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## Summary of Findings for the FY06 Annual Report

- There were 1,149 children and youth served in FY06.
- Proportionately more males (57%) were served.
- Slightly over one-half (51%) of children served were 12-15 years old, 42 percent were 16-18 years old, 4 percent were 6-11 years old, 2 percent were 19+ years old, and 1 percent were 0-5 years old.
- Almost half (48%) of children and youth served were Caucasian, 21 percent Hispanic, and 17 percent African American. Biracial children represented three percent of children served and Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaskan Native children and youth represented three and one percent, respectively, of those served. Data was reported as “unknown” or “other” for nine percent of children
- English was the primary language spoken at home for the great majority of children and youth served, with Spanish the next most common primary language spoken for 13 percent of those served.
- Anger/aggression (28%), school problems/issue (28%) out of parental control (27%), behavioral problems (24%), and criminal/illegal activity (14%) were the most prevalent presenting problems identified among children and youth entering Outreach and Tracking programs.
- Parenting problems (43%), family stress (37%), school problems/issue (30%), behavioral problems (12%), and financial problems/unemployment (12%) were the highest percentage of family presenting problems reported.
- Eighty percent of children and youth served had identified needs for mental health services, and of those in need, the vast majority (93%) were reported as receiving some form of mental health services. In addition, eight percent of children and youth had additional unmet mental health needs.
- At admission, 87 percent of children and youth were placed in home preservation and 8 percent had been reunified with their family.
- Data on youth employment and educational status at admission indicated that 24 percent of youth were employed (18% full-time), and 87 percent were enrolled in school.
- Twenty-nine percent of children and youth served during FY06 had an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for emotional disturbance and 18 percent had such a program for a learning disability. Very few children and youth had a 504 Plan or were enrolled in ESL services.

- Fifty-eight percent of the total number of children and youth served during FY06 were also discharged at some point during the fiscal year. The primary reason for discharge given by programs was that goals were accomplished (48%). Twenty-two percent of children and youth were discharged for “other” reasons than those listed.
- Sixty-three percent of children and youth were discharged to their home with a parent or guardian. Discharges to residential placement (8%) or the Rhode Island Training School (7%) were the two next most common discharge dispositions.
- A total of 42 percent of children and youth remained an “open” case to the DCYF at discharge.
- Ninety-two percent of children and youth had an Individual Service Plan completed within 30 days of admission, and 94 percent had that plan reviewed/updated at least once each quarter. It is important to note that these this figure cannot be verified due to the current aggregate reporting process.
- Approximately 65 to 73 percent of children and youth received a grade of “C” or better in Math, English, or Reading during the period they were enrolled in Outreach and Tracking programs. In addition, 65 percent of children and youth attended school on a regular basis while receiving Outreach and Tracking services.

## Introduction

This annual report summarizes selected performance indicator results for nine outreach and tracking programs funded by the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) for Fiscal Year 2006 (FY06). Results are presented for individual programs and across programs, and comparisons are made to FY05 findings. When results are presented at the program level, a program code (denoted by the letters A-I) is substituted for the program name to ensure the confidentiality of each program.

According to DCYF, Outreach and Tracking programs are designed to provide community-based outreach services to males and females, ages 9-21. Services include: individual, group, and/or family counseling; recreational activities; culturally enriching experiences; crisis response services; and linkages to educational, vocational, and/or rehabilitation services as necessary.

There are several notes of caution about the findings reported in this report. First, since programs submit data in aggregate form, it is currently not possible to track individual-level changes within programs. In addition, since children cannot be tracked across quarters of submitted data, there is no way to identify whether children's outcomes or program indicators have been correctly or completely submitted for all children receiving services within a given program. Finally, since the number of children and youth served by each program varies, programs serving relatively few children may have insufficient data from which to draw conclusions about program performance. As a result, the findings for some indicators should be interpreted with caution because the number of children represented in the report for that indicator may be quite small.

Data for the following indicators are presented in this report:

- Demographic characteristics of children and youth served,
- Referral source of children and youth served,
- Child and family presenting problems,
- Child and youth mental health needs,
- Service characteristics,
- Discharge characteristics,
- Service outcomes, and
- Child and youth outcomes.

## **Demographic Characteristic of Children and Youth Served**

There were 1,149 children and youth served in FY06 compared to 1,015 served in FY05. This includes children and youth who entered programs before the start of the year as well as those admitted during the year. As shown in Table 1 on the following page, there were proportionately more males served (57%) during FY06. The relative proportion of males and females served during FY05 was comparable to those served in FY06.

Overall, slightly over one-half (51%) of children and youth served were 12-15 years old, 42 percent were 16-18 years old, 4 percent were 6-11 years old, 2 percent were 19 years old or above, and 1 percent were 0-5 years old. The relative proportion of children and youth's ages served during FY05 was comparable to FY06. In addition, the ages of children and youth served during FY06 varied by program, with only one of nine programs serving children 0-5 years old, and three of the nine programs serving children and youth 19 years old or above.

In terms of race and ethnicity, almost one-half (48%) of children and youth served in FY06 were Caucasian, 21 percent Hispanic, and 17 percent African American. Asian/Pacific Islander and American Indian/Alaskan Native children and youth represented three and one percent, respectively, of the children and youth served. Three percent of children and youth served were Biracial. Data were reported as unknown/other for the race/ethnicity of nine percent of children. The relative proportions of these results are consistent with those in FY05.

Finally, the primary language spoken at home was English for the majority of children and youth served (79%), a figure that is very similar to FY05 (75%). For each of these programs, Spanish was the primary language spoken other than English.

## **Referral Source of Children and Youth Served**

As presented in Table 2 on page 4, the most common referral source for those admitted to Outreach and Tracking programs during FY06 was the DCYF Family Services Division (38%), followed by self-referrals (14%), and law enforcement (11%). One program (A) reported that 100 percent of children and youth served were internal agency referrals, a figure that was much proportionately greater than that found for other programs. Outreach and Tracking programs B and E had the largest percentage of referrals from DCYF/CANTS (58% and 54%, respectively) and program C had the largest percentage of self-referrals (46%).

From FY05 to FY06, overall referral patterns were comparable. However, there was a marked increase in the overall percentage of referrals coming from the DCYF Family Services Division (from 27% to 38%) and a slight decrease in referrals from DCYF Juvenile Corrections Probation (from 12% to 8%).

**Table 1. Demographic Characteristics of Children and Youth Served: FY06 & Relevant Comparisons**

		FY05 Overall N=1015		FY06 Overall N=1149		FY06 by Program								
						A (n=45)	B (n=92)	C (n=328)	D (n=65)	E (n=49)	F (n=198)	G (n=271)	H (n=8)	I (n=93)
		N	%	N	%	%								
Gender	Male	606	60	659	57	56	51	55	51	47	86	45	63	56
	Female	409	40	490	43	44	49	45	49	53	14	55	38	44
Age Range	0-5 years	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
	6-11 years	34	3	48	4	0	4	5	32	2	0	2	0	0
	12-15 years	535	53	591	51	36	55	64	29	59	23	55	25	73
	16-18 years	429	42	483	42	64	40	30	28	39	70	41	63	27
	19+ years	17	2	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	1	13	0
Race/Ethnicity	African American/Black	170	17	195	17	27	22	9	11	12	36	12	25	14
	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	7	1	6	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
	Asian/Pacific Islander	26	3	30	3	2	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	4
	Biracial	20	2	30	3	0	0	0	14	0	0	4	0	11
	Caucasian/White	455	45	546	48	53	37	50	74	47	17	61	63	49
	Hispanic	235	23	243	21	18	34	19	3	29	34	14	0	20
	Unknown/Other	102	10	99	9	0	7	21	0	12	6	4	13	2
Primary Language Spoken at Home*	English	764	75	909	79	84	66	82	98	78	61	89	100	76
	Spanish	155	15	155	13	13	27	10	2	12	25	7	0	17
	Portuguese	8	1	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
	Hmong	5	<1	3	<1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
	Chinese	1	<1	2	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Creole	46	5	31	3	2	4	3	0	8	7	0	0	0
	Russian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	French	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Khmer	1	<1	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1
	Other	35	3	34	3	0	1	6	0	2	2	3	0	0

Note: Valid percents are reported. Percents may not equal 100 due to rounding.

\*Primary language represents new admissions only.

**Table 2. Referral Source of Children and Youth Served: FY06 & Relevant Comparisons**

	FY05 Overall N=631		FY06 Overall N=749		FY06 by Program								
	N	%	N	%	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
					(n=34)	(n=40)	(n=223)	(n=48)	(n=26)	(n=114)	(n=197)	(n=8)	(n=59)
					%								
Behavior Therapy Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CASSP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clergy/Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Court/Family Court	9	1	7	1	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Court Diversionary	22	3	10	1	0	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
DCYF/CANTS	54	9	52	7	0	58	4	2	54	4	1	0	0
DCYF/Child Protective Screening Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DCYF Contract Unit	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0
<b>DCYF Family Services Division</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>92</b>
DCYF Juvenile Corrections (RITS)	54	9	73	10	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	0
DCYF Juvenile Corrections Probation	76	12	62	8	0	3	3	4	0	32	9	0	0
DCYF Placement Unit	2	<1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
DCYF Residential Review Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Early Intervention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foster Care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hospital/Clinic/Physician-Medical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hospital/Clinic/Physician-Psychiatric	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Internal Agency Referral	50	8	37	5	100	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juvenile Hearing Board	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Law Enforcement</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Mental Health Agency	1	<1	3	<1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Military	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parent/Guardian/Other Relative	1	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Residential Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
School	18	3	10	1	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Self-Referral</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Social Service Agency	2	<1	1	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Substance Abuse Clinic/Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Truancy Court /Officers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	7	1	8	1	0	5	2	0	4	1	0	0	0

Note: Valid percents are reported. Percents may not equal 100 due to rounding.

## **Child and Family Presenting Problems**

Presenting problems were noted upon program entry for children and youth as well as for families using a list established for use in all DCYF contracted community programs. Data is collected and presented for new admissions only. The total number of child and youth new admissions was 749 involving 664 families.

### ***Children and Youth***

Table 3 on the following page summarizes the presenting problems of children and youth at program admission. Anger/aggression (28%), school problems/issue (28%), out of parental control (27%), behavioral problems (24%), and criminal/illegal activities (14%) were the most prevalent presenting problems identified among children and youth entering Outreach and Tracking programs. The rates of presenting problems across programs also differed considerably, suggesting either that providers served very different types of children and youth or that providers may have used different criteria to identify presenting problems.

Comparisons of FY06 to FY05 indicate that the overall percentage of child and youth presenting problems was similar across the two periods. One exception was that there were proportionately greater reports of relationship problems/issues for those entering Outreach and Tracking programs in FY06 (6% vs. 11%).

### ***Family***

Family presenting problems reported for children and youth entering Outreach and Tracking programs during FY06 are shown in Table 4 on page 7. Overall, the highest percentages of family presenting problems were for parenting problems (43%), family stress (37%), school problems/issue (30%), behavioral problems (12%), and financial problems/unemployment (12%). Once again there was great variability among individual programs in the family presenting problems reported.

Overall, FY05 is comparable to FY06 with the exception that there was a marked increase in the percentage of families who reported family stress as a problem (20% vs. 37%). A less dramatic increase was exhibited in the percentage of families reporting a need for recreational activities (4% vs. 9%). Finally, there was a decrease in the percentage of children and youth entering Outreach and Tracking programs who reported behavioral problems (17% vs. 12%).

**Table 3. Child and Youth Presenting Problems: FY06 and Relevant Comparisons**

	FY05 Overall N=631		FY06 Overall N=749		FY06 by Program									
					A (n=34)	B (n=40)	C (n=223)	D (n=48)	E (n=26)	F (n=114)	G (n=197)	H (n=8)	I (n=59)	
	N	%	N	%	%									
Abandonment	18	3	26	3	41	0	0	0	0	0	3	13	10	
Abuse-Emotional	28	4	49	7	32	0	0	13	0	0	11	25	14	
Abuse-Physical	24	4	40	5	26	0	0	6	0	0	11	0	12	
Abuse-Sexual	31	5	28	4	15	5	0	0	0	0	9	13	5	
Anxiety	16	3	31	4	26	0	0	10	0	0	5	25	8	
<b>Anger/Aggression</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	
Alcohol/Drug Use/Abuse	80	13	84	11	47	8	1	6	0	10	19	38	14	
<b>Behavioral Problems</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>41</b>	
<b>Criminal/Illegal Activity</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	
Death/Absence of Caregiver	20	3	46	6	21	0	0	19	0	0	9	13	20	
Delinquency	24	4	61	8	26	3	0	10	0	0	16	13	22	
Depression/Withdrawal	42	7	71	9	24	5	2	4	0	7	13	25	32	
Developmental Delay	3	<1	12	2	6	0	0	6	0	0	2	25	3	
Developmental Problem /Issue	2	<1	10	1	6	0	0	8	0	0	2	0	0	
Eating Disorders	4	1	5	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Family Violence/Stress	85	13	101	13	44	0	7	50	0	0	18	13	15	
Fire Setting	1	<1	16	2	6	0	0	21	0	0	2	0	2	
Grief and Loss	19	3	38	5	24	3	3	6	0	0	4	0	20	
Health Problem/Disability	4	1	13	2	9	0	0	6	0	0	2	0	5	
Hyperactivity/Attention Deficit	47	7	81	11	44	10	8	8	12	4	11	0	20	
Language/Speech Disorder	2	<1	9	1	0	0	0	10	0	0	1	0	3	
Mental Health Problem/Issue-Other	60	10	77	10	24	0	1	6	0	2	25	25	19	
Neglect	34	5	37	5	26	0	0	29	0	0	4	0	10	
<b>Out of Parental Control</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	
Prenatal Drug Exposure	10	2	14	2	12	0	0	15	0	0	0	13	3	
Relationship Problem/Issue	40	6	84	11	41	0	2	31	0	4	13	0	36	
<b>School Problems/Issue</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>63</b>	
Self-Injurious Act/Threat	6	1	15	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	4	13	8	
Sexual Problem/Issue	5	1	6	1	3	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	0	
Suicide Attempt/Threat	10	2	20	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	25	7	
Violent Behavior	21	3	54	7	24	0	0	8	0	1	16	13	14	
Other	7	1	17	2	0	0	0	13	0	0	5	13	2	

Note: Valid percents are reported. More than one response was allowed so that percents may exceed 100.

**Table 4. Family Presenting Problems: FY06 and Relevant Comparisons**

	FY05 Overall N=601		FY06 Overall N=664		FY06 by Program									
	N	%	N	%	A (n=33)	B (n=32)	C (n=176)	D (n=25)	E (n=24)	F (n=112)	G (n=197)	H (n=8)	I (n=57)	
Abandonment	11	2	23	3	33	0	0	8	0	0	1	13	12	
Abuse-Emotional	24	4	32	5	30	0	0	24	0	0	4	13	12	
Abuse-Physical	23	4	18	3	24	0	0	8	0	0	2	13	7	
Abuse-Sexual	15	2	9	1	12	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	
Access to Services	4	1	12	1	3	0	0	8	0	0	4	0	4	
Alcohol/ Drug Use/Abuse	57	9	58	9	48	9	5	24	0	5	6	13	11	
<b>Behavioral Problems</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>37</b>	
Child Care Needs	9	1	15	2	3	0	0	16	0	0	3	13	7	
Criminal Involvement	22	4	35	5	12	0	3	28	0	5	3	13	11	
Cultural/Language Barriers	19	3	20	3	9	0	0	12	0	0	3	0	16	
Death/ Absence of Caregiver	18	3	32	5	18	0	0	16	0	0	6	0	18	
Developmental Delay	2	<1	14	2	0	0	0	28	0	0	2	13	5	
Developmental Problem/Issue	3	<1	4	1	3	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	2	
Domestic Violence	46	8	43	6	45	9	1	20	0	4	5	0	7	
<b>Family Stress</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>60</b>	
<b>Financial Problem/Unemployment</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	
Grief and Loss	24	4	39	6	21	0	1	36	0	3	4	0	19	
Health Problem/Disability	13	2	26	4	15	0	0	12	0	0	3	13	19	
History of Physical/Sexual Abuse	11	2	31	5	9	0	0	28	0	0	4	0	23	
Housing Issues	19	3	24	4	21	0	0	24	0	0	4	13	5	
Mental Health Problem/Issue- Other	51	8	58	9	24	9	5	20	0	4	9	0	19	
Neglect	20	3	37	6	36	0	0	44	0	0	6	0	4	
<b>Parenting Problems</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>60</b>	
Recreational Needs	23	4	63	9	9	0	0	44	0	0	23	0	5	
Request for Placement	12	2	10	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	
<b>School Problems/Issue</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>47</b>	
Social Isolation	13	2	14	2	12	0	0	8	0	0	2	0	7	
Suicide Attempt/Threat	4	1	14	2	6	0	0	4	0	0	4	13	4	
Transportation Needs	9	1	29	4	15	0	0	8	0	0	5	38	16	
Unsafe Home/Neighborhood	32	5	53	8	45	0	0	36	0	0	11	25	9	
Other	1	<1	12	2	0	0	0	32	0	0	2	13	0	

Note: Valid percents are reported. More than one response was allowed so that percents may exceed 100.

## **Child and Youth Mental Health Needs**

### ***Children and Youth***

Table 5 on the following page presents the overall number of needs identified for children and youth upon admission. As shown in the table, Outreach and Tracking providers reported that 80 percent of the needs identified were for mental health services. Overall, all programs indicated that children had an identified need for mental health services. Of those children reported to be in need of mental health services, 93 percent of the needs that were reported involved children or youth who were receiving some form of mental health services. Virtually all programs that reported a need also indicated that the majority of such children and youth were receiving mental health services of some kind. In addition, 8 percent of children and youth identified as needing mental health services reported having additional unmet mental health needs. This indicator of continued unmet mental health need varied somewhat across programs. For example, program D reported that 37 percent of children and youth identified as having a mental health service need did not receive services. Conversely, both programs B and E indicated that only 2 percent of children and youth identified as having a mental health service need did not receive services. This indicator of continued unmet mental health services was consistent with FY05 results. Overall, for 57 percent of children and youth, child/youth non-compliance was noted as the reason for the unmet mental health need.

The results of FY06 were generally comparable to those from FY05 with the exception of moderate increases in parent non-compliance (17% vs. 27%) and child non-compliance (46% vs. 57%).

**Table 5. Children’s Mental Health Service Needs: FY06 and Relevant Comparisons**

	FY05 Overall N=2175 needs identified		FY06 Overall N=2419 needs identified		FY06 by Program Needs Identified								
	N	%	N	%	A (n=81)	B (n=218)	C (n=636)	D (n=154)	E (n=142)	F (n=446)	G (n=549)	H (n=11)	I (n=182)
Children’s Identified Need For Mental Health Services	1980	91	1942	80	89	100	100	34	78	100	58	64	45
Of Those Identified: Children Receiving Mental Health Services	1823	92	1799	93	100	98	97	63	98	97	78	86	80
Of Those Identified: Children With An Unmet Mental Health Services Need	169	9	152	8	6	2	3	37	2	3	22	14	26
Barriers to Receiving Mental Health Services:													
Assessment not Complete	2	1	8	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	6	0	4
Child Care Issues	1	<1	2	1	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
DCYF Caseworker does not Concur	1	<1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Funds Unavailable	3	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4
Insurance not Available	13	6	9	6	0	0	0	10	0	0	3	100	13
Linguistic/Culturally Competent Services not Available	1	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Compliance: Parent	34	17	41	27	0	100	0	29	100	7	25	0	4
Non-Compliance: Child	93	46	86	57	75	0	94	5	0	64	50	0	17
Parent Decline Consent	4	2	5	3	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	4
RITE Care Denial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Services not available in Community	6	3	4	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	9
Services not Available in State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transportation Issues	9	4	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	4
Unwillingness to do Home Visits	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Waiting List	25	12	13	9	0	0	0	5	0	0	7	0	17
Other	10	5	14	9	25	0	6	14	0	29	2	0	13

*Note: Valid percents are reported. More than one response was allowed so that percents may exceed 100.*

## Service Characteristics

### *Child and Youth Placements at Admission*

Table 6 summarizes data on placements at admission to Outreach and Tracking services. As shown, 87 percent of children and youth were placed in home preservation and 8 percent were reunified with their family. These numbers are comparable to those reported for FY05.

**Table 6. Child and Youth Placement at Admission: FY06 and Relevant Comparisons**

	FY05 Overall N=631		FY06 Overall N= 749		FY06 by Program									
	N	%	N	%	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
					(n=34)	(n=40)	(n=223)	(n=48)	(n=26)	(n=114)	(n=197)	(n=8)	(n=59)	
Home Preservation	567	90	652	87	0	100	100	60	100	100	85	38	83	
Foster Care	5	1	8	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	25	5	
Reunification	40	6	59	8	68	0	0	23	0	0	11	13	5	
Planned Placement	2	<1	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	
Living Transition	11	2	22	3	32	0	0	10	0	0	0	25	7	

*Note: Valid percents are reported. Percents may not equal 100 due to rounding.*

### *Youth Employment and Educational Status*

Table 7 shows data on employment and educational status for youth over age 16 at admission. As shown, 24 percent of youth are employed (18% full-time), and 87 percent are enrolled in school. Similar figures were reported in FY05.

**Table 7. Employment and Educational Status for Youth over 16: FY06 and Relevant Comparisons**

	FY05 Overall N=993		FY06 Overall N=1167		FY06 by Programs									
	N	%	N	%	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	
					(n=52)	(n=97)	(n=232)	(n=55)	(n=52)	(n=353)	(n=264)	(n=8)	(n=54)	
Adolescents Employed	284	29	283	24	40	28	19	29	25	18	27	25	44	
Employed Full-Time	62	22	51	18	5	4	2	19	23	42	19	0	8	
Enrolled in School	899	91	1011	87	90	97	97	47	87	91	79	88	72	
Enrolled in GED Classes	45	5	38	3	2	0	0	5	0	6	1	0	20	
Received GED	7	1	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	
Received High School Diploma	3	<1	6	1	4	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	

*Note: Duplicate count across quarters.*

## Educational Services

Table 8 reports data on the percentage of children and youth with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), 504 Plans, and English as Second Language (ESL) services at admission. Since reporting is done in the aggregate and data is collected quarterly, children and youth may have been counted more than once. As is shown in the table, 29 percent of children and youth have an IEP for emotional disturbance, and 18 percent have one for a learning disability. There are markedly fewer 504 Plans or children enrolled in ESL services among children and youth in Outreach and Tracking programs. Once again, these figure are comparable to those reported for FY05.

**Table 8. School-Aged Children & Youth With Individualized Education Programs (IEP's), 504 Plans and English as a Second Language (ESL) Services: FY06 and Relevant Comparisons**

	FY05		FY06		FY06 by Program								
	Overall		Overall		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	N=2062		N=2146		(n=74)	(n=215)	(n=628)	(n=138)	(n=104)	(n=403)	(n=419)	(n=9)	(n=156)
	N	%	N	%	%								
Youth with an IEP for Emotional Disturbance	669	32	623	29	73	30	22	5	40	34	26	56	41
Youth with an IEP for Learning Disabilities	385	19	381	18	0	29	19	14	41	14	14	11	15
Youth with a 504 Plan	16	1	30	1	0	1	1	2	8	1	1	0	0
Youth Receiving ESL Services	70	3	46	2	1	5	2	0	0	5	0	0	1

*Note: Duplicate count across quarters.*

## Discharge Characteristics

### Frequency and Reason

As depicted in Table 9 on the following page, 58 percent of the total number of children and youth served during FY06 were also discharged during the fiscal year. Rates of discharge by program exhibited a great deal of variability. For example, Program A discharged 78 percent of children and youth served in FY06 while Program H reported 38 percent of children and youth discharged during this same period. The primary reason for discharge given by programs during FY06 was goals accomplished (48%), and the next most common reason was “other” (22%). Data reported for individual programs varied markedly. Overall, discharge frequency and reasons were comparable from FY05 to FY06.

**Table 9. Children and Youth Discharged and Primary Discharge Reason: FY06 and Relevant Comparisons**

	FY05 Overall N=1015		FY06 Overall N=1149		FY06 by Program								
	N	%	N	%	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
					(n=45)	(n=92)	(n=328)	(n=65)	(n=49)	(n=198)	(n=271)	(n=8)	(n=93)
Children Discharged	608	60	661	58	78	39	56	52	47	57	66	38	58
<i>Discharge Reason</i>													
5/10 Days Notice	2	<1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Adjudicated/ Re-Offended	53	9	42	6	0	3	0	3	0	31	0	33	7
Child Aged Out of Program	17	3	12	2	0	0	1	3	9	0	4	0	0
Court Ordered	38	6	38	6	0	17	3	0	9	4	9	0	6
<b>Goals Accomplished</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>50</b>
Left Without Notice/AMA/AWOL	26	4	21	3	6	0	3	3	0	4	4	0	2
Moved Out of State/Area	42	7	28	4	0	6	1	18	17	6	3	0	2
Refused Services	37	6	49	7	3	8	9	9	0	8	8	0	6
Time-Limit Reached	4	1	6	1	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Other</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>

Note: Valid percents are reported. Percents may not equal 100 due to rounding.

### **Disposition**

Table 10 on the following page summarizes the data for discharge disposition. As is shown, almost two-thirds of children and youth were discharged from Outreach and Tracking programs to their home with a parent or guardian (63%). A discharge to a residential placement or the Rhode Island Training School (RITS) was much less common (8% and 7%, respectively). Discharge dispositions for FY05 and FY06 were comparable.

**Table 10. Child and Youth Discharge Dispositions: FY06 and Relevant Comparisons**

	FY05		FY06		FY06 by Program								
	Overall N=1015		Overall N=1149		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	N	%	N	%	(n=45)	(n=92)	(n=328)	(n=65)	(n=49)	(n=198)	(n=271)	(n=8)	(n=93)
Children Discharged	608	60	661	58	78	39	56	52	47	57	66	38	58
<i>Discharge Disposition</i>													
Adult Corrections	1	<1	2	<1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
CIS	0	0	3	<1	0	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
DCYF-DAS Evaluation	0	0	1	<1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DCYF- Foster Care	2	<1	9	1	0	3	0	12	0	0	1	0	4
Emancipation/Adoption	2	<1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Family Court	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Group Home	31	5	30	5	14	8	0	0	0	0	8	33	11
<b>Home- Parent/ Guardian</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>61</b>
Home- Relatives	19	3	46	7	0	0	0	3	0	35	2	0	4
Job Corps	1	<1	3	<1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
More Intensive Program	2	<1	2	<1	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Mental Health Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Psychiatric Hospitalization	4	1	8	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Residential Placement	34	6	50	8	20	19	4	0	22	6	8	33	2
Shelter	12	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2
Specialized Foster Care	3	<1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Supervised Ind. Living	10	2	12	2	26	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Training School (RITS)	57	9	47	7	3	3	0	3	0	27	6	0	4
Other	17	3	22	3	0	6	0	3	0	0	7	0	11

Note: Valid percents are reported. Percents may not equal 100 due to rounding.

***Discharge and “Open” Status Cases***

Table 11 on the following page indicates that of the 661 children and youth (58%) who were discharged from Outreach and Tracking programs during FY06, a total of 42 percent remained “open” to the Department. The proportion of DCYF “open” cases across FY05 and FY06 was comparable.

**Table 11. Children and Youth Discharged With Open DCYF Cases: FY06 and Relevant Comparisons**

	FY05		FY06		FY06 by Program								
	Overall		Overall		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	N=608		N=661		(n=35)	(n=36)	(n=183)	(n=34)	(n=23)	(n=113)	(n=180)	(n= 3)	(n=54)
	N	%	N	%	%								
Children & Youth Discharged With Open DCYF Cases	241	40	278	42	91	39	4	56	17	35	65	67	80

Note: Valid percents are reported.

### Service Outcomes

#### Completion of Individual Service Plans

Table 12 presents data on the 610 children and youth who had Individual Service Plans (ISPs) in FY06. This number represents 81 percent of the 749 children and youth served as new admissions during that year. Of this group, a total of 92 percent had an ISP completed within 30 days of admission.

It is important to note that figures on this performance indicator are not available for all 1,149 children and youth served during FY06 because of aggregate reporting. Only new admissions are used to generate data for this indicator, and only a few such new admissions are added each quarter when data is submitted. Individual-level tracking of data would enable more accurate monitoring of this indicator.

**Table 12. Children and Youth with Individual Service Plans (ISPs) Completed Within 30 Days of Admission: FY06 and Relevant Comparisons**

	FY05		FY06		FY06 by Program								
	Overall		Overall		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	N=493		N=610		(n=21)	(n=37)	(n=210)	(n= 37)	(n= 26)	(n=113)	(n=109)	(n=7)	(n=50)
	N	%	N	%	%								
ISP Completed Within 30 Days of Admission	472	96	561	92	100	100	100	46	100	100	100	0	56

Note: Valid percents are reported. Sample consists of children and youth who were both newly admitted and in the program for more than 30 days.

#### Timely Reviews/Updates of Individual Service Plans

Table 13 presents data on the percentage of children and youth whose Individual Service Plans (ISPs) are reviewed and/or updated at least once each quarter. As shown in the table on the following page, 94 percent of service plans are reviewed/updated each quarter. However, due to aggregate reporting of data and the inclusion of only up to 30 charts per quarter, figures are not available for all 1,149 children served. Figures for FY05 and FY06 are very similar.

**Table 13. Children and Youth with Individual Service Plans (ISP's) Reviewed On Time: FY06 and Relevant Comparisons**

	FY05 Overall N=799		FY06 Overall N=878		FY06 by Program								
	N	%	N	%	A (n=77)	B (n=115)	C (n=120)	D (n=104)	E (n=110)	F (n=120)	G (n=120)	H (n=5)	I (n=107)
ISP Reviewed/Updated Quarterly	749	94	826	94	100	100	100	75	100	100	100	100	76

Note: Valid percents are reported. Data is based on a random review of a maximum of 30 charts for each program per quarter.

## Child and Youth Outcomes

### School Grades and Attendance

Grades and school attendance are tracked for each child receiving Outreach and Tracking services. As shown in Table 5 below, 65 to 73 percent of children and youth receive a grade of “C” or better in Math, English, or Reading during the period they are enrolled in Outreach and Tracking services. In addition, 65 percent of children and youth attend school on a regular basis. There is considerable variation in this indicator by program.

**Table 14. FY06 Child and Youth School Grades and Attendance**

	FY06 Overall N=544		FY06 by Program								
	N	%	A (n=55)	B (n=0)	C (n=0)	D (n=111)	E (n=0)	F (n=0)	G (n=252)	H (n=11)	I (n=115)
Math “C” (70) or better	227	65	97	*	*	77	*	*	64	70	39
English “C” (70) or better	233	65	100	*	*	69	*	*	67	63	37
Reading “C” (70) or better	74	73	100	*	*	70	*	*	75	100	58
Attendance	308	65	100	*	*	51	*	*	63	70	64

Note: Valid percents reported; Missing or Non-applicable Children for Math:(n=193, 35.5%), English:(n=187, 34.4%), Reading (n=442, 81.3%). \*Programs did not submit individual level data.