

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

Children in Foster Care

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 (FY2012)

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, 2011 – June 30, 2012. 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 1,107 children who entered out-of-home care in FY 2012. Of these, 911 children (82.3%) were first time entries and 196 children (17.7%) 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	375	41.2%	74	37.8%
Male	536	58.8%	122	62.2%
Total	911	100.0%	196	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	911	196
Median age at removal	9	14

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

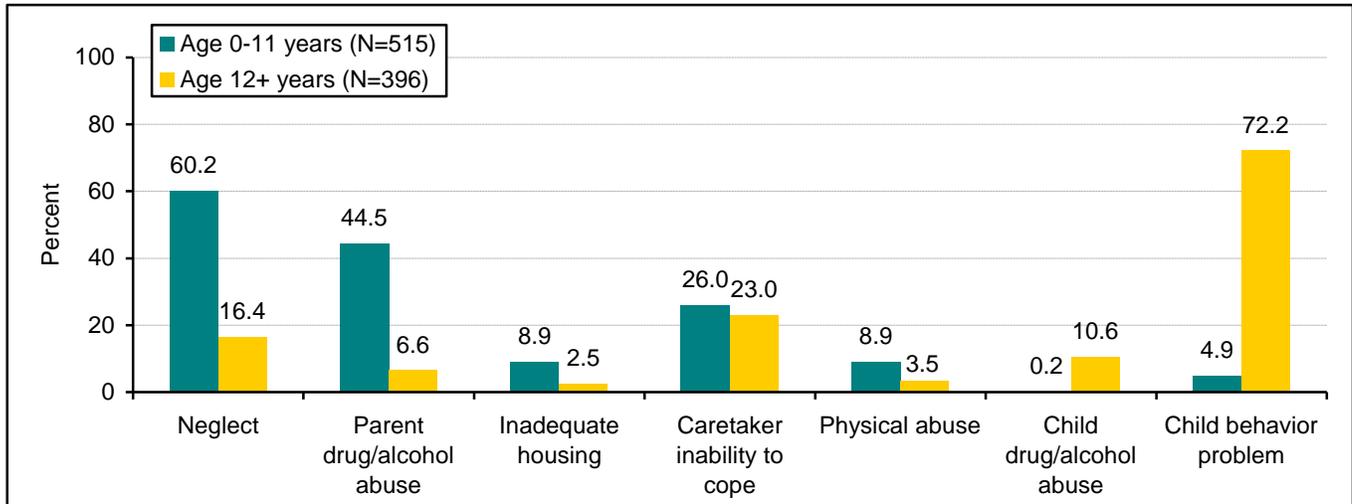
Race	FIRST TIME ENTRIES		RE-ENTRIES	
	N	%	N	%
American Indian	6	0.7%	3	1.7%
Asian/Pacific Islander	8	0.9%	8	4.6%
Black	145	17.3%	28	16.1%
Multiracial	92	11.0%	25	14.4%
White	589	70.1%	110	63.2%
Unknown/Missing	71	--	22	--
Total	911	100.0%	196	100.0%

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	233	26.7%	57	29.5%
Non-Hispanic	639	73.3%	136	70.5%
Unknown/Missing	39	--	3	--
Total	911	100.0%	196	100.0%

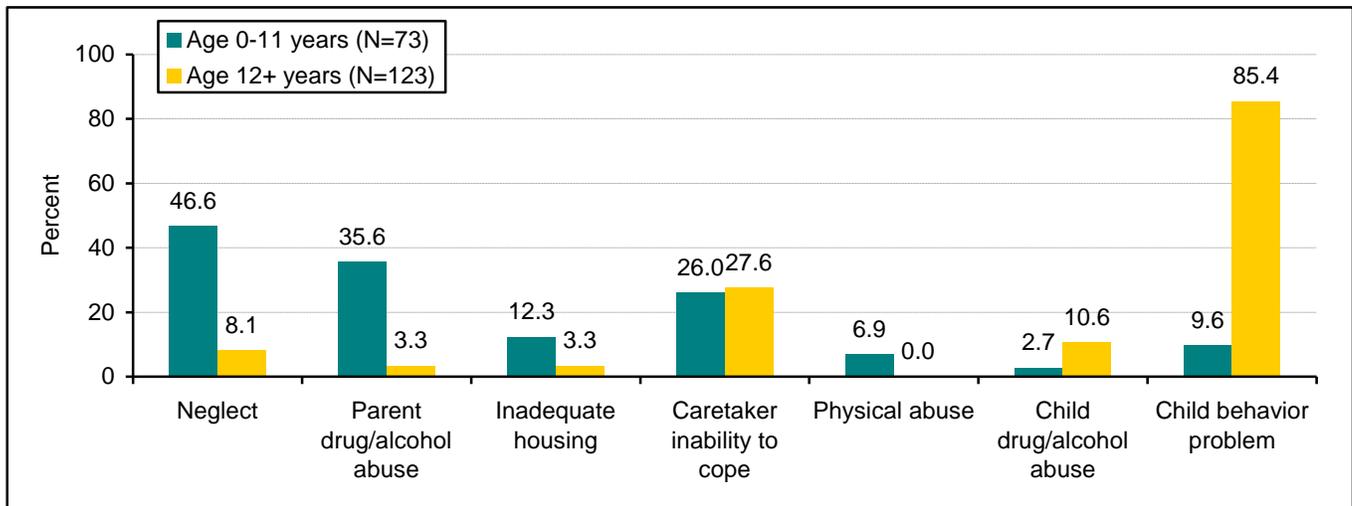
Note: Another way to look at re-entries is the percentage of re-entries in FY12 out of the discharges from all placements in FY11. This approach is used in timeliness to reunification without reentry.

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



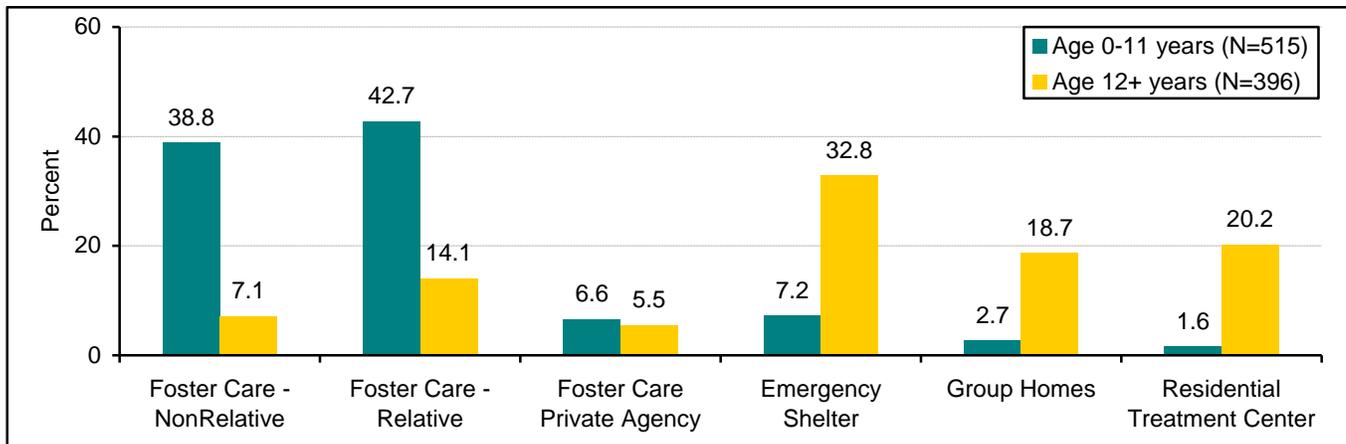
Note: Percentages may add up to over 100% because a youth may have multiple removal reasons. Removal reasons not shown include sexual abuse, clinical diagnosis, parent incarceration, parent death, abandonment, and relinquishment; the percentage for each of these removal reasons is <8%.

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



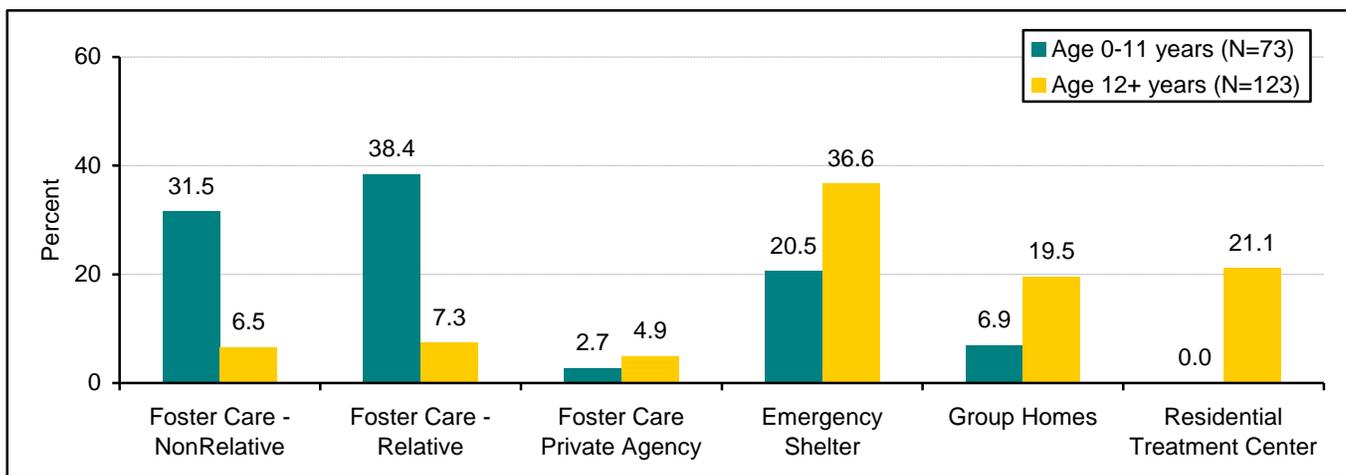
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Figure 3. Percent of children entering into out-of-home placement for the first time, by age group and most frequent first placement service types of current removal



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.

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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

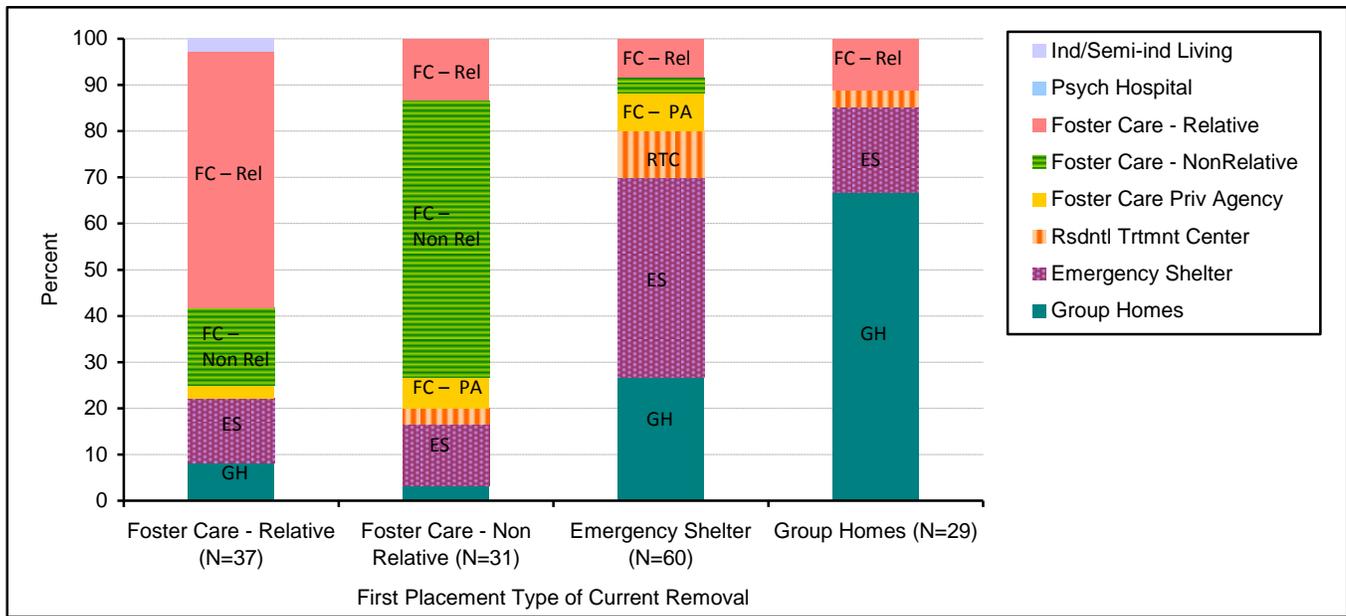
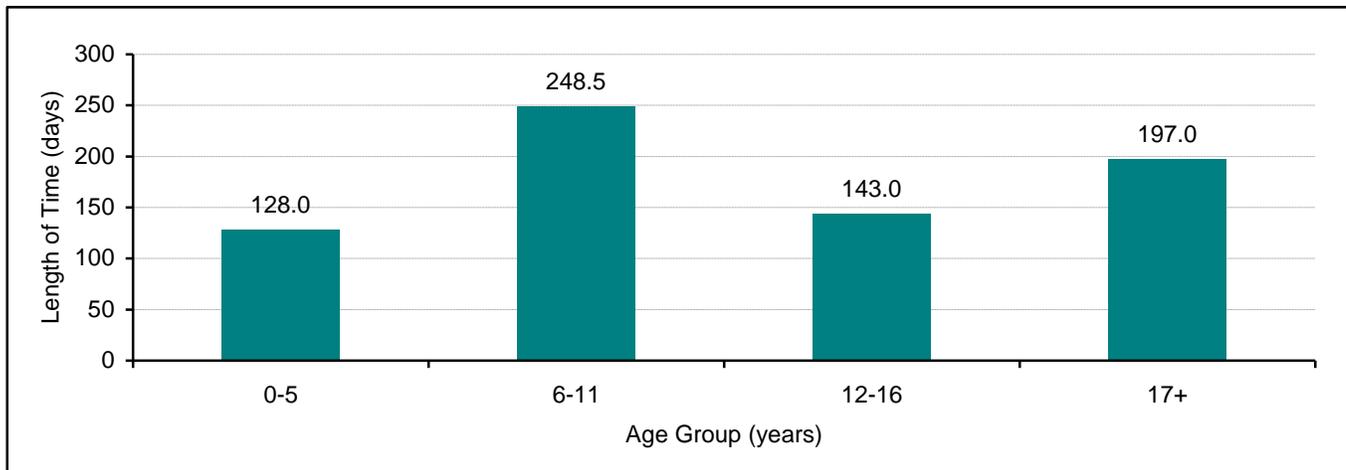


Figure 6. Median length of time (days) since previous discharge for children re-entering into out-of-home placement, by age group (N=196)



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, 2011 – June 30, 2012. 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 1,221 children discharged from all out of-home placements in FY 2012.

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

Gender	N	%
Female	495	40.5%
Male	726	59.5%
Total	1221	100.0%

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

N	1221
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	11	1.0%
Asian/Pacific Islander	19	1.8%
Black	226	20.4%
Multiracial	114	10.2%
White	738	66.6%
Unknown/Missing	113	--
Total	1221	100.0%

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

Ethnicity	N	%
Hispanic	326	27.7%
Non-Hispanic	853	72.3%
Unknown/Missing	42	--
Total	1221	100.0%

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

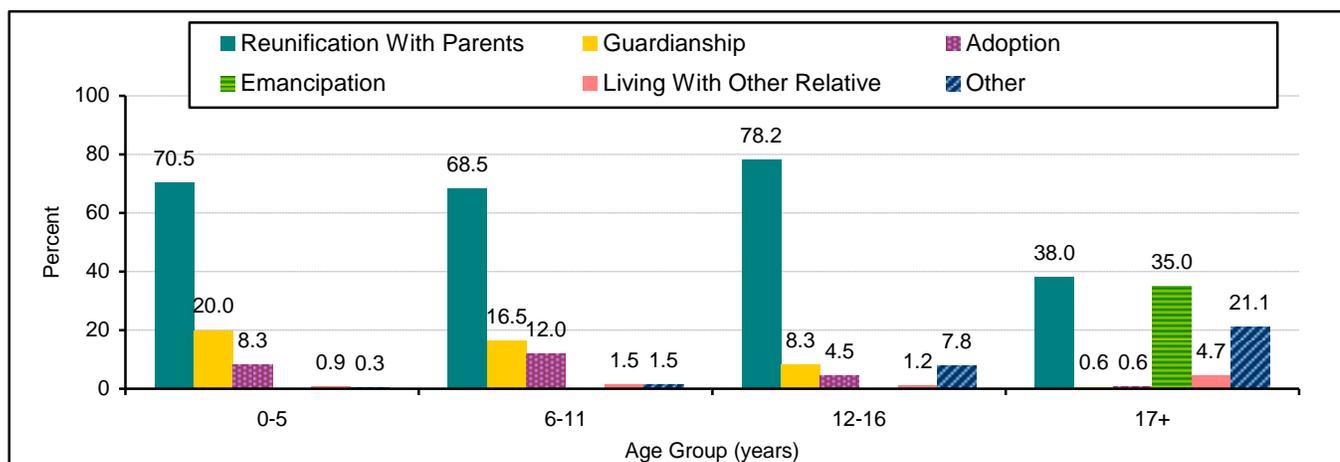


Figure 8. Median length of time in placement (days) for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by last placement type and age group (N=1221)

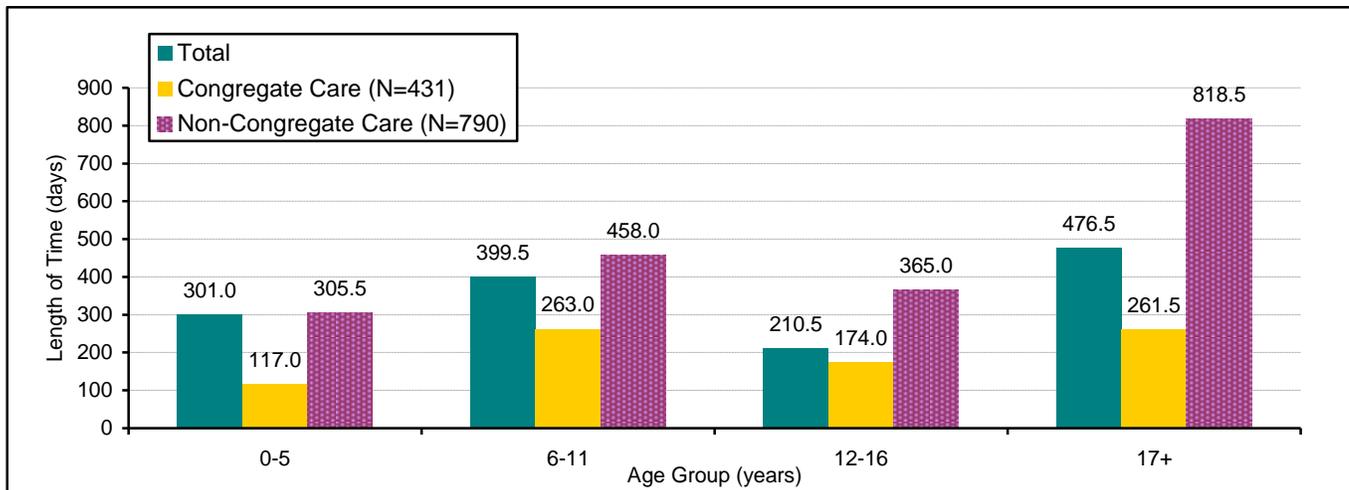


Table 9. Number, percent, and median length of time in placement for children discharged from all out-of-home placements, by last placement service type

Last Placement Service Type	N	%	Median Length of Time (Days) in Placement
Acute Residential Treatment	1	0.1%	2743.0
Emergency Shelter	116	9.5%	70.0
Foster Care – Non Relative	228	18.7%	273.5
Foster Care – Relative	333	27.3%	419.0
Foster Care – Private Agency	146	11.9%	578.0
Group Homes	183	15.0%	267.0
Independent/ Semi-Independent Living	81	6.6%	534.0
Pre-Adoption Placement	1	0.1%	1697.0
Psych Hospital	1	0.1%	338.0
Residential Treatment Center*	131	10.7%	285.0
Total	1221	100.0%	315.0

* 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	431	35.3%	207.0
Non-Congregate Care	790	64.7%	415.5
Total	1221	100.0%	315.0

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=515)		Age 12+ years (N=396)		Age 0-11 years (N=73)		Age 12+ years (N=123)	
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
Neglect	310	60.2%	65	16.4%	34	46.6%	10	8.1%
Parent drug/alcohol abuse	229	44.5%	26	6.6%	26	35.6%	4	3.3%
Inadequate housing	46	8.9%	10	2.5%	9	12.3%	4	3.3%
Caretaker inability to cope	134	26.0%	91	23.0%	19	26.0%	34	27.6%
Physical abuse	46	8.9%	14	3.5%	5	6.9%	0	0.0%
Child drug/alcohol abuse	1	0.2%	42	10.6%	2	2.7%	13	10.6%
Child behavior problem	25	4.9%	286	72.2%	7	9.6%	105	85.4%
Sexual abuse	19	3.7%	18	4.6%	0	0.0%	2	1.6%
Clinical diagnosis	8	1.6%	16	4.0%	0	0.0%	5	4.1%
Parent incarceration	34	6.6%	7	1.8%	5	6.9%	1	0.8%
Parent death	8	1.6%	3	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Abandonment	16	3.1%	6	1.5%	5	6.9%	3	2.4%
Relinquishment	4	0.8%	2	0.5%	1	1.4%	1	0.8%

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	200	38.8%	28	7.1%	23	31.5%	8	6.5%
Foster Care – Relative	220	42.7%	56	14.1%	28	38.4%	9	7.3%
Foster Care – Private Agency	34	6.6%	22	5.5%	2	2.7%	6	4.9%
Emergency Shelter	37	7.2%	130	32.8%	15	20.5%	45	36.6%
Group Homes	14	2.7%	74	18.7%	5	6.9%	24	19.5%
Residential Treatment Center	8	1.6%	80	20.2%	0	0.0%	26	21.1%
Acute Residential Treatment	1	0.2%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	2	1.6%
Independent/Semi-Independent Living	0	0.0%	4	1.0%	0	0.0%	3	2.5%
Medical Hospital	1	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Psychiatric Hospital	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	515	100.0%	396	100.0%	73	100.0%	123	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	60	11.7%	285	72.0%	20	27.4%	97	78.9%
Non-Congregate Care	455	88.3%	111	28.0%	53	72.6%	26	21.1%
Total	515	100.0%	396	100.0%	73	100.0%	123	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	57	29.1%	128.0
6-11 years	16	8.2%	248.5
12-16 years	93	47.4%	143.0
17+ years	30	15.3%	197.0
Total	196	100.0%	157.5

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	325	26.6%	301.0
6-11 years	200	16.4%	399.5
12-16 years	336	27.5%	210.5
17+ years	360	29.5%	476.5
Total	1221	100.0%	315.0