



## **Section E: Supporting Information**

### **(1) Juvenile Justice Transfers**

**Children's Administration  
Department of Social and Health Services**

## **Child and Family Services Plan FY 2010 - FY 2014 Juvenile Justice Transfers**

### **Juvenile Justice Transfers**

**The Children's Administration (CA)** gathered data from the Case and Management Information System (CAMIS) on children who experienced a Juvenile Rehabilitation placement as the last event of Federal FY 2009, and whose cases were closed as "transfer of custody". Children experiencing a Juvenile Rehabilitation placement remain in the custody of the Children's Administration, unless they are transferred because their Juvenile Rehabilitation stay will exceed the child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. While transfer of custody is rare, CAMIS lists Juvenile Rehabilitation events for 95 children who were in out-of-home care during Federal FY 2009.

There were no children who met the above criteria for transfer during FY 09.

**During FY09** (State FY 09), CAMIS lists Juvenile Rehabilitation events for 95 children who were in out-of-home care.

**Annual Progress and Services Report FY 2009 Juvenile Justice Transfers**

Hispanic	RaceGrp	Age @JREvtStrt	Female		Male		Total Number	Total Percent
			Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Not Hispanic	African American	13-15 Yrs	1	3.70%	4	5.88%	5	5.26%
		16-18 Yrs	2	7.41%	7	10.29%	9	9.47%
	African American Total		3	11.11%	11	16.18%	14	14.74%
	Asian	13-15 Yrs	1	3.70%	1	1.47%	2	2.11%
	Asian Total		1	3.70%	1	1.47%	2	2.11%
	Caucasian	13-15 Yrs	6	22.22%	12	17.65%	18	18.95%
		16-18 Yrs	7	25.93%	18	26.47%	25	26.32%
	Caucasian Total		13	48.15%	30	44.12%	43	45.26%
	Multi	13-15 Yrs		0.00%	3	4.41%	3	3.16%
		16-18 Yrs	3	11.11%	5	7.35%	8	8.42%
Multi Total		3	11.11%	8	11.76%	11	11.58%	
Native American	13-15 Yrs	1	3.70%	2	2.94%	3	3.16%	
	16-18 Yrs	3	11.11%	6	8.82%	9	9.47%	
Native American Total		4	14.81%	8	11.76%	12	12.63%	
Not Hispanic Total			24	88.89%	58	85.29%	82	86.32%
Not Reported	Caucasian	16-18 Yrs		0.00%	1	1.47%	1	1.05%
	Caucasian Total			0.00%	1	1.47%	1	1.05%
	Native American	16-18 Yrs	1	3.70%		0.00%	1	1.05%
	Native American Total		1	3.70%		0.00%	1	1.05%
Not Reported Total			1	3.70%	1	1.47%	2	2.11%
Hispanic	African American	16-18 Yrs	1	3.70%		0.00%	1	1.05%
	African American Total		1	3.70%		0.00%	1	1.05%
	Caucasian	13-15 Yrs		0.00%	2	2.94%	2	2.11%
		16-18 Yrs	1	3.70%	2	2.94%	3	3.16%
	Caucasian Total		1	3.70%	4	5.88%	5	5.26%
	Multi	16-18 Yrs		0.00%	1	1.47%	1	1.05%
	Multi Total			0.00%	1	1.47%	1	1.05%
	Native American	16-18 Yrs		0.00%	2	2.94%	2	2.11%
	Native American Total			0.00%	2	2.94%	2	2.11%
Unknown	16-18 Yrs		0.00%	2	2.94%	2	2.11%	
Unknown Total			0.00%	2	2.94%	2	2.11%	
Hispanic Total			2	7.41%	9	13.24%	11	11.58%
Grand Total			27	100.00%	68	100.00%	95	100.00%

Source: Episode\_dim & Person\_dim\_infolink\_6\_09. Unique count of children who experienced a Juvenile Rehabilitation placement event while in open in out of home care during SFY09\_YTD. Age @ JR Evt Start reflects the child's age at the start of the earliest Juvenile Rehabilitation (JR) event within the SFY09\_YTD open episode.



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### **(2) Inter-Country Adoptions**

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## **Child and Family Services Plan FY 2010 - FY 2014 Inter-Country Adoptions**

**Although Children's Administration (CA) does not directly provide international adoption services**, the Division of Licensed Resources (DLR) does license international adoption agencies operating within the state of Washington.

Children's Administration (CA) provides post permanency services to children and families through Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, and Family Reconciliation Services. These services are available to all residents of Washington State and can be accessed by contacting the local DCFS office.

CA has seen relatively few adopted children entering out-of-home care. During this period of time relatively few children adopted internationally have come in foster care post adoption. From FY 06-08 there have been three children placed in state foster care. All children were placed in temporary care and were returned to their families.

The children were adopted from:

- Bulgaria – agency that was involved is unknown. Child was placed to assist family with services for youth that was displaying self harm tendencies and for allegations of sexual abuse. The Allegations of sexual abuse were not founded; CA facilitated services and child returned home.
- Russian Federation – Youth at a Youth Shelter not wanting to return home for more family therapy. Family agreed and provided support to you who turned 18; services, work and schooling lined up.
- Canada – youth and family moved from Canada to Washington; parents adopted youth while living in Canada. Family offered Family Reconciliation Services where services were completed with a poor prognosis.

Due to the implementation of the new automated system, FamLink, CA does not have reliable data for FY 09. CA is currently working through its data integrity issues and will provide data when it becomes available.

### **2011-2014**

Children's Administration (CA) will continue to provide post permanency services to children and families through Child Protective Services, Child Welfare Services, and Family Reconciliation Services. These services will continue to be available to all residents of Washington State and can be accessed by contacting the local DCFS office.



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### **(3) Child Welfare Demonstration Projects**

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**Child and Family Services Plan FY 2010 - FY 2014  
Child Welfare Demonstration Projects**

**Children's Administration (CA) did not have** any Child Welfare Demonstration Projects during FY 2008.



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### **(4) Foster/Adoptive Home Recruitment**

**Children's Administration  
Department of Social and Health Services**

## **Child and Family Services Plan FY 2010 - FY 2014 Foster/Adoptive Home Recruitment**

### **Foster Home Recruitment**

#### **2004-2005**

- Since 2004 contracts with private agencies have been a major component of the Children's Administration's (CA) foster home recruitment and retention system. Regionally based contracts have approximately 55 staff, deployed around the state, working on direct recruitment, troubleshooting work as liaisons and building support groups or hub-and-spoke support systems. Most of those "boots on the ground" are part-time employees who live in communities large and small and have built relationships in those communities. Almost all are current or former foster parents.

#### **2006**

- Beginning in October 2006, the activities of recruitment and retention were combined in one contract with one contractor per region. It is believed the two activities are intertwined and that retention of satisfied, supported foster parents is the best form of recruitment.
- As an added support to foster parents, the contractors have built support groups and "hub and spoke" systems with a central foster parent facilitator. These groups provide networking and training opportunities and beginning in 2009, potential foster parents have been invited to attend to see the realities of foster parenting. If they become licensed, they then will have a built-in support group. These support group activities will continue into the future.
- Also, in 2006, the national Annie E. Casey Family To Family program began to grow in Washington. The four legs of the program are: Family Team Decision Making (FTDM); Recruitment, Development and Support (RDS); Building Community Partnerships (BCP); and Self-Evaluation (SE). The FTDM component gained momentum initially.

#### **2007**

- In 2007, another component was added to the combined effort for recruitment and retention. The Washington State Legislature passed House Bill 1624, which required monthly meetings between top-level CA staff and foster parent representatives selected from around the state. The process of building the Foster Parent Consultation Teams (FPCT) has resulted in quarterly meetings at the regional level and statewide. To the extent possible, the quarterly regional meetings of the FCTP will be combined with the regional Family To Family and contract meeting. Most of the FPCT meetings focus on issues tied to retention. Again, believing that satisfied, supported foster parents are the best recruiters, the work of the consultation teams have led to positive steps forward on a number of issues. The Department of Social and Health Services Assistant Secretary for Children's Administration has attended almost all the meetings so issues can receive high-level attention and action as appropriate.
- In 2007-08, CA and many community partners worked with National AdoptUSKids to develop a targeted marketing recruitment campaign, accompanied by a branding and messaging campaign.

#### **2008 - 2009**

- Beginning in 2008, the RDS component of Family to Family received renewed emphasis in the development of community-based and school-based recruitment and retention. Working in collaboration with the goals of Building Community Partnerships, it holds the promise of engaging communities in the work of recruitment and support.

- In late 2008, program leaders with oversight of the recruitment/retention contracts and the Family To Family initiative recognized that their efforts were similar. Recruitment and retention efforts were discussed at meetings of both groups. Both groups were also working on development of recruitment tracking data bases and many of the same people were attending these meetings. Data on school removals was being collected by Family To Family groups; targeted recruitment data outlined in this report last year, was being developed through the contracted recruiters. Due to so much cross over, program leads began working to integrate the work of Family to Family and the contracted recruiters. This merger of the work will make the recruitment/retention system more efficient and effective. Initially, the program leaders met with recruitment and retention staff in each region, seeking to combine the monthly contract meetings with the RDS meetings (already done in some regions). The goal was to hold a day of meetings at which recruitment and retention issues could be discussed.

The program leaders have recommended that Statewide Family To Family Action Committee be formed to oversee all the combined work outlined above. Another goal is to bring licensing and training staff into more direct contact with recruitment/retention work to expedite and coordinate the work. One of the objectives of the statewide group will be to oversee one of the primary goals of the combined regional meetings, meshing the Streets and Trips data and the targeted recruitment data. That will give recruitment and retention staff the best tools possible to recruit and retain foster parents and to keep kids in their own communities and schools. While both sets of data are valuable, CA has learned in the past year that better use of the data is essential. CA intends to provide training to those using the data as to how it can most effectively be utilized.

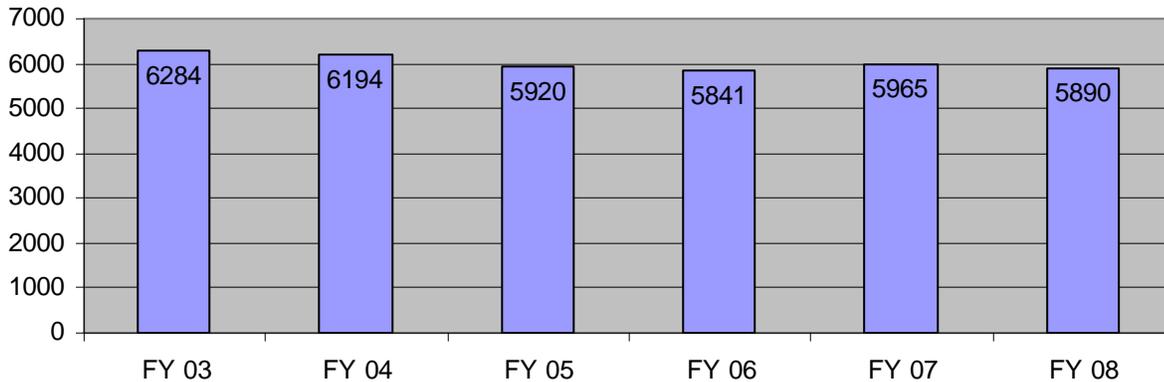
- In 2008-09, CA began working with a contractor to centralize and enhance a data base for tracking potential foster parents from the first inquiry through licensing and into whatever support groups or activities in which they take part.

#### **2010 - 2014**

- In 2009 and moving forward CA will work to expand on the brand and message of "Foster Parenting – You Can Too." Since spring 2008 that brand and message has been put to a variety of uses by the contractors and state staff.
- From 2009 forward, the Family To Family structure will be used to continue recruitment and retention activities. CA will also use the many tools developed and lessons learned from the past five years in developing recruitment and retention plans.
- Beginning in spring 2009, the enhanced Statewide Recruitment Information Center data base to track potential foster parents from the first inquiry through licensing and into whatever support groups or activities more effectively. In addition, policy makers will have access to good data from the data base about why individuals choose to make an inquiry about becoming foster parents, where they leave the process (if they do) and the success rate in moving individuals from the first inquiry to becoming licensed.
- Another ongoing support for foster parents is the Foster Intervention Support and Retention Team (FIRST), a contracted service that provides neutral third party advice to foster parents undergoing investigation for allegations of abuse, neglect or licensing violations. The contractor reported handling 207 calls during 2008 for this service, which CA believes is vital during a difficult time. This is not a direct recruitment tool, but it does help keep foster parents satisfied, making it more likely they will keep caring for kids and recruit others to the task.
- The Foster Parent Consultation Teams (FPCT) has provided an additional benefit to Children's Administration. CA can use the expertise of this pool of knowledgeable and committed foster parents when seeking information or feedback about the effects of proposed CA activities on the day-to-day life of foster parents. Beginning in 2009 and carrying forward, this team will be used more and more for that purpose, and it meets another key goal of inclusion of foster parents as team members, respecting and valuing their thoughts and their work.

With the momentum that has been built, the expertise acquired in recent years, and the combined efforts of the contractors and Family To Family RDS groups, CA expects to increase the number of newly licensed homes and the total number of homes.

### Licensed Foster Home\*



Data is provided from the 2007 Performance report. Information for FY 08 is based upon data as of June 23, 2008 from CAMIS data Foster home counts June 08 downloaded (6-23/08). Due to the implementation of a new automated system, FamLink, CA does not have reliable data for FY 09. CA is currently working through its data integrity issues and will provide data when it becomes available.

### Adoption Recruitment and Services

Cross-jurisdictional resources are used to facilitate timely adoptive or permanent placements for waiting children. There are numerous activities involved in recruitment of adoptive families for waiting children. The placement of a child in a cross-jurisdictional placement many times is the most suitable placement and can avoid delays in finding a permanent placement for a child.

CA makes every effort to establish permanency for children unable to return to the care and custody of their birth parents through adoption, guardianship, long term foster care and/or relative placements. Permanency via adoption was achieved for 1,177 children in the care and custody of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) during FY 2008 as reported in the Children's Administration Performance Report 2007. Due to the implementation of a new automated system, FamLink, CA does not have reliable data for FY 09. CA is currently working through its data integrity issues and will provide data when it becomes available.



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### **(5) Adoption Incentive Payments**

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## **Child and Family Services Plan FY 2010 - FY 2014 Adoption Incentive Payments**

The Children's Administration did not receive any adoption incentive funds during FY 2009.

Children's Administration utilized the adoption incentive funds received to continue supporting adoption and adoptive families in Washington. During this period of time, Washington has received over a million dollars of the Adoption Incentive Payment Program, which provides financial bonuses to states that exceed a baseline number of finalized adoptions. Washington State last received money in FFY 2006.

The incentive funds were been used:

### **Address Barriers to Adoption and Permanency**

- Develop a statewide theme for recruitment and retention efforts which included bringing together statewide recruitment contractors and CA staff to build a statewide recruitment message. Washington sought out Technical and Training Assistance through a national resource center to facilitate reforming recruitment and retention in Washington.
  - Through this funding was used to send existing regional recruitment and retention contractors and state team members to the Foster and Relative Caregiver conference in September, 2007 and attend a half-day institute. The half-day institute was a follow up to technical assistance received earlier from the NRC. Focus on utilizing national adoption recruitment methods, proven retention methods and developing a consistent statewide recruitment and retention message.
- Contract with the Northwest Adoption Exchange to register children who are legally free and not in their identified placement of choice. Through this contract, outreach was completed in all six regions regarding adoption recruitment through electronic exchanges. Children identified as needing a permanent adoptive family were listed on a recruitment exchange. CA staff benefited by this contract by putting a contractor in each region and allowing staff time to learn about the importance of adoption recruitment.
- Post Permanency Resource Centers
  - Provided funding to existing regional recruitment and retention contractors or other appropriate providers to identify or develop a support group in each region focuses on adoptive family support. Contracts were provided to two Tribal entities and three agencies in three regions to support post-permanency support to tribal families and youth. Accomplishments and services provided included:
    - Information and referral staff
    - Lending library
    - Community outreach
    - Resource database
    - Development of brochures and newsletter
    - Training for law students to provide educational advocacy
    - Support groups
    - Moving long term out-of-home cases toward permanency
    - Completing a conference for community coalition building with families, providers, and community organizations
    - Successful grant award from a local community organization

- Developed a publication on post-adoption and post-guardianship supports.
- Funding was used to provide information, referral, advocacy, and an emotional support network to assist parents and children to be successful as a family.
- Hired staff to provide social worker services by completing:
  - Adoption home studies,
  - Adoption finalization paper work,
  - Adoption disclosure,
  - Recruitment and anything to assist children to establish permanency.
  - Regional funds were also utilized for purchase of services to assist in facilitating timely placement and supervision for children via an interstate placement.

## **2010-2014**

Washington anticipates receiving adoption incentive funds in the coming year by seeing an increase in adoption for youth in out of home care. Funds will be used to facilitate and support adoptions.