

Indicator 2 Citywide

Neighborhood-Based Placements

ACS recognizes that placement into foster care is a traumatic experience for all people involved. Every effort is made to minimize the fear and trauma of separation for the child. To this end, ACS has changed its strategy regarding the way it approaches placements into foster care, through the implementation of Neighborhood-Based Services. The Neighborhood-Based model aims to keep children in their neighborhoods, as measured by community districts (CD), allowing them to maintain ties to all that is familiar, thus reducing the trauma of being placed into foster care. ACS is committed to improving its placement rate, aiming for a 75% rate of placing children within their community district.

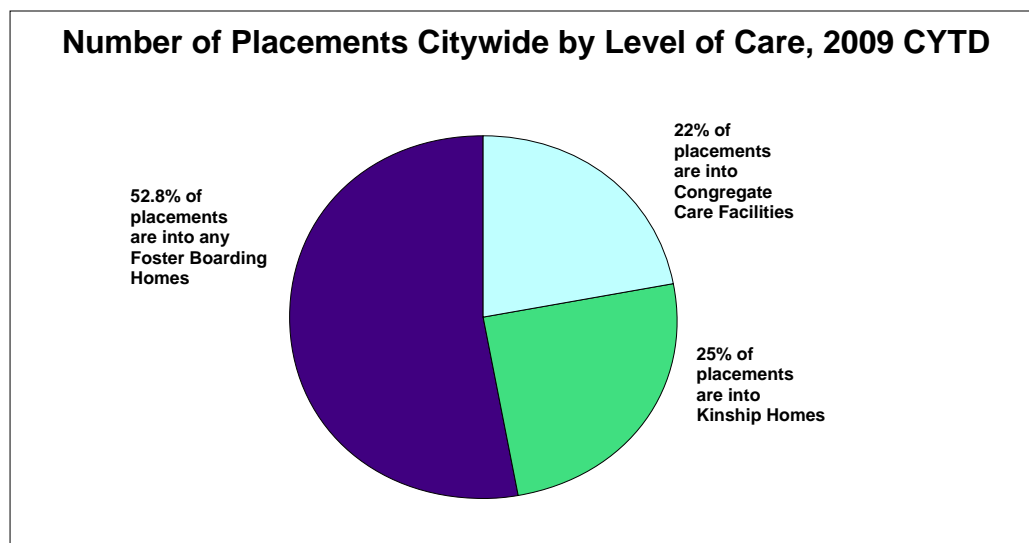
The best measure for this indicator is the percent of regular foster boarding home (FBH) placements that occur in the child's CD of origin.

Currently, the citywide regular FBH in-CD rate is 13.3%.

This performance report focuses on two perspectives: (1) level of care and (2) sibling groups. The **first perspective** considers the rate at which children are placed into their home borough or CD when placed into kinship homes, foster boarding homes, or congregate care.

Definitions used in this measurement:

- **All placements** refer to the number of admissions into foster care from home.
- **% Placed in-boro** refers to the percent of placements into foster care where the child is placed in his/her own home borough.
- **% Placed in-CD** refers to the percent of placements into foster care where the child is placed in his/her home community district (neighborhood).
- **% Placed outside NYC** refers to the percent of placements into foster care where the child is placed outside of NYC.
- **Kinship placements** refer to children placed with relatives up to the third degree.
- **Foster Boarding Home placements (FBH)** refer to children placed in a family residence setting.
- 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.
- A **specialized FBH** is a home that is only licensed for beds that are specialized (i.e., special medical, HIV/AIDS, therapeutic or emergency).
- **Congregate care placements** refer to children placed into a facility such as an agency operated boarding home, a group home, a group residence or an institutional setting.
- **Calendar year-to-date (CYTD)** refers to the time period from January to the most current month on the report.



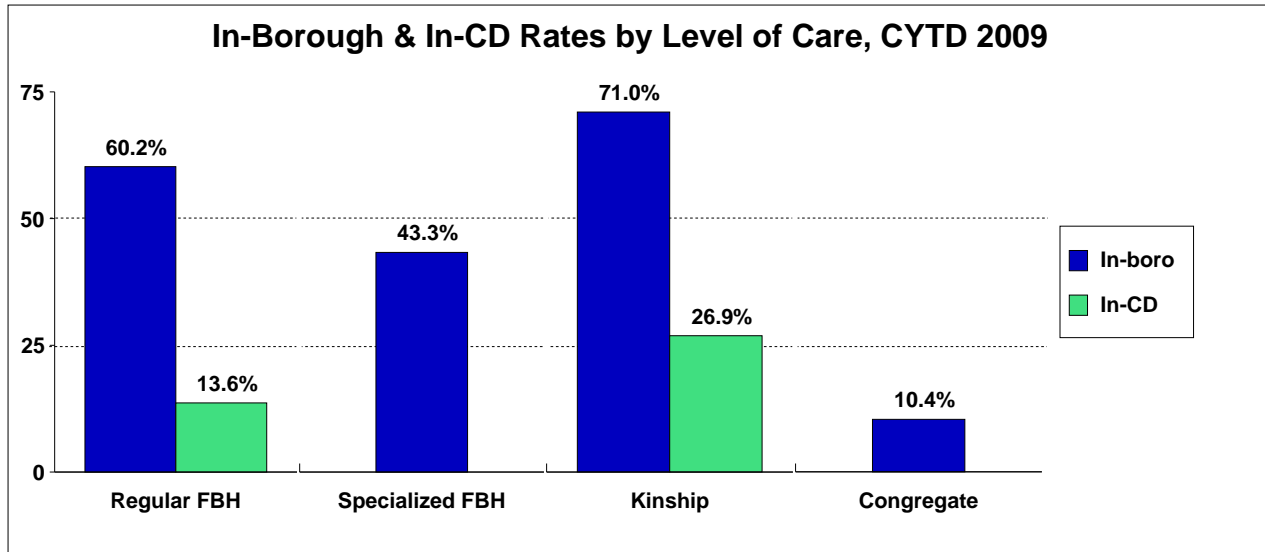
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Summary of Citywide Neighborhood-Based Placements into Foster Care

	JAN 2009	FEB 2009	MAR 2009	CYTD 2009	CYTD 2008
NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS INTO HOMES THAT SUPPORT REGULAR FBH	325	324	366	1,015	961
% total placements	48.6%	51.7%	52.8%	51.0%	51.9%
% placed in-boro	63.2%	62.0%	56.0%	60.2%	53.4%
% placed in-CD	12.5%	15.3%	13.2%	13.6%	11.1%
% placed outside NYC	3.5%	5.0%	4.0%	4.2%	5.1%
NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS INTO HOMES THAT SUPPORT SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS	13	11	6	30	41
% total placements	1.9%	1.8%	0.9%	1.5%	2.2%
% placed in-boro	23.1%	63.6%	50.0%	43.3%	46.3%
% placed outside NYC	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	7.3%
KINSHIP PLACEMENTS	187	150	160	497	414
% total placements	28.0%	23.9%	23.1%	25.0%	22.4%
% placed in-boro	66.8%	76.7%	70.5%	71.0%	67.3%
% placed in-CD	25.6%	28.3%	27.2%	26.9%	34.2%
CONGREGATE CARE PLACEMENTS	143	139	156	438	415
% total placements	21.4%	22.2%	22.5%	22.0%	22.4%
% placed in-boro	7.8%	10.8%	12.3%	10.4%	9.6%
% placed outside NYC	44.1%	46.8%	46.8%	45.9%	35.4%
ALL PLACEMENTS	669	627	693	1,989	1,852
% placed in-boro	51.6%	53.7%	49.0%	51.4%	46.0%
% placed in-CD	13.4%	15.1%	13.5%	14.0%	13.3%
% placed outside NYC	12.4%	13.7%	13.7%	13.3%	11.6%



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The **second perspective** focuses on the experience of a sibling group. ACS emphasizes the importance of placing children with their siblings to maintain family ties. If a child's needs suggest that he/she should be separated from his/her sibling(s), effort is made to place the children close together to help ensure the legally required visitation and communication among them.

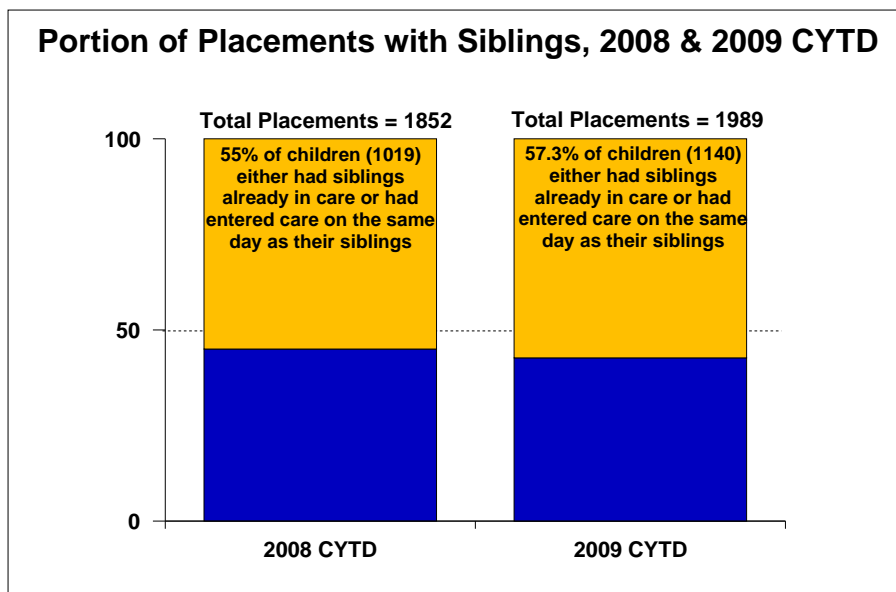
Definitions used in this measurement:

- A group of 2 or more full and/or half-siblings constitutes a **sibling group**.
- **% Fully intact** is the percent of a sibling group placed together in the same foster home or facility.
- **% Partially intact** is the percent of sibling groups with 3 or more children in which some, but not all, of the children are together in the same home or facility.
- **% Separated** is the percent of sibling groups in which all siblings are placed in different homes.
- **Calendar year-to-date (CYTD)** refers to the time period from January to the most current month on the report.
- **% Placed in-boro** is the percent of sibling groups that are placed in their home borough.
- **% Placed in-CD** is the percent of sibling groups that are placed in foster care in their home community district.

Placements Citywide

Month/Year of entry:	JAN 2009	FEB 2009	MAR 2009	2009 CYTD	2008 CYTD
Total Placements	669	627	693	1,989	1,852
Placement of children entering alone who have no sibling(s) already in care	278	277	294	849	833
Placements of children entering with sibling(s) or who already have sibling(s) in care	391	350	399	1,140	1,019
Number of Sibling Groups*	189	177	199	565	521

* In the Placements Citywide table above for MAR 2009, we are looking at 199 sibling groups made up from 399 placements entering with siblings, or who already have siblings in care. Similarly, for CYTD 2009, 565 sibling groups were formed from 1,140 placements entering with siblings or who already have sibling(s) in care.



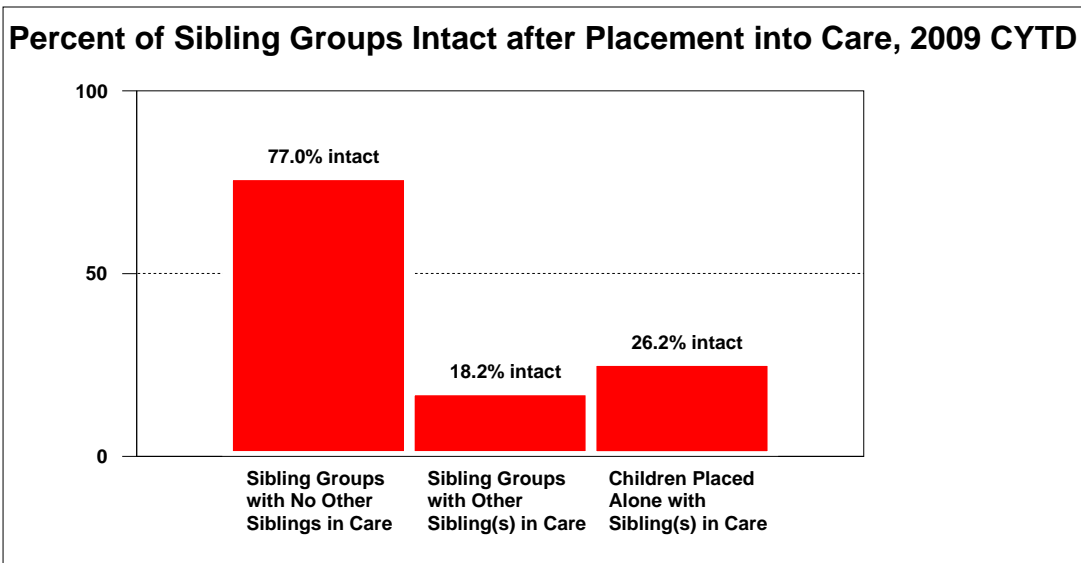
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Number of Sibling Groups	189	177	199	565	521
Sibling Groups Who Have No Other Siblings in Care					
Number of groups placed who have no other siblings in care	109	86	101	296	274
% fully intact	78.0%	79.1%	74.3%	77.0%	77.0%
% placed fully intact in-boro	61.2%	73.1%	70.8%	67.9%	59.9%
% placed fully intact in-CD	16.9%	23.8%	21.4%	20.4%	23.2%
% partially intact	15.6%	19.8%	21.8%	18.9%	14.6%
% separated	6.4%	1.2%	4.0%	4.1%	8.4%
Sibling Groups Who Have Other Siblings in Care					
Number of groups placed who have other siblings in care	14	15	15	44	42
% fully intact	28.6%	13.3%	13.3%	18.2%	14.3%
% placed fully intact in-boro	75.0%	50.0%	100.0%	75.0%	66.7%
% placed fully intact in-CD	50.0%	0.0%	100.0%	42.9%	20.0%
% partially intact	71.4%	80.0%	73.3%	75.0%	76.2%
% separated	0.0%	6.7%	13.3%	6.8%	9.5%
Children Placed Alone Who Have Sibling(s) in Care					
Number of children placed alone who have sibling(s) already in care	66	76	83	225	205
% fully intact	25.8%	30.3%	22.9%	26.2%	26.8%
% placed fully intact in-boro	50.0%	60.9%	47.4%	53.4%	53.7%
% placed fully intact in-CD	0.0%	20.0%	5.3%	9.4%	17.4%
% partially intact	43.9%	18.4%	32.5%	31.1%	28.8%
% separated	30.3%	51.3%	44.6%	42.7%	44.4%



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