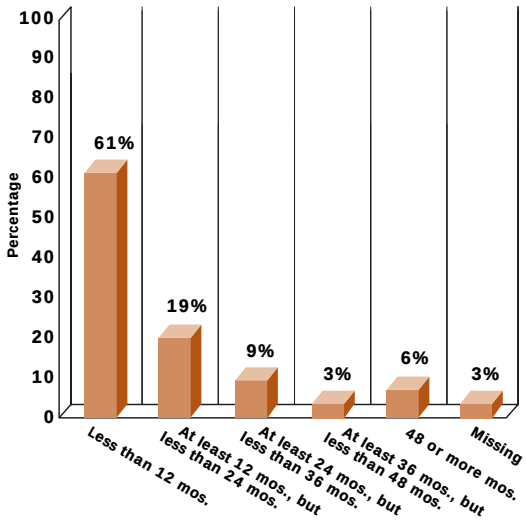
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	7%	50%	9%	8%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	3%	0%	2%	0%	0%
Reunification	0%	25%	75%	42%	73%	75%	0%
Other	0%	50%	6%	8%	8%	0%	0%
Missing	0%	25%	9%	0%	7%	17%	0%
Total	0%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	0%
Number	0	4	672	12	625	12	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	30%
Children older than 12 at entry	70%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	56

Mississippi

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

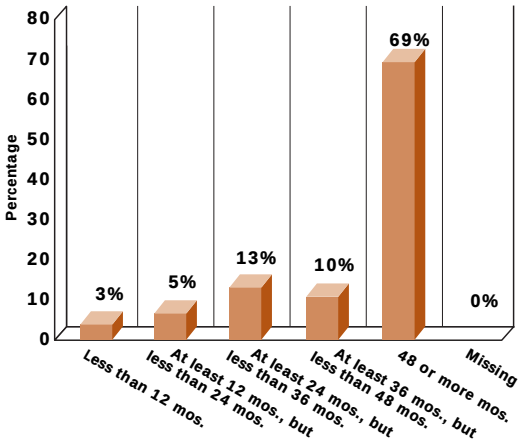
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	61%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	19%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	9%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	3%
48 or more months	6%
Missing	3%
Total	101%
Number	978



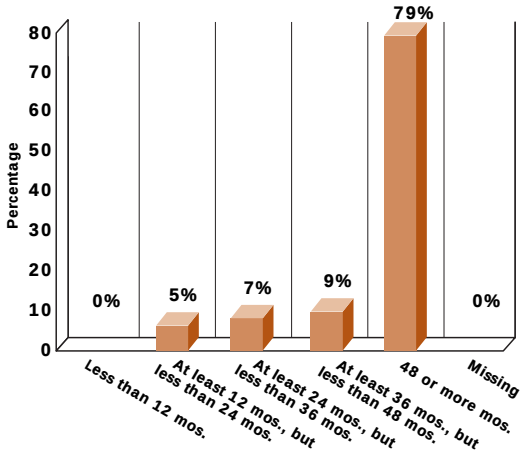
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	99%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	0%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	0%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	1,821

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	3%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	5%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	13%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	10%
48 or more months	69%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	116



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	5%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	7%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	9%
48 or more months	79%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	43



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87%	74%	69%	63%	47%	71%
Children with 3 or more placements	8%	23%	30%	34%	50%	9%
Missing	5%	3%	1%	3%	3%	21%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Number	1,993	915	515	330	886	34

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	16%
Institutions	2%
Other settings	77%
Missing	5%
Total	100%
Number	1,267

Mississippi

Missouri

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,406,425**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	14%
• Hispanic	2%
• White	82%
Child population in poverty	**18%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**70%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**15,845**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**12,495**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**640**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	80,185	57 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	15,845	11 per 1,000
Child fatalities	41	2.9 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	6%	29%	33%	28%	4%	0%	100%	15,845

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	28%	1%	70%	1%	0%	100%	15,845

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	2%	3%	56%	21%	17%	11%	0%	110%	15,845

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	10,941	6,504	4,950	12,495	17,445
Median length of stay (months)	19.3	N/A	10.3	18.8	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	25%	26%	30%	14%	2%	0%	100%	10,941
Entered care (FY 1998)	13%	25%	23%	32%	7%	0%	0%	100%	6,504
Exited care (FY 1998)	4%	25%	23%	27%	18%	3%	0%	100%	4,950
In care on 9/30/98	4%	23%	26%	30%	15%	2%	0%	100%	12,495

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	43%	1%	55%	0%	99%	10,941
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	36%	1%	62%	0%	99%	6,504
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	33%	2%	64%	0%	99%	4,950
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	43%	1%	55%	0%	99%	12,495

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	2,459
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	1,323

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	30%	35%	26%	5%	2%	100%	2,459

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	45%	1%	53%	0%	99%	2,459

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	43%	37%	17%	3%	0%	101%	640

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	40%	0%	59%	0%	99%	640

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Missouri

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

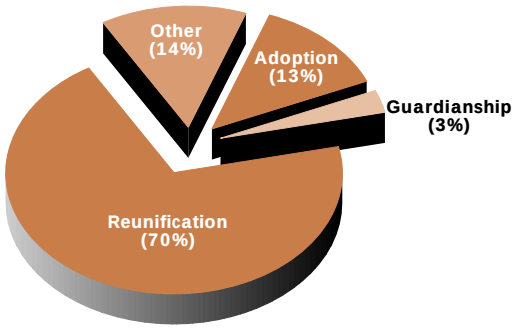
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	13%
Guardianship	3%
Reunification	70%
Other	14%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	4,950



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	18%
Guardianship	3%
Reunification	61%
Other	18%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,378

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	74%
Other	24%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	1,789

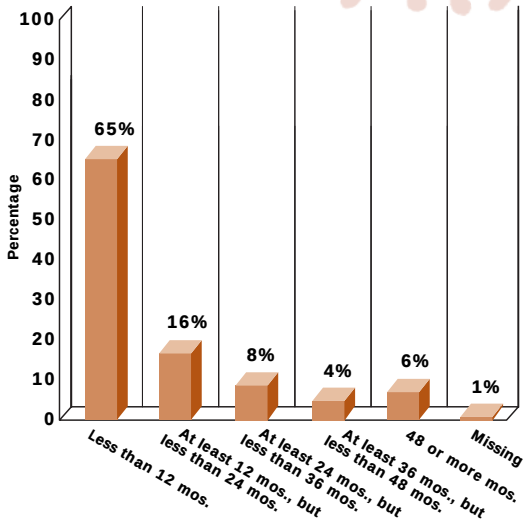
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	21%	9%	15%	3%	12%	7%	0%
Guardianship	7%	0%	3%	0%	3%	7%	0%
Reunification	57%	87%	67%	83%	71%	80%	0%
Other	14%	4%	14%	14%	14%	7%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	0%
Number	14	23	1,655	77	3,166	15	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	49%
Children older than 12 at entry	51%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	489

Missouri

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

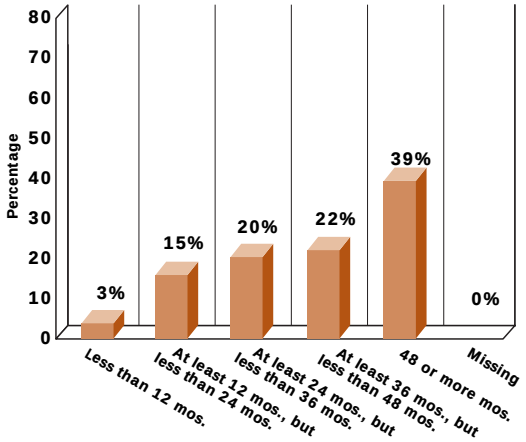
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	65%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	16%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	8%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	4%
48 or more months	6%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	3,473



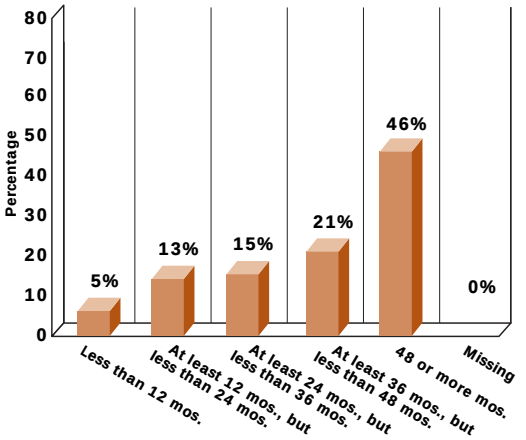
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	77%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	11%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	10%
Missing	2%
Total	100%
Number	6,504

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	3%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	15%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	20%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	22%
48 or more months	39%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	640



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	5%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	13%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	15%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	21%
48 or more months	46%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	263



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	81%	54%	43%	35%	26%	98%
Children with 3 or more placements	19%	46%	57%	65%	74%	2%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	7,105	3,485	2,291	1,439	3,075	50

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	2%
Institutions	12%
Other settings	86%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	4,464

State Comments

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Missouri's Child Welfare system has made tremendous strides in implementing the ASFA mandates. We have significantly increased adoptions and are intensifying efforts to safely return children to their families. We also aggressively investigate child deaths in an effort to accurately identify child maltreatment deaths through Child Fatality Review Panels (CFRPs), which are legislatively mandated.

Unfortunately, our data do not accurately reflect the work we have done in Missouri. While examining the data, we have found incidences of misreporting data for our AFCARS transmissions. We are thoroughly investigating these problems and hope to have all of them corrected for our next transmission.

Child Welfare Context Data, Section D, "Children Waiting to be Adopted," reflects children who have had any TPR activity, which includes filing of a TPR petition, granting of TPR, or denying of TPR. The actual number of children with TPR complete is much smaller. *Child Welfare Context Data, Section E,* "Children Adopted," is an undercount of the actual number because adoptions aren't recorded in our data system until we receive final court orders. *Child Welfare Outcome 3.2,* "Exits of Disabled Children," is incorrect due to a data programming error.

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Montana

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**229,530**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	10%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	0%
• Hispanic	2%
• White	87%
Child population in poverty	**19%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**21%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**3,611**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**1,991**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**144**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	21,568	94 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	3,611	16 per 1,000
Child fatalities	2	0.9 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	7%	33%	31%	25%	5%	0%	101%	3,611

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	22%	0%	1%	0%	59%	0%	17%	99%	3,611

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	21%	3%	47%	13%	9%	7%	0%	100%	3,611

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	1,711	1,503	1,223	1,991	3,214
Median length of stay (months)	16.8	N/A	3.4	17.0	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	25%	28%	30%	13%	0%	0%	100%	1,711
Entered care (FY 1998)	14%	29%	24%	26%	7%	0%	0%	100%	1,503
Exited care (FY 1998)	7%	30%	25%	24%	12%	1%	0%	99%	1,223
In care on 9/30/98	5%	25%	26%	29%	14%	0%	0%	99%	1,991

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	28%	0%	1%	2%	66%	3%	100%	1,711
Entered care (FY 1998)	29%	0%	2%	4%	59%	6%	100%	1,503
Exited care (FY 1998)	30%	0%	1%	3%	61%	5%	100%	1,223
In care on 9/30/98	27%	0%	2%	3%	64%	4%	100%	1,991

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	709
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	626

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	27%	28%	33%	9%	1%	100%	709

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	19%	1%	1%	3%	72%	4%	100%	709

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	0%	42%	38%	17%	2%	0%	99%	144

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	11%	0%	1%	3%	84%	0%	99%	144

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Montana

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

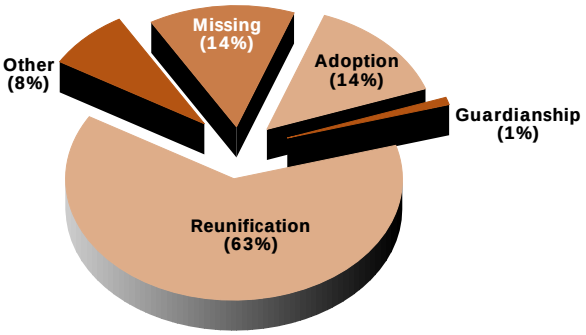
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	14%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	63%
Other	8%
Missing	14%
Total	100%
Number	1,223



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	23%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	41%
Other	27%
Missing	9%
Total	100%
Number	22

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	3%
Reunification	53%
Other	25%
Missing	18%
Total	100%
Number	352

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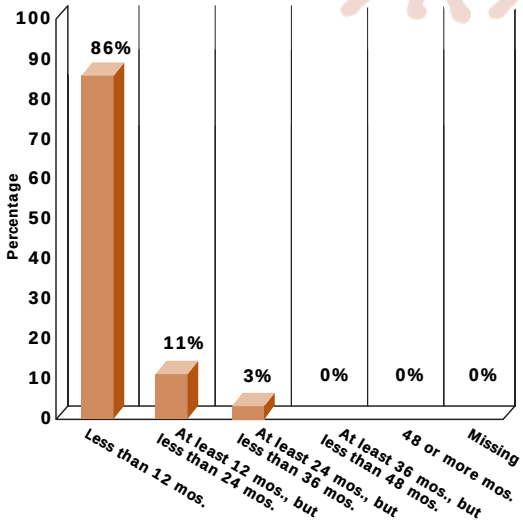
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	5%	0%	17%	17%	18%	11%	0%
Guardianship	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	0%
Reunification	65%	0%	42%	66%	61%	70%	80%
Other	5%	0%	8%	6%	10%	2%	20%
Missing	23%	100%	33%	11%	10%	12%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	371	1	12	35	742	57	5

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	21%
Children older than 12 at entry	79%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	53

Montana

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

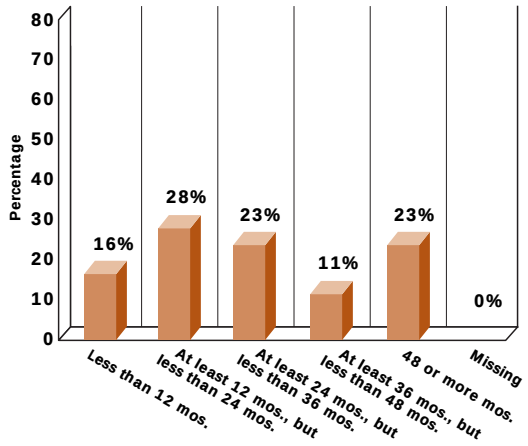
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	86%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	11%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	3%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	0%
48 or more months	0%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	769



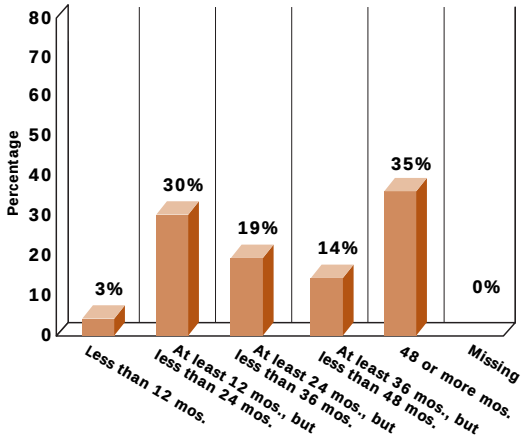
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	69%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	23%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	5%
Missing	3%
Total	100%
Number	1,503

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	16%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	28%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	23%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	11%
48 or more months	23%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	167



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	3%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	30%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	19%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	14%
48 or more months	35%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	74



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	82%	62%	48%	49%	36%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	18%	38%	52%	51%	64%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	1,668	560	362	241	380	3

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	11%
Institutions	0%
Other settings	89%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,145

Montana

Nebraska

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**444,681**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	1%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	5%
• Hispanic	6%
• White	86%
Child population in poverty	**12%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**55%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**4,054**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**-**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**-**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	16,654	37 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	4,054	9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	0	0.0 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	0%	39%	31%	25%	5%	0%	100%	4,054

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	5%	1%	12%	8%	70%	2%	9%	107%	4,054

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	75%	33%	10%	0%	0%	118%	4,054

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	-	-	-	-	-
Median length of stay (months)	-	N/A	-	-	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	-
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Nebraska

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Nebraska

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

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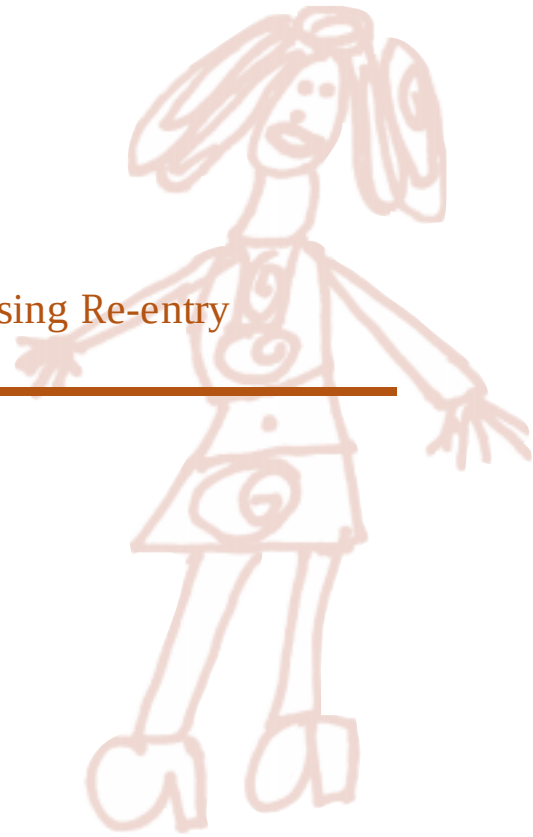

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	-
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	-
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	-
Institutions	-
Other settings	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Nebraska

Nevada

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**442,856**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	2%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	4%
• Black	8%
• Hispanic	21%
• White	65%
Child population in poverty	**17%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**85%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	-
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	-
Children adopted during FY 1998	-

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	-	-
Child maltreatment victims [1]	8,683	19.6
Child fatalities	18	4.1 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	10%	35%	30%	21%	4%	0%	101%	8,683

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	1%	1%	18%	14%	64%	2%	0%	100%	8,683

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	-	-	-	-	-
Median length of stay (months)	-	N/A	-	-	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	-
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Nevada

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

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3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Nevada

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	-
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	-
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	-
Institutions	-
Other settings	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Nevada

New Hampshire

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**296,090**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	1%
• Hispanic	2%
• White	96%
Child population in poverty	**12%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**60%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**1,092**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**-**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**51**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,015	30 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	1,092	4 per 1,000
Child fatalities	1	0.3 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,092

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,092

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	5%	0%	67%	28%	26%	0%	0%	126%	1,092

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

New Hampshire

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	-	-	-	-	-
Median length of stay (months)	-	N/A	-	-	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	-
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	0%	51%	33%	14%	2%	0%	100%	51

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	2%	0%	8%	6%	84%	0%	100%	51

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

New Hampshire

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

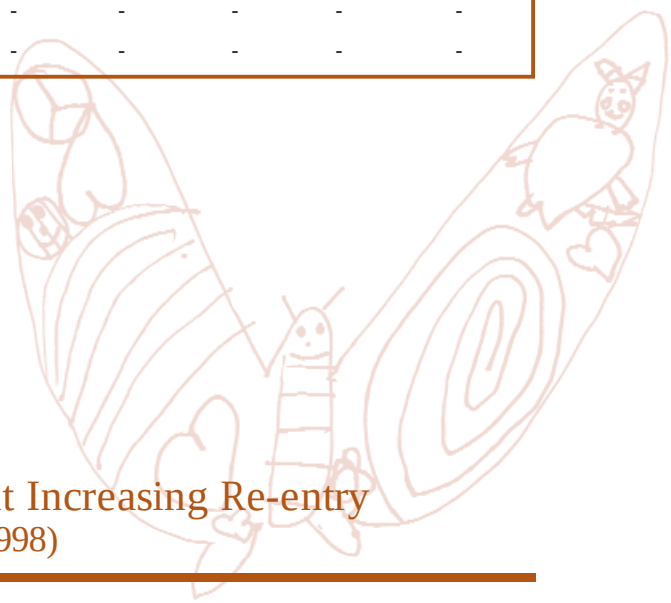
3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

New Hampshire

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-



4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	-
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	-
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

New Hampshire

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	-
Institutions	-
Other settings	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

New Hampshire

New Jersey

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,987,124**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	0%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	6%
• Black	16%
• Hispanic	15%
• White	63%
Child population in poverty	**14%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**100%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**10,982**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**9,191**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**755**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	70,024	35 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	10,982	6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	39	2.0 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	3%	31%	32%	23%	8%	3%	100%	10,982

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	1%	50%	15%	32%	1%	15%	114%	10,982

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	4%	4%	61%	24%	7%	0%	0%	100%	10,982

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	8,819	4,748	4,385	9,191	13,567
Median length of stay (months)	20.0	N/A	11.5	19.8	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	8%	32%	23%	23%	13%	1%	0%	100%	8,819
Entered care (FY 1998)	21%	21%	16%	28%	13%	0%	0%	99%	4,748
Exited care (FY 1998)	6%	26%	18%	23%	24%	2%	0%	99%	4,385
In care on 9/30/98	7%	32%	23%	24%	13%	0%	0%	99%	9,191

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	65%	10%	21%	2%	98%	8,819
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	56%	9%	28%	7%	100%	4,748
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	58%	10%	27%	5%	100%	4,385
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	64%	9%	22%	4%	99%	9,191

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	3,910
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	2,902

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	5%	42%	28%	18%	6%	1%	100%	3,910

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	70%	9%	18%	2%	99%	3,910

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	2%	56%	32%	10%	1%	0%	101%	755

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	69%	9%	21%	1%	100%	755

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

New Jersey

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

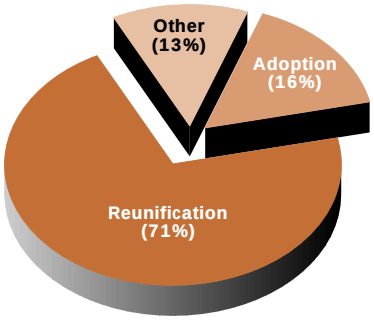
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	92%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	8%
Total	100%
Number	12,846

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	16%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	71%
Other	13%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	4,385



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	34%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	51%
Other	15%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	879

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	73%
Other	27%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,642

New Jersey

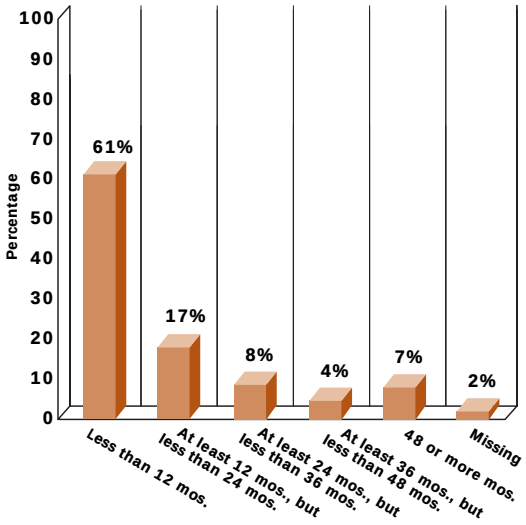
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	19%	13%	13%	2%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	60%	63%	69%	68%	73%	89%	0%
Other	40%	37%	12%	19%	13%	9%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	0%
Number	5	19	2,535	438	1,186	202	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	31%
Children older than 12 at entry	69%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	344

New Jersey

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

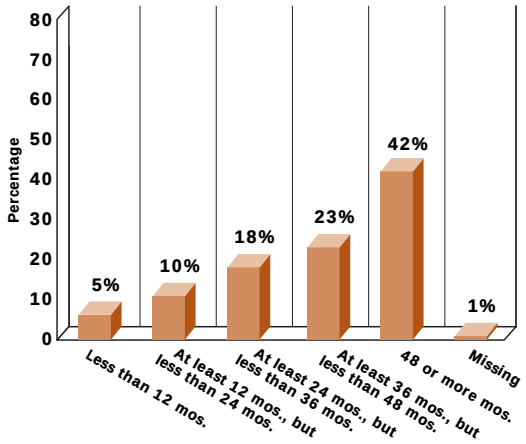
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	61%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	17%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	8%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	4%
48 or more months	7%
Missing	2%
Total	99%
Number	3,103



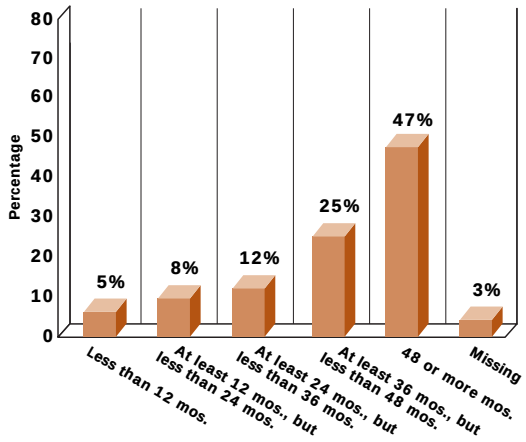
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	78%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	11%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	10%
Missing	2%
Total	101%
Number	4,748

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	5%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	10%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	18%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	23%
48 or more months	42%
Missing	1%
Total	99%
Number	696



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	5%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	8%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	12%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	25%
48 or more months	47%
Missing	3%
Total	100%
Number	186



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86%	67%	59%	53%	44%	91%
Children with 3 or more placements	13%	30%	38%	43%	54%	0%
Missing	1%	2%	2%	4%	2%	9%
Total	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Number	5,352	2,660	1,709	1,345	2,419	82

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	7%
Institutions	8%
Other settings	84%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	3,082

New Jersey

New Mexico

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**499,322**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	12%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	2%
• Hispanic	48%
• White	38%
Child population in poverty	**30%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**54%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**8,213**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**821**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**197**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	23,454	47 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	8,213	16 per 1,000
Child fatalities	5	1.0 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,213

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,213

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	7%	1%	60%	25%	7%	0%	0%	100%	8,213

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

New Mexico

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	470	1,480	1,137	821	1,950
Median length of stay (months)	2.1	N/A	0.2	6.9	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	5%	30%	34%	24%	7%	0%	0%	100%	470
Entered care (FY 1998)	11%	33%	27%	23%	6%	0%	0%	100%	1,480
Exited care (FY 1998)	9%	32%	27%	24%	8%	0%	0%	100%	1,137
In care on 9/30/98	7%	33%	30%	23%	7%	0%	0%	100%	821

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	7%	0%	6%	55%	31%	0%	99%	470
Entered care (FY 1998)	12%	0%	6%	45%	28%	8%	99%	1,480
Exited care (FY 1998)	15%	0%	4%	41%	30%	10%	100%	1,137
In care on 9/30/98	5%	0%	8%	56%	28%	2%	99%	821

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	120
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	18

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	5%	33%	37%	23%	2%	0%	100%	120

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	0%	5%	69%	23%	0%	100%	120

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	2%	41%	36%	18%	3%	1%	101%	197

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	3%	0%	4%	48%	42%	3%	100%	197

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

New Mexico

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

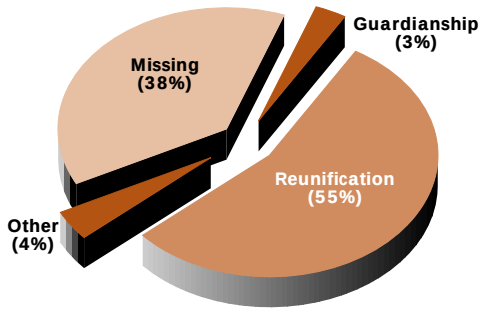
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	3%
Reunification	55%
Other	4%
Missing	38%
Total	100%
Number	1,137



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	31%
Other	12%
Missing	56%
Total	100%
Number	78

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	47%
Other	7%
Missing	44%
Total	99%
Number	293

New Mexico

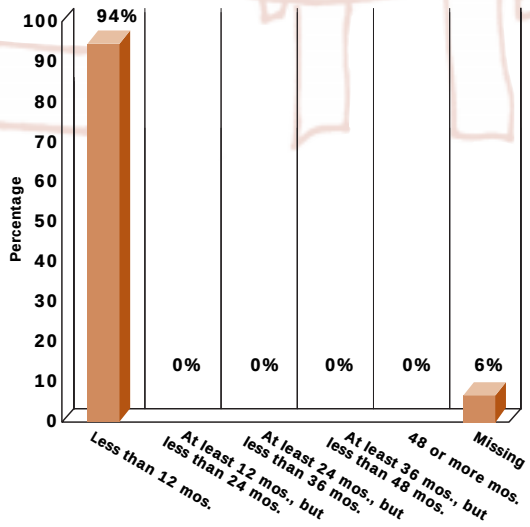
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Guardianship	4%	0%	0%	5%	1%	0%	0%
Reunification	51%	100%	51%	51%	58%	60%	77%
Other	13%	0%	2%	2%	5%	0%	0%
Missing	33%	0%	47%	41%	36%	40%	23%
Total	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Number	166	3	49	466	341	65	47

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	0%
Children older than 12 at entry	100%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	6

New Mexico

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

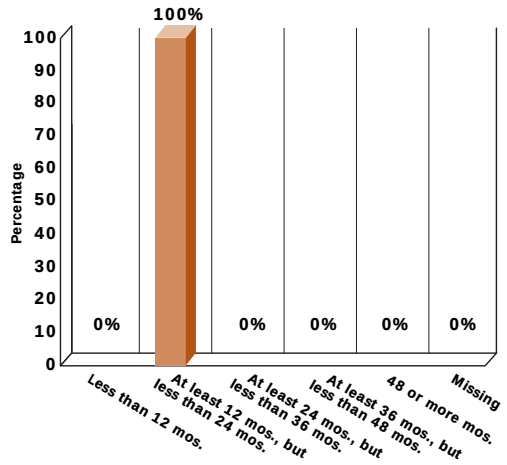
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	94%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	0%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	0%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	0%
48 or more months	0%
Missing	6%
Total	100%
Number	621



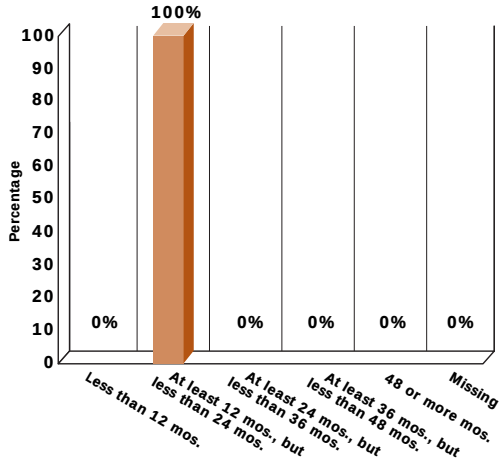
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	91%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	4%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	0%
Missing	5%
Total	100%
Number	1,480

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	100%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	0%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	0%
48 or more months	0%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	2



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	100%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	0%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	0%
48 or more months	0%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	2



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	98%	97%	100%	0%	0%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	0%	0%	100%
Number	1,589	305	1	0	0	55

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	13%
Institutions	2%
Other settings	84%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	1,193

New Mexico

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State Comments

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New Mexico's new SACWIS system became the system of record as of November 1997. Federal FY 1998 represents the first full reporting period of data out of our new system. During this time, efforts to train staff on our new SACWIS system have been on-going. We have predictably experienced the challenge of accurate data entry and data consistency, while staff statewide have been learning the new system. New Mexico's ASFA data have been reviewed and, in so far as can be determined at this time, the data appear to be correct.

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New York

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**4,560,031**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	0%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	5%
• Black	17%
• Hispanic	19%
• White	59%
Child population in poverty	**25%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**91%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**72,000**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**53,555**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**4,819**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	234,205	51 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	72,000	16 per 1,000
Child fatalities	53	1.2 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,000

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,000

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72,000

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	54,102	19,749	20,324	53,555	73,851
Median length of stay (months)	32.1	N/A	20.2	28.6	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	27%	28%	25%	13%	3%	0%	100%	54,102
Entered care (FY 1998)	16%	24%	21%	33%	7%	0%	0%	101%	19,749
Exited care (FY 1998)	3%	23%	24%	26%	18%	5%	0%	99%	20,324
In care on 9/30/98	4%	27%	28%	26%	13%	3%	0%	101%	53,555

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	49%	15%	13%	23%	100%	54,102
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	34%	14%	21%	30%	99%	19,749
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	41%	14%	20%	25%	100%	20,324
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	46%	15%	14%	25%	100%	53,555

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	17,818
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	13,596

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	30%	38%	27%	3%	1%	100%	17,818

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	51%	14%	10%	25%	100%	17,818

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	0%	32%	42%	21%	5%	0%	100%	4,819

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	52%	14%	10%	23%	99%	4,819

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

New York

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

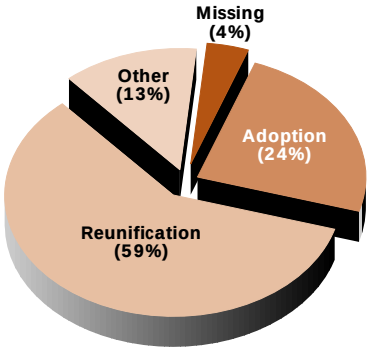
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	24%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	59%
Other	13%
Missing	4%
Total	100%
Number	20,324



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	65%
Other	28%
Missing	6%
Total	100%
Number	6,705

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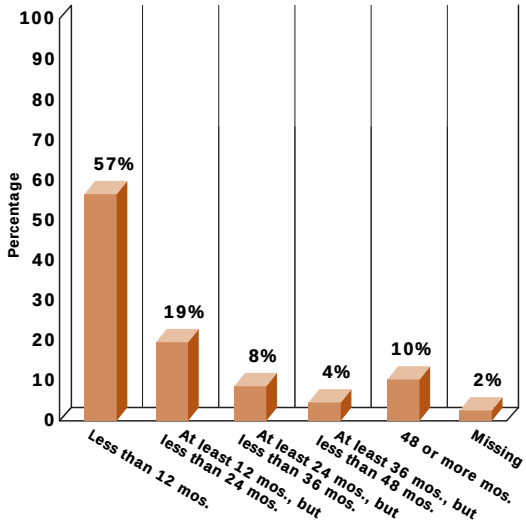
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	2%	11%	31%	25%	12%	21%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	88%	57%	51%	58%	70%	63%	0%
Other	10%	28%	14%	13%	12%	13%	0%
Missing	0%	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%	0%
Total	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	101%	0%
Number	49	89	8,388	2,767	4,005	5,026	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	47%
Children older than 12 at entry	52%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	1,491

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

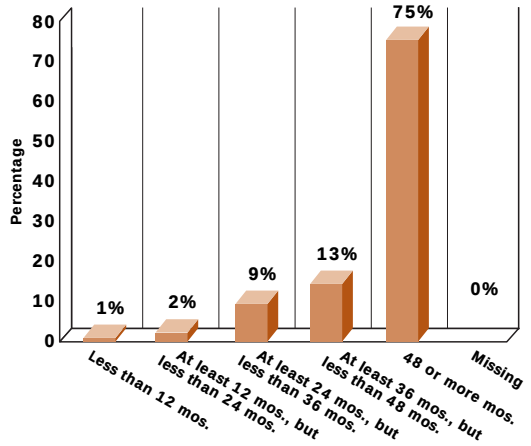
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	57%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	19%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	8%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	4%
48 or more months	10%
Missing	2%
Total	100%
Number	11,990



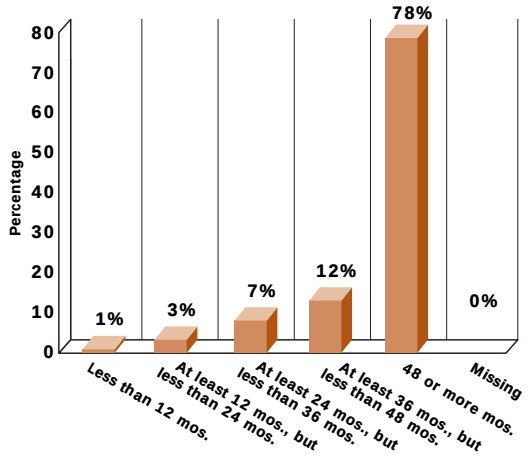
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	79%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	9%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	12%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	19,749

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	1%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	2%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	9%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	13%
48 or more months	75%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	4,808



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	1%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	3%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	7%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	12%
48 or more months	78%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	1,381



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	1%
Institutions	5%
Other settings	93%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	13,456

New York

State Comments

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New York's SACWIS system, CONNECTIONS, is partly implemented. Child protective data and facility and resource information are operational. Currently, NCANDS data are being submitted through the SACWIS system; AFCARS data continue to be reported through legacy systems and are unable to meet some reporting requirements. Significant efforts are being made to support the production of the outcome measures until full SACWIS implementation. Data to support the reporting of the outcomes will be substantially enhanced in future submissions. Expected reporting in subsequent years follows:

Child Welfare Context Data, Sections B and D: The age, race, ethnicity, and maltreatment type data were not provided to NCANDS in 1997 due to SACWIS conversion issues. These data will be supported prospectively.

Fifty-four percent of children currently waiting for adoption have had parental rights terminated. Discreet dates of maternal and paternal freeing are recorded in case records; only the date the child is completely freed is recorded in the State's legacy systems. Adjustments will be made in the mapping of future reporting to accommodate this measure.

Child Welfare Outcome Data, Measure 1: Data were not submitted until after the deadline. Full data were submitted with the 1998 DCDC and will be supported prospectively.

Child Welfare Outcomes Data, Measures 3.2 and 6.1: The SACWIS functionality that supports this reporting is not yet operational.

Child Welfare Outcome Data, Measure 4.2: Missing data have been addressed and are now being fully reported. Currently, 12.6 percent of children entering care have had a prior placement within 24 months.

North Carolina

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,873,403**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	2%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	27%
• Hispanic	3%
• White	67%
Child population in poverty	**16%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**75%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**33,347**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**11,314**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**882**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	104,950	56 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	33,347	18 per 1,000
Child fatalities	36	1.9 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	7%	36%	29%	19%	8%	0%	99%	33,347

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	3%	1%	38%	9%	50%	0%	9%	110%	33,347

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	1%	2%	87%	4%	4%	2%	0%	100%	33,347

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	9,843	5,464	3,993	11,314	15,307
Median length of stay (months)	16.1	N/A	13.4	16.3	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	5%	28%	27%	29%	11%	0%	0%	100%	9,843
Entered care (FY 1998)	15%	29%	24%	28%	5%	0%	0%	101%	5,464
Exited care (FY 1998)	4%	30%	25%	22%	18%	1%	0%	100%	3,993
In care on 9/30/98	5%	28%	26%	29%	12%	1%	0%	101%	11,314

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	2%	0%	54%	5%	39%	0%	100%	9,843
Entered care (FY 1998)	2%	1%	44%	8%	45%	0%	100%	5,464
Exited care (FY 1998)	3%	1%	45%	6%	44%	1%	100%	3,993
In care on 9/30/98	1%	0%	52%	6%	40%	0%	99%	11,314

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	4,298
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	2,486

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	5%	35%	33%	22%	4%	0%	99%	4,298

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	0%	54%	5%	39%	1%	100%	4,298

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	4%	44%	33%	16%	2%	0%	99%	882

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	1%	1%	54%	3%	40%	1%	100%	882

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

North Carolina

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

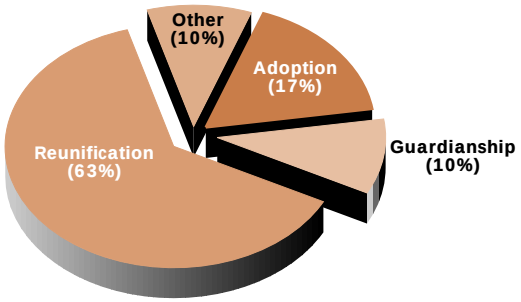
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	17%
Guardianship	10%
Reunification	63%
Other	10%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	3,993



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	28%
Guardianship	10%
Reunification	47%
Other	15%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	642

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	3%
Guardianship	8%
Reunification	66%
Other	23%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,155

North Carolina

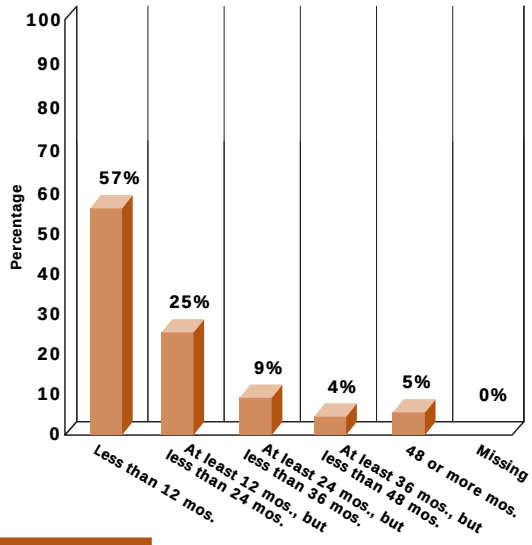
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	9%	5%	19%	11%	16%	14%	0%
Guardianship	20%	10%	13%	9%	7%	9%	0%
Reunification	67%	67%	58%	71%	66%	59%	0%
Other	4%	19%	10%	10%	10%	18%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	0%
Number	109	21	1,813	252	1,776	22	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	27%
Children older than 12 at entry	73%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	256

North Carolina

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

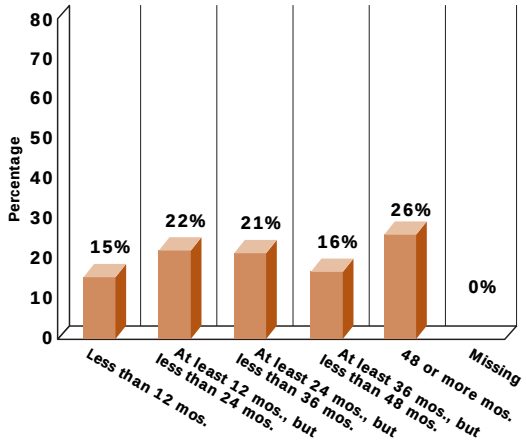
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	57%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	25%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	9%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	4%
48 or more months	5%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	2,503



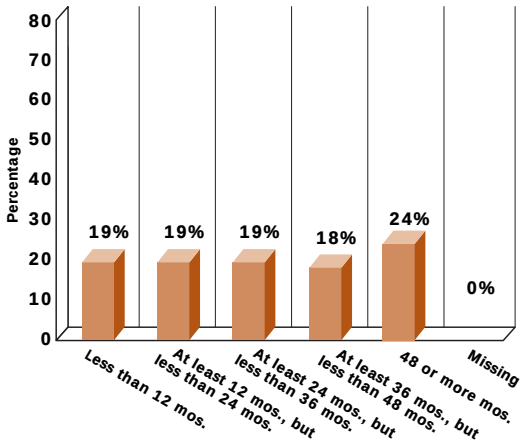
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	97%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	1%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	2%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	5,464

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	15%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	22%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	21%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	16%
48 or more months	26%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	682



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	19%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	19%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	19%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	18%
48 or more months	24%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	318



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	59%	47%	41%	41%	36%	88%
Children with 3 or more placements	41%	53%	59%	59%	64%	12%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	6,263	3,631	1,894	1,188	2,306	25

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	3%
Institutions	3%
Other settings	94%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	4,096

North Carolina

State Comments

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Regarding the children reported to Child Protective Services, North Carolina reports each incident of maltreatment so that children with more than one incident are counted more than once in these data.

Of the 36 child fatalities in the State during 1997, 13 of the children had previously been reported to Child Protective Services.

Regarding the statistic that 87 percent of child victims are victims of neglect, readers should understand that the State has a very broad statutory definition of neglect.

Regarding the median length of stay for children in foster care, the *Annual Report* data are based on point-in-time data. The State's longitudinal analyses that track cohorts of children entering foster care each year indicate a declining median length of stay for foster children in North Carolina.

Regarding the number of children waiting to be adopted, State data indicate that there were 3,023 children waiting on September 30, 1998.

Regarding the missing data on recurrence of maltreatment, these data are omitted from the *Annual Report* pending clarification from the State on identification numbers. State data indicate that 10 percent of victim children experience a second maltreatment event.

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North Dakota

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**165,208**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	8%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	1%
• Hispanic	2%
• White	89%
Child population in poverty	**19%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**39%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**-**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**1,125**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**83**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	6,870	42 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	-	-
Child fatalities	-	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	786	1,067	728	1,125	1,853
Median length of stay (months)	12.2	N/A	6.0	11.4	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	18%	24%	34%	20%	0%	0%	99%	786
Entered care (FY 1998)	10%	12%	15%	39%	25%	0%	0%	101%	1,067
Exited care (FY 1998)	3%	16%	19%	26%	36%	0%	0%	100%	728
In care on 9/30/98	6%	13%	19%	35%	26%	1%	0%	100%	1,125

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	41%	0%	1%	2%	56%	0%	100%	786
Entered care (FY 1998)	26%	1%	3%	4%	66%	0%	100%	1,067
Exited care (FY 1998)	30%	0%	2%	4%	63%	0%	99%	728
In care on 9/30/98	34%	0%	2%	3%	61%	0%	100%	1,125

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	215
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	110

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	25%	27%	29%	17%	2%	1%	101%	215

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	40%	1%	2%	2%	54%	0%	99%	215

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	42%	40%	10%	7%	1%	0%	100%	83

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	6%	0%	0%	1%	93%	0%	100%	83

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

North Dakota

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

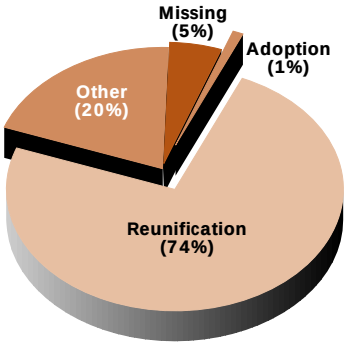
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	74%
Other	20%
Missing	5%
Total	100%
Number	728



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	67%
Other	28%
Missing	5%
Total	100%
Number	297

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	64%
Other	28%
Missing	7%
Total	99%
Number	417

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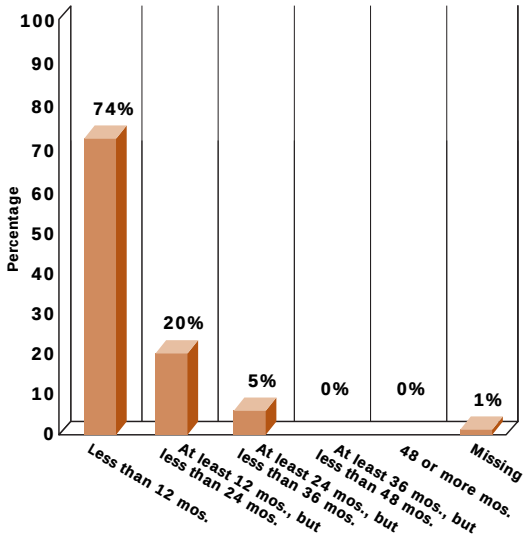
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	75%	100%	76%	89%	72%	0%	0%
Other	20%	0%	18%	11%	20%	100%	0%
Missing	4%	0%	6%	0%	7%	0%	0%
Total	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
Number	219	3	17	27	461	1	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	3%
Children older than 12 at entry	98%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	40

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

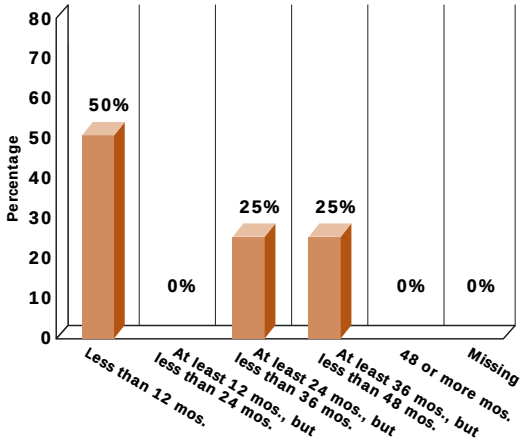
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	74%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	20%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	5%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	0%
48 or more months	0%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	538



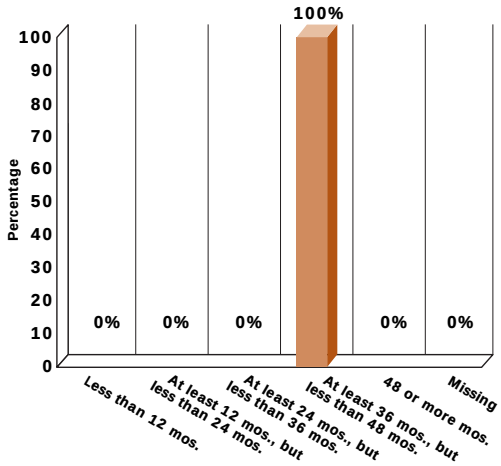
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	68%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	18%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	9%
Missing	6%
Total	101%
Number	1,067

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	50%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	0%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	25%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	25%
48 or more months	0%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	4



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	0%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	0%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	100%
48 or more months	0%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	85%	75%	65%	66%	64%	88%
Children with 3 or more placements	5%	20%	32%	26%	0%	0%
Missing	10%	5%	3%	8%	36%	13%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Number	1,178	311	215	130	11	8

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	1%
Institutions	4%
Other settings	94%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	422

North Dakota

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Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**2,838,641**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	0%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	14%
• Hispanic	2%
• White	82%
Child population in poverty	**15%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**84%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**-**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**-**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**1,180**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	-	-
Child maltreatment victims [1]	-	-
Child fatalities	-	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	-	-	-	-	-
Median length of stay (months)	-	N/A	-	-	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	-
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	3%	54%	29%	13%	2%	0%	101%	1,180

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	43%	2%	49%	5%	99%	1,180

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Ohio

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

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4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	-
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	-
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Ohio

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	-
Institutions	-
Other settings	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

State Comments

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Ohio did not submit data to NCANDS in 1997. Ohio has submitted NCANDS data for 1998. Ohio's Family and Children Services Information System (FACSIS) was not AFCARS-compliant for the reporting period covered in this report. FACSIS is AFCARS-compliant as of October 1, 1999. Ohio continues efforts to work beyond the current FACSIS functionality toward an information system that addresses the many reporting requirements and informational needs of its key consumers.

Ohio is a strong "home rule" State, resulting in a strong county government structure. Consequently, Ohio's child protection system is State supervised and county administered with the State often setting programs parameters, allocating funds, and supervising county performance within those broader program parameters. Each county administers the actual delivery of child protection services within the confines of State parameters, State and local funding levels, and community definition and standards. Therefore, there are deviations in practice between counties due to the above variables and local or regional initiatives.

In 1995, Ohio began an outcome-based process and implemented the Child Protection Oversight and Evaluation (CPOE) Quality Assurance System. As a part of CPOE, Ohio is tracking 18 indicators to measure outcomes in the areas of child safety and permanency. Critical components of the CPOE process are regular data reporting, analysis and verification, and continuous feedback to county agencies. Counties have been receptive to this process and outcome measurement and are currently using the framework for strategic planning.

Many of Ohio's CPOE indicators are reflected in the Children's Bureau identified outcomes and measures to be used in future *Annual Reports*. Ohio believes future reports using these final performance measures will complement Ohio's efforts already underway with CPOE.

Oklahoma

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**878,305**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	10%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	9%
• Hispanic	6%
• White	74%
Child population in poverty	**18%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**67%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**13,800**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**7,233**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**493**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	51,001	58 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	13,800	16 per 1,000
Child fatalities	42	4.8 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	8%	32%	30%	23%	5%	2%	100%	13,800

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	13%	0%	13%	4%	63%	4%	6%	103%	13,800

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	10%	3%	122%	26%	10%	0%	0%	171%	13,800

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	6,214	6,346	5,337	7,233	12,560
Median length of stay (months)	13.2	N/A	4.1	12.8	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	27%	27%	27%	15%	0%	0%	100%	6,214
Entered care (FY 1998)	11%	28%	23%	25%	13%	0%	0%	100%	6,346
Exited care (FY 1998)	6%	28%	24%	23%	19%	1%	0%	101%	5,337
In care on 9/30/98	5%	27%	26%	26%	16%	0%	0%	100%	7,233

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	14%	0%	26%	4%	55%	0%	99%	6,214
Entered care (FY 1998)	15%	0%	20%	5%	58%	1%	99%	6,346
Exited care (FY 1998)	14%	0%	21%	6%	59%	1%	101%	5,337
In care on 9/30/98	15%	0%	24%	4%	55%	0%	98%	7,233

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	1,422
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	11

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	33%	36%	25%	3%	0%	100%	1,422

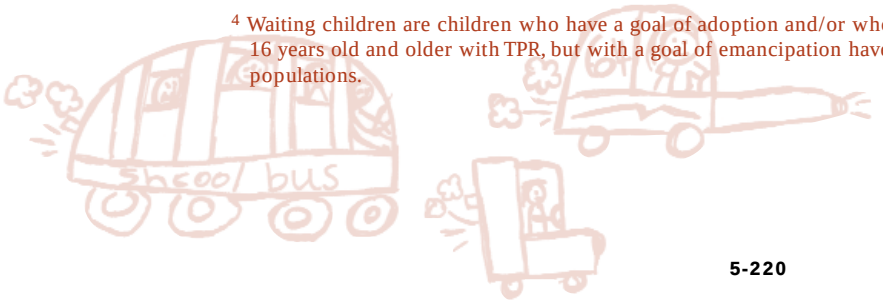
RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	14%	0%	35%	5%	46%	0%	100%	1,422

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	2%	45%	34%	16%	2%	0%	99%	493

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	11%	0%	26%	3%	59%	1%	100%	493

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.



Oklahoma

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

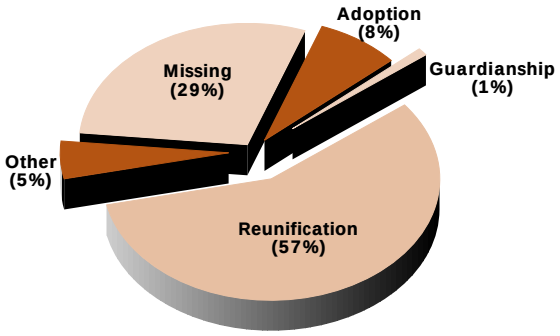
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	87%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	13%
Total	100%
Number	11,189

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	8%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	57%
Other	5%
Missing	29%
Total	100%
Number	5,337



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	20%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	36%
Other	9%
Missing	34%
Total	100%
Number	991

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	48%
Other	11%
Missing	40%
Total	101%
Number	1,809

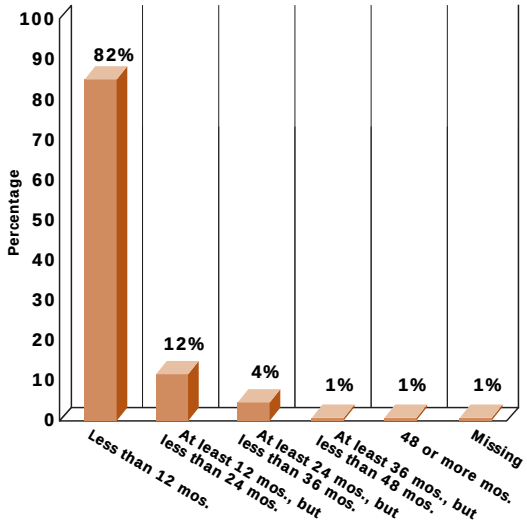
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	7%	9%	8%	7%	8%	0%	0%
Guardianship	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%
Reunification	60%	64%	56%	64%	56%	40%	0%
Other	6%	0%	5%	4%	5%	3%	0%
Missing	26%	27%	30%	25%	29%	54%	0%
Total	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	0%
Number	759	11	1,097	294	3,141	35	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	32%
Children older than 12 at entry	68%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	92

Oklahoma

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

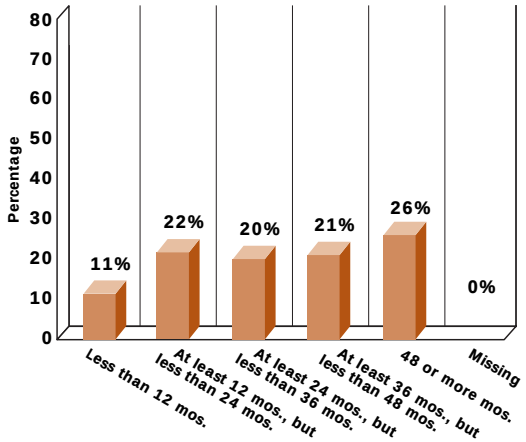
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	82%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	12%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	4%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	1%
48 or more months	1%
Missing	1%
Total	101%
Number	3,042



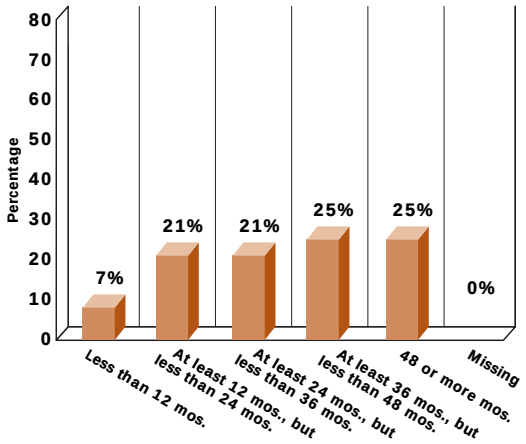
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	82%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	12%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	4%
Missing	2%
Total	100%
Number	6,346

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	11%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	22%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	20%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	21%
48 or more months	26%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	428



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	7%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	21%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	21%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	25%
48 or more months	25%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	220



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	75%	48%	41%	45%	55%	98%
Children with 3 or more placements	25%	52%	59%	55%	45%	2%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	7,192	2,282	1,211	709	1,124	42

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	18%
Institutions	1%
Other settings	81%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	4,225

State Comments

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Child Welfare Outcome Data, Measure 3: For the Federal FY98 AFCARS reports, Oklahoma had an error in coding that resulted in children moving from one placement to another showing an exit date, although the children remained in care (the child had merely moved from one placement setting to another with the placement/removal episode remaining open). Reasons for exit were excluded from AFCARS reporting due to not being part of the reportable exit reasons. Upon getting clarification that such children should not be reported as having an exit date, Oklahoma changed the code accordingly, and the Federal FY 1999 data show no missing information for exit reason. Had we excluded these children from our Federal FY 1998 data, the *Annual Report to Congress* would have shown us to have no missing data for this element.

Child Welfare Outcome Data, Measure 7: Oklahoma includes brief stays in shelters in the "Group homes" category of placement settings. This may account for the higher percentage Oklahoma has in group home care as compared to the National average.

Child Welfare Context Data, Section B: Although the data on child fatalities are context data rather than outcomes data, we would like to comment on this as well. Oklahoma investigates child deaths due to maltreatment even when there are no surviving siblings. Oklahoma's definition of neglect includes children dying in a house fire, improperly supervised children who die by drowning, etc. We also maintain tight mandatory controls on child death reporting statewide and are not depending solely on information captured in our SACWIS data system. These factors may account for the higher rate of child fatalities in Oklahoma due to maltreatment.

Child Welfare Context Data, Section D: The number of children whose parental rights were terminated is shown as 5. This number cannot be correct. Oklahoma internal reports from our SACWIS system show 625 children in the permanent custody of Oklahoma DHS.

Oregon

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**810,699**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	1%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	4%
• Black	2%
• Hispanic	9%
• White	84%
Child population in poverty	**16%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**70%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**9,742**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**7,266**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**665**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	27,499	34 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	9,742	12 per 1,000
Child fatalities	34	4.2 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	12%	35%	31%	19%	3%	0%	100%	9,742

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	3%	1%	5%	8%	61%	0%	30%	108%	9,742

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	6%	4%	27%	16%	15%	55%	0%	123%	9,742

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Oregon

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	6,566	5,212	4,512	7,266	11,778
Median length of stay (months)	14.3	N/A	6.2	14.8	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	31%	31%	26%	8%	0%	0%	100%	6,566
Entered care (FY 1998)	13%	29%	24%	27%	7%	0%	0%	100%	5,212
Exited care (FY 1998)	4%	32%	26%	26%	11%	0%	0%	99%	4,512
In care on 9/30/98	5%	30%	29%	27%	9%	0%	0%	100%	7,266

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	1%	12%	5%	65%	13%	100%	6,566
Entered care (FY 1998)	4%	1%	7%	7%	60%	21%	100%	5,212
Exited care (FY 1998)	3%	1%	7%	7%	62%	19%	99%	4,512
In care on 9/30/98	4%	1%	11%	6%	63%	15%	100%	7,266

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	1,202
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	16

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	43%	39%	14%	1%	0%	100%	1,202

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	0%	10%	7%	68%	11%	99%	1,202

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	0%	53%	34%	11%	1%	0%	99%	665

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	2%	2%	11%	10%	74%	1%	100%	665

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Oregon

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

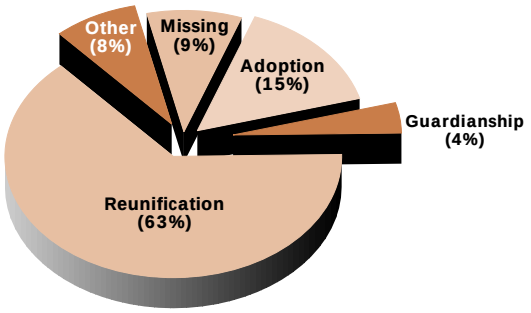
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	15%
Guardianship	4%
Reunification	63%
Other	8%
Missing	9%
Total	99%
Number	4,512



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	20%
Guardianship	4%
Reunification	45%
Other	14%
Missing	16%
Total	99%
Number	1,369

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	3%
Reunification	57%
Other	25%
Missing	15%
Total	100%
Number	1,216

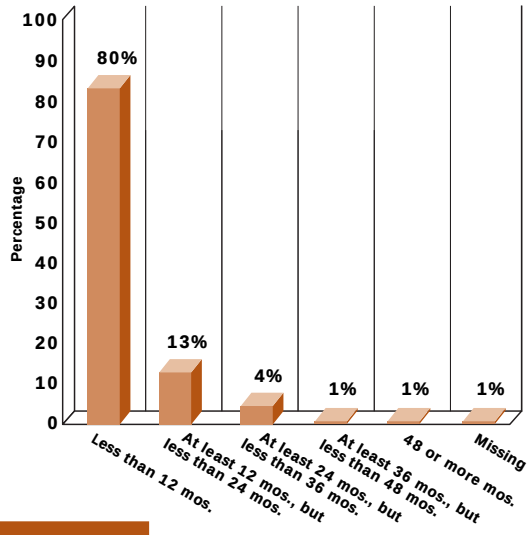
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	9%	10%	26%	11%	17%	9%	0%
Guardianship	6%	0%	5%	3%	4%	5%	0%
Reunification	61%	61%	47%	70%	61%	74%	0%
Other	7%	23%	11%	8%	9%	4%	0%
Missing	17%	6%	12%	7%	9%	8%	0%
Total	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	0%
Number	153	31	332	322	2,800	874	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	28%
Children older than 12 at entry	72%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	86

Oregon

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

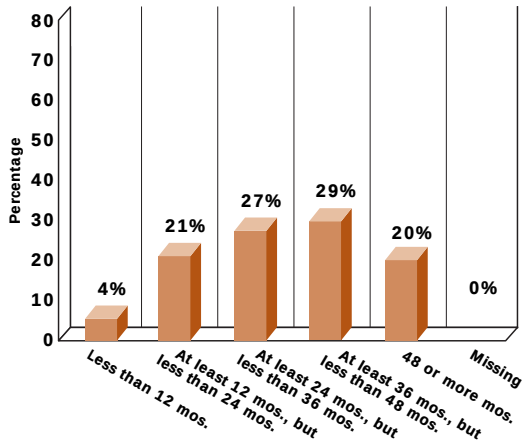
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	80%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	13%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	4%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	1%
48 or more months	1%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	2,860



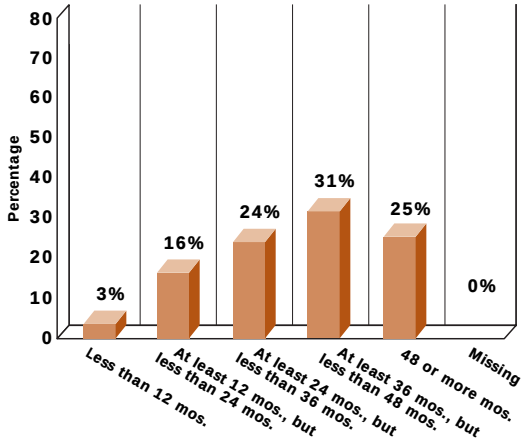
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	68%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	21%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	11%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	5,212

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	4%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	21%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	27%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	29%
48 or more months	20%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	692



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	3%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	16%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	24%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	31%
48 or more months	25%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	285



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87%	63%	51%	37%	33%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	13%	37%	49%	63%	67%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	5,865	2,468	1,257	892	1,238	58

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	1%
Institutions	5%
Other settings	94%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	3,849

State Comments

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Child Welfare Context Data, Section B:
Oregon is among those States that have adopted a broad definition for child abuse and neglect. The intent of this broad definition is to identify, and thus eliminate, both direct and indirect threats to the safety and well-being of all children. This policy of having a broad definition contributes to Oregon's comparatively high "Child Fatalities" rate.

Oregon's fatality data include all child abuse and neglect fatalities regardless of whether or not the child was known to the child protection system. Only 5 of the 34 fatalities reported in the 1997 NCANDS data subcategories were known to the child protective services system. Oregon's fatality data includes neglect-related deaths such as those caused by motor vehicle and boating accidents, in which the driver was under the influence of intoxicants or the children were not using safety devices; children were left unsupervised; parents failed to obtain medical care; children were allowed access to firearms; and the lack of functional smoke detectors in the home.

This broad definition also contributes to the large number of children reported in "Other" under the *Child Welfare Context Data, Section B*, on "Maltreatment Type." For Oregon, "Other" includes the "Threat of Harm" category.

Pennsylvania

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**2,864,082**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	12%
• Hispanic	4%
• White	82%
Child population in poverty	**17%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**88%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**5,691**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**23,070**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**1,516**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	23,188	8 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	5,691	2 per 1,000
Child fatalities	49	1.7 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	3%	22%	31%	32%	12%	0%	100%	5,691

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,691

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	2%	3%	3%	43%	46%	5%	0%	102%	5,691

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	20,983	13,019	10,933	23,070	34,002
Median length of stay (months)	23.6	N/A	10.3	19.6	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	23%	25%	30%	18%	1%	0%	100%	20,983
Entered care (FY 1998)	11%	19%	16%	34%	19%	0%	0%	99%	13,019
Exited care (FY 1998)	3%	20%	18%	27%	29%	2%	0%	99%	10,933
In care on 9/30/98	4%	21%	23%	30%	20%	1%	0%	99%	23,070

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	55%	10%	35%	0%	100%	20,983
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	1%	41%	11%	46%	0%	99%	13,019
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	44%	10%	45%	1%	100%	10,933
In care on 9/30/98	0%	1%	52%	11%	36%	0%	100%	23,070

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	4,768
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	739

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	36%	37%	21%	3%	0%	100%	4,768

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	58%	11%	30%	0%	99%	4,768

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	44%	39%	14%	2%	0%	100%	1,516

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	62%	5%	30%	3%	100%	1,516

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Pennsylvania

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

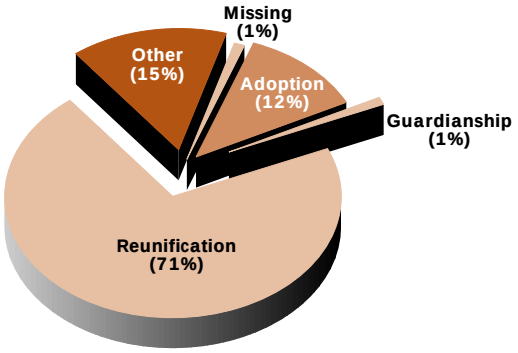
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	98%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	2%
Total	100%
Number	4,987

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	12%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	71%
Other	15%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	10,933



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	15%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	65%
Other	19%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	2,035

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	76%
Other	22%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	5,166

Pennsylvania

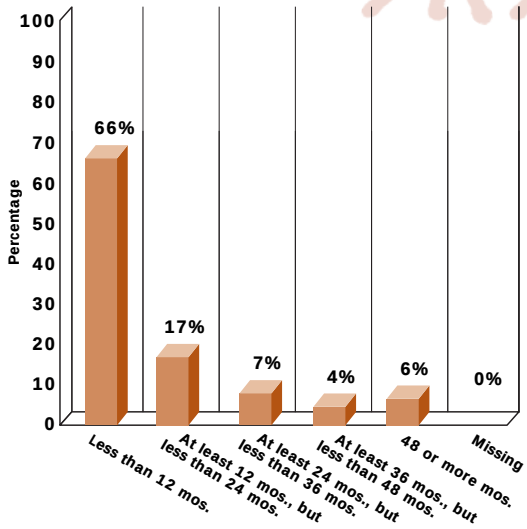
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	9%	8%	16%	12%	8%	5%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%
Reunification	82%	63%	64%	64%	79%	82%	0%
Other	9%	27%	18%	21%	11%	11%	0%
Missing	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	0%
Number	11	51	4,793	1,050	4,971	57	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	34%
Children older than 12 at entry	66%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	634

Pennsylvania

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

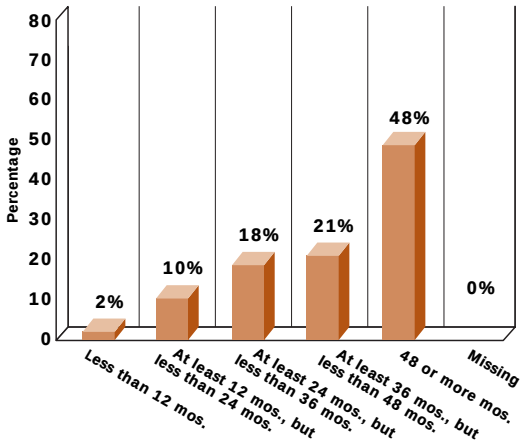
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	66%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	17%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	7%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	4%
48 or more months	6%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	7,754



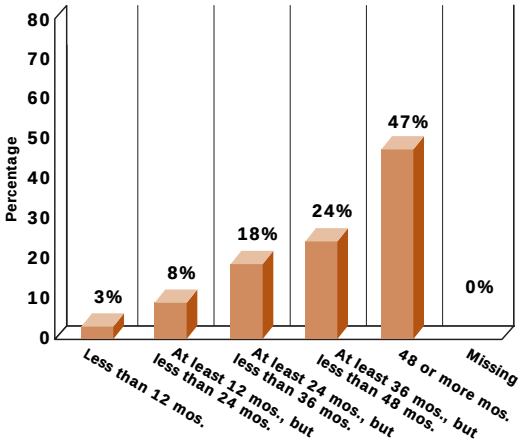
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	78%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	16%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	5%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	13,019

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	2%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	10%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	18%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	21%
48 or more months	48%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	1,324



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	3%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	8%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	18%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	24%
48 or more months	47%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	405



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	86%	66%	55%	49%	38%	90%
Children with 3 or more placements	13%	34%	45%	51%	62%	5%
Missing	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	14,556	5,725	3,646	2,655	7,342	78

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	4%
Institutions	10%
Other settings	86%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	6,856

Pennsylvania

State Comments

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It is difficult to compare the rate of child abuse in Pennsylvania with that of other States due to differences in the definition of child abuse. Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law (CPSL) defines child abuse as serious physical injury, sexual abuse or exploitation, serious mental injury, serious physical neglect, and imminent risk of serious physical injury or sexual abuse. With the exception of reports of sexual abuse or exploitation, the threshold for substantiation of a report rests upon substantial evidence that the injury was of a serious nature.

The data collected was based on this more-narrow definition, and as a result, Pennsylvania has a significantly lower number of both children who are the subject of a report alleging child maltreatment per 1,000 children and child victims per 1,000 children. However, Pennsylvania's definition does not preclude the provision of protective services to children who are determined to be at risk of abuse or neglect.

In regard to reports that do not rise to the level of seriousness of child abuse but identify the child as being at risk, Pennsylvania's CPSL requires that general protective services be provided to the family. General protective services are provided to children and families in an effort to prevent reported concerns from escalating to the level of child abuse as defined in Pennsylvania law.

A majority of the children who are receiving child welfare services in Pennsylvania are receiving general protective services and therefore are not included in either the number of children who are the subject of a report alleging child maltreatment per 1,000 children or the number of child victims per 1,000 children. Other States' definitions include non-serious neglect, resulting in populations significantly higher than Pennsylvania's. This accounts for discrepancies in comparative data; for example, the higher proportion of incidence of sexual abuse in Pennsylvania compared with the Nation as a whole.

Despite the data reported based on Pennsylvania's definition of child abuse, we are serving all children who have been determined to be in need of protective services. We recognize the need to collect data on general protective service cases as well, and are including that capability in the development of the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Information System (PACWIS). The data captured under PACWIS and obtained through working with other State programs will provide a clearer picture of the complete array of protective services provided to Pennsylvania's children who are at risk of abuse and neglect.

Safety
Permanency
Well-being

Puerto Rico

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,212,347**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	-
• Asian/Pacific Islander	-
• Black	-
• Hispanic	-
• White	-
Child population in poverty	-
Child population living in metropolitan areas	-
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	-
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**6,629**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**136**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	-	-
Child maltreatment victims [1]	-	-
Child fatalities	-	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Puerto Rico

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	6,073	2,171	1,615	6,629	8,244
Median length of stay (months)	21.6	N/A	11.5	27.8	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	33%	32%	26%	6%	0%	0%	100%	6,073
Entered care (FY 1998)	14%	35%	30%	17%	3%	0%	1%	100%	2,171
Exited care (FY 1998)	4%	40%	31%	20%	5%	0%	0%	100%	1,615
In care on 9/30/98	3%	29%	32%	26%	9%	0%	0%	99%	6,629

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	0%	99%	0%	0%	99%	6,073
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	100%	2,171
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	100%	1,615
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	0%	99%	0%	0%	99%	6,629

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	628
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	144

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	18%	36%	31%	6%	3%	97%	628

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	100%	628

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	6%	54%	24%	12%	5%	0%	101%	136

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	0%	99%	1%	0%	100%	136

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Puerto Rico

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

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3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Puerto Rico

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	94%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	2%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	4%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	2,171

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	100%	100%	99%	98%	84%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	0%	0%	1%	2%	16%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	2,708	1,610	1,169	1,214	1,530	13

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	5%
Institutions	5%
Other settings	90%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,894

Rhode Island

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**233,654**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	1%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	3%
• Black	5%
• Hispanic	10%
• White	82%
Child population in poverty	**21%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**93%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**3,481**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**2,844**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**222**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	10,181	44 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	3,481	15 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	1.3 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	7%	30%	31%	23%	9%	0%	100%	3,481

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	1%	2%	16%	15%	67%	0%	14%	115%	3,481

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	1%	3%	78%	31%	10%	4%	0%	127%	3,481

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Rhode Island

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	1,907	1,623	915	2,844	3,530
Median length of stay (months)	15.6	N/A	2.6	14.0	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	5%	23%	22%	26%	20%	4%	0%	100%	1,907
Entered care (FY 1998)	12%	19%	17%	33%	18%	0%	0%	99%	1,623
Exited care (FY 1998)	6%	23%	19%	26%	22%	2%	1%	99%	915
In care on 9/30/98	4%	21%	20%	27%	23%	4%	1%	100%	2,844

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	2%	1%	25%	13%	54%	4%	99%	1,907
Entered care (FY 1998)	1%	2%	18%	16%	59%	4%	100%	1,623
Exited care (FY 1998)	2%	1%	19%	14%	59%	4%	99%	915
In care on 9/30/98	2%	1%	23%	14%	56%	4%	100%	2,844

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	322
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	100

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	40%	41%	15%	2%	0%	99%	322

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	0%	27%	15%	51%	5%	100%	322

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	2%	52%	34%	9%	2%	0%	99%	222

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	1%	2%	30%	6%	36%	25%	100%	222

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Rhode Island

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

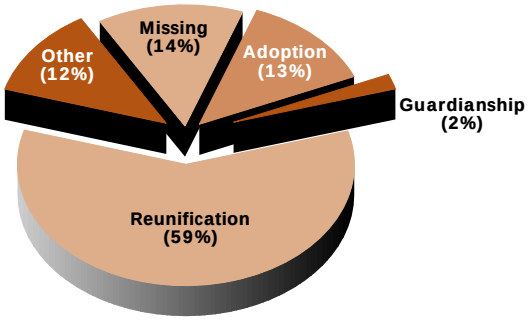
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	89%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	11%
Total	100%
Number	3,148

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	13%
Guardianship	2%
Reunification	59%
Other	12%
Missing	14%
Total	100%
Number	915



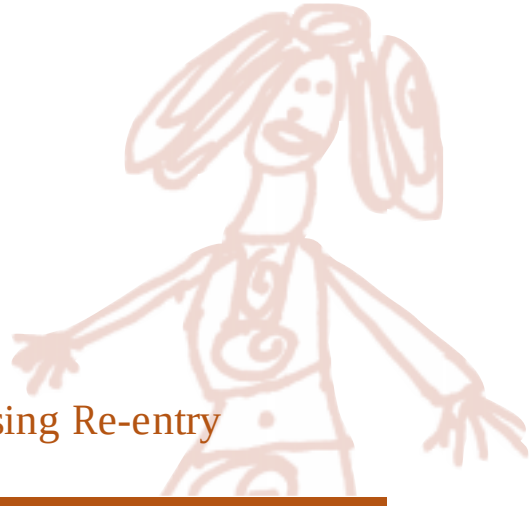
3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	12%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	51%
Other	14%
Missing	23%
Total	100%
Number	160

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	56%
Other	19%
Missing	23%
Total	99%
Number	388

Rhode Island

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	10%	11%	25%	7%	10%	21%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	5%	3%	1%	0%	0%
Reunification	85%	44%	46%	74%	60%	56%	0%
Other	0%	33%	13%	3%	14%	13%	0%
Missing	5%	11%	11%	13%	16%	10%	0%
Total	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	0%
Number	20	9	178	125	544	39	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	17%
Children older than 12 at entry	81%
Missing	3%
Total	101%
Number	36



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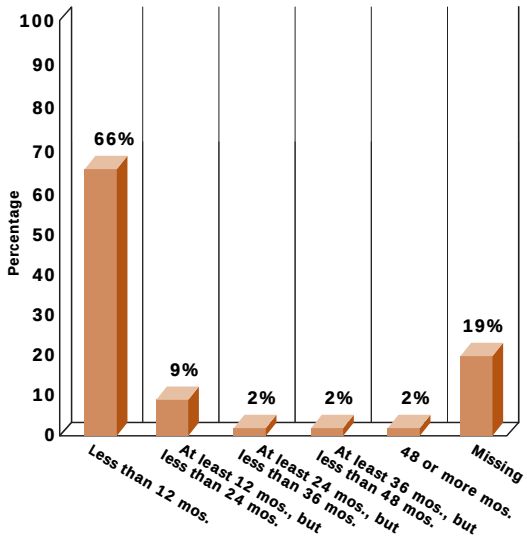
4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

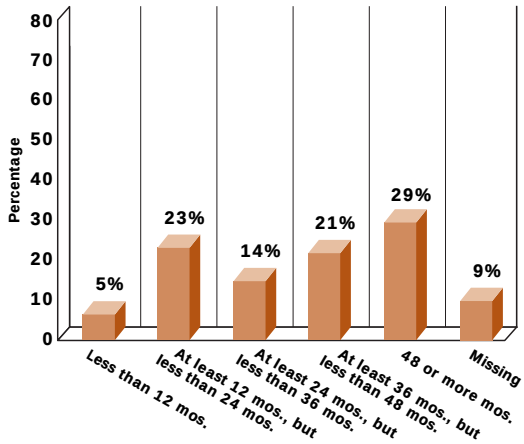
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	66%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	9%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	2%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	2%
48 or more months	2%
Missing	19%
Total	100%
Number	542



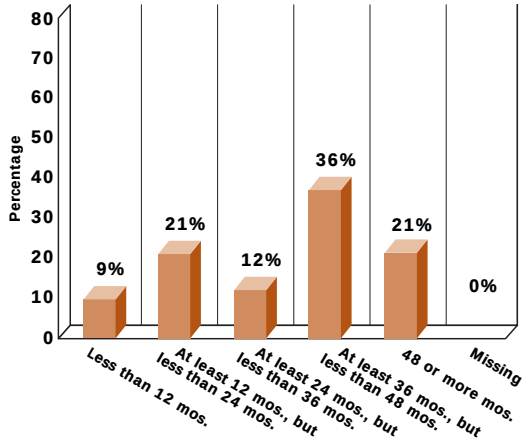
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	48%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	18%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	8%
Missing	25%
Total	99%
Number	1,623

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	5%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	23%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	14%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	21%
48 or more months	29%
Missing	9%
Total	101%
Number	117



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	9%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	21%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	12%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	36%
48 or more months	21%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	33



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	73%	47%	35%	28%	31%	67%
Children with 3 or more placements	27%	47%	54%	49%	54%	33%
Missing	0%	6%	10%	23%	14%	0%
Total	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Number	1,712	761	327	237	478	15

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	20%
Institutions	1%
Other settings	80%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	470

State Comments

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Our concerns specific to Rhode Island are:

Our SACWIS system was implemented in 1997, and some of our data are incomplete due to problems with conversion of data from our legacy system. Deficiencies due to data conversion will decrease as new data are entered.

Child Welfare Outcome Data, Measure 7.1: Our mapping of AFCARS data incorrectly put our Private Agency Foster Care placements in the "Group homes" category. They should be shown as "Other settings."

South Carolina

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**955,641**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	37%
• Hispanic	2%
• White	60%
Child population in poverty	**20%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**72%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**8,684**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**4,644**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**465**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	39,333	41 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	8,684	9 per 1,000
Child fatalities	9	0.9 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	4%	36%	30%	24%	6%	1%	101%	8,684

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	47%	0%	50%	2%	0%	99%	8,684

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	1%	4%	45%	15%	8%	52%	0%	125%	8,684

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

South Carolina

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	5,142	3,191	3,689	4,644	8,333
Median length of stay (months)	27.0	N/A	7.9	24.8	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	4%	25%	25%	28%	17%	2%	0%	101%	5,142
Entered care (FY 1998)	15%	26%	25%	27%	6%	0%	0%	99%	3,191
Exited care (FY 1998)	6%	27%	26%	22%	16%	2%	0%	99%	3,689
In care on 9/30/98	5%	23%	24%	30%	16%	2%	0%	100%	4,644

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	63%	1%	35%	1%	100%	5,142
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	52%	1%	45%	2%	100%	3,191
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	54%	1%	43%	1%	99%	3,689
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	62%	1%	36%	1%	100%	4,644

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	1,927
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	704

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	30%	34%	28%	5%	1%	101%	1,927

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	66%	1%	31%	1%	99%	1,927

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	2%	40%	39%	16%	2%	0%	99%	465

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	68%	0%	29%	2%	99%	465

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

South Carolina

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

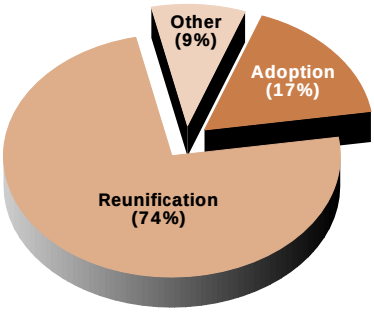
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	94%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	6%
Total	100%
Number	6,464

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	17%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	74%
Other	9%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	3,689



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	33%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	49%
Other	18%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	370

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	76%
Other	23%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,038

South Carolina

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	17%	0%	20%	23%	13%	23%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	67%	100%	69%	74%	79%	73%	0%
Other	17%	0%	10%	2%	8%	4%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	0%
Number	12	3	1,997	47	1,578	52	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	35%
Children older than 12 at entry	65%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	285

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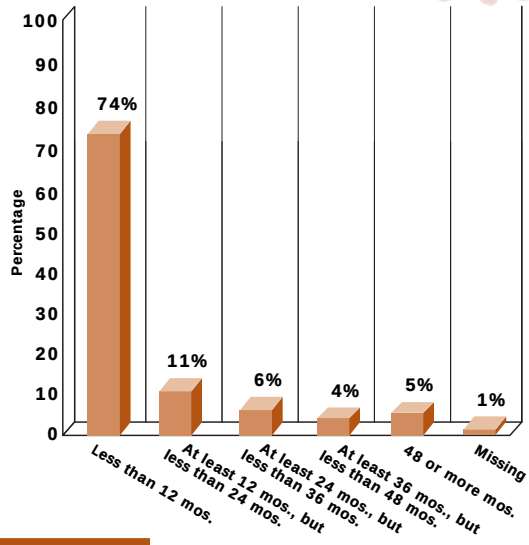
4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

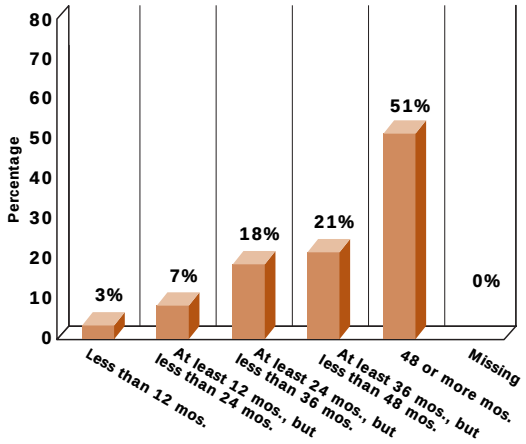
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	74%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	11%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	6%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	4%
48 or more months	5%
Missing	1%
Total	101%
Number	2,713



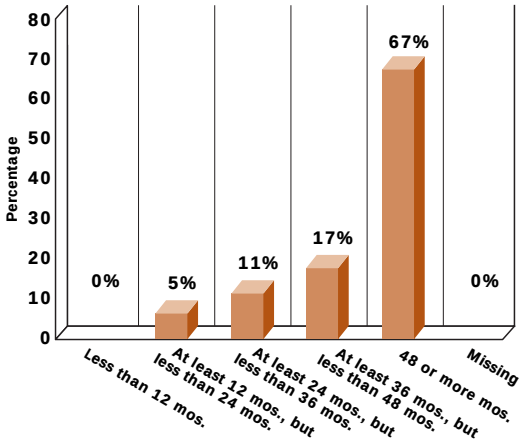
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	82%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	9%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	8%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	3,191

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	3%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	7%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	18%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	21%
48 or more months	51%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	631



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	5%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	11%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	17%
48 or more months	67%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	234



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	87%	63%	52%	51%	41%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	13%	37%	48%	49%	59%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	3,657	1,085	902	812	1,844	33

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	28%
Institutions	2%
Other settings	61%
Missing	8%
Total	99%
Number	2,324

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State Comments

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The South Carolina Department of Social Services has supplied summary child maltreatment data to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) since the inception of the Federal reporting period and began phasing in the SACWIS System in September 1998.

The fatality figure for 1997 includes four (4) third-trimester fetal deaths that are directly related to illegal drug use by the mother. The agency is in the process of developing a centralized system to collect information on child fatality data related to child maltreatment.

We initiated a program to increase adoptions in 1995-1996 with a Kellogg Grant. Most of the younger, easier-to-place children were adopted early. We are now placing the older, more-difficult-to-place children who have been in care for a longer time and for which TPR's require more time to obtain. We believe that this focus on older children accounts for the higher percentage of adoptions where children have been in care for long periods in South Carolina for 1998.

The data indicate a high percentage of children age 12 or younger in group homes. In looking at our data system, we found that our private foster homes that are under child placing agencies were coded as group care. This accounted for nearly one third of the group home designated placements. We are in the process of correcting that error.

While most child welfare programs nationwide operate with some common principles, there are some significant variations between the States. Therefore, any comparison of State to State or with a national average should be carefully considered.

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Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**197,338**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	14%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	1%
• Hispanic	2%
• White	83%
Child population in poverty	**17%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**35%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**2,491**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**-**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**55**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	4,874	25 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	2,491	13 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	1.5 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	3%	26%	33%	26%	10%	2%	100%	2,491

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	53%	0%	0%	0%	43%	4%	0%	100%	2,491

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	11%	0%	72%	25%	8%	0%	0%	116%	2,491

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	-	-	-	-	-
Median length of stay (months)	-	N/A	-	-	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	-
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	2%	45%	33%	18%	2%	0%	100%	55

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	35%	0%	2%	2%	62%	0%	101%	55

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

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Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

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3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

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4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	-
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	-
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

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6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	-
Institutions	-
Other settings	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

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State Comments

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South Dakota has a two-track process for assigning reports. The tracks are referred to as Investigations and Assessments. Investigation dispositions are by child and describe the type of maltreatment. Assessment dispositions are by family and describe a presenting problem rather than type of maltreatment. The data reported in *Child Welfare Context Data, Section B,* "Child Maltreatment Data," is representative of only those reports that were assigned for investigations. It does not include those assigned for Assessment.

South Dakota's current information system does not capture all of the AFCARS data. Some of the data has to be gathered manually. The data for children in foster care for the Child Welfare Data and the Child Welfare Outcomes Data for the report period covered in this report was not complete at the time of submission.

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Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,324,789**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	0%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	21%
• Hispanic	1%
• White	76%
Child population in poverty	**19%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**68%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**10,803**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**-**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**337**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	32,383	24 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	10,803	8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	20	1.5 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	10%	32%	28%	24%	6%	0%	100%	10,803

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	29%	1%	66%	2%	3%	101%	10,803

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	3%	3%	42%	20%	21%	11%	0%	100%	10,803

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	-	-	-	-	-
Median length of stay (months)	-	N/A	-	-	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Entered care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exited care (FY 1998)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
In care on 9/30/98	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	-
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	47%	32%	16%	3%	0%	99%	337

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	45%	4%	51%	0%	100%	337

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

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Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

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3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guardianship	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reunification	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	-
Children older than 12 at entry	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

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4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	-
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	-
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	-
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	-
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	-
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	-
48 or more months	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

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6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Children with 3 or more placements	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	-
Institutions	-
Other settings	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

Tennessee

State Comments

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There are significant gaps in the data for the State of Tennessee, but circumstances in Tennessee are changing rapidly, and those gaps will not continue to exist.

In May of 1996, the Department of Children's Services was created by an act of the Tennessee legislature. This department was the culmination of years of work intended to create a single department dedicated to child welfare and juvenile justice issues. Five State departments, either in total or part, were consolidated into the new department. The consolidation of the various departments has been a tremendous task described by one of my staff members as trying to turn the Titanic around in the middle of a creek.

A significant part of our work has been involved with the development of a single unduplicated database regarding children in the care of the department. In May of 1996, there were three primary databases operated by various departments. All systems were antiquated legacy systems, none of which was Y2K compliant, and none of which was ever intended to interface with the other. Data collection had not been a priority, and the quality of the available data was suspect. The State had never submitted AFCARS data and did not have the capacity to do so.

Since May of 1996, we have made tremendous strides in data collection and in the quality of our data. Two of our old legacy systems have been eliminated and, by the end of November, the department will be operating with a single Y2K-compliant computer system. In May of 1999, the department made its first successful submission of AFCARS data, and we will be ready to successfully submit AFCARS data again during the month of November of 1999.

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Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**5,577,135**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	13%
• Hispanic	37%
• White	47%
Child population in poverty	**23%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**82%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**39,638**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**17,103**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**1,598***

*See State Commentary

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	162,974	29 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	39,638	7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	103	1.8 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	10%	33%	32%	22%	3%	0%	100%	39,638

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	1%	24%	35%	71%	2%	2%	135%	39,638

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	5%	5%	56%	30%	16%	4%	0%	116%	39,638

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	14,324	6,539	3,760	17,103	20,863
Median length of stay (months)	21.9	N/A	15.5	20.9	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	5%	28%	26%	28%	12%	0%	0%	99%	14,324
Entered care (FY 1998)	20%	33%	25%	20%	3%	0%	0%	101%	6,539
Exited care (FY 1998)	5%	31%	22%	17%	24%	1%	0%	100%	3,760
In care on 9/30/98	5%	30%	28%	26%	11%	0%	0%	100%	17,103

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	34%	30%	32%	3%	99%	14,324
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	29%	30%	35%	5%	99%	6,539
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	33%	28%	35%	3%	99%	3,760
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	32%	31%	33%	4%	100%	17,103

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	8,017
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	5,811

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	35%	35%	24%	3%	0%	100%	8,017

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	34%	31%	30%	4%	99%	8,017

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	3%	52%	33%	11%	1%	0%	100%	1,598

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	34%	31%	29%	5%	99%	1,598

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

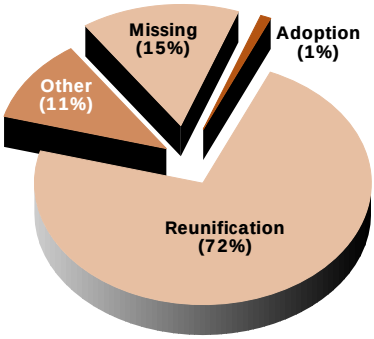
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	72%
Other	11%
Missing	15%
Total	99%
Number	3,760



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	64%
Other	15%
Missing	20%
Total	100%
Number	825

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	47%
Other	28%
Missing	24%
Total	99%
Number	1,015

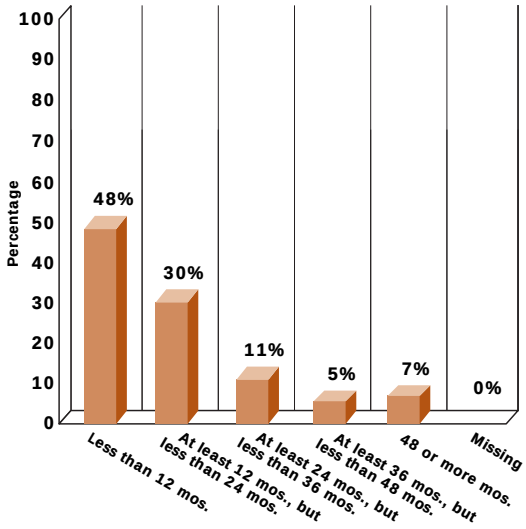
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	7%	0%	1%	2%	3%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	57%	71%	74%	73%	69%	79%	74%
Other	0%	7%	10%	10%	14%	4%	4%
Missing	43%	14%	15%	15%	15%	13%	23%
Total	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	99%	101%
Number	14	14	1,224	1,062	1,326	67	53

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	43%
Children older than 12 at entry	57%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	347

Texas

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

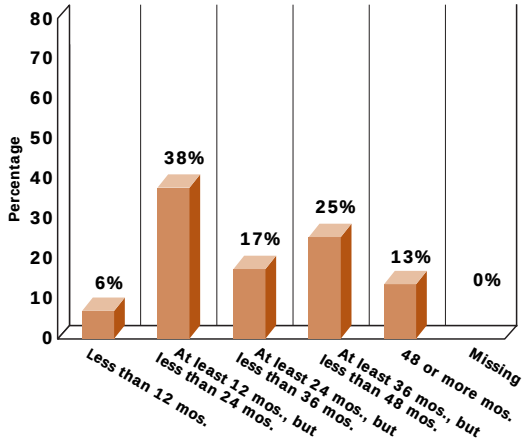
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	48%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	30%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	11%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	5%
48 or more months	7%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	2,710



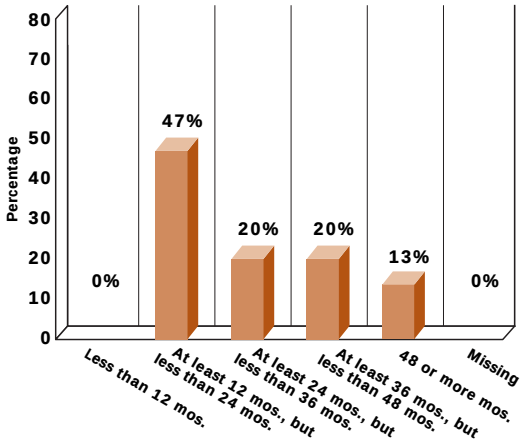
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	92%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	2%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	3%
Missing	3%
Total	100%
Number	6,539

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	6%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	38%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	17%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	25%
48 or more months	13%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	52



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	47%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	20%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	20%
48 or more months	13%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	15



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	75%	47%	33%	26%	15%	87%
Children with 3 or more placements	25%	53%	67%	74%	85%	13%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	7,310	4,404	2,523	1,898	4,690	38

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	2%
Institutions	10%
Other settings	83%
Missing	5%
Total	100%
Number	5,473

State Comments

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There are significant differences between performance data for fiscal year 1998 to be published in the first *Annual Report* and the official data published in Texas. In addition, information contained in the first *Annual Report* appears to be inconsistent (e.g. the *Child Welfare Context Data, Section E* indicates 2,423 children were adopted, but the *Child Welfare Outcomes Measure 5.1,* "Time in Care," reports on 52 adopted children.) In Texas, the number of consummated adoptions was 1,548.

One possible explanation for this inconsistency is that, for various reasons, the methods used to match data records could omit individual child records. Events occurring in Texas that might have contributed to the differences in numbers may stem from the introduction of our automated SACWIS database in September 1996. It has been determined that complications in converting to the new system could have contributed to errors in calculating length of time in care.

The degree to which this and related issues have contributed to the problem is undetermined. As an example, *Child Welfare Outcome Measure 3.1* reports a total of 3,760 exits from foster care, while the actual Texas count exceeds 6,600.

With respect to permanency outcomes, the data provided by your agency indicates that Texas has zero percent for "Guardianship," but Texas does not have a children's guardianship program on which to report data. The statutory requirements in Texas for achieving permanency for children have more stringent guidelines to expedite the process than at the Federal level, so a guardianship program is not in place. The reference number indicated in this correspondence are not consistent with the numbers that we have in our system. Therefore, we respectfully submit that this data does not accurately reflect the State's performance.

Utah

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**688,077**
• Alaska Native/American Indian	1%
• Asian/Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	1%
• Hispanic	8%
• White	88%
Child population in poverty	**11%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**78%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**9,356**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**2,468**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**287***

*See State Commentary

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	27,219	40 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	9,356	14 per 1,000
Child fatalities	7	1.0 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	2%	33%	31%	27%	6%	0%	99%	9,356

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	4%	2%	2%	9%	82%	1%	9%	109%	9,356

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	3%	2%	42%	22%	24%	8%	0%	101%	9,356

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Utah

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	2,228	2,196	1,956	2,468	4,424
Median length of stay (months)	11.7	N/A	5.0	12.4	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	20%	23%	34%	20%	0%	0%	100%	2,228
Entered care (FY 1998)	10%	29%	23%	30%	8%	0%	0%	100%	2,196
Exited care (FY 1998)	6%	29%	23%	25%	16%	1%	0%	100%	1,956
In care on 9/30/98	4%	20%	23%	33%	20%	1%	0%	101%	2,468

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	6%	1%	4%	14%	73%	3%	101%	2,228
Entered care (FY 1998)	4%	1%	4%	16%	70%	5%	100%	2,196
Exited care (FY 1998)	6%	1%	4%	16%	69%	4%	100%	1,956
In care on 9/30/98	4%	1%	4%	14%	74%	4%	101%	2,468

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	658
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	647

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	7%	35%	36%	19%	2%	1%	100%	658

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	1%	1%	4%	17%	73%	3%	99%	658

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	5%	48%	34%	13%	0%	0%	100%	287

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	2%	1%	5%	18%	72%	2%	100%	287

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

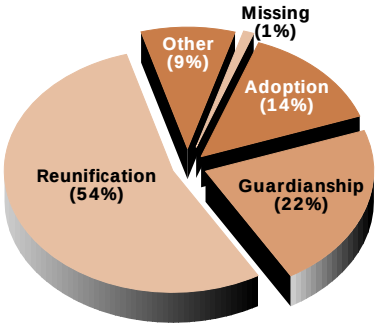
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	88%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	12%
Total	100%
Number	7,865

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	14%
Guardianship	22%
Reunification	54%
Other	9%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	1,956



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	14%
Guardianship	16%
Reunification	53%
Other	17%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	299

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	15%
Reunification	60%
Other	24%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	652

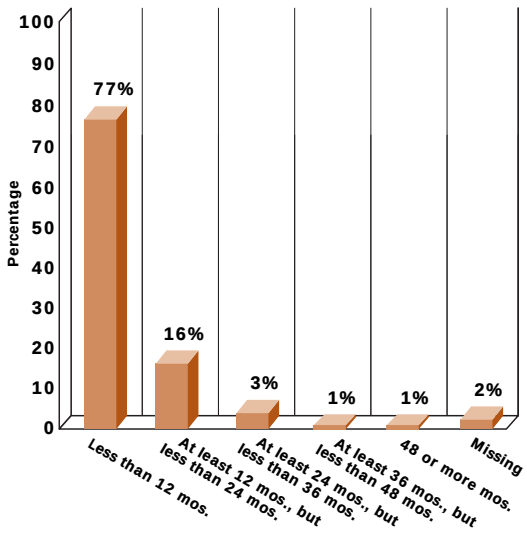
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	4%	15%	17%	15%	15%	7%	0%
Guardianship	26%	10%	27%	18%	23%	17%	0%
Reunification	63%	65%	46%	62%	51%	71%	0%
Other	7%	10%	10%	6%	10%	4%	0%
Missing	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%
Total	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	0%
Number	121	20	84	308	1,340	83	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	13%
Children older than 12 at entry	87%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	109

Utah

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

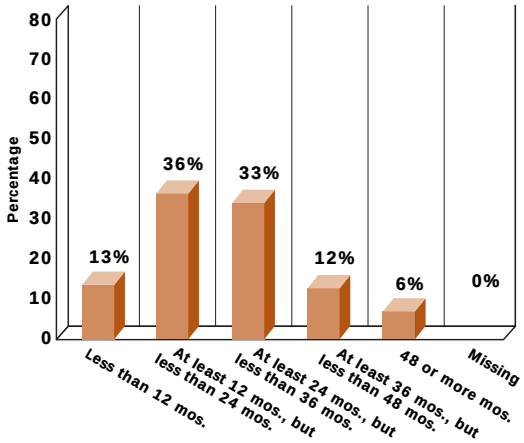
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	77%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	16%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	3%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	1%
48 or more months	1%
Missing	2%
Total	100%
Number	1,058



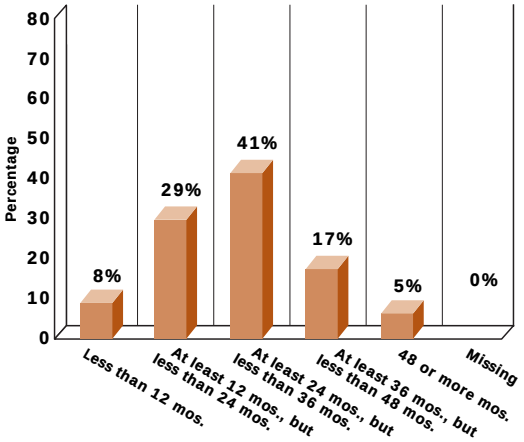
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	70%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	17%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	9%
Missing	5%
Total	101%
Number	2,196

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	13%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	36%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	33%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	12%
48 or more months	6%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	279



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	8%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	29%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	41%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	17%
48 or more months	5%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	156



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	44%	23%	24%	34%	32%	82%
Children with 3 or more placements	56%	77%	76%	66%	68%	18%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	2,449	1,003	446	229	247	50

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	20%
Institutions	0%
Other settings	80%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,318

State Comments

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Utah's Division of Child and Family Services data that appear in the Annual Report to Congress is different than data generated from the Utah SACWIS system. It appears that the number of discharges from foster care and the number of adoptions is under-reported. State data systems report 346 adoptions in FY98. Analyses performed by the Department of Health and Human Services may account for this. We would suggest that Congress take into consideration that these numbers may be deflated when reviewing the data.

Utah has a strong tradition in use of data from its computer system. Ongoing monthly and quarterly reports and annual outcome measures reports are generated from our SACWIS system. These data are also used for performance management and evaluating those outcomes of children and families served. National trends are used to evaluate how Utah compares to other States. Utah outcomes are available on our web-site at www.hsdcfs.state.ut.us.

Vermont

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**145,519**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	1%
• Hispanic	1%
• White	97%
Child population in poverty	**12%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**24%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**1,041**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**1,316**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**118**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	2,309	16 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	1,041	7 per 1,000
Child fatalities	3	2.1 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	4%	24%	28%	36%	7%	0%	99%	1,041

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	0%	1%	0%	98%	0%	0%	99%	1,041

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	1%	1%	31%	26%	49%	0%	0%	108%	1,041

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Vermont

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	1,188	783	655	1,316	1,971
Median length of stay (months)	20.9	N/A	13.7	17.4	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	2%	13%	15%	41%	29%	1%	0%	101%	1,188
Entered care (FY 1998)	5%	14%	16%	50%	14%	0%	0%	99%	783
Exited care (FY 1998)	1%	15%	12%	30%	38%	3%	0%	99%	655
In care on 9/30/98	2%	12%	16%	39%	30%	0%	0%	99%	1,316

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	2%	1%	96%	1%	100%	1,188
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	1%	1%	0%	97%	1%	100%	783
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	1%	1%	0%	97%	1%	100%	655
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	2%	1%	96%	1%	100%	1,316

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	215
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	159

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	28%	26%	33%	8%	1%	99%	215

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	2%	1%	96%	1%	100%	215

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	2%	49%	38%	10%	1%	0%	100%	118

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	2%	0%	98%	0%	100%	118

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Vermont

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

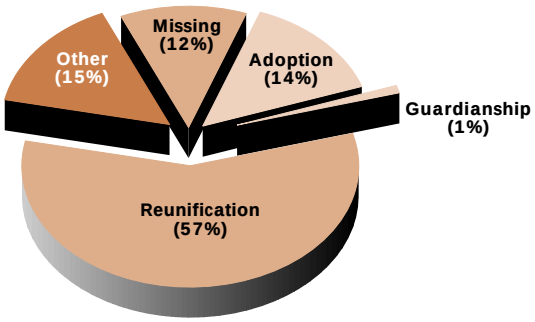
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	92%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	8%
Total	100%
Number	966

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	14%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	57%
Other	15%
Missing	12%
Total	99%
Number	655



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	11%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	17%
Other	50%
Missing	22%
Total	100%
Number	18

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	61%
Other	22%
Missing	16%
Total	99%
Number	409

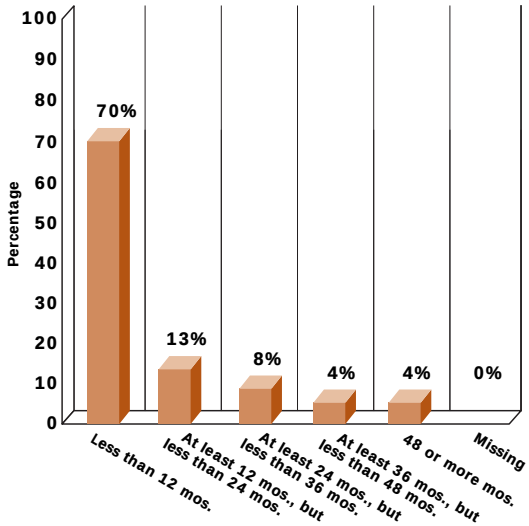
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	29%	17%	0%	14%	25%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Reunification	0%	71%	50%	100%	57%	25%	0%
Other	0%	0%	33%	0%	15%	50%	0%
Missing	100%	0%	0%	0%	13%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	0%
Number	1	7	6	3	634	4	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	17%
Children older than 12 at entry	83%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	53

Vermont

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

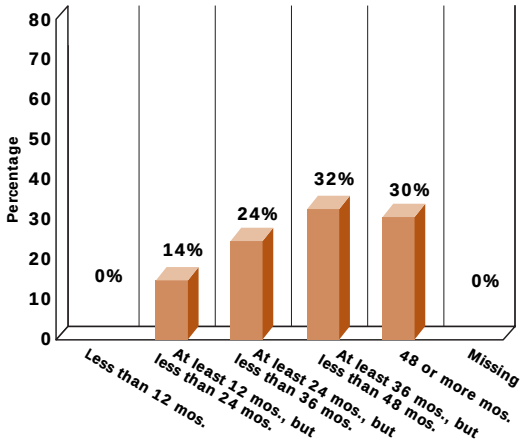
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	70%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	13%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	8%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	4%
48 or more months	4%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	375



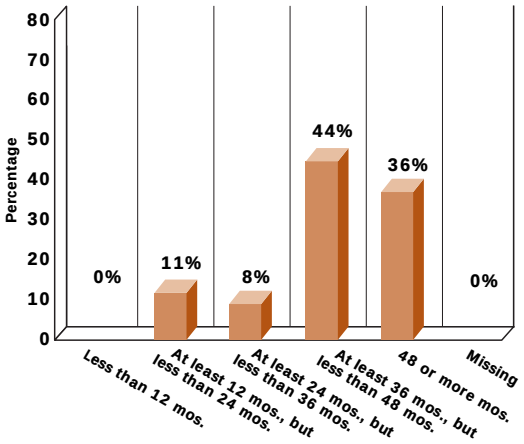
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	77%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	12%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	6%
Missing	5%
Total	100%
Number	783

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	14%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	24%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	32%
48 or more months	30%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	94



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	11%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	8%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	44%
48 or more months	36%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	36



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	69%	32%	26%	21%	15%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	31%	68%	74%	79%	85%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	829	371	275	184	309	3

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	6%
Institutions	1%
Other settings	93%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	340

State Comments

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We appreciate the inclusion of the Summary Report based on the number of States reporting as a tool to focus our comments.

The Vermont Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services provides child protective, child welfare, and juvenile services (including juvenile justice and services to youth without or beyond parental control) in a single, integrated system.

In child protective services, the department investigates primarily child abuse and neglect by caretakers. The department also investigates sexual abuse by non-caretakers, including out-of-home perpetrators and juvenile perpetrators. Therefore, compared to the Summary Report, substantiated victims are older, and statistics for sexual abuse are very high.

The inclusion of juvenile delinquents and youth without or beyond the control of their parents in our custody population means that children in care are older than shown in the Summary Report. Sixty-nine percent of children in foster care in Vermont on 9/30/98 were ages 11-18, as opposed to 40 percent in the Summary Report. It is more difficult to assure placement stability for these older and more troubled youth than it is for the younger child welfare population. This is reflected in our statistics on placement stability. Vermont is in the early stages of a juvenile justice initiative that will implement and evaluate a number of new community services that we hope will allow us to serve this population better.

Virginia

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,644,386**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	4%
• Black	23%
• Hispanic	5%
• White	68%
Child population in poverty	**18%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**78%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**10,025**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**6,838**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**239**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	51,227	31 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	10,025	6 per 1,000
Child fatalities	36	2.2 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	7%	32%	31%	24%	5%	0%	99%	10,025

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	0%	1%	39%	4%	51%	8%	0%	103%	10,025

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	4%	3%	66%	27%	16%	2%	0%	118%	10,025

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	6,009	2,683	1,856	6,838	8,692
Median length of stay (months)	26.0	N/A	12.7	25.6	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	2%	20%	23%	33%	20%	2%	0%	100%	6,009
Entered care (FY 1998)	10%	22%	21%	34%	12%	0%	0%	99%	2,683
Exited care (FY 1998)	4%	22%	19%	26%	26%	4%	0%	101%	1,856
In care on 9/30/98	2%	19%	23%	31%	22%	3%	0%	100%	6,838

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	1%	54%	4%	41%	0%	100%	6,009
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	1%	44%	4%	50%	1%	100%	2,683
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	1%	41%	4%	53%	1%	100%	1,856
In care on 9/30/98	0%	1%	54%	3%	42%	1%	101%	6,838

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	1,898
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	253

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	3%	38%	40%	16%	1%	0%	101%	1,898

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	1%	56%	4%	38%	1%	100%	1,898

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	35%	47%	15%	1%	0%	99%	239

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	0%	44%	5%	49%	2%	100%	239

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Virginia

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

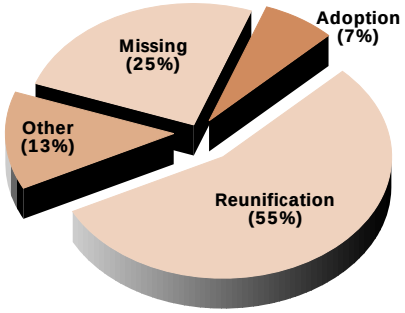
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	7%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	55%
Other	13%
Missing	25%
Total	100%
Number	1,856



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	11%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	41%
Other	17%
Missing	31%
Total	100%
Number	384

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	45%
Other	22%
Missing	32%
Total	99%
Number	768

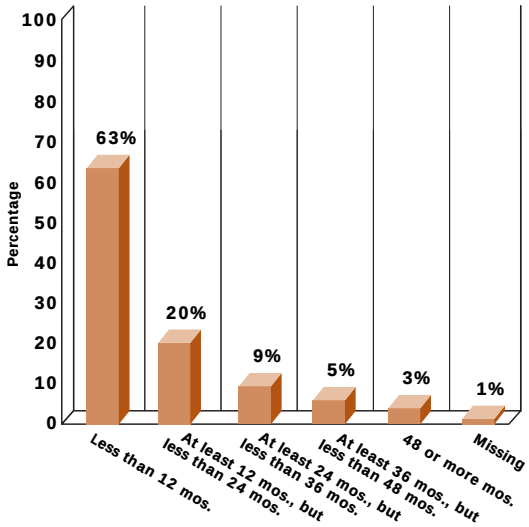
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	8%	0%	8%	0%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	100%	62%	51%	64%	58%	58%	0%
Other	0%	31%	15%	10%	11%	8%	0%
Missing	0%	8%	27%	26%	23%	33%	0%
Total	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	0%
Number	1	13	766	77	987	12	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	37%
Children older than 12 at entry	63%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	147

Virginia

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

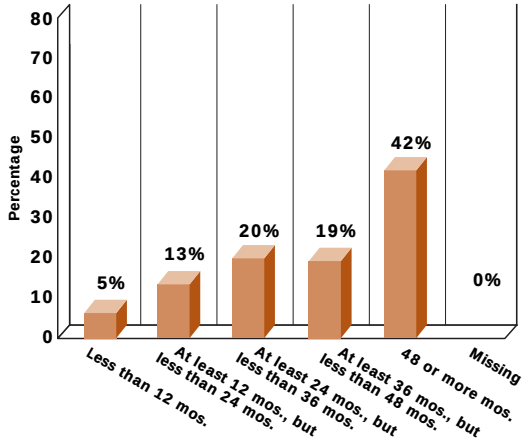
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	63%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	20%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	9%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	5%
48 or more months	3%
Missing	1%
Total	101%
Number	1,020



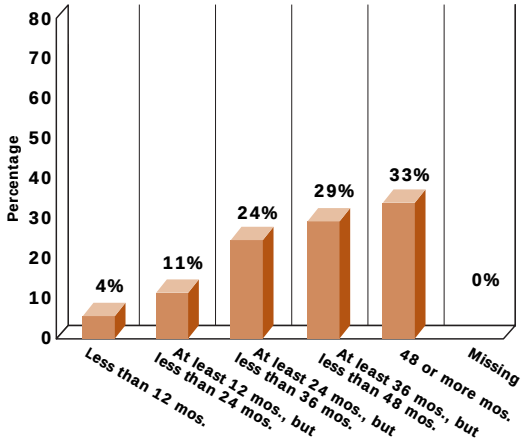
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	98%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	0%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	0%
Missing	1%
Total	99%
Number	2,683

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	5%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	13%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	20%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	19%
48 or more months	42%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	134



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	4%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	11%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	24%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	29%
48 or more months	33%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	55



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	93%	92%	93%	95%	96%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	7%	8%	7%	5%	4%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	2,951	1,541	1,093	888	2,201	18

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	7%
Institutions	0%
Other settings	93%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	1,655

Virginia

State Comments

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Child Welfare Context Data, Section B: During the 1997 reporting year, the Department implemented a CPS reform pilot (the Multiple Response System) in five local departments of social services. Some valid CPS reports received a Family Assessment rather than an investigation in these localities. The Assessment Response does not result in a finding of abuse or neglect as in an Investigation Response.

During this reporting year, CPS has been working with staff to develop a plan for implementing CPS into the On-line Automated Services Information System (OASIS) during 1998. Future data will be pulled from this system.

Child Welfare Context Data, Sections C, D, and E: Due to the conversion of our legacy child welfare information system (VACIS) to OASIS during early 1998, which involved a great deal of manual conversion once the automated conversion was completed, some numbers may be under-reported.

Child Welfare Outcome Data, Measure 1: The Child Welfare Outcomes related to "Recurrence of Maltreatment" will be reported in 2000.

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Washington

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,454,654**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	2%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	6%
• Black	4%
• Hispanic	9%
• White	79%
Child population in poverty	**14%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**72%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**12,014**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**8,980**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**854**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	38,200	26 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	12,014	8 per 1,000
Child fatalities	9	0.6 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	5%	33%	32%	21%	6%	4%	101%	12,014

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	6%	3%	10%	9%	71%	9%	0%	108%	12,014

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	7%	4%	52%	28%	10%	4%	0%	105%	12,014

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Washington

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	8,297	7,243	6,560	8,980	15,540
Median length of stay (months)	19.3	N/A	2.0	17.0	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	5%	33%	26%	23%	12%	1%	0%	100%	8,297
Entered care (FY 1998)	12%	24%	21%	32%	11%	0%	0%	100%	7,243
Exited care (FY 1998)	4%	25%	21%	31%	18%	1%	0%	100%	6,560
In care on 9/30/98	6%	32%	27%	24%	11%	0%	0%	100%	8,980

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	10%	2%	19%	6%	63%	0%	100%	8,297
Entered care (FY 1998)	9%	2%	14%	8%	66%	0%	99%	7,243
Exited care (FY 1998)	8%	3%	14%	8%	66%	1%	100%	6,560
In care on 9/30/98	10%	2%	18%	7%	63%	0%	100%	8,980

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	3,173
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	2,764

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	6%	44%	32%	14%	3%	0%	99%	3,173

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	6%	1%	20%	7%	65%	0%	99%	3,173

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	56%	34%	8%	1%	0%	100%	854

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine / Unknown	Total	Number
Children	5%	1%	17%	7%	69%	1%	100%	854

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Washington

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

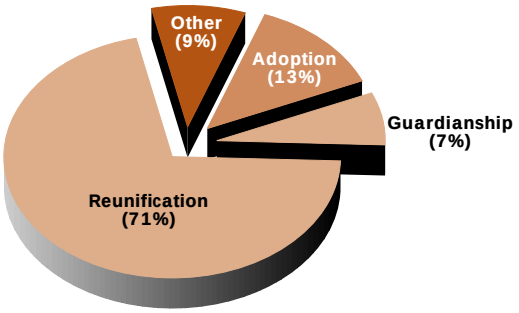
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	13%
Guardianship	7%
Reunification	71%
Other	9%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	6,560



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	-
Guardianship	-
Reunification	-
Other	-
Missing	-
Total	-
Number	-

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	3%
Reunification	83%
Other	14%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	2,681

Washington

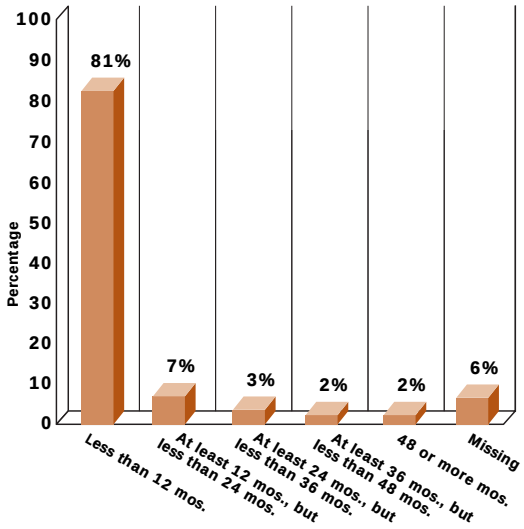
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	8%	8%	16%	12%	13%	14%	0%
Guardianship	11%	4%	12%	7%	6%	11%	0%
Reunification	69%	80%	64%	76%	71%	69%	0%
Other	12%	8%	8%	4%	9%	6%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	0%
Number	555	167	941	539	4,322	36	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	31%
Children older than 12 at entry	69%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	395

Washington

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

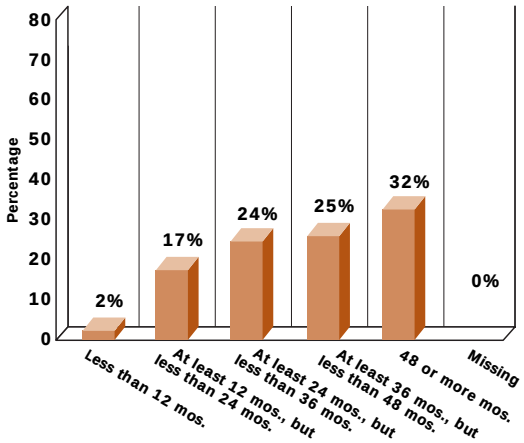
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	81%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	7%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	3%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	2%
48 or more months	2%
Missing	6%
Total	101%
Number	4,639



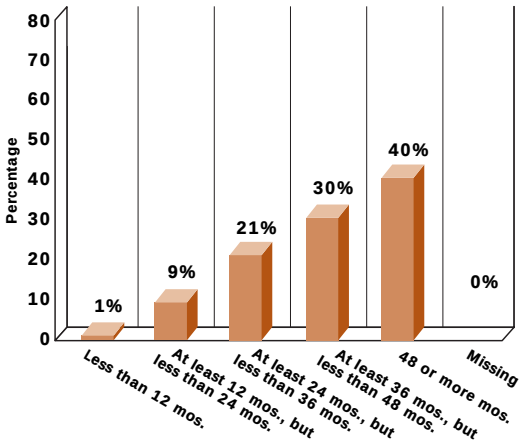
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	70%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	17%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	11%
Missing	2%
Total	100%
Number	7,243

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	2%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	17%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	24%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	25%
48 or more months	32%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	855



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	1%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	9%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	21%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	30%
48 or more months	40%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	280



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	81%	56%	47%	35%	33%	95%
Children with 3 or more placements	18%	44%	53%	65%	66%	5%
Missing	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	7,383	2,757	1,751	1,260	2,061	328

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	1%
Institutions	2%
Other settings	97%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	3,748

Washington State Comments

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Washington State has focused efforts on achieving permanency for children in out-of-home care. We nearly doubled the number of adoptions completed from 1996 to 1998, and we increased the number of guardianships finalized by 27 percent, from 400 in CY 1997 to 508 in CY 1998. We also focused on achieving permanency for children in the shortest time possible. Ninety percent of the children who were returned home last year were reunified within 15 months of their placement, and 25 percent of the guardianship placements were finalized within 15 months of placement. From 1997 to 1998, we reduced by 2 percent the children who remained in care longer than 2 years.

The Governor and legislature of Washington State are committed to managing by outcomes, and we have been tracking performance on select outcomes for several years. While this report provides a starting point to evaluate our performance in comparison to other States, unique characteristics of Washington's child welfare system make comparison to other States difficult. Because the scope of this report does not permit clarification of laws and policies that may influence the data, some of the data presented may be misleading.

Washington reports placements of all children entering out-of-home care, including children placed by police for less than 72 hours, placements with unpaid relatives, and voluntary placements. For this reason, approximately 40 percent of the children placed into care return home within 30 days. Washington's inclusion of these short-term placements affects our placement and re-entry rates, and makes comparisons of our data with other States difficult.

West Virginia

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**411,746**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	0%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	0%
• Black	4%
• Hispanic	1%
• White	95%
Child population in poverty	**21%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**54%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**-**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**3,082**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**211**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	-	-
Child maltreatment victims [1]	-	-
Child fatalities	-	-

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	2,838	2,011	1,767	3,082	4,849
Median length of stay (months)	17.3	N/A	8.6	16.7	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	16%	20%	33%	26%	2%	0%	100%	2,838
Entered care (FY 1998)	8%	17%	16%	37%	22%	0%	0%	100%	2,011
Exited care (FY 1998)	3%	13%	12%	27%	41%	4%	0%	100%	1,767
In care on 9/30/98	3%	18%	21%	32%	25%	2%	0%	101%	3,082

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	0%	0%	12%	1%	86%	1%	100%	2,838
Entered care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	11%	1%	85%	3%	100%	2,011
Exited care (FY 1998)	0%	0%	11%	1%	85%	3%	100%	1,767
In care on 9/30/98	0%	0%	12%	1%	86%	2%	101%	3,082

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4] (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	843
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	13

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	4%	33%	40%	21%	2%	0%	101%	843

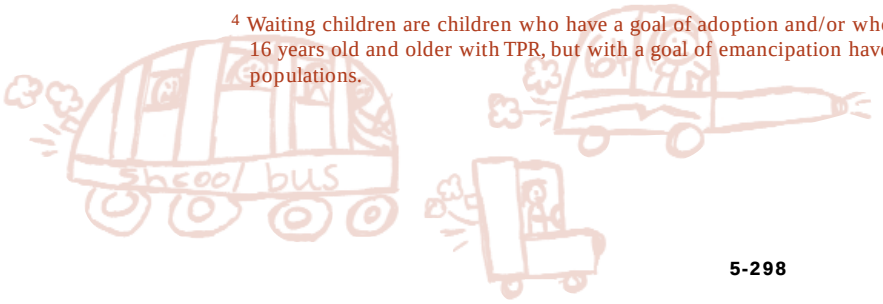
RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	0%	0%	15%	1%	83%	1%	100%	843

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	45%	38%	13%	3%	0%	100%	211

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	0%	1%	10%	1%	83%	4%	99%	211

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.



West Virginia

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

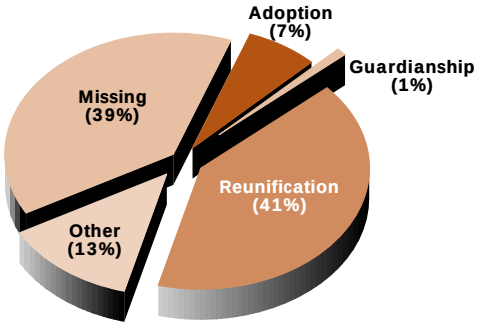
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	7%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	41%
Other	13%
Missing	39%
Total	101%
Number	1,767



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	3%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	35%
Other	17%
Missing	45%
Total	100%
Number	431

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	39%
Other	18%
Missing	43%
Total	100%
Number	1,122

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3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	0%	0%	7%	5%	7%	4%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Reunification	100%	0%	36%	35%	42%	63%	45%
Other	0%	0%	14%	10%	13%	7%	0%
Missing	0%	100%	42%	50%	38%	26%	55%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Number	1	2	200	20	1,506	27	11

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	8%
Children older than 12 at entry	90%
Missing	1%
Total	99%
Number	73

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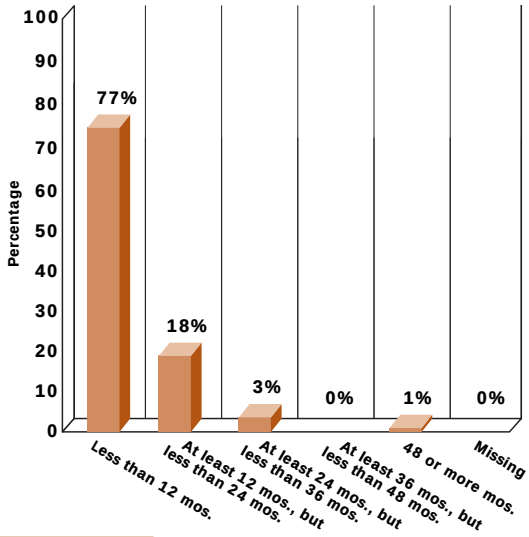
4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

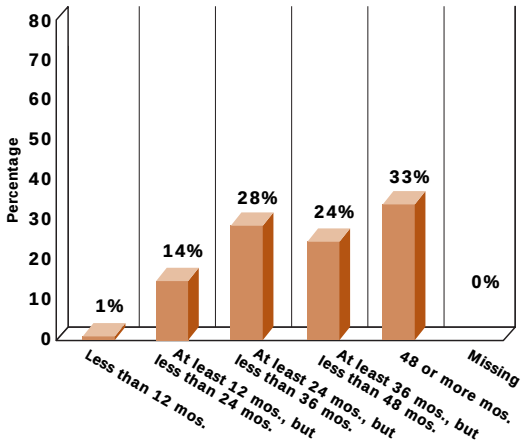
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	77%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	18%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	3%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	0%
48 or more months	1%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	727



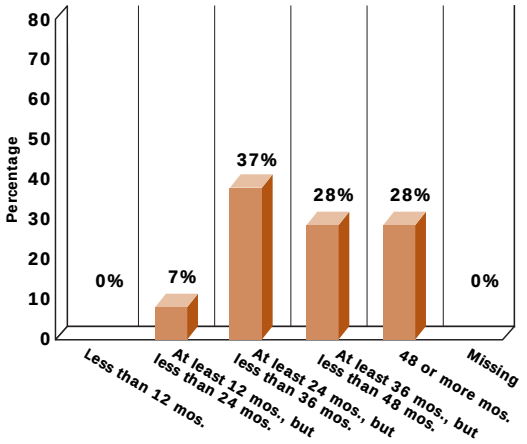
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	97%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	2%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	0%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	2,011

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	1%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	14%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	28%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	24%
48 or more months	33%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	116



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	7%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	37%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	28%
48 or more months	28%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	46



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	89%	86%	83%	87%	82%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	11%	14%	17%	13%	18%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	2,306	944	499	312	773	15

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	5%
Institutions	1%
Other settings	81%
Missing	13%
Total	100%
Number	870

West Virginia

State Comments

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Although some of the data for child abuse and neglect were not available for this reporting period, that will not be the case in the future. Our automated information management system should be able to report all of the NCANDS data for the entire calendar year beginning with 1998.

The Office of Social Services' commentary on three initiatives, which can result in improved performance on future measures, is listed below.

Program Review: The Department has initiated a comprehensive program review process for Child Welfare. This process includes both a review of the data available through the State SACWIS system as well as on-site reviews in all offices throughout the State. While data analysis is important, it does not provide all of the information necessary to make improvements in casework practice that result in increased success in achieving outcomes.

Child Welfare Work Groups: The Secretary of the Department established work groups composed of field and State office staff to develop proposals to improve the Child Protective Services, Foster Care and Adoption and to improve the operation of the State's SACWIS System.

Each of the Work Groups was directed to identify those factors that inhibited the delivery of services and to propose recommendations for changes at both the Sate office and field level. It is believed that these recommendations, when implemented, will lead to improved outcomes for children.

Policy Revision: Staff in the Office of Social Services have been directed to develop plans to revise Child Welfare policy and to embed that policy on line in the SACWIS System.

In order to revise policy appropriately, it is necessary to first analyze current program design, casework decision-making models, and practices in order to determine the constituent elements of each service and the manner in which services should be delivered. This analysis and any subsequent program revision will be designed to insure that all service delivery is focused on safety, permanency, and well-being. Once the appropriate program has been established, then the policy to implement the design will be written.

Wisconsin

Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**1,346,376**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	1%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	2%
• Black	8%
• Hispanic	4%
• White	85%
Child population in poverty	**11%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**73%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**14,625**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**10,076**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**643**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	43,406	32 per 1,000
Child maltreatment victims [1]	14,625	11 per 1,000
Child fatalities	28	2.1 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	4%	26%	28%	33%	10%	0%	101%	14,625

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	3%	2%	24%	4%	62%	0%	9%	104%	14,625

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	1%	1%	38%	24%	40%	16%	0%	120%	14,625

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

Wisconsin

C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	9,356	5,566	4,846	10,076	14,922
Median length of stay (months)	19.1	N/A	5.3	23.7	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	2%	24%	26%	29%	16%	1%	0%	98%	9,356
Entered care (FY 1998)	7%	16%	17%	42%	17%	0%	0%	99%	5,566
Exited care (FY 1998)	3%	18%	17%	34%	28%	0%	0%	100%	4,846
In care on 9/30/98	2%	21%	26%	31%	18%	3%	1%	102%	10,076

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	3%	1%	50%	4%	41%	0%	99%	9,356
Entered care (FY 1998)	5%	3%	21%	3%	68%	0%	100%	5,566
Exited care (FY 1998)	5%	2%	20%	3%	69%	0%	99%	4,846
In care on 9/30/98	3%	1%	48%	4%	43%	0%	99%	10,076

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	865
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	606

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	31%	35%	24%	6%	2%	100%	865

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	7%	0%	33%	4%	56%	0%	100%	865

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	1%	43%	38%	16%	3%	0%	101%	643

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	5%	0%	48%	5%	42%	0%	100%	643

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

Wisconsin

Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

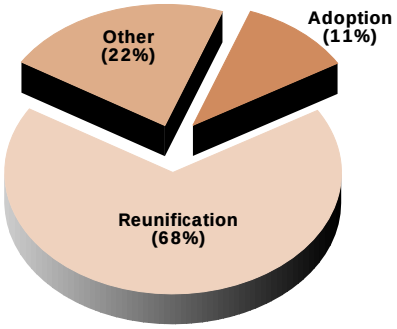
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	-
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	-
Total	-
Number	-

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	11%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	68%
Other	22%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	4,846



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	24%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	52%
Other	25%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	1,650

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	1%
Guardianship	0%
Reunification	66%
Other	34%
Missing	0%
Total	101%
Number	2,625

Wisconsin

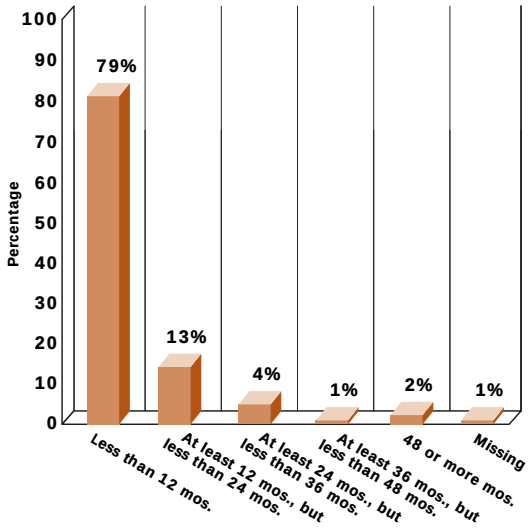
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	13%	1%	22%	13%	7%	0%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Reunification	62%	77%	58%	68%	70%	0%	0%
Other	25%	22%	19%	19%	22%	0%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	0%	0%
Number	253	112	982	159	3,340	0	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	16%
Children older than 12 at entry	84%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	268

Wisconsin

4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

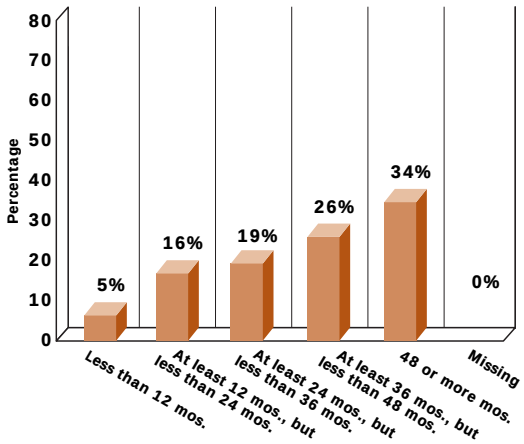
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	79%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	13%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	4%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	1%
48 or more months	2%
Missing	1%
Total	100%
Number	3,273



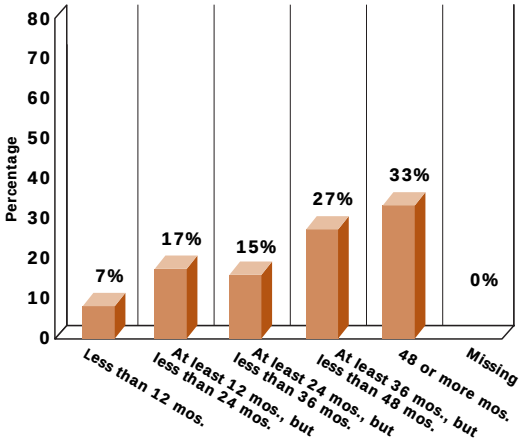
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	69%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	25%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	6%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	5,566

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	5%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	16%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	19%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	26%
48 or more months	34%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	523



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	7%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	17%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	15%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	27%
48 or more months	33%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	235



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	95%	83%	74%	70%	70%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	5%	17%	26%	30%	30%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	6,403	2,650	1,965	1,210	2,649	45

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	5%
Institutions	5%
Other settings	89%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	2,725

Wisconsin

Wisconsin

State Comments

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The out-of-home care data for Wisconsin includes children in the juvenile justice *and* child welfare systems. At the current time, we are unable to separate those data with any degree of certainty. When our SACWIS system is established statewide, we will be able to make that distinction.

In terms of our child maltreatment data, Wisconsin is unique in terms of the scope of responsibility for child protective services. In essence, any maltreatment of a child, regardless of the maltreater, is a child protective services issue. In most States, child protective services is limited to only those situations where the maltreater is functioning in a caretaker capacity.

Wisconsin exceeds the Nation in the percent of children adopted, and the percent of disabled children adopted, despite the inclusion of juvenile justice children in our out-of-home care population. We exceed national averages in the percentage of American Indian, Black, and Hispanic children leaving foster care to be adopted. Wisconsin completed 643 adoptions in Federal FY 1998 with 57 percent of children aged 5 or older.

Wisconsin has launched a multi-media effort to recruit more adoptive and foster care families, which has had initial success with inquiries from more than 300 interested families in the first 3 weeks. This on-going recruitment effort, including the use of a video before each movie in over 300 theaters statewide, is expected to increase resources for special needs adoptions and provide improved foster care for children in their own communities

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Context Data

A. Key Context Statistics

GENERAL POPULATION IN 1997	
Total children under 18 yrs	**131,765**
• Alaska Native / American Indian	3%
• Asian / Pacific Islander	1%
• Black	1%
• Hispanic	8%
• White	88%
Child population in poverty	**15%**
Child population living in metropolitan areas	**32%**
CHILD WELFARE	
Child maltreatment victims during 1997	**-**
Children in foster care on 9/30/98	**883**
Children adopted during FY 1998	**33**

B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)

OVERVIEW	Count	Rate
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	-	-
Child maltreatment victims [1]	-	-
Child fatalities	4	3.0 per 100,000

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Unknown	Total	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Other	Unable to Determine / Missing	Total [2]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MALTREATMENT TYPE	Emotional	Medical Neglect	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Other	Unknown	Total [3]	Number
Child victims	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.
[2] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because Hispanics may be counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.
[3] Percentages may total more than 100 percent because children could have been victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

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C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	In Care on 10/1/97	Entered Care (FY 1998)	Exited Care (FY 1998)	In Care on 9/30/98	Total Served
Children	785	961	863	883	1,746
Median length of stay (months)	10.7	N/A	3.0	11.0	N/A

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-18 Yrs	19 + Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	2%	19%	21%	37%	21%	1%	0%	101%	785
Entered care (FY 1998)	5%	20%	13%	43%	19%	0%	0%	100%	961
Exited care (FY 1998)	3%	19%	13%	36%	28%	1%	0%	100%	863
In care on 9/30/98	2%	19%	20%	38%	21%	0%	0%	100%	883

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
In care on 10/1/97	2%	1%	3%	10%	83%	3%	102%	785
Entered care (FY 1998)	4%	0%	1%	8%	83%	4%	100%	961
Exited care (FY 1998)	3%	0%	1%	10%	81%	5%	100%	863
In care on 9/30/98	2%	0%	3%	8%	84%	2%	99%	883

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998[4]
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

OVERVIEW	
Children waiting to be adopted	53
• Children whose parents' rights have been terminated (TPR)	7

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16-17 Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	26%	40%	28%	6%	0%	102%	53

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I.	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Missing	Total	Number
Waiting children	2%	0%	8%	13%	77%	0%	100%	53

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

AGE	Under 1 Yr	1-5 Yrs	6-10 Yrs	11-15 Yrs	16+ Yrs	Missing	Total	Number
Children	0%	52%	27%	21%	0%	0%	100%	33

RACE/ETHNICITY	Alaska Native/A.I	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine/Unknown	Total	Number
Children	6%	0%	3%	12%	73%	6%	100%	33

[4] Waiting children are children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with TPR, but with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the waiting children and TPR populations.

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Outcomes Data

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(NCANDS, DCDC 1997)

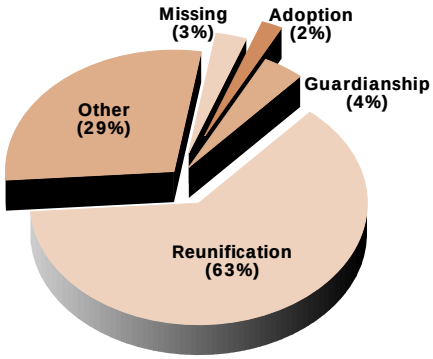
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	
Children without a recurrence within 12 months	89%
Children with one or more recurrences within 12 months	11%
Total	100%
Number	640

2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	
Children maltreated while in foster care	*To be reported in 2001*
Children not maltreated while in foster care	
Total	
Number	

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

3.1 Exits from Foster Care	
Adoption	2%
Guardianship	4%
Reunification	63%
Other	29%
Missing	3%
Total	101%
Number	863



3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	
Adoption	3%
Guardianship	4%
Reunification	61%
Other	30%
Missing	1%
Total	99%
Number	250

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	
Adoption	0%
Guardianship	1%
Reunification	59%
Other	36%
Missing	4%
Total	100%
Number	504

3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	Alaska Native / A.I.	Asian / Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic	White	Unable to Determine	Missing
Adoption	7%	0%	0%	1%	1%	5%	0%
Guardianship	0%	0%	0%	6%	3%	5%	0%
Reunification	86%	100%	45%	60%	63%	56%	0%
Other	0%	0%	55%	30%	30%	24%	0%
Missing	7%	0%	0%	2%	2%	10%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	0%
Number	28	2	11	83	698	41	0

3.5 Exits to Emancipation	
Children age 12 or younger at entry	20%
Children older than 12 at entry	80%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	20

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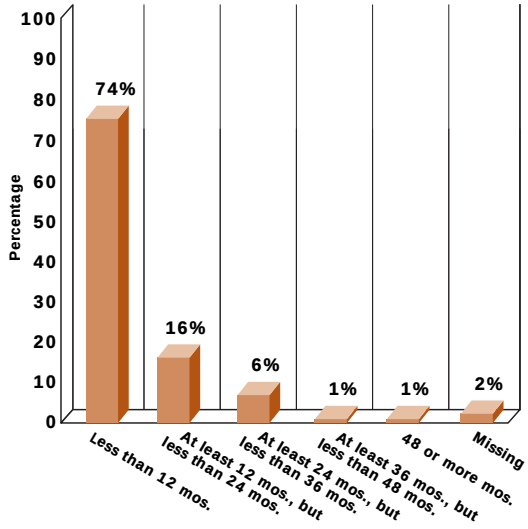
4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

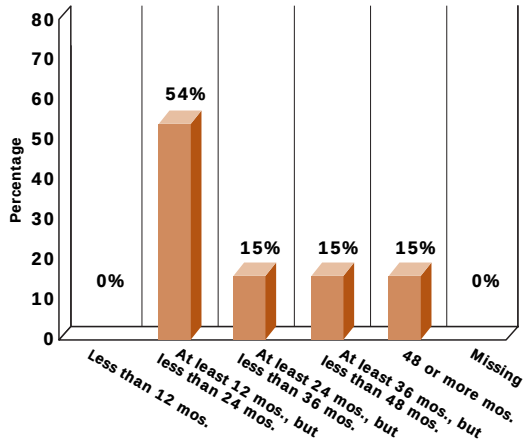
4.1 Time to Reunification	
Less than 12 months	74%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	16%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	6%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	1%
48 or more months	1%
Missing	2%
Total	100%
Number	545



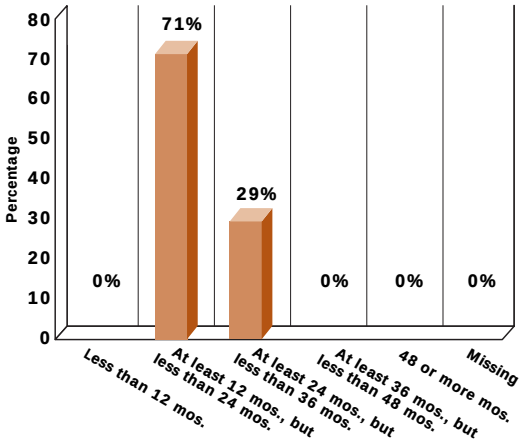
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	
Children entering care for the first time	68%
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	20%
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	11%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	961

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

5.1 Time to Adoption	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	54%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	15%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	15%
48 or more months	15%
Missing	0%
Total	99%
Number	13



5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	
Less than 12 months	0%
At least 12 months, but less than 24 months	71%
At least 24 months, but less than 36 months	29%
At least 36 months, but less than 48 months	0%
48 or more months	0%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	7



6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	Less than 12 mos.	At least 12 mos., but < 24	At least 24 mos., but < 36	At least 36 mos., but < 48	48 or more mos.	Missing
Children with 2 or fewer placements	93%	72%	61%	60%	67%	100%
Children with 3 or more placements	7%	28%	39%	40%	33%	0%
Missing	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number	1,084	339	94	90	118	21

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children Who Entered Care During FY 1998 and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement	
Group homes	10%
Institutions	5%
Other settings	85%
Missing	0%
Total	100%
Number	452

Appendix A:

ADDITIONAL NATIONAL STATISTICS

HIGHLIGHTS OF FINDINGS
Excerpted from *Child Maltreatment 1997*

and

THE AFCARS REPORT:
Interim Estimates for Fiscal Year 1998,
as of April 2000

HIGHLIGHTS OF FINDINGS FROM *CHILD MALTREATMENT 1997*

These highlights are based on responses from the States to the 1997 Summary Data Component. The italicized highlights are the findings required by the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, as amended in 1996, to be included in all annual State data reports to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Because this is the first year that many of these data items have been required, not all States were able to provide data on every item. Results for items responded to by nine or fewer States have not been reported in the highlights.

Services to Prevent Child Maltreatment

Child abuse and neglect prevention programs are designed to increase parental child rearing competence and knowledge of the developmental stages of childhood.

- *Thirty-one States reported that 636,079 families received preventive services, and, of these States, 28 reported that 716,512 children received preventive services.*

Child Protective Services Investigations

The role of the Child Protective Services (CPS) agency includes receiving reports alleging that a child or children have been maltreated, determining whether such reports should be investigated or not, conducting an investigation or an assessment to determine whether a child has been maltreated or is at risk of maltreatment, and deciding whether to take any further action on behalf of protecting the child.

- More than half of child abuse and neglect reports were received from professionals; more than a quarter were received from other relatives, friends and neighbors, parents, and alleged victims; and one-fifth were received from anonymous or unknown sources, other sources, and alleged perpetrators. (42 States)

- *Forty-five States reported that nearly 3 million children were alleged victims of maltreatment.* The national rate of children who were reported was 42.0 children per 1,000 children in the population.

- *Approximately 19,000 workers were responsible for screening, intake, investigation, and assessment of reports.* (38 States) About 10,000 workers were responsible for screening and intake. (24 States)

- *The average annual workload of CPS investigation and assessment workers was 81 investigations.* (14 States)

- *Six States provided data on the average response time with respect to the initial investigation of reports.*

- *One-third of investigations resulted in a disposition of either substantiated or indicated child maltreatment. More than half resulted in a finding that child maltreatment was not substantiated. Ten percent of investigations had no finding or an "other" finding. (46 States) Four States provided data on the number of children in unsubstantiated reports that were determined to be intentionally false.*

- Three-fifths of substantiated or indicated reports were from professional sources—legal, medical, social service, or education. (16 States)

Child Maltreatment Victims: Who Are They?

Victims of maltreatment are children who have been the subjects of allegations of abuse or neglect that have been substantiated or indicated by a CPS agency.

- *Based on data from 44 States, it was estimated that there were approximately 984,000 victims of maltreatment nationwide, a decrease from more than 1 million victims in 1996.* The rate of victimization was 13.9 per 1,000 children.

- More than half of all victims suffered neglect, while a quarter suffered physical abuse. Twelve percent of the victims were sexually abused. Victims of psychological abuse, medical neglect, and "other" types of maltreatment accounted for less than 11 percent each. (43 States)

- Infants were the largest single-year age group of maltreatment victims, at 7 percent. (40 States)

- Excluding victims classified as "other" or "unknown," sixty-seven percent of all victims were white; 30 percent were African-American; 3 percent were American Indian/Alaska Native; and 1 percent were Asian/Pacific Islander. (40 States)

- The proportion of victims that was Hispanic was 13 percent, compared to 19 percent of the population. (35 States)

- *Seven States provided data on the numbers of child victims who, in the past 5 years, had received family preservation services; nine States provided data on the numbers who had been reunified with their families.*

Service Responses

Some of the children referred to CPS agencies received services in addition to investigation or assessment. Some were directed to community services for counseling or information, and others received ongoing child welfare services.

- *Based on data from 32 States, almost half of victims received post-investigation services. Of these States, 28 reported that two-fifths did not receive services.*
- *A victim, on average, received post-investigation services 56.0 days after CPS received the maltreatment report.* (10 States)
- *Sixteen percent of victims were removed from the home.* (31 States) *Two percent of children with unsubstantiated reports were removed.* (14 States)
- About one-fifth of victims received court actions. (26 States) *More than 90 percent of victims who received court actions had court-appointed representatives.* (12 States)
- *Two States provided data on the number of out-of-court contacts between the court-appointed representatives and the victims.*

Fatalities

Child fatality estimates are based primarily on fatalities of abuse and neglect victims known to CPS agencies and fatalities of victims not previously reported as abused or neglected.

- *Forty-one States reported 967 child maltreatment fatalities, which were extrapolated to a national estimate of 1,197.*
- Children younger than age 4 accounted for more than three-quarters of all fatalities. (16 States)
- *Two percent of all fatalities occurred while the victim was in foster care.* (31 States)

Perpetrators

Perpetrators are persons who have caused or knowingly allowed child maltreatment.

- Three-quarters of perpetrators of child maltreatment were parents, and an additional tenth were other relatives. (39 States)
- Almost two-thirds of perpetrators were female, and four-fifths of perpetrators were younger than age 40. (16 States)

- Male perpetrators were associated with three-quarters of sexual abuse victims, while female perpetrators were associated with four-fifths of medical neglect victims. (16 States)

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The AFCARS Report

Interim estimates for Fiscal Year 1998--April 2000 (3)

How many children were in foster care on September 30, 1998? 560,000

SOURCE: Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for federal fiscal year (FY) 1998. FY 1998 ran from 10/1/97 through 9/30/98
NOTES: The foster care data used for this report come from the AFCARS annual foster care database for federal fiscal year (FY) 1998 (10/1/97 through 9/30/98). This database includes all children who have experienced foster care in 41 jurisdictions, including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, during FY 1998 and whose information was reported prior April 1, 2000. The data have been de-duplicated so that children who experienced more than one foster care episode during FY 1998 only appear once in the database, their last episode. For national estimation purposes, if a State's data is not included in this database, the total number of children in foster care from the most recent submission to AFCARS was used to develop national estimates. Because of the use of different estimation procedures and file construction techniques, and improvement in AFCARS reporting, the data in this report, (number 3), should not be compared to data in earlier reports (numbers 1 and 2). Some percentages do not add up to100% and/or the estimated numbers do not add up to the total number in the category due to rounding. Child's disability information has been excluded from this report due to unreliability of the data.

What were the ages of the children in foster care?

Mean Yrs	10.0	
Median Yrs	9.9	
Under 1 Yr	2%	8,671
1 thru 5 Yrs	26%	146,122
6 thru 10 Yrs	28%	157,385
11 thru 15 Yrs	27%	149,595
16 thru 18 Yrs	15%	86,377
19 + Yrs	2%	11,850

What were the placement settings of children in foster care?

Pre-Adoptive Home	3%	15,489
Foster Family Home (Relative)	29%	161,179
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	48%	268,225
Group Home	8%	42,412
Institution	8%	46,532
Supervised Independent Living	1%	3,731
Runaway	1%	5,202
Trial Home Visit	3%	17,231

What were the lengths of stay for the children in foster care?

Mean Months	33	
Median Months	21	
< 1 Month	4%	20,806
1 to 5 Mos	15%	85,328
6 to 11 Mos	15%	84,690
12 to 17 Mos	11%	62,568
18 to 23 Mos	9%	48,056
24 to 29 Mos	7%	40,514
30 to 35 Mos	5%	30,496
3 to 4 Yrs	16%	88,183
5 Yrs or More	18%	99,359

What were the case goals of the children in foster care?

Reunify with Parent(s) or Principal Caretaker(s)	40%	221,839
Live with Other Relative(s)	3%	19,561
Adoption	20%	109,638
Guardianship	7%	37,161
Long Term Foster Care	5%	30,246
Emancipation	3%	14,657
Case Plan Goal Not Yet Established	23%	126,899

Children in Foster Care on September 30, 1998
(continued)

What was the race/ethnicity of the children in foster care?

White	34%	192,426
Black	44%	244,356
Hispanic	15%	85,889
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	8,832
Asian/Pacific Islander	1%	6,125
Unknown/Unable to Determine	4%	22,373

What was the gender of the children in foster care?

Male	52%	289,185
Female	48%	270,815

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, children of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

How many children entered foster care during the Fiscal Year 1998? 286,000

What were the ages of the children who entered care during Fiscal Year 1998?

Mean Yrs	8.6
Median Yrs	8.5

Under 1 Yr	13%	37,574
1 thru 5 Yrs	25%	72,740
6 thru 10 Yrs	22%	61,981
11 thru 15 Yrs	29%	82,440
16 thru 18 Yrs	11%	31,013
19 + Yrs	0%	252

What was the race/ethnicity of the children who entered care during Fiscal Year 1998?

White	45%	128,435
Black	30%	86,469
Hispanic	16%	46,160
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	6,898
Asian/Pacific Islander	2%	4,957
Unknown/Unable to Determine	5%	13,081

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, children of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

How many children exited foster care during Fiscal Year 1998? 248,000

What were the ages of the children who exited care during Fiscal Year 1998?

Mean Yrs	10.2
Median Yrs	10.3

Under 1 Yr	4%	9,942
1 thru 5 Yrs	26%	64,610
6 thru 10 Yrs	23%	56,352
11 thru 15 Yrs	24%	60,503
16 thru 18 Yrs	20%	50,442
19 + Yrs	2%	6,151

What was the race/ethnicity of the children who exited care during Fiscal Year 1998?

White	44%	108,692
Black	33%	81,428
Hispanic	15%	37,183
American Indian/Alaskan Native	2%	5,797
Asian/Pacific Islander	2%	4,288
Unknown/Unable to Determine	4%	10,612

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, children of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

What were the lengths of stay of the children who exited foster care during Fiscal Year 1998?

Mean Months	22		
Median Months	11		
< 1 Month		21%	52,873
1 to 5 Mos		17%	43,327
6 to 11 Mos		14%	34,250
12 to 17 Mos		10%	25,492
18 to 23 Mos		7%	17,793
24 to 29 Mos		5%	12,668
30 to 35 Mos		4%	10,146
3 to 4 Yrs		11%	26,066
5 Yrs or More		10%	25,386

What were the outcomes for the children exiting foster care during Fiscal Year 1998?

Reunification	62%	154,150
Living with Other Relative(s)	9%	23,548
Adoption	14%	34,203
Emancipation	7%	16,384
Guardianship	2%	5,836
Transfer to Another Agency	3%	6,943
Runaway	3%	6,356
Death of Child	0%	581

NOTE: Deaths are attributable to a variety of causes including medical conditions, accidents and homicide.

How many children are waiting to be adopted? 122,000

NOTES: Waiting children are identified as children who have a goal of adoption and/or whose parental rights have been terminated. Children 16 years old and older with a goal of emancipation have been excluded from the estimate.

What is the gender distribution of the waiting children?

Male	52%	63,468
Female	48%	58,532

What is the racial/ethnic distribution of the waiting children?

White	29%	35,299
Black	53%	64,717
Hispanic	11%	13,095
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1%	1,459
Asian/Pacific Islander	1%	834
Unknown/Unable to Determine	5%	6,597

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census standards, children of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

How old were the waiting children when they were removed from their parents or caretakers?

Mean Yrs	4.0		
Median Yrs	3.1		
less than 1 Yr		30%	37,050
1-5 Yrs		42%	50,778
6-10 Yrs		22%	27,137
11-15 Yrs		6%	6,780
16-18 Yrs		0%	255

How old were the waiting children on September 30, 1998?

Mean Yrs	7.9		
Median Yrs	7.6		
less than 1 Yr		3%	3,489
1-5 Yrs		35%	42,565
6-10 Yrs		37%	44,747
11-15 Yrs		22%	27,380
16-18 Yrs		3%	3,818

Children waiting to be adopted on September 30, 1998 (Continued)

How many months have the waiting children been in continuous foster care?

Mean Mos	46	
Median Mos	39	
less than 1 month	1%	790
1 through 5 mos	4%	4,920
6 through 11 mos	7%	8,074
12 through 17 mos	8%	9,996
18 through 23 mos	9%	11,141
24 through 29 mos	10%	11,714
30 through 35 mos	8%	9,651
36 through 59 mos	27%	32,548
60 or more mos	27%	33,165

Where were the waiting children living on March 31, 1998?

Pre-Adoptive Home	11%	13,539
Foster Family Home (Relative)	24%	28,925
Foster Family Home (Non-Relative)	57%	70,054
Group Home	3%	3,546
Institution	4%	3,647
Supervised Independent Living	0%	73
Runaway	0%	366
Trial Home Visit	1%	729

How many children in foster care had their parental rights terminated for all living parents? 52,000

As of March 31, 1998, how many months had elapsed since the parental rights of these foster children were terminated?

Mean Mos	23
Median Mos	14

How many children were adopted from the public foster care system in FY1998? 36,000

SOURCE: Adoptions finalized in federal fiscal year reported to AFCARS prior to November 14, 1999.
NOTES: The number of jurisdictions reporting useable data was 49 including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. An estimate of finalized adoptions for those states which did not report useable data was developed from their contribution to the total number of adoptions in FY 1997. The total figure differs from figures reported for the Adoption Incentive Program because reported adoptions for that program had to meet more restrictive criteria. The federal fiscal year runs from October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998. Some percentages do not add up to 100% and/or the estimated numbers do not add up to the total number in the category due to rounding. Child's special needs has been excluded due unreliability of the data

What is the gender distribution of the children adopted from the public foster care system?

Male	51%	18,251
Female	49%	17,749

What is the racial/ethnicity distribution of the children adopted from the public foster care system?

White Non-Hispanic	38%	13,824
Black Non-Hispanic	46%	16,423
Hispanic	13%	4,800
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1%	483
Asian/Pacific Islander	1%	470

NOTE: Using U.S. Bureau of the Census Standards: Children of Hispanic origin may be of any race.

Children Adopted in FY 1998 (Continued)

How old were the children when they were adopted from the public foster care system?

Mean Yrs	6.9		
Median Yrs	6.3		
under 1 Yr		2%	577
1-5 Yrs		46%	16387
6-10 Yrs		37%	13177
11-15 Yrs		14%	5145
16-18 Yrs		2%	714

How many months did it take after termination of parental rights for the children to be adopted?

Mean Mos	17		
Median Mos	13		
<1 mos		3%	956
1-5 mos		16%	5,636
6-11 mos		30%	10,629
12-17 mos		20%	7,125
18-23 mos		12%	4,248
24-29 mos		7%	2,526
30-35 mos		4%	1,510
3-4 yrs		7%	2,474
5+ yrs		2%	896

What proportion of the children adopted from the public foster care system are receiving an adoption subsidy?

Receiving subsidy	86%	31,115
Not receiving subsidy	14%	4,885

What was the relationship of the adoptive parents to the child in the public foster care system prior to the adoption?

Non-relative	20%	7,031
Foster parent (unrelated)	65%	23,452
Step-parent	0%	66
Other relative	15%	5,451

Adoptive Family Structure

Married Couple	66%	23,763
Unmarried Couple	1%	447
Single Female	31%	11,145
Single Male	2%	645

NOTE: Relatives who were also foster parents were counted as relatives

Appendix B:

ADOPTION AND SAFE FAMILIES ACT OF 1997
(PUBLIC LAW 105–89)

Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (Public Law 105–89)

SEC. 203. Performance of States in Protecting Children.

(a) ANNUAL REPORT ON STATE PERFORMANCE.—Part E of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) is amended by addition at the end of the following:

SEC.479A. Annual Report.

The Secretary, in consultation with Governors, State legislatures, State and local public officials responsible for administering child welfare programs, and child welfare advocates, shall:

(1) develop a set of outcome measures (including length of stay in foster care, number of foster care placements, and number of adoptions) that can be used to assess the performance of States in operating child protection and child welfare programs pursuant to parts B and E to ensure the safety of children;

(2) to the maximum extent possible, the outcome measures should be developed rom data available from the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System;

(3) develop a system for rating the performance of States with respect to the outcome measures and provide to the States an explanation of the rating system and how scores are determined under the rating system;

(4) prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to ensure that States provide to the Secretary the data necessary to determine State performance with respect to each outcome measure, as a condition of the State receiving funds under this part; and

(5) on May 1, 1999, and annually thereafter, prepare and submit to the Congress a report on the performance of each State on each outcome measure, which shall examine the reasons for high performance and low performance and, where possible, make recommendations as to how State performance could be improved.

(b) DEVELOPMENT OF PERFORMANCE-BASED INCENTIVE SYSTEM.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with State and local public officials responsible for administering child welfare programs and child welfare advocates, shall study, develop, and recommend to Congress and incentive system to provide payments under parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 620 et seq., 670 et seq.) to any State based on the State's performance under such a system. Such a system shall, to the extent the Secretary determines feasible and appropriate, be based on the annual report required by section 479A of the Social Security Act (as added by subsection (a) of this section) or on

any proposed modifications of the annual report. Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the senate a progress report on the feasibility, timetable, and consultation process for conducting such a study. Not later than 15 months after such date of enactment, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate the final report on a performance-based incentive system. The report may include other recommendations for restructuring the program and payments under parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act.

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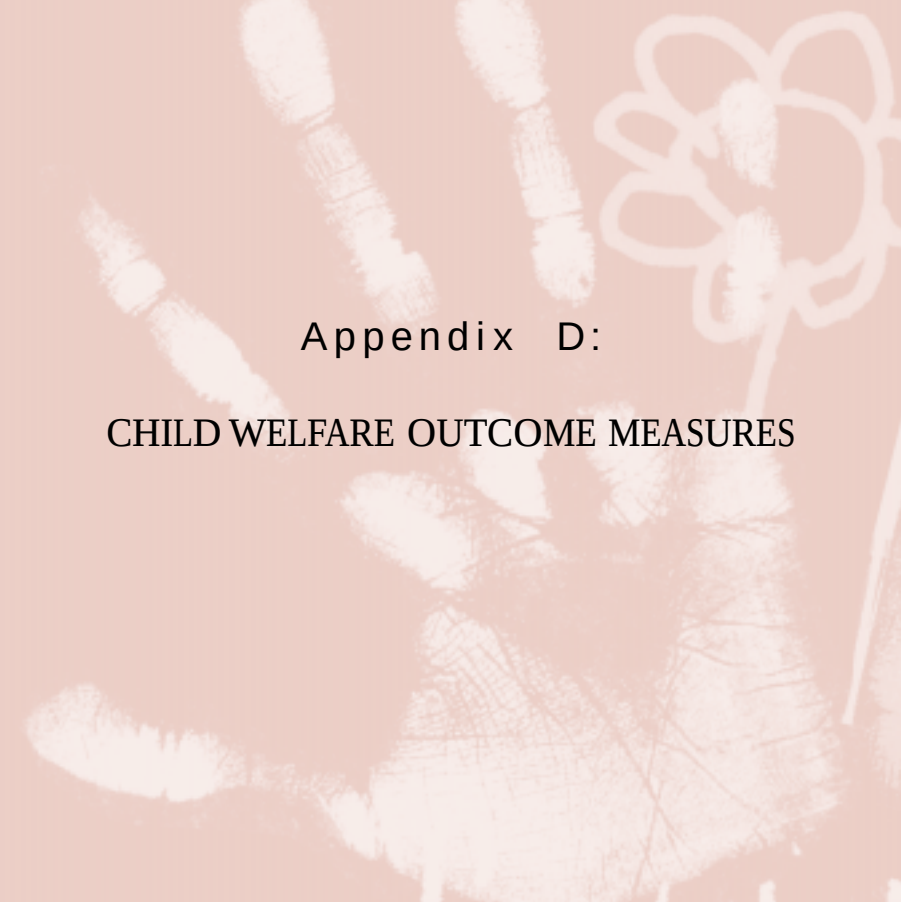

Appendix D:

CHILD WELFARE OUTCOME MEASURES

Child Welfare Outcome Measures

This appendix lists the seven child welfare outcomes presented in this report and their associated measures.

Child Welfare Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect

Measure 1.1: Of all children who were victims of substantiated or indicated child abuse and/or neglect during the reporting period, what percentage had another substantiated or indicated report within a 12-month period?

Child Welfare Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care

Measure 2.1: Of all children who were in foster care during the reporting period, what percentage was the subject of substantiated or indicated maltreatment by a foster parent or facility staff?

Child Welfare Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care

Measure 3.1: For all children who exited foster care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.2: For children who exited foster care and were identified as having a diagnosed disability, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.3: For children who exited foster care and were age 12 or older at the time of their most recent entry into care, what percentage left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.4: For all children who exited foster care, what percentage by racial/ethnic category left either to reunification, adoption, or legal guardianship?

Measure 3.5: Of all children exiting foster care to emancipation, what percentage was age 12 or younger at the time of entry into care?

Child Welfare Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing re-entry

Measure 4.1: Of all children who were reunified with their parents or caretakers at the time of discharge from foster care, what percentage was reunified in the following time periods?

(1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
(2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
(3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
(4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
(5) 48 or more months

Measure 4.2: Of all children who entered foster care during the reporting period, what percentage re-entered care within 12 months of a prior foster care episode?

Child Welfare Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption

Measure 5.1: Of all children who exited foster care to a finalized adoption, what percentage exited care in the following time periods?

(1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
(2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
(3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
(4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
(5) 48 or more months

Measure 5.2: Of all children who exited foster care to a finalized adoption and who were age 3 or older at the time of entry into care, what percentage exited care during the following time periods?

(1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home
(2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months
(3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months
(4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months
(5) 48 or more months

Child Welfare Outcome 6: Increase placement stability

Measure 6.1: Of all children served who had been in foster care for the time periods listed below, what percentage had no more than two placement settings during that time period?

(1) Less than 12 months from the time of latest removal from home

(2) At least 12 months, but less than 24 months

(3) At least 24 months, but less than 36 months

(4) At least 36 months, but less than 48 months

(5) 48 or more months

Child Welfare Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions

Measure 7.1: For all children who entered foster care during the reporting period and were age 12 or younger at the time of their most recent placement, what percentage was placed in a group home or an institution?

Appendix E:

DATA SOURCES

Data Sources

This appendix provides information on the data sources for the context data and the child welfare outcomes data. The computer programming logic used to generate the context data and the outcomes measures under the heading "Outcome Programming Logic and Documentation" can be accessed on-line at the Children's Bureau's website, located at **http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb**. The documentation at this website also includes a narrative description of the construction of an AFCARS Annual Database.

Context Data

Context Items and Outcome Measures	Sources and Data Elements
A. Key Context Statistics	
Total Children Under 18 Years	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census http://www.census.gov/population/estimates/state/sasrh/sasrh97.txt
Child Population in Poverty	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census http://www.census.gov/prod/3/98pubs/p60-201.pdf
Child Population Living in Metropolitan Areas	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census http://ferret.bls.census.gov/cqi-bin/ferret
Child Maltreatment Victims During 1997	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau NCANDS Summary Data Component, 1997: Sum of Item 3.2 A, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment or Risk of Maltreatment was Substantiated, and Item 3.2 B, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment was Indicated

Children in Foster Care on 9/30/98	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998
Children Adopted During FY 1998	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998: Element 4, State Involvement
B. Child Maltreatment Data (NCANDS SDC, 1997)	
Children Subject of an Investigated Report Alleging Child Maltreatment	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau NCANDS Summary Data Component, 1997: Item 3.2, Children Subject of a CPS Investigation or Assessment by Disposition Pertaining to the Child
Child Maltreatment Victims	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau NCANDS Summary Data Component, 1997: Sum of Item 3.2 A, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment or Risk of Maltreatment was Substantiated, and Item 3.2 B, Children for Whom the Allegation of Maltreatment was Indicated
Child Fatalities	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau NCANDS Summary Data Component, 1997: Item 5.1, Child Victims Who Died as a Result of Maltreatment

Age of Child Victims	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau NCANDS Summary Data Component, 1997: Item 4.2, Child Victims by Age
Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau NCANDS Summary Data Component, 1997: Item 4.4, Child Victims by Hispanic or Latino Ethnicity; and Item 4.5, Child Victims by Race
Maltreatment Type of Child Victims	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau NCANDS Summary Data Component, 1997: Item 4.1, Child Victims by Type of Maltreatment
C. Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)	
Children • In Care on 10/1/97 • Entered Care (FY 1998) • Exited Care (FY 1998) • In Care on 9/30/98 • Total Served	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge
Median Length of Stay of Children • In Care on 10/1/97 • Exited Care (FY 1998) • In Care on 9/30/98	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge

Age of Children • In Care on 10/1/97 • Entered Care (FY 1998) • Exited Care (FY 1998) • In Care on 9/30/98	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge
Race/Ethnicity of Children • In Care on 10/1/97 • Entered Care (FY 1998) • Exited Care (FY 1998) • In Care on 9/30/98	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 8, Race; and Element 9, Hispanic Origin

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30/1998 (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)

Children Waiting to Be Adopted	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 43, Most Recent Case Plan Goal; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; and Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights
Children Whose Parents' Rights Have Been Terminated	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 35, Death of Parent; Element 47, Date of Mother's Termination of Parental Rights; and Element 48, Date of Father's Termination of Parental Rights

Age of Waiting Children	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 6, Date of Birth
Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 8, Race; and Element 9, Hispanic Origin

E. Children Adopted (AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998)

Age of Children Adopted	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998: Element 4, State Involvement; and Element 5, Child's Date of Birth
Race/Ethnicity of Children Adopted	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Adoption Database, FY 1998: Element 4, State Involvement; Element 7, Race; and Element 8, Hispanic Origin

Child Welfare Outcomes

Data Item	Source
1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect (NCANDS, DCDC 1997)	
1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau NCANDS Detailed Case Data Component, 1997: Element 3, Report ID; Element 4, Child ID; Element 6, Report Date; and Element 8, Report Disposition
2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care	
2.1 Maltreatment in Foster Care	To be reported in *Child Welfare Outcomes 1999: Annual Report*
3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)	
3.1 Exits from Foster Care	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.2 Exits of Disabled Children	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 10, Child Diagnosed with Disabilities; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge

3.3 Exits of Children Age 12 or Older at Entry	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.4 Exits by Race/Ethnicity	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 8, Race; Element 9, Hispanic Origin; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
3.5 Exits to Emancipation	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
4. Reduce Time to Reunification Without Increasing Re-entry (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)	
4.1 Time to Reunification	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care in FY 1998	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 19, Total Number of Removals; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; and Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care

5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)	
5.1 Time to Adoption	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
5.2 Time to Adoption for Children Age 3 or Older at Entry	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care; and Element 58, Reasons for Discharge
6. Increase Placement Stability (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)	
6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 24, Number of Previous Settings in Episode; and Element 56, Date of Discharge from Foster Care
7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions (AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998)	
7.1 Placement Settings of Children Age 12 or Younger Who Entered Care During FY 1998	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, ACF/ACYF, Children's Bureau AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database, FY 1998: Element 6, Date of Birth; Element 21, Date of Latest Removal; Element 23, Placement Date in Current Setting; Element 41, Current Placement Setting

Appendix F:

NUMBER OF STATES REPORTING

States	A. Key Context Statistics				B. Child Maltreatment Data					
	Gen. Pop.	Race	Poverty	Metro Area	Alleged Victims	Victims	Fatality	Age	Race	Maltreat.
AK										
AL										
AR	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
AZ										
CA										
CO	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*
CT										
DC	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*
DE										
FL	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
GA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
HI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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RI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SD										
TN										
TX	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
UT	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
VT	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WV										
WY	*	*	*	*						
Total States	52	51	51	51	44	45	43	40	40	41
Summary States	30	30	30	30	26	27	27	25	24	25

Shading indicates that data have been reported on the State's data pages. Asterisks indicate data have been included in the 1998 Annual Summary of State Child Welfare Data.

States	C. Foster Care		D. Waiting Children			E. Adoption	
	Age	Race	TPR	Age	Race	Age	Race
AK							
AL							
AR	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
AZ							
CA							
CO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CT							
DC	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE							
FL	*	*		*	*	*	*
GA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
HI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA							
ID	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
IL	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
IN							
KS							
KY							
LA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MA							
MD							
ME	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MI							
MN	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MT	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ND	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NE							
NH							
NJ	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NM							
NV							
NY	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
OH							
OK	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
OR	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PR							
RI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SD							
TN							
TX	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
UT	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
VT	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WV							
WY	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total States	41	41	39	41	41	49	49
Summary States	30	30	29	30	30	30	30

States	Outcome Measures												
	1.1	2.1	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	4.1	4.2	5.1	5.2	6.1	7.1
AK		N.A.											
AL		N.A.											
AR		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
AZ		N.A.											
CA		N.A.											
CO	*	N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
CT		N.A.											
DC		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE		N.A.											
FL	*	N.A.	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
GA		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
HI		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
IA		N.A.											
ID		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
IL	*	N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
IN		N.A.											
KS		N.A.											
KY		N.A.											
LA	*	N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MA		N.A.											
MD		N.A.											
ME		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MI		N.A.											
MN		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MO		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MS		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
MT		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NC		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
ND		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NE		N.A.											
NH		N.A.											
NJ	*	N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
NM		N.A.											
NV		N.A.											
NY		N.A.	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*
OH		N.A.											
OK	*	N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
OR		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PA	*	N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
PR		N.A.											
RI	*	N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
SD		N.A.											
TN		N.A.											
TX		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
UT	*	N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
VT	*	N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WA		N.A.	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WI		N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
WV		N.A.											
WY	*	N.A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total States	15	N.A.	39	37	39	39	39	39	41	36	36	39	40
Summary States	12	N.A.	30	27	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	28	29

Appendix G:

CLARIFICATION NOTES

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This appendix provides additional clarification of selected data items in this report. The following items are discussed: Child Maltreatment Victims; Child Fatalities; Race/Ethnicity; Median Length of Stay of Children in Foster Care; Children Waiting to be Adopted; Children Adopted; Recurrence of Maltreatment; Group Homes and Institutions; and Child Welfare and the Juvenile Justice Population.

Child Maltreatment Victims

In the NCANDS, a victim is defined as a child who has been found by the child protective services agency to have been the subject of a substantiated or indicated report of maltreatment. If a child is the subject of more than one substantiated or indicated report, he or she may be counted more than once as a victim.

A "substantiated report" is one in which the allegation of maltreatment or risk of maltreatment was supported or founded according to State law or State policy. An "indicated report" is one in which there was reason to suspect maltreatment, but maltreatment was unable to be founded under State law or State policy.

The majority of States report to NCANDS using only the category of "substantiated." Those States that use both categories, "substantiated" and "indicated," may have higher rates of child maltreatment victims than those States that use only one category. The counts of victims are based on both substantiated and indicated findings in the following States: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kentucky, Montana, South Dakota, and Washington. (See *Child Maltreatment 1997* on the Internet at **http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb** for additional information.)

Child Fatalities

The numbers of child fatalities reported by State child welfare agencies are based on information that is available to the State child protective services agency. These numbers are influenced by the specific State and local policies and protocols for investigating child deaths, including suspicious deaths, such as deaths due to drowning or car accident, which might be accidental or due to neglect.

Investigations of child deaths are conducted by local law enforcement agencies, coroner's offices, fatality review boards, and courts. The State statistics on child fatalities due to

maltreatment may undercount the actual number of such deaths, if the results of these investigations are not provided to the State agency or if suspicious child deaths are not fully investigated.

Race/Ethnicity

Since the NCANDS Summary Data Component collects aggregate data, it has not always been possible to eliminate the duplicated counting of child victims as being of Hispanic Ethnicity and of a certain race. Therefore, the total shown for the race/ethnicity of child victims is greater than 100 percent for some States, indicating that Hispanic children are counted both by Hispanic ethnicity and by race.

Case-level data from the AFCARS are used in reporting on the race and ethnicity of children in foster care and waiting children. A child's race/ethnicity is counted as Hispanic if his/her Hispanic Origin is indicated to be "Yes," regardless of race, including those children whose race has been identified as "Unable to Determine" or for whom the race data are missing.

A child is identified by his/her reported race, if "Hispanic Origin" has been coded as "No" or "Unable to Determine," or the Hispanic Origin data are missing.

A child's race/ethnicity is identified as "Unable to Determine," in four instances. They are: if a child's race is indicated as "Unable to Determine" and Hispanic Origin is "No" or missing and if a child's race is missing and Hispanic Origin is "No" or "Unable to Determine."

A child's race/ethnicity is identified as "Missing," if data on both race and Hispanic Origin are missing.

In legacy child welfare information systems, data may not be collected for each child on both Hispanic ethnicity and race. In these systems, the number of children reported as being of Hispanic ethnicity may be an undercount.

Median Length of Stay of Children in Foster Care

The median is score of the middle case, when the scores for all cases are arranged in order. For example, if data on 125 children are ordered from the shortest length of stay to the longest length of stay, the length of stay of the 63rd child (the child in the middle of the distribution) is the median length of stay.

Children Waiting to be Adopted

Children who have been counted as "waiting to be adopted" are those with a goal of adoption and/or whose parents' rights have been terminated. Children whose parents' rights have been terminated, and who are 16 years and older, are not counted as "waiting," if they have a goal of emancipation.

Children Adopted

Adoption is defined as the establishment of a legal relationship of parent and child between persons who are not so related by birth, with the same mutual rights and obligations that exist between children and their birth parents. The completion of the legal process marks the achievement of adoption. Because adoptions finalized in any fiscal year can be reported to AFCARS without penalties in any subsequent year, the data in this report may reflect some degree of undercount of the total number of children who were adopted during Fiscal Year 1998.

The data submitted to AFCARS on adoption of children may include children who were adopted without the involvement of the State child welfare system. Only children who have been designated to have had "state involvement" are reported as adopted children in the Context Data, Section E. "State agency involvement" includes children who have been placed for adoption by the child welfare agency; special needs children, who were adopted in the State, whether or not they were in the public foster care system prior to the adoption, and for whom non-recurring expenses were reimbursed; and children for whom an adoption assistance payment or service is being provided based on arrangements made by or through the State agency.

For some States, fewer adopted children are reported in Outcome 5, Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption, than are reported in Context Data, Section E. There are two possible reasons for this disparity. One reason is that some States were able to provide data on adoption to the AFCARS Adoption Database, which is used for the context data, but did not code adoption as a discharge option in their AFCARS Foster Care data submission, which is used for Outcome 5. This is in part due to the traditional separation of adoption and foster care data systems in State agencies. A second reason is that this outcome refers only to those children who have been in foster care and have been adopted, while the context data refer to all children who were classified as having been adopted with "State agency involvement."

The reported numbers may differ from those associated with the Adoption Incentive Program because adoptions reported for that program are identified through a different AFCARS data element and must qualify in other ways to be counted toward the award of incentive funds.

Recurrence of Maltreatment

Recurrence is defined as the association of a child with more than one report in which he or she is found to be a victim of maltreatment. In order to follow each child who was the subject of a report in 1997, for an additional 12 months, data for 1998 would need to be available. In this report, since the 1998 data are not yet available, an estimating technique has been used to forecast the recurrence rate of child abuse and neglect victims. Recurrence estimates have been generated using the Survival Analysis function provided in the statistical package, SPSS. Using data from previous years, the results of the estimation process have been compared to actual rates. In general, estimated rates appear to be slightly lower than actual rates.

The rules for computing recurrence have been adjusted to exclude any reports that occur on the day or the day after the initial report in the reporting period. This adjustment minimizes the effect of multiple reports on the same incident being considered as recurrence of maltreatment.

Group Homes and Institutions

"Group home" is defined as a licensed or approved home providing 24-hour care for children in a small group setting that generally has 7 to 12 children. (Some States may include as group homes some settings with fewer than seven children.) "Institution" is defined as a child care facility operated by a public or private agency and providing 24-hour care and/or treatment for children who require being separated from their own homes and a group living experience. These facilities may include child care institutions, residential treatment facilities, maternity homes, long term hospital care, and juvenile justice facilities. In some instances, children may live in a group home in a campus setting, classified as an institution. In some States, the AFCARS population includes youth in juvenile justice facilities, who are under the placement, care or supervision of the title IV-E/IV-B agency. "Other settings" includes pre-adoptive homes, relative foster family homes, non-relative foster family homes, supervised independent living, runaways, and trial home visit.

Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Population

Some States include in their AFCARS foster care population children who are in their juvenile justice system. Of this population there are two groups. One is children that were already in foster care when becoming involved with the juvenile justice system. The other is children that first become involved in the juvenile justice system and who were ultimately placed in an eligible title IV–E reimbursable foster care setting. While the characteristics associated with these children's experience in foster care can vary from State to State, they are nonetheless children in foster care for whom the State has placement, care, or supervision responsibility. The proportion of juvenile justice children in individual State foster care populations varies significantly.