

AT A GLANCE: Asian Children in Washington State

Taken from the Washington State Racial Disproportionality Advisory Committee Report

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Compared to White children:

- Asian children are half as likely to be referred to Child Protective Services (CPS).
- At each decision point and outcome after referral, Asian children are underrepresented in the Washington State Child Welfare System.

If Asian American children are referred, they are more likely to be referred by a mandated reporter than children of other races. In 2004, 72 percent of Asian children referred to CPS were submitted by mandated reporters. 86 percent of children removed from home were referred by mandated reporters.

Disproportionality is consistently greater for mandated reporters such as health care workers, educators, police officers and court officials. But it is observed even among non-mandatory reporters who are most often relatives, friends or neighbors.

In 2004, 62 percent of Asian children in foster care were living in single-parent homes at the time of referral to CPS.

Little of the disproportionality for Asian children can be explained by statistically controlling for poverty, family structure, and case characteristics.

This information is based on Children’s Administration data from 2004.

This report can be found at <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/pubs/disproportionReport.asp>

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