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Permanency Plans for Children in Care

Prior to ASFA

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Permanency Plans for Children in Care Prior to the Adoption and Safe Families Act

In July 1999, the Children's Administration identified children who had been in out-of-home care for 15 of the previous 22 months and who did not have a completed permanent plan. There were 5,334 children in the original group; over 80 percent (4,361) had reached permanency as of May 31, 2002. A remaining group of 973 children had not achieved permanency.

The following table is from data in the Children's Administration's Case and Management Information System (CAMIS) and shows the status of the 973 children who had not achieved permanency as of May 2002. Of the 973 children remaining from the original group identified in 1999 and being tracked from May 2002 to date, 337 children achieved permanency during the last year.

ASFA Date Recapture Summary: Placement Result - March 2003							
	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Statewide Total
Adoption	5	2	21	33	28	17	106
Return to Guardian	1	3	9	21	2	7	43
Juvenile Court Guardianship	3	10	9	27	13	12	74
Superior Court Guardianship				1		1	2
Reached age of Majority in Care	9	7	5	38	22	16	97
Court Ordered Emancipation Prior to 18th Birthday	1						1
Deceased						1	1
Transfer to Other Authority			1	2	8	2	13
Total Placement Results May 2002-April 2003 (Permanent Plans Completed)	19	22	45	122	73	56	337
No Placement Result - Still Tracking	62	57	68	251	110	88	636
Total Children Monitored Since May 2002	81	79	113	373	183	144	973

Since we are only able to capture data for children achieving permanent plans through long-term foster and relative care written agreements or third party custody by handcounts and not via the CAMIS system, these categories are not represented in the table above. There is a plan to redesign the CAMIS system Legal and Placement Module so that it will eventually capture these categories. Given the work requirements necessary to completely redesign the Legal and Placement Module, this improvement will not be available for several years.

Efforts to achieve permanency will continue for 636 children. Of these 636 children:

- 409 are legally free
- 257 have a primary plan of adoption
- 121 have a primary plan of guardianship
- 114 have a primary plan of return to guardian
- 127 have a primary plan of foster care or relative care with written long term agreement
- 17 have a primary plan of independent living or other permanent plan

Children's Administration will track this group of children, and report on their permanency status in next year's report.