

## DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES

### FY16 STATISTICAL FACT SHEET (JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016)

#### Intake/Investigation:

The Division of Family Services received 20,778 reports of abuse, neglect and dependency referrals in FY16 and, screened-in 8,951 or 43% of those reports. Compared to FY15, the number of reports received increased by 9%, while the number screened-in increased by less than 1%. Of all cases investigated 1,239 or 14% were substantiated, a decrease of 8% over the number of cases substantiated in FY15.

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

	<u>Founded</u>	<u>% of Total Founded</u>
• Abuse (except sexual)	349	28
• Neglect	597	48
• Sex Abuse	128	10
• Dependency	165	13

#### Protective Treatment

In FY16, a total of 2,475 families and children received treatment services compared to 2,365 in FY15, an increase of 5%.

The following services were provided.

	<u>FY14</u>	<u>FY 15</u>	<u>FY 16</u>
Adoption/Permanency	579	576	547
Interstate Compact	1	1	1
Protective Treatment	<u>1743</u>	<u>1788</u>	<u>1927</u>
Total	2,323	2,365	2,475

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 FY16 was 725, an increase of 11% from the FY 15 average of 653. Four hundred and fifty-nine (459) children entered initial DFS placements and 387 children exited placement in FY16. There were 1104 children who spent at least one day in Foster Care during FY16. This was a 14% increase from the 972 children in who spent at least one day in Foster Care during FY15. At the end of the fiscal year, there were 650 children in DFS out-of-home care, an increase of 9% from 595 children in care at the end of FY15.

Of the children leaving placement during this fiscal year:

- 141                    36.4%            returned home with parental custody
- 5                        1.3%            returned to relatives not original custodian
- 2                        0.5%            returned to non-relatives not original custodian
- 89                      23.0%           were adopted
- 2                        0.0%            deceased
- 85                      22.0%           were placed with guardians
- 63                      16.3%           were 18, married, emancipated

Adoption

In FY16, 89 children for whom the Division held parental rights were finalized in adoption.

Child Care Licensing

At the end of FY16, the Office of Child Care Licensing’s total count of licensed facilities in Delaware was 1,236. These facilities have the capacity to serve 51,195 children.

The Criminal History Unit completed 7,493 criminal history record checks and 56,163 Child Protection Registry checks, resulting in the disclosure of 3,299 arrest reports. The unit also requested 106 out-of-state child abuse and neglect checks under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006.