

Permanency

Objective: Increase stability for children in out-of-home care

Measured by: Children with no more than two placements

Whenever a child must move to a different foster home for any reason, the progress and attachments made in familiar surroundings are at risk of being compromised.

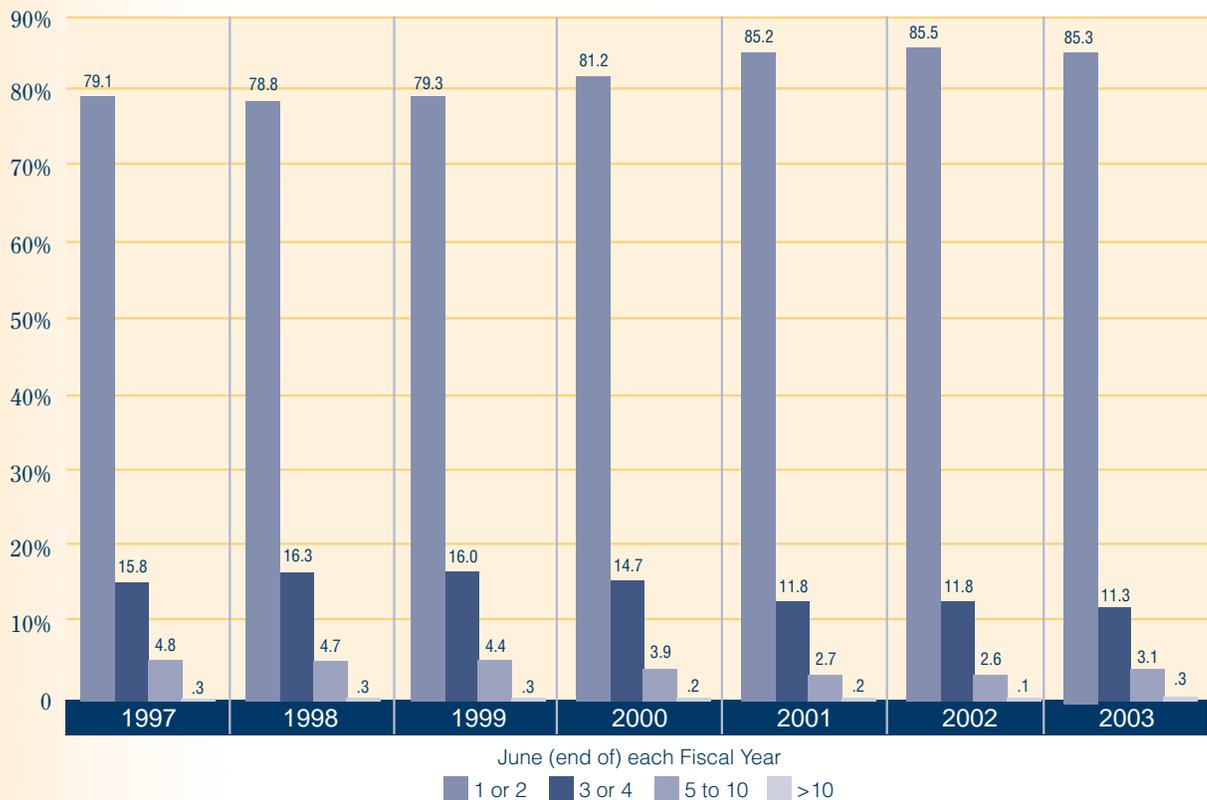
Children in out-of-home placement who experience multiple moves often do so at the cost of meaningful connections, self-esteem and opportunities for future success.

The Children's Administration endeavors to place children in stable homes in an effort to reduce the trauma that is experienced by any child entering state licensed care. More than 80 percent of children in out-of-home care live in two or fewer homes in their first year in placement. While progress has been made regarding this measure over the seven year period reported, the administration is committed to continuing to find ways of increasing stability for all children in out-of-home care.

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Percent of Children in Care for More than 60 Days within Various Numbers of Placement Events*



*The percent of children in DCFS custody who have only one or two principle places or homes of residence (placement events) during their first 12 months in care (or exiting from care within 12 months), excluding respite care, juvenile detention, hospital stays, on-the-run, and similar types of placements which do not represent a deliberate change of residence.