Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being in Rhode Island:

Child Welfare Outcomes Annual Report for FY 2015

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A. Key Context Statistics

Compiled from census data – not included in this report

B. Child Maltreatment Data
(NCANDS SDC: NCANDS DCDC:, FY 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

Maltreatment Information	Number				
	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Children subject of an investigated report alleging child maltreatment	9,880	10,420	10,278	11,445	10,154
Child maltreatment victims[1]	3,438	3,464	3,419	3,719	3,469
Child fatalities	3	1	1	6[2]	0

Age of Victims (%)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Race/Ethnicity of Child Victims (%)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Under 1 year	14.5	15.0	14.5	14.5	14.7	Alaska/ Native American	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4
1-5 years	36.6	36.2	35.0	35.5	34.8	Asian	1.0	0.7	0.9	1.0	0.9
6-10 years	24.1	25.7	26.2	27.3	27.0	Black (non-Hispanic)	11.0	11.9	12.3	11.2	11.2
11-15 years	19.2	18.4	18.7	18.2	18.2	Pacific Islander	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
16+ years	5.6	4.6	5.4	4.5	5.3	Hispanic (of any race)	22.6	24.8	21.6	26.2	26.1
Unknown	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	White (non-Hispanic)	51.1	48.3	48.8	47.7	48.6
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	Two or more races	6.8	6.4	7.8	7.0	7.3
						Unknown	7.1	7.2	8.0	6.6	5.4
						Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Maltreatment Type of Child Victims (%)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015[3]
Emotional abuse	0.1	0.2	0.3	19.3	37.7
Medical neglect	2.6	2.7	2.1	1.9	1.2
Neglect	87.8	86.8	86.5	77.0	55.8
Physical abuse	16.1	15.7	15.8	14.9	12.3
Sexual abuse	4.3	5.7	4.5	4.3	3.8
Other	1.0	1.5	1.7	0.0	0.0
Total %[4]	111.9	112.6	110.9	117.4	110.8

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[1] Children with more than one report of substantiated or indicated maltreatment may be counted more than once.

[2] Child fatality count is based on year in which investigation was completed. Fatalities indicated in FY2014 include 3 incidents that occurred in FY2014, 2 that occurred in FY13, and 1 that occurred in FY2009.

[3] Changes were made to categorization of maltreatment types in FY2014; consistent with federal reporting requirements, domestic violence is now coded as "Emotional Abuse" rather than as "Other Neglect". Percentages reflect substantiation of specific maltreatment types.

[4] 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 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

	In Care on 10/1		Entered Care		Exited Care		In Care on 9/30	
	# Children	Median LOS (Months)	# Children	Median LOS (Months)	# Children	Median LOS (Months)	# Children	Median LOS (Months)
FY11 (10/1/10 – 9/30/11)	1,991	13.3	1,170	N/A	1,311	12.2	1,845	13.9
FY12 (10/1/11 – 9/30/12)	1,710	14.2	1,166	N/A	1,178	11.8	1,698	13.1
FY13 (10/1/12 – 9/30/13)	1,648	12.3	1,175	N/A	1,067	10.0	1,754	13.0
FY14 (10/1/13 – 9/30/14)	1,655	12.0	1,272	N/A	1,089	12.3	1,833	11.3
FY15 (10/1/14 – 9/30/15)	1,438[5]	10.8	1,147	N/A	738	12.7	1,842	12.2

Age of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care on: 10/1/10	10/1/11	10/1/12	10/1/13	10/1/14	Entered Care During: FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	Exited Care During: FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	In Care on: 9/30/11	9/30/12	9/30/13	9/30/14	9/30/15
Under 1 year	7.0	6.1	7.2	8.8	9.0	15.3	15.3	18.5	17.4	20.9	4.5	4.8	6.6	6.1	5.9	5.8	6.7	7.7	7.5	8.8
1-5 years	23.4	26.4	27.2	28.2	32.0	21.3	22.8	20.8	22.9	21.8	25.5	26.7	28.8	26.8	29.4	25.2	26.4	26.0	30.6	30.6
6-10 years	14.6	14.6	15.6	15.5	17.1	12.6	11.2	12.2	14.9	13.8	14.0	14.7	14.8	13.4	15.5	14.5	14.7	14.5	16.9	18.3
11-15 years	24.1	24.1	25.1	23.6	24.3	29.2	29.8	26.9	27.0	26.3	20.9	18.9	19.7	19.2	16.1	22.5	24.7	22.7	24.2	22.1
16-18 years	28.1	28.1	22.0	21.6	17.5	21.5	20.8	21.6	17.8	17.2	31.4	31.5	27.6	30.5	32.9	29.2	24.5	25.1	20.8	20.1
19+ years	2.8	2.8	3.0	2.2	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.4	2.5	2.1	3.7	0.1	2.8	3.0	4.0	0.0	0.1
Missing	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Race/ Ethnicity of Children in Foster Care (%)	In Care on: 10/1/10	10/1/11	10/1/12	10/1/13	10/1/14	Entered Care During: FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	Exited Care During: FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	In Care on: 9/30/11	9/30/12	9/30/13	9/30/14	9/30/15
Alaska/Native American	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.7
Asian	1.4	1.7	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.1	0.7	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.7	0.7	0.8	1.6	1.6	0.9	0.8	1.2
Black (non-Hispanic)	15.8	14.9	13.5	15.4	15.6	14.5	13.9	15.0	16.2	14.5	16.3	15.7	12.5	15.5	15.7	14.6	13.6	15.1	15.9	14.9
Pacific Islander	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	26.0	24.7	25.9	25.0	26.6	25.5	27.8	25.4	30.3	28.2	27.3	26.7	27.6	28.7	25.6	24.7	25.5	24.5	26.6	28.0
White (non-Hispanic)	47.2	48.8	48.7	47.3	45.1	47.2	47.2	48.6	42.1	42.8	44.9	46.9	49.4	44.1	46.3	48.8	49.1	48.2	45.5	43.2
Two or more races	7.5	7.7	8.3	9.4	9.9	7.9	7.2	7.4	7.4	10.7	8.2	7.2	7.2	8.2	9.3	7.2	7.7	8.3	8.7	10.6
Unknown	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.3	2.6	2.2	2.6	2.6	1.7	1.3	1.6	1.1	1.9	1.8	2.2	1.6	2.2	2.0	1.4
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

D. Children Waiting to be Adopted on 9/30

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[5] Beginning FY15, RI DCYF no longer reports youth age 18 and older to AFCARS, unless the youth has a IV-E reimbursement record with a service date after their 18th birth date. This change reduces the age range of youth reported as in care, as well as the census counts for youth in care relative to previous reporting periods.

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

Overview	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Children waiting to be adopted	297	238	248	205	305
Children whose parental rights have been terminated (TPR)	177	141	119	98	106

Age of Waiting Children (%)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Under 1 year	1.0	1.7	0.8	0.0	1.0
1-5 years	29.3	25.6	33.9	31.7	35.4
6-10 years	24.6	23.5	22.2	25.4	30.5
11-15 years	31.0	33.2	30.2	31.2	23.3
16-18 years	9.1	10.5	9.7	11.2	9.5
18+ years	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Unknown	5.1	5.5	3.2	0.5	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Race/Ethnicity of Waiting Children (%)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Alaska/Native American	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.7
Asian	2.7	2.1	1.6	1.0	1.3
Black (non-Hispanic)	14.5	12.6	13.7	15.1	17.4
Pacific Islander	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic (of any race)	31.3	29.0	25.8	28.3	27.9
White (non-Hispanic)	42.4	44.5	46.4	40.5	42.0
Two or more races	7.1	9.2	11.3	14.1	10.5
Unknown	1.3	1.7	0.4	1.0	0.3

1. Reduce Recurrence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect
(National Standard: 6.1% or fewer within 6 months)
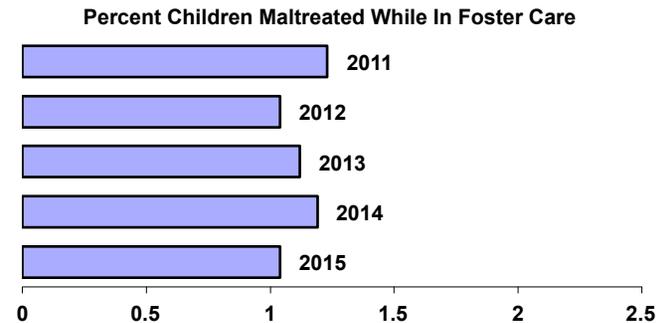(NCANDS, DCDC: FY 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

Percent Children With One or More Recurrences

1.1 Recurrence of Maltreatment

Within 6 Months (%)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Children without a recurrence	91.5	93.1	91.8	91.2	90.7
Children with one or more recurrences	8.5	6.9	8.2	8.8	9.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.00	100.00	100.00
Number	**1,700**	**1,670**	**1,592**	**1,711**	**1,649**
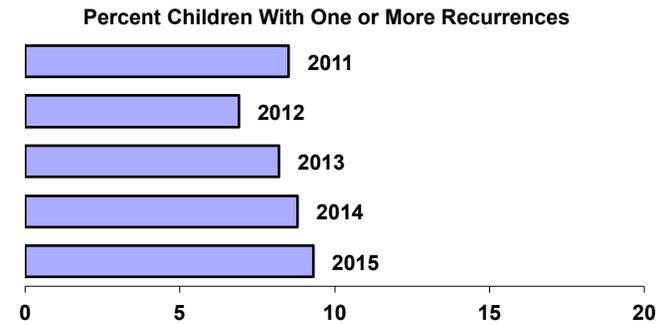
2. Reduce the Incidence of Child Abuse and/or Neglect in Foster Care
(National Standard: 0.57% or fewer during review period)
(NCANDS, DCDC, AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)[6]

Percent Children Maltreated While In Foster Care

2.1 Maltreatment

in Foster Care (%)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Children maltreated while in foster care	1.23	1.04	1.12	1.19	1.04
Children not maltreated while in foster care	98.77	98.96	98.78	98.81	98.96
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**3,161**	**2,885**	**2,851**	**3,023**	**2,589**

3. Increase Permanency for Children in Foster Care
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

3.1 Exits from Foster

Care (%)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Adoption	15.3	15.7	15.1	18.4	19.2
Guardianship	9.6	11.5	9.9	8.1	10.8
Reunification	59.6	57.0	62.1	55.3	53.6
Other	15.4	15.8	12.8	18.2	16.5
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**1,311**	**1,175**	**1,067**	**1,091**	**741**

3.2 Exits of Disabled Children (%)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Adoption	17.2	16.1	16.2	19.0	21.6
Guardianship	5.4	8.2	6.7	4.9	5.7
Reunification	54.0	46.7	57.5	45.1	49.4
Other	23.4	29.0	19.6	31.0	23.3
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**389**	**366**	**327**	**364**	**245**

3.3 Exits of Children Over Age 12 at Entry (%)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Adoption	0.7	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.0
Guardianship	3.0	3.1	2.8	4.8	4.5
Reunification	67.8	66.3	70.4	55.9	57.4
Other	28.5	30.2	26.3	38.2	37.0
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**569**	**484**	**422**	**458**	**289**

3.4 Exits to Emancipation (%)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Children age 12 or younger at entry	25.6	27.0	25.6	13.8	11.7
Children older than 12 at entry	74.4	73.0	74.4	86.2	88.3
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**129**	**111**	**78**	**152**	**94**

3.5 Exits by Race/Ethnicity (%)

Alaska Native/Am. In.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Reunification	37.5	66.7	60.0	33.3	50.0
Adoption	0.0	22.2	20.0	22.2	0.0
Guardianship	37.5	11.1	0.0	11.1	0.0
Other	25.0	0.0	20.0	33.3	50.0
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**8**	**9**	**5**	**9**	**4**

Asian

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Reunification	68.8	57.1	55.6	25.0	50.0
Adoption	12.5	14.3	22.2	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	21.4	0.0	12.5	16.7
Other	18.8	7.1	22.2	62.5	33.3
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**16**	**14**	**18**	**8**	**6**

Black (non-Hispanic)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Reunification	57.9	65.3	61.7	55.0	55.2
Adoption	10.3	9.5	15.0	11.2	12.1
Guardianship	14.5	8.9	5.3	11.2	11.2
Other	17.3	16.3	18.0	22.5	21.6
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**214**	**190**	**133**	**169**	**116**

Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Is.

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Reunification	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Adoption	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Guardianship	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Number	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

Hispanic (of any Race)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Reunification	60.1	59.4	63.7	57.5	52.6
Adoption	19.3	14.9	14.6	17.9	22.1
Guardianship	5.9	9.2	9.5	6.4	8.9
Other	14.8	16.5	12.2	18.2	16.3
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**358**	**315**	**295**	**313**	**190**

White (non-Hispanic)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Reunification	62.1	53.4	62.0	54.9	54.5
Adoption	13.9	15.8	13.1	19.5	16.3
Guardianship	8.3	13.8	12.0	8.1	14.0
Other	15.6	16.9	12.9	17.5	15.2
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**588**	**549**	**527**	**481**	**343**

Two or More Races

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Reunification	47.7	50.0	57.1	51.1	44.9
Adoption	22.0	32.5	29.9	33.3	42.0
Guardianship	19.3	10.0	10.4	6.7	1.4
Other	11.0	7.5	2.6	8.9	11.6
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**109**	**80**	**77**	**90**	**69**

Unknown/Missing

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Reunification	70.6	68.4	75.0	71.4	76.9
Adoption	5.9	10.5	8.3	0.0	7.7
Guardianship	5.9	5.3	10.4	9.5	0.0
Other	17.6	15.8	2.6	19.0	15.4
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**17**	**19**	**12**	**21**	**13**

4. Reduce Time to Reunification without Increasing Re-entry
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

4.1 Time to Reunification (%)
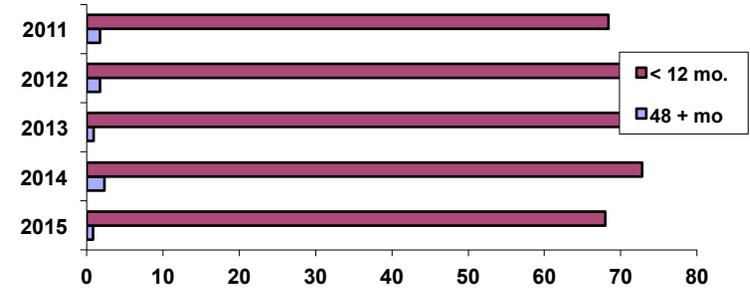**(National Standard: 76.2% or more within 12 months of removal)**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Less than 12 months	68.4	72.5	77.8	72.8	68.0
At least 12 months but less than 24 months	21.7	19.3	16.1	20.1	25.4
At least 24 months but less than 36 months	5.1	5.4	4.1	3.0	4.5
At least 36 months but less than 48 months	3.1	1.6	1.1	1.8	1.0
48 or more months	1.7	1.2	0.9	2.3	0.8
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**782**	**670**	**663**	**603**	**397**

**Percent Reunifications in < 12 Months or in 48 + Months of Entry**

4.2 Children Who Entered Foster Care (%)
(National Standard: 8.6% or fewer within 12 months of prior episode)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Children entering care for the first time	70.5	67.8	72.4	73.4	71.6
Children re-entering care within 12 months of a prior episode	16.7	18.8	15.4	13.7	13.4
Children re-entering care more than 12 months after a prior episode	12.8	12.7	11.9	12.9	14.9
Missing	0.0	0.7	0.3	0.0	0.1
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**1,170**	**1,169**	**1,175**	**1,272**	**1,147**

**Percent Re-entries Into Foster Care Within 12 Months**
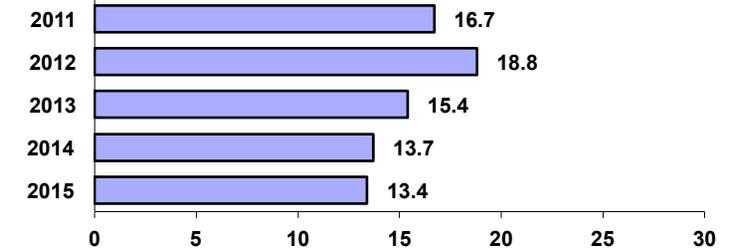
5. Reduce Time in Foster Care to Adoption
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

5.1 Time to Adoption (%)
(National Standard: 32% or more within 24 months of removal)

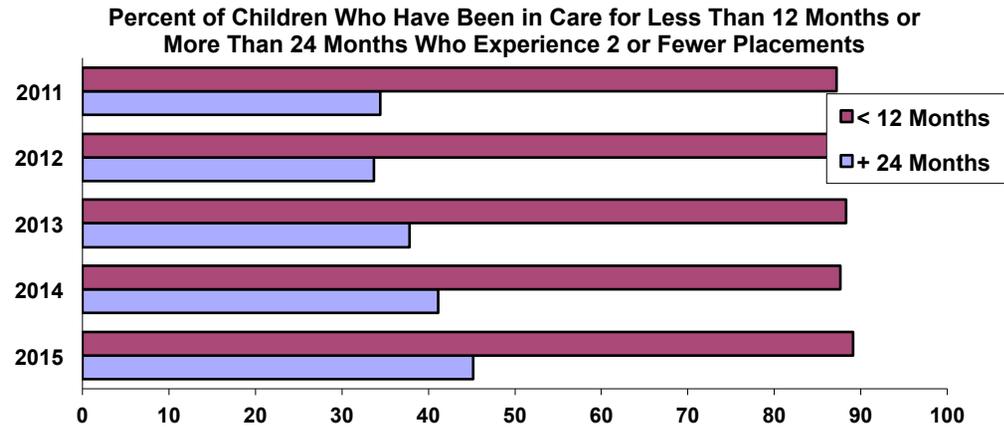|	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Less than 12 months	7.0	9.2	5.6	5.5	4.2
At least 12 months but less than 24 months	31.8	37.0	28.6	36.8	34.5
At least 24 months but less than 36 months	29.9	23.9	34.2	28.4	35.2
At least 36 months but less than 48 months	11.9	12.0	17.4	12.9	17.6
48 or more months	19.4	17.9	14.3	16.4	8.5
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**201**	**184**	**161**	**201**	**142**

Percent Adoptions Occurring in < 24 or in 48 + Months of Entry
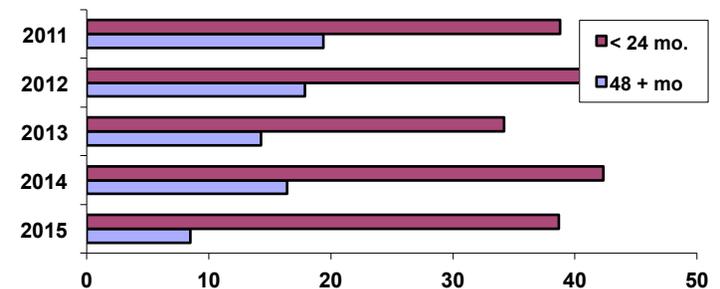
(National Standard: Of those in care less than 12 months from removal 86.7% or more have no more than 2 placements)
(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

6.1 Number of Placements by Time in Care (%)		Children With 2 or Fewer Placements	Children With 3 or More Placements	Number
Less than 12 months	2011	87.2	12.8	1,481
	2012	87.7	12.3	1,406
	2013	88.3	11.7	1,450
	2014	87.6	12.4	1,534
	2015	89.1	10.9	1,274
At least 12 months but less than 24 months	2011	62.7	37.3	780
	2012	64.4	35.6	696
	2013	68.1	31.9	658
	2014	74.9	25.1	730
	2015	75.3	24.7	728
24 or more months	2011	34.4	65.6	895
	2012	33.7	66.3	783
	2013	37.8	62.2	740
	2014	41.1	58.9	749
	2015	45.2	54.8	582
Missing	2011	100.0	0.0	5
	2012	0.0	0.0	0
	2013	66.7	33.3	3
	2014	80.0	20.0	10
	2015	80.0	0.0	5

Percent of Children Who Have Been in Care for Less Than 12 Months or More Than 24 Months Who Experience 2 or Fewer Placements

Legend: < 12 Months, + 24 Months

7. Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions

(AFCARS Annual Foster Care Database: FY 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

7.1 Most Recent Placement Settings of Children who Entered Care During the Fiscal Year and Were Age 12 or Younger at the Time of This Placement (%)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Group Homes	11.8	7.4	7.7	6.5	5.6
Institutions	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.3
Other Settings	88.2	92.6	91.8	93.1	94.1
Missing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total %	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Number	**650**	**635**	**673**	**768**	**709**