

Rhode Island (RI) Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF)

Children in Foster Care

July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 (FY2011)

Section 1

Removals to Out-of-Home Placement: Statewide

The data presented in Section 1 reflect an unduplicated count of all children/youth removed from home and entering a RI DCYF out-of-home placement during July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. The data include children/youth in congregate care, specialized foster care, independent and semi-independent living, relative foster care, nonrelative foster care, and court ordered. The data presented in this report were pulled from the RI DCYF data system, RICHIST.

There were 1,330 children who entered out-of-home care in FY 2011. Of these, 1,128 children (84.8%) were first time entries and 202 children (15.2%) were re-entries. Re-entry is defined as entered within 12 months of a previous discharge from all placements. These figures may be slightly different from Federal Reports that report on a Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 to September 30 time periods).

Table 1. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by gender

Gender	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
Female	473	41.9%	86	42.6%
Male	655	58.1%	116	57.4%
Total	1128	100.0%	202	100.0%

Table 2. Median age at removal for children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement

	FIRST TIME ENTRIES	RE-ENTRIES
Number of children	1128	202
Median age at removal	9	15

Table 3. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by race

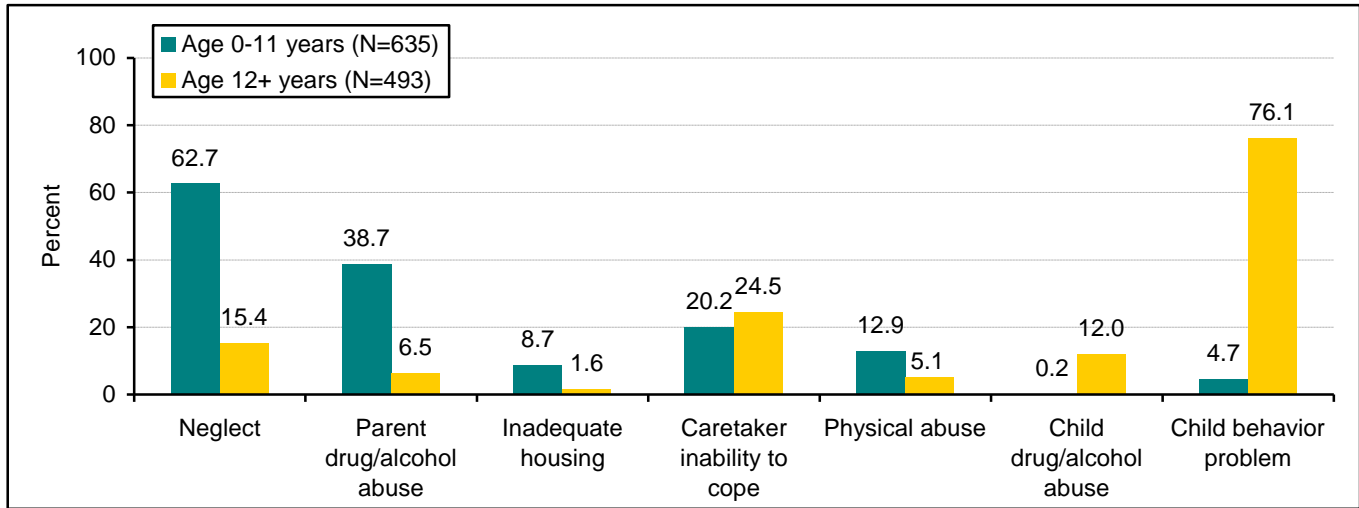
Race	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
American Indian	12	1.2%	1	0.5%
Asian/Pacific Islander	11	1.0%	3	1.7%
Black	214	20.3%	25	14.0%
Multiracial	124	11.8%	32	17.9%
White	692	65.7%	118	65.9%
Unknown/Missing	75	--	23	--
Total	1128	100.0%	202	100.0%

Table 4. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by ethnicity

Ethnicity	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
Hispanic	293	27.1%	54	27.1%
Non-Hispanic	789	72.9%	145	72.9%
Unknown/Missing	46	--	3	--
Total	1128	100.0%	202	100.0%

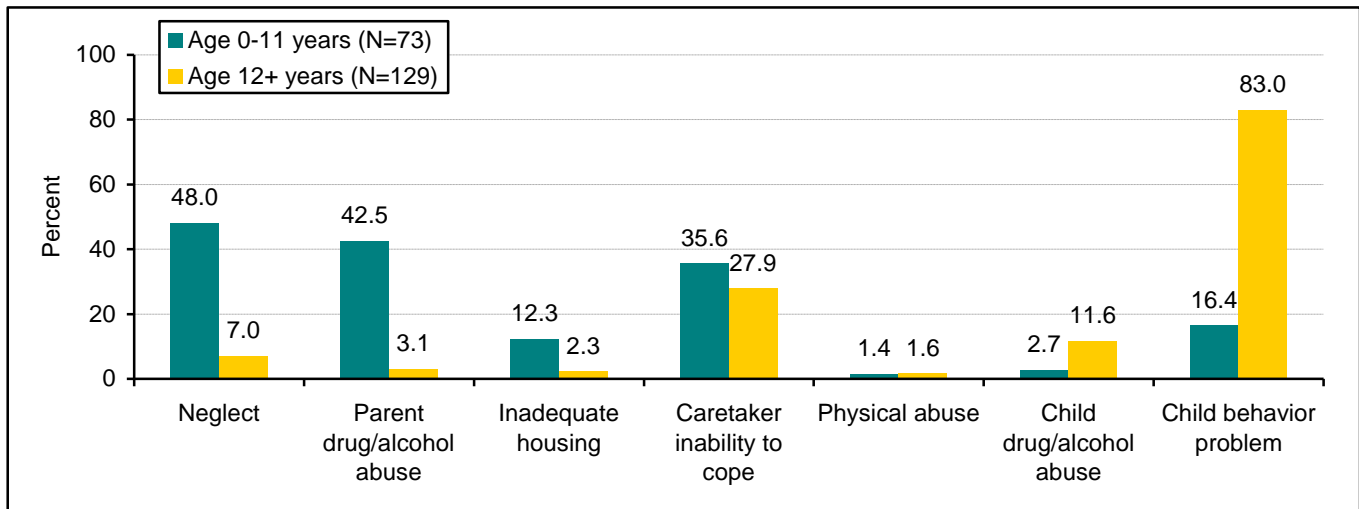
Note: Another way to look at re-entries is the percentage of re-entries in FY11 out of the discharges from all placements in FY10. This approach is used in timeliness to reunification without reentry.

Figure 1. Percent of children entering into out-of-home placement for the first time, by age group and most frequent removal reasons



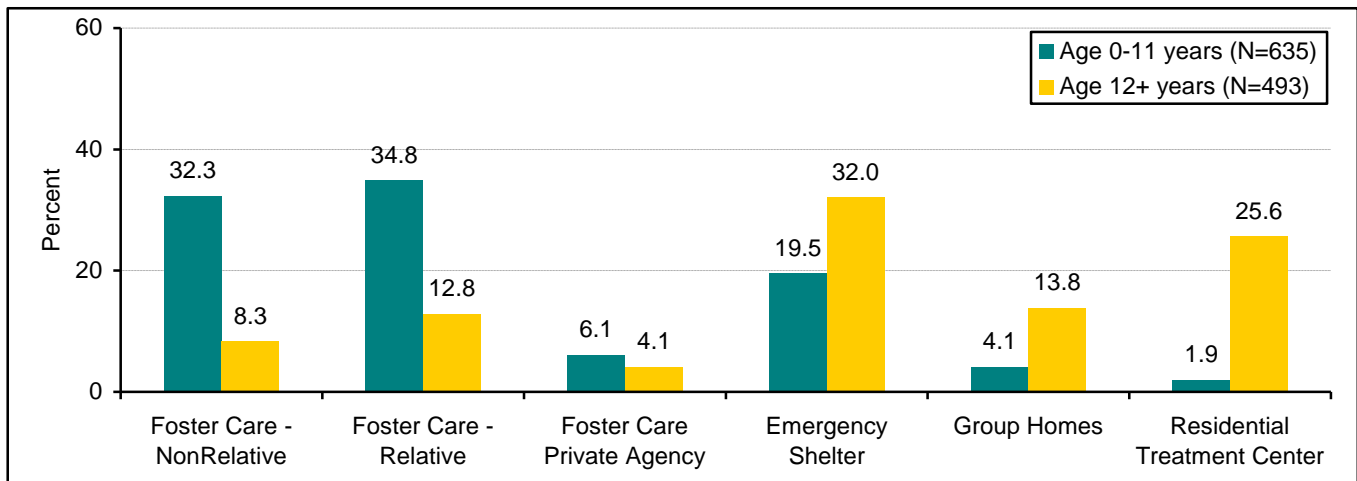
Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons. Removal reasons not shown include sexual abuse, clinical diagnosis, parent incarceration, parent death, abandonment, and relinquishment; the percentage for each of these removal reasons is < 10%.

Figure 2. Percent of children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group and most frequent removal reasons



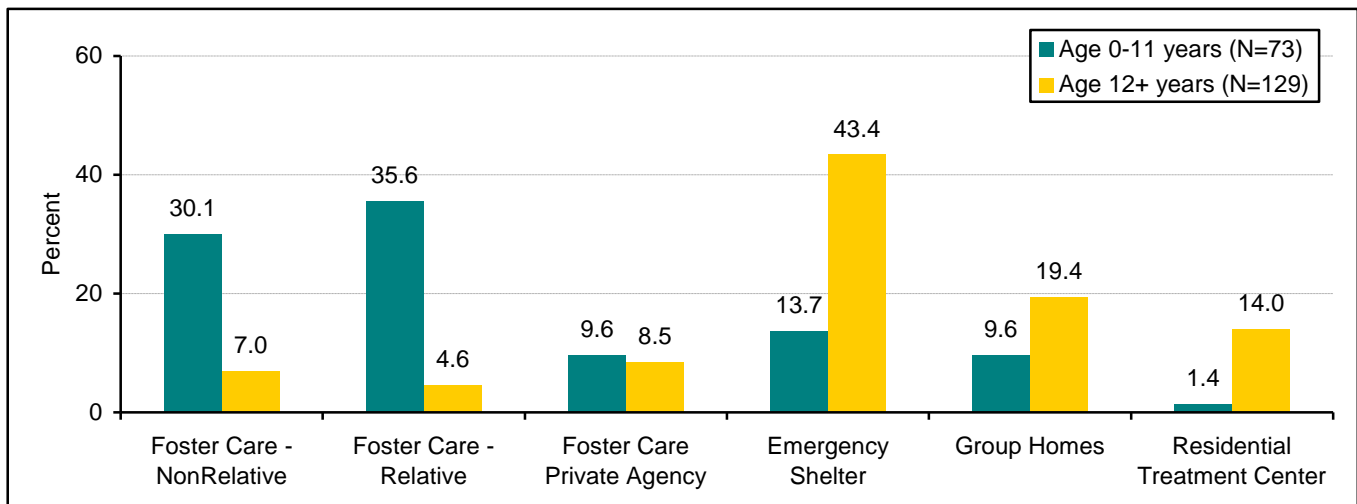
Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons. Removal reasons not shown include sexual abuse, clinical diagnosis, parent incarceration, parent death, abandonment, and relinquishment; the percentage for each of these removal reasons is < 13%.

Figure 3. Percent of children entering into out-of-home placement for the first time, by age group and most frequent first placement service types of current removal



Note: Placement service types not shown include acute residential treatment, independent/semi-independent living, medical hospital, and psychiatric hospital; the percentage for each of these placement service types is < 3%. Residential treatment center includes residential treatment center, residential counseling center, and residential treatment – substance abuse.

Figure 4. Percent of children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group and most frequent first placement service types of current removal



Note: Placement service types not shown include acute residential treatment, independent/semi-independent living, medical hospital, and psychiatric hospital; the percentage for each of these placement service types is < 3%. Residential treatment center includes residential treatment center, residential counseling center, and residential treatment – substance abuse.

Figure 5. Percent of children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by placement service type at previous discharge for the most frequent first placement service types of current removal

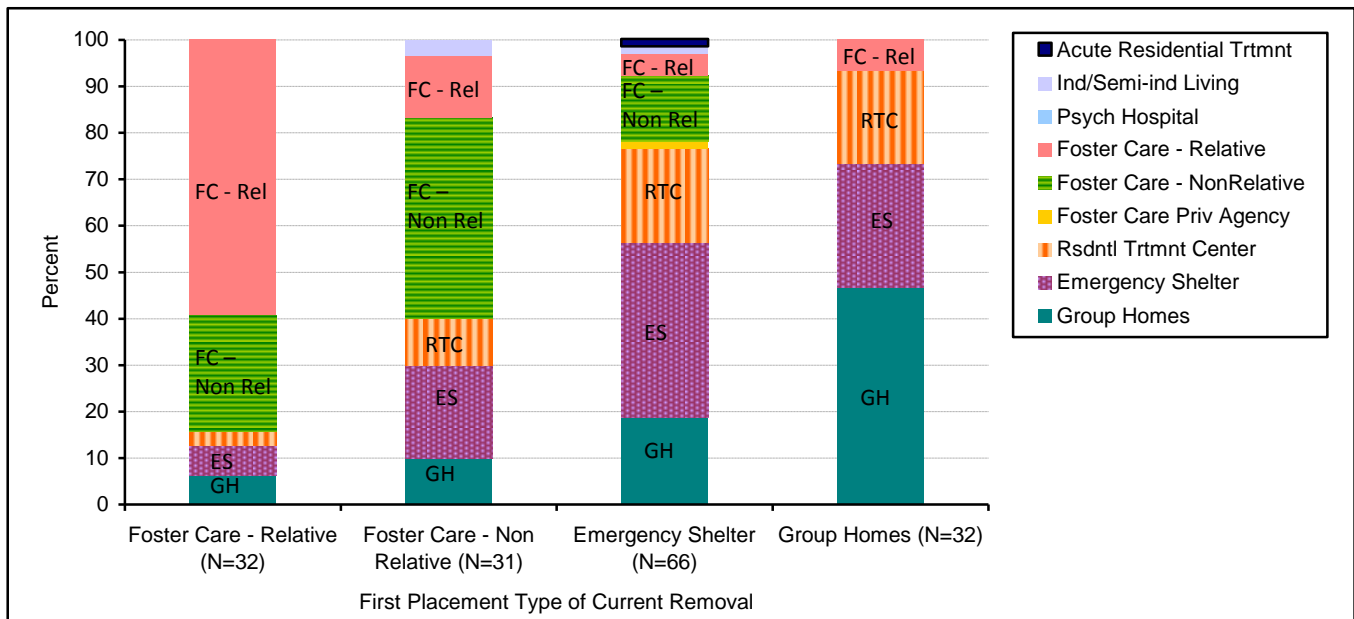
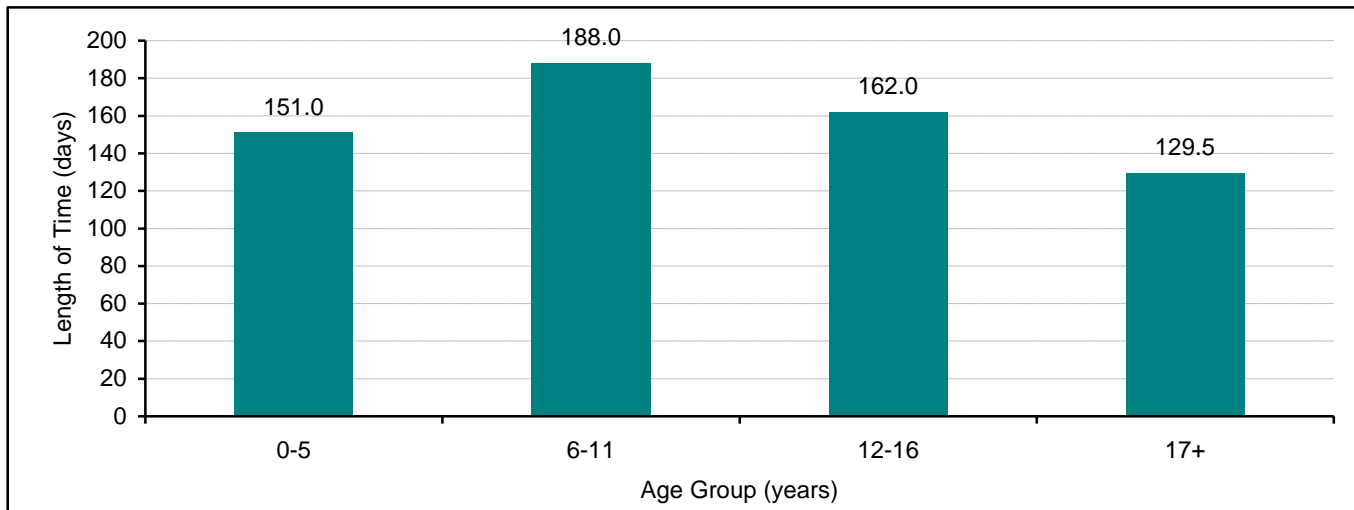


Figure 6. Median length of time (days) since previous discharge for children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group (N=202)



Section 2

Discharges of Children/Youth: Statewide

The data presented in Section 2 reflect an unduplicated count of all children/youth discharged from all out-of-home placements during July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. This includes children/youth in congregate care, specialized foster care, independent and semi-independent living, relative foster care, nonrelative foster care, court ordered.

There were 1,422 children discharged from all out of-home placements in FY 2011.

Table 5. Number and percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by gender

Gender	N	%
Female	603	42.4%
Male	819	57.6%
Total	1422	100.0%

Table 6. Number of children discharged and median age at discharge from all out-of-home placements

N	1422
Median age at discharge	14

Table 7. Number and percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by race

Race	N	%
American Indian	12	0.9%
Asian/Pacific Islander	23	1.8%
Black	261	20.2%
Multiracial	141	10.9%
White	857	66.2%
Unknown/Missing	128	--
Total	1422	100.0%

Table 8. Number and percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by ethnicity

Ethnicity	N	%
Hispanic	392	28.5%
Non-Hispanic	982	71.5%
Unknown/Missing	48	--
Total	1422	100.0%

Figure 7. Percent of children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by discharge reason and age group

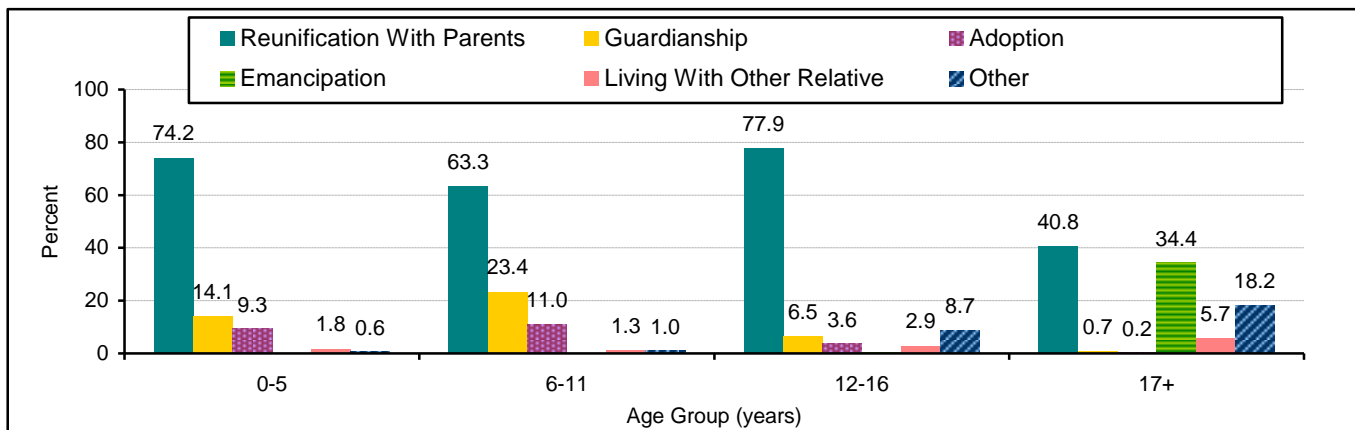


Figure 8. Median length of time in placement (days) for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by last placement type and age group (N=1422)

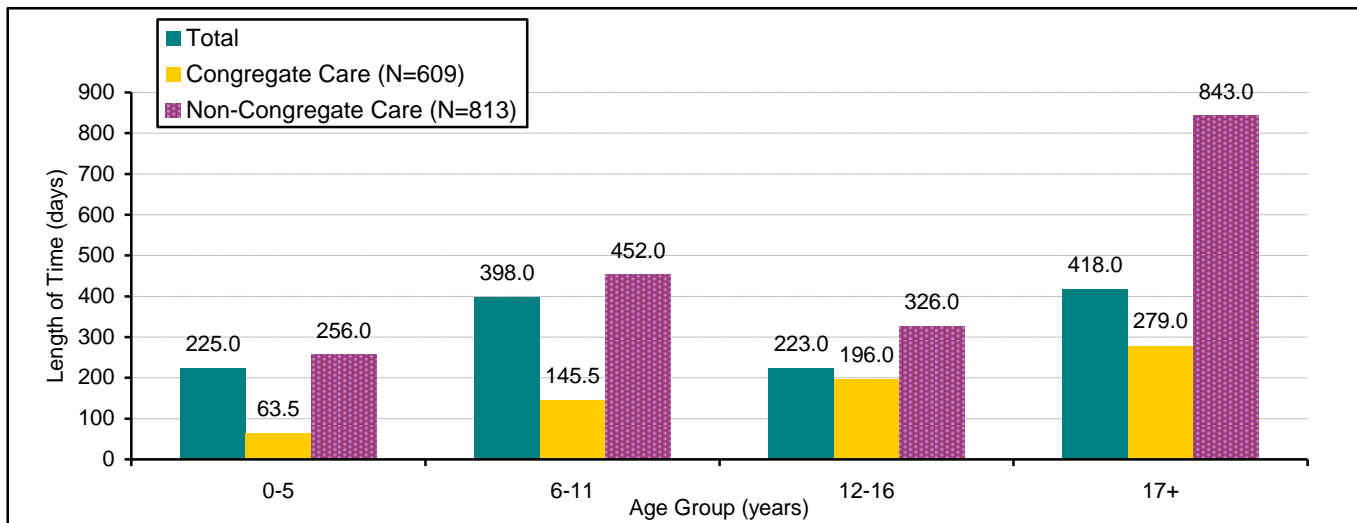


Table 9. Number, percent, and median length of time in placement for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by last placement service type

Last Placement Service Type	N	%	Median Length of Time (Days) in Placement
Acute Residential Treatment	5	0.3%	46.0
Emergency Shelter	163	11.5%	61.0
Foster Care – Non Relative	250	17.6%	302.0
Foster Care – Relative	372	26.2%	350.0
Foster Care – Private Agency	95	6.7%	640.0
Group Homes	246	17.3%	298.0
Independent/ Semi-Independent Living	87	6.1%	809.0
Pre-Adoption Placement	6	0.4%	1843.5
Medical Hospital	1	0.1%	4.0
Psych Hospital	2	0.1%	1407.5
Residential Treatment Center*	195	13.7%	280.0
Total	1422	100.0%	289.0

* Residential treatment center includes residential counseling center, residential treatment – substance abuse, and generic residential treatment center.

Last Placement Service Type	N	%	Median Length of Time (Days) in Placement
Congregate Care	609	42.8%	230.0
Non-Congregate Care	813	57.2%	394.0
Total	1422	100.0%	289.0

Appendix: Detailed Tables

Detailed Tables for Section 1: Removals to Out-of-Home Placement: Statewide

Table 1. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by removal reason and age group

Removal Reason	First Time Entries				Re-entries			
	Age 0-11 years (N=635)		Age 12+ years (N=493)		Age 0-11 years (N=73)		Age 12+ years (N=129)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Neglect	398	62.7%	76	15.4%	35	48.0%	9	7.0%
Parent drug/alcohol abuse	246	38.7%	32	6.5%	31	42.5%	4	3.1%
Inadequate housing	55	8.7%	8	1.6%	9	12.3%	3	2.3%
Caretaker inability to cope	128	20.2%	121	24.5%	26	35.6%	36	27.9%
Physical abuse	82	12.9%	25	5.1%	1	1.4%	2	1.6%
Child drug/alcohol abuse	1	0.2%	59	12.0%	2	2.7%	15	11.6%
Child behavior problem	30	4.7%	375	76.1%	12	16.4%	107	83.0%
Sexual abuse	8	1.3%	11	2.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Clinical diagnosis	9	1.4%	23	4.7%	0	0.0%	1	0.8%
Parent incarceration	57	9.0%	7	1.4%	9	12.3%	1	0.8%
Parent death	0	0.0%	3	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Abandonment	18	2.8%	12	2.4%	3	4.1%	2	1.6%
Relinquishment	7	1.1%	8	1.6%	1	1.4%	0	0.0%

Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons.

Table 2. Number and percent of children entering for first time and children re-entering out-of-home placement, by first placement service type of current removal and age group

First Placement Service Type of Current Removal	First Time Entries				Re-entries			
	Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years		Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Foster Care – Non Relative	205	32.3%	41	8.3%	22	30.1%	9	7.0%
Foster Care – Relative	221	34.8%	63	12.8%	26	35.6%	6	4.6%
Foster Care – Private Agency	39	6.1%	20	4.1%	7	9.6%	11	8.5%
Emergency Shelter	124	19.5%	158	32.0%	10	13.7%	56	43.4%
Group Homes	26	4.1%	68	13.8%	7	9.6%	25	19.4%
Residential Treatment Center	12	1.9%	126	25.6%	1	1.4%	18	14.0%
Acute Residential Treatment	2	0.3%	7	1.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Independent/Semi-Independent Living	0	0.0%	6	1.2%	0	0.0%	3	2.3%
Medical Hospital	6	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Psychiatric Hospital	0	0.0%	4	0.8%	0	0.0%	1	0.8%
Total	635	100.0%	493	100.0%	73	100.0%	129	100.0%

First Placement Service Type of Current Removal	First Time Entries				Re-entries			
	Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years		Age 0-11 years		Age 12+ years	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Congregate Care	164	25.8%	359	72.8%	18	24.7%	99	76.7%
Non-Congregate Care	471	74.2%	134	27.2%	55	75.3%	30	23.3%
Total	635	100.0%	493	100.0%	73	100.0%	129	100.0%

Table 3. Number, percent, and median length of time (days) since previous discharge for children re-entering out-of-home placement, by age group

Age Group (years)	Re-entries		
	N	%	Median length of time (days) since previous discharge
0-5 years	40	19.8%	151.0
6-11 years	33	16.3%	188.0
12-16 years	97	48.0%	162.0
17+ years	32	15.9%	129.5
Total	202	100.0%	155.5

Detailed Tables for Section 2: Discharges of Children/Youth: Statewide

Table 4. Median length of time in placement (days) for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by age group

Age Group (years)	N	%	Median length of time (days) in out-of-home placement
0-5 years	333	23.4%	225.0
6-11 years	218	15.3%	398.0
12-16 years	447	31.5%	223.0
17+ years	424	29.8%	418.0
Total	1422	100.0%	289.0