

**Outcome 3:****Low Replacements, Citywide Summary**

This outcome provides a measure of the foster care system's success at providing stable placements for children while they are in foster care. In the top section of this report the number of children who were in care at least one day in a given month or calendar year to date and were transferred during that month or year is enumerated. The next section of the report shows the total number of transfers that occurred in a given month or calendar year and focuses on the following five aspects of these transfers: (1) whether they resulted in a move from one agency to another; (2) whether they were the 1st, 2nd or 3rd or more transfer to occur in a given child's spell in foster care; (3) whether they involved a move to or from a kinship placement; (4) whether they involved a move to or from a child's community district (CD) of origin; and (5) whether they affected the intactness of sibling groups in care.

	<u>JAN</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>FEB</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>MAR</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>CYTD*</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>CYTD*</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>CYTD*</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>CYTD*</u> <u>2006</u>
<b>Number of children in care at least one day</b>	<b>17,331</b>	<b>17,343</b>	<b>17,506</b>	<b>18,861</b>	<b>18,860</b>	<b>18,946</b>	<b>18,599</b>
<b>Number transferred</b>	<b>768</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>2,186</b>	<b>2,423</b>
% transferred	4.4%	5.0%	5.3%	11.7%	11.6%	11.5%	13.0%
<b>Number of transfers</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>3,038</b>	<b>3,007</b>	<b>3,339</b>
% intra-agency <sup>2</sup>	88.3%	87.4%	86.1%	87.2%	87.9%	86.7%	81.2%
% inter-agency <sup>3</sup>	11.7%	12.6%	13.9%	12.8%	12.1%	13.3%	18.8%
% 1st transfers in spell	22.0%	27.6%	26.0%	25.3%	28.4%	28.7%	28.4%
% 2nd transfers in spell	16.6%	15.1%	15.8%	15.8%	18.2%	15.9%	16.5%
% 3rd or more transfers in spell	61.4%	57.3%	58.2%	58.8%	53.4%	55.4%	55.1%
<b>Transfers to or from kinship placements</b>							
% transferred to kinship	11.8%	12.5%	11.2%	11.8%	13.3%	12.6%	9.2%
% transferred from kinship	10.6%	9.5%	10.9%	10.3%	9.3%	9.5%	8.6%
<b>Transfers and neighborhood - based placements</b>							
% transferred to CD of origin	5.0%	4.8%	5.6%	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%	5.0%
% transferred from CD of origin	5.8%	6.2%	6.0%	6.0%	4.6%	6.0%	5.7%
<b>Transfers involving siblings</b>							
<b>Number of transfers of siblings that were initially separated<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>128</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>344</b>
% transfers of siblings initially separated to fully intact <sup>5</sup>	10.2%	12.1%	12.4%	11.7%	17.9%	11.8%	9.3%
% transfers of siblings initially separated to partially intact <sup>6</sup>	6.3%	9.8%	12.4%	9.9%	7.6%	4.6%	8.7%
<b>Number of transfers of siblings that were initially partially intact</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>597</b>
% transfers of siblings initially partially intact to fully intact	9.4%	16.3%	10.9%	12.4%	13.5%	13.1%	9.0%
% transfers of siblings initially partially intact to separated	9.4%	4.8%	12.1%	8.7%	6.9%	5.7%	6.4%
<b>Number of transfers of siblings that were initially intact</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>684</b>
% transfers of siblings initially intact to partially intact	19.0%	22.2%	17.2%	19.5%	15.3%	18.0%	14.8%
% transfers of siblings initially intact to separated	13.5%	10.2%	10.6%	11.2%	10.3%	12.0%	11.5%

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

<sup>1</sup> A spell is the time between foster care entry and discharge. A child's first spell is his/her first episode in foster care.

<sup>2</sup> Intra-agency transfer is a transfer in which a child is moved from a facility managed by a given agency to another facility managed by that same agency.

<sup>3</sup> Inter-agency transfer is a transfer in which a child is moved from one agency's facility to a different agency's facility.

<sup>4</sup> Separated refers to sibling groups in which none of the children are placed together in the same home or facility.

<sup>5</sup> Fully intact refers to sibling groups in which all siblings are placed together in the same 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 home or facility and some are not.