

DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES FY10 STATISTICAL FACT SHEET (JULY 1, 2009 – JUNE 30, 2010)

Intake/Investigation:

The Division of Family Services received 11,222 reports of abuse, neglect and dependency in FY10 and accepted 6533 or 58% of those reports. Compared to FY09, the number of reports received increased by 18% while the number investigated increased by 10%. Of all cases investigated 1386 or 21% were substantiated, a decrease of 3% over the number of cases substantiated in FY09.

Of the substantiated reports the following types of findings were identified:

	<u>Founded</u>	<u>% of Total Founded</u>
• Abuse (except sexual)	302	22
• Neglect	822	59
• Sex Abuse	109	8
• Dependency	153	11

Protective Treatment

In FY10, a total of 2,263 families and children received treatment services compared to 2,395 in FY09, a decrease of 6%.

The following services were provided.

	<u>FY08</u>	<u>FY09</u>	<u>FY10</u>
Adoption/Permanency	839	837	749
Interstate Compact	96	100	85
Protective Treatment	<u>1710</u>	<u>1458</u>	<u>1429</u>
Total	2,645	2,395	2,263

The Adoption and Safe Families Act requires that a permanency review be completed for all children who have been in substitute care for 9 months. Specialized permanency units serve children for whom adoption or another permanency option is recommended.

Interstate compact cases are cases involving children coming to Delaware from child protective systems in other states.

The goal of protective services is to keep children safe in their families if possible. When children must be removed from home the goal is to reunify them with their families as soon as that can be safely done.

Placement

The average monthly placement (DFS out-of-home care) population in FY10 was 692, a decrease of 15% over an average of 813 in FY09. Four hundred and seventeen (417) children entered initial DFS placements and 719 children exited placement in FY10. At the end of the fiscal year, there were 672 children in DFS out-of-home care, a decrease of 10% from 743 children in care at the end of FY09.

Of the children leaving placement during this fiscal year:

- 184 25.6% returned home with parental custody
- 153 21.3% returned home with DFS custody
- 78 10.8% returned to relatives with DFS custody
- 17 2.4% were guardians to relatives
- 80 11.1% were adopted
- 76 10.6% were placed with guardians
- 96 13.4% were 18, married, emancipated
- 3 0.4% were guardians to non-relatives
- 31 4.3% were runaways in DFS custody
- 1 0.1% deceased

Adoption

In FY10, 80 children for whom the Division held parental rights were finalized in adoption.

Child Care Licensing

At the end of FY10, the Office of Child Care Licensing's total count of licensed facilities in Delaware was 1,609. These facilities have the capacity to serve 53,161 children.