

# 2011 Child Welfare Data Snapshot

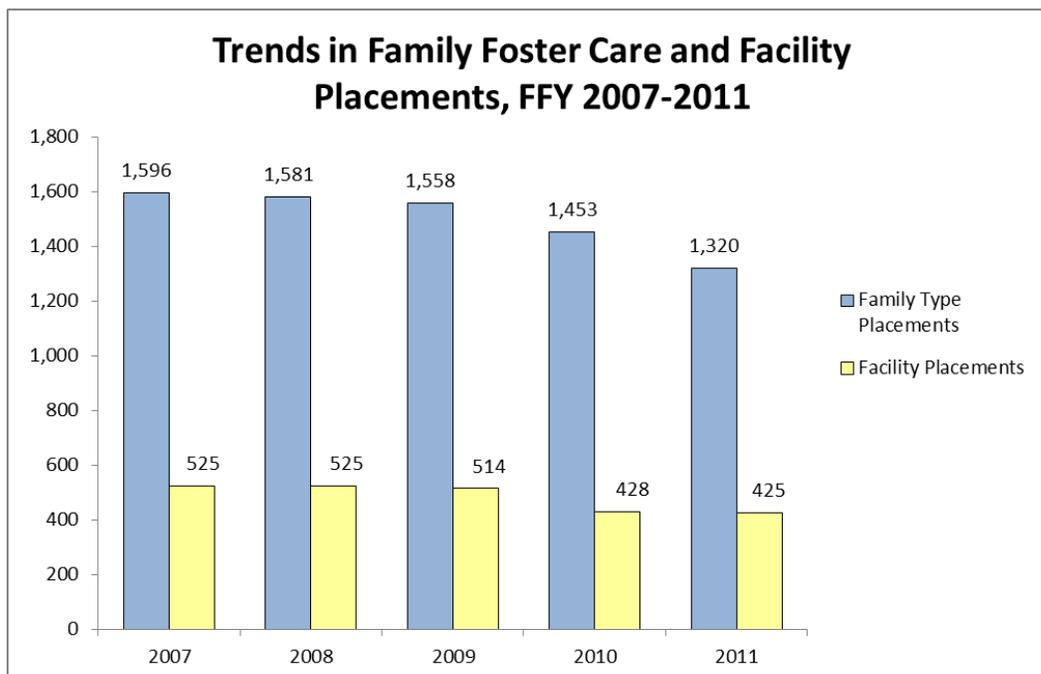
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## Children in Foster Care by Placement Type, FFY 2007-2011

Placement Type						% Change
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2007 to 2011
Pre-Adoptive Home	260	289	244	212	166	-36.2%
Relative Placement	400	303	309	204	187	-53.3%
Family Foster Care	718	689	691	735	721	0.4%
Trial Home Visit	218	300	314	302	246	12.8%
Group Home	85	72	58	36	41	-51.8%
Facility	440	453	456	392	384	-12.7%
Missing Data	31	28	34	31	17	-45.2%
<b>Total in Foster Care During FFY</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>2,106</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>-18.1%</b>
Discharged: On 18th birthday	58	54	76	51	35	-39.7%
Discharged: Older than 18	55	61	62	51	10	-81.8%
**Remaining in Care: 18 or older	28	27	31	37	27	-3.6%

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\*\*In Foster Care as of last day of FFY



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### **Foster Care:**

- On the last day of the FFY (September 30, 2011), 1,107 children remained in foster care (includes tribal IV-E cases, DOCR-Division of Juvenile Services youth placed in foster care and pre-adoptive placements).
  - 31.9% (n=353) of these children were Native American.
  - 54.2% (n=600) of these children had a permanency goal of reunification.
  - The average age of these children was 10.1 years old. Age was calculated on the last day of the FFY.
- In October 2011, 48 foster youth were in out-of state placements (Residential Child Care Facilities-RCCF and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities-PRTF). This was an increase in the number of youth in out-of-state placements since October 2010 (n=25).
- In September 2011, there were 485 licensed family foster homes and 312 licensed therapeutic family foster homes.

### **Child Abuse and Neglect (FFY 2011):**

- 9,840 reports of suspected child abuse and neglect were received in 2011. Of these reports, 7,007 were in the jurisdiction of Child Protection Services (CPS) and met the criteria for a CPS assessment. These reports were assigned to 5,738 assessments. Multiple reports for the same case are included in a single CPS assessment.
- During the assessment process, some assessments are terminated because of new information related to the case or a change in jurisdiction.
  - During FFY 2011, a total of 3,798 full assessments were completed.
    - Full assessments increased 6.0% from 2007 (n=3,583) to 2011 (n=3,798).
  - During FFY 2011, there were a total of 1,787 Assessments Terminated in Progress.
    - Assessments Terminated in Progress increased 46.0% from 2007 (n=1,224) to 2011 (n=1,787).
- A decision of "Services Required" was made in 17.9% (n=678) of the 3,798 full assessments. These 678 assessments represent 1,295 children who were victims of child abuse and neglect and 818 caregivers who were the subjects of these assessments.

### **Adoptions (FFY 2011):**

- There were 128 finalized public agency adoptions in 2011.
- 98.4% (n=126) of these were special needs (SN) adoptions (i.e., children who meet certain criteria related to greater challenges in securing adoptive families and therefore contributing to a lengthier stay in foster care).
  - Children are assigned a primary special need, but may meet multiple SN criteria also.
    - The primary basis for these SN adoptions were: 43.7% (n=55) had a diagnosed medical condition or mental, physical, or emotional disability, 36.5% (n=46) were members of sibling group placed together, 11.9% (n=15) were at high risk for a physical, emotional or mental disability, 4.8% (n=6) were 7 years or older, and 3.2% (n=4) was a member of a minority race.
  - 41.3% (n=52) of adopted children with special needs were Native American.
  - 73.0% (n=92) of the special needs adoptions involved family foster parents.

### **Permanency Outcomes (Point-in-Time data):**

- 58 approved subsidized guardianships were in place in October 2011.
- On September 30, 2011, there were 135 children in the custody of the Department of Human Services with mother and father parental rights terminated.

### **Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011):**

- In 2011, 371 youth participants were served in the Chafee Foster Care Independence Program.
  - 47.8% (n=177) of participants were current foster care youth.
    - 137 of 178 were Priority 1 youth (Likely to Age Out of Foster Care at age 18 or Greater)
    - 40 of 178 were Priority 2 youth (Not Likely to Age Out of Foster Care at age 18 or Greater)
  - 52.3% (n=194) of participants were Foster Care Alumni, youth who had exited or aged out of foster care.
- 59 Education and Training Vouchers were given to 45 participants (21 were first time recipients) to financially assist in furthering their education.