

## Indicator 2: Neighborhood-Based Placements, Citywide Summary

This indicator provides a measure of the foster care system's success at placing children in their own communities. This report uses community district (CD) as a proxy for neighborhood. The best indicator of success at neighborhood-based placement is the rate at which children placed in regular<sup>1</sup> foster boarding homes (FBHs) are placed in their home CD. This report focuses on two perspectives: (1) level of care; and (2) sibling groups.

The first perspective, which is shown on this page, shows the rate at which children placed in regular FBHs are placed in their home CDs. It also considers placement into home CD for children placed in kinship care and placement into home borough for regular and specialized<sup>2</sup> FBH, kinship and congregate care placements.

|  | <b><i>JAN</i></b><br><b><i>2009</i></b> | <b><i>FEB</i></b><br><b><i>2009</i></b> | <b><i>MAR</i></b><br><b><i>2009</i></b> | <b><i>CYTD*</i></b><br><b><i>2009</i></b> | <b><i>CYTD*</i></b><br><b><i>2008</i></b> | <b><i>CYTD*</i></b><br><b><i>2007</i></b> | <b><i>CYTD*</i></b><br><b><i>2006</i></b> |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>Number of placements<sup>3</sup></b>                                  | <b>669</b>                              | <b>627</b>                              | <b>693</b>                              | <b>1,989</b>                              | <b>1,852</b>                              | <b>1,926</b>                              | <b>2,253</b>                              |
| % placed in-boro   | 51.6%                                   | 53.7%                                   | 49.0%                                   | 51.4%                                     | 46.0%                                     | 54.1%                                     | 55.6%                                     |
| % placed in-CD   | 13.4%                                   | 15.1%                                   | 13.5%                                   | 14.0%                                     | 13.3%                                     | 12.1%                                     | 15.5%                                     |
| % placed outside NYC   | 12.4%                                   | 13.7%                                   | 13.7%                                   | 13.3%                                     | 11.6%                                     | 9.2%                                      | 9.0%                                      |
| <b>Number of placements into homes that support regular FBH</b>          | <b>325</b>                              | <b>324</b>                              | <b>366</b>                              | <b>1,015</b>                              | <b>961</b>                                | <b>984</b>                                | <b>1,205</b>                              |
| % total placements   | 48.6%                                   | 51.7%                                   | 52.8%                                   | 51.0%                                     | 51.9%                                     | 51.1%                                     | 53.5%                                     |
| % placed in-boro   | 63.2%                                   | 62.0%                                   | 56.0%                                   | 60.2%                                     | 53.4%                                     | 61.5%                                     | 63.9%                                     |
| % placed in-CD   | 12.5%                                   | 15.3%                                   | 13.2%                                   | 13.6%                                     | 11.1%                                     | 11.8%                                     | 15.2%                                     |
| % placed outside NYC   | 3.5%                                    | 5.0%                                    | 4.0%                                    | 4.2%                                      | 5.1%                                      | 2.8%                                      | 1.7%                                      |
| <b>Number of placements into homes that support specialized programs</b> | <b>13</b>                               | <b>11</b>                               | <b>6</b>                                | <b>30</b>                                 | <b>41</b>                                 | <b>38</b>                                 | <b>43</b>                                 |
| % total placements   | 1.9%                                    | 1.8%                                    | 0.9%                                    | 1.5%                                      | 2.2%                                      | 2.0%                                      | 1.9%                                      |
| % placed in-boro   | 23.1%                                   | 63.6%                                   | 50.0%                                   | 43.3%                                     | 46.3%                                     | 76.5%                                     | 52.5%                                     |
| % placed outside NYC   | 7.7%                                    | 0.0%                                    | 0.0%                                    | 3.3%                                      | 7.3%                                      | 0.0%                                      | 0.0%                                      |
| <b>Number of kinship placements</b>                                      | <b>187</b>                              | <b>150</b>                              | <b>160</b>                              | <b>497</b>                                | <b>414</b>                                | <b>544</b>                                | <b>576</b>                                |
| % total placements   | 28.0%                                   | 23.9%                                   | 23.1%                                   | 25.0%                                     | 22.4%                                     | 28.2%                                     | 25.6%                                     |
| % placed in-boro   | 66.8%                                   | 76.7%                                   | 70.5%                                   | 71.0%                                     | 67.3%                                     | 63.6%                                     | 64.1%                                     |
| % placed in-CD   | 25.6%                                   | 28.3%                                   | 27.2%                                   | 26.9%                                     | 34.2%                                     | 23.9%                                     | 28.3%                                     |
| <b>Number of congregate placements</b>                                   | <b>143</b>                              | <b>139</b>                              | <b>156</b>                              | <b>438</b>                                | <b>415</b>                                | <b>344</b>                                | <b>380</b>                                |
| % total placements   | 21.4%                                   | 22.2%                                   | 22.5%                                   | 22.0%                                     | 22.4%                                     | 17.9%                                     | 16.9%                                     |
| % placed in-boro   | 7.8%                                    | 10.8%                                   | 12.3%                                   | 10.4%                                     | 9.6%                                      | 13.9%                                     | 17.0%                                     |
| % placed outside NYC   | 44.1%                                   | 46.8%                                   | 46.8%                                   | 45.9%                                     | 35.4%                                     | 40.4%                                     | 45.0%                                     |

\* "CYTD" refers to running totals for the specified calendar year, through the end of MAR

<sup>1</sup> A regular FBH is a home that is licensed for one or more beds that are not specialized. A regular FBH may also be licensed for specialized beds.

<sup>2</sup> A specialized FBH is a home that is only licensed for beds that are specialized (i.e., special medical, HIV/AIDS, therapeutic or emergency.)

<sup>3</sup> Total placements include children with incomplete address information. The % in-boro and in-CD placements are based only on children with complete address information.

**Indicator 2: Neighborhood-Based Placements, Citywide Summary (cont.)**

The second perspective, shown on this page, looks at intactness of sibling groups placed into foster care. It considers placements of sibling groups that enter care on the same day and are joining other siblings in care; those who enter care with siblings and have no other siblings in care; and children who enter care alone and are joining siblings. The in-CD and in-borough rates are shown for those sibling groups that are fully intact (all siblings in the group are in one facility).

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| <b>Number of placements</b>                                    | <b>669</b>                              | <b>627</b>                              | <b>693</b>                              | <b>1,989</b>                              | <b>1,852</b>                              | <b>1,926</b>                              | <b>2,253</b>                              |
| Only child placements  | 278                                     | 277                                     | 294                                     | 849                                       | 833                                       | 811                                       | 923                                       |
| Number placed with siblings                                    | 391                                     | 350                                     | 399                                     | 1,140                                     | 1,019                                     | 1,115                                     | 1,330                                     |
| <b>Number of sibling groups placed</b>                         | <b>189</b>                              | <b>177</b>                              | <b>199</b>                              | <b>565</b>                                | <b>521</b>                                | <b>509</b>                                | <b>580</b>                                |
| <b>Number of groups placed with no other siblings in care</b>  | <b>109</b>                              | <b>86</b>                               | <b>101</b>                              | <b>296</b>                                | <b>274</b>                                | <b>319</b>                                | <b>388</b>                                |
| % fully intact <sup>5</sup>                                    | 78.0%                                   | 79.1%                                   | 74.3%                                   | 77.0%                                     | 77.0%                                     | 82.8%                                     | 88.7%                                     |
| % placed in-boro   | 61.2%                                   | 73.1%                                   | 70.8%                                   | 67.9%                                     | 59.9%                                     | 63.5%                                     | 64.4%                                     |
| % placed in-CD   | 16.9%                                   | 23.8%                                   | 21.4%                                   | 20.4%                                     | 23.2%                                     | 11.8%                                     | 17.6%                                     |
| % partially intact <sup>6</sup>                                | 15.6%                                   | 19.8%                                   | 21.8%                                   | 18.9%                                     | 14.6%                                     | 13.2%                                     | 8.5%                                      |
| % separated <sup>7</sup>                                       | 6.4%                                    | 1.2%                                    | 4.0%                                    | 4.1%                                      | 8.4%                                      | 4.1%                                      | 2.8%                                      |
| <b>Number of groups placed with other siblings in care</b>     | <b>14</b>                               | <b>15</b>                               | <b>15</b>                               | <b>44</b>                                 | <b>42</b>                                 | <b>48</b>                                 | <b>36</b>                                 |
| % fully intact   | 28.6%                                   | 13.3%                                   | 13.3%                                   | 18.2%                                     | 14.3%                                     | 16.7%                                     | 11.1%                                     |
| % placed in-boro   | 75.0%                                   | 50.0%                                   | 100.0%                                  | 75.0%                                     | 66.7%                                     | 37.5%                                     | 25.0%                                     |
| % placed in-CD   | 50.0%                                   | 0.0%                                    | 100.0%                                  | 42.9%                                     | 20.0%                                     | 0.0%                                      | 0.0%                                      |
| % partially intact   | 71.4%                                   | 80.0%                                   | 73.3%                                   | 75.0%                                     | 76.2%                                     | 81.3%                                     | 86.1%                                     |
| % separated  | 0.0%                                    | 6.7%                                    | 13.3%                                   | 6.8%                                      | 9.5%                                      | 2.1%                                      | 2.8%                                      |
| <b>Number of children placed alone with sibling(s) in care</b> | <b>66</b>                               | <b>76</b>                               | <b>83</b>                               | <b>225</b>                                | <b>205</b>                                | <b>142</b>                                | <b>156</b>                                |
| % fully intact   | 25.8%                                   | 30.3%                                   | 22.9%                                   | 26.2%                                     | 26.8%                                     | 26.1%                                     | 26.3%                                     |
| % placed in-boro   | 50.0%                                   | 60.9%                                   | 47.4%                                   | 53.4%                                     | 53.7%                                     | 73.0%                                     | 62.5%                                     |
| % placed in-CD   | 0.0%                                    | 20.0%                                   | 5.3%                                    | 9.4%                                      | 17.4%                                     | 16.1%                                     | 23.7%                                     |
| % partially intact   | 43.9%                                   | 18.4%                                   | 32.5%                                   | 31.1%                                     | 28.8%                                     | 33.1%                                     | 31.4%                                     |
| % separated  | 30.3%                                   | 51.3%                                   | 44.6%                                   | 42.7%                                     | 44.4%                                     | 40.8%                                     | 42.3%                                     |

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<sup>5</sup> Fully intact refers to sibling groups in which all siblings are placed together in the same foster home or facility.

<sup>6</sup> Partially intact refers to sibling groups of three or more in which some of the siblings are placed in the same foster home or facility and some are not.

<sup>7</sup> Separated refers to sibling groups in which none of the children are placed in the same home or facility.