

**Outcome 6:****Increase Permanency For Adolescents, Citywide**

This outcome provides measures of the foster care system's success at moving adolescents (children 12 years and older) into permanent homes on a timely basis. This performance report focuses on three perspectives: 1) the status of adolescents placed in annual admissions cohorts;<sup>1</sup> 2) placements of adolescents; and 3) adolescents in care at a given point in time.

The first perspective, shown on this page and the second page of this report, looks at the status of adolescents placed in annual admissions cohorts. The best indicators of success at achieving increased permanency from this perspective are the percent discharged to reunification<sup>2</sup> and the percent discharged to adoption. This page provides information on adolescents admitted to their first spell<sup>3</sup> in foster care and the next page considers cohorts of adolescents in their second or greater spells. For each year the number of adolescents placed in foster care and their age group at time of admission are provided. The remaining indicators in this report consider the status of these cohorts as of a set point in time following the end of each admission year. For those still in care, the most current Permanency Planning Goal (PPG)<sup>4</sup> is provided. For adolescents that have been discharged, information on discharge destination and time in care are provided.

<b>First Foster Care Spell</b>					
<b>Admission Year</b>	<b>CY 2004</b>	<b>CY 2005</b>	<b>CY 2006</b>	<b>CY 2007</b>	<b>CY 2008</b>
<b>Number of adolescents w/1st spell admissions in CY</b>	<b>1,674</b>	<b>1,517</b>	<b>1,846</b>	<b>2,018</b>	<b>1,987</b>
% 12 - 13 at placement	24.3%	21.2%	26.4%	23.2%	23.2%
% 14 - 15 at placement	48.6%	49.4%	44.3%	44.8%	44.1%
% 16 - 17 at placement	26.9%	29.2%	29.2%	31.8%	32.4%
<b>Status as of:</b>	<b>MAR 2005</b>	<b>MAR 2006</b>	<b>MAR 2007</b>	<b>MAR 2008</b>	<b>MAR 2009</b>
<b>Number still in 1st spell</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>1,132</b>	<b>1,126</b>	<b>1,109</b>
% w/ PPG reunification	61.9%	63.7%	74.5%	81.3%	82.0%
% w/ PPG adoption	1.3%	1.1%	1.6%	0.7%	0.8%
% w/ PPG Independent Living	3.0%	2.6%	3.8%	6.2%	7.1%
<b>Number discharged from 1st spell</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>878</b>
% discharged to reunification	70.2%	69.8%	81.8%	78.8%	85.0%
% discharged to adoption	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
% discharged to Independent Living	3.2%	1.7%	2.5%	4.1%	2.8%
% discharged to AWOL	8.2%	10.6%	3.5%	6.2%	3.6%
% discharged to other destinations	18.2%	17.9%	12.2%	10.8%	8.5%
<b>Length of stay as a percent of total admissions</b>					
% discharged w/in 3 months	24.6%	25.9%	21.1%	23.9%	27.3%
% discharged 4 - 6 months	9.9%	6.7%	7.6%	9.1%	9.2%
% discharged 7 - 12 months	7.3%	9.0%	9.0%	11.0%	7.3%
<b>Number 12 - 13 at admission discharged from 1st spell</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>217</b>
% discharged to reunification	83.5%	85.7%	92.3%	90.0%	93.5%
% discharged to adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%
% discharged to Independent Living	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%
% discharged to AWOL	6.3%	4.5%	0.5%	2.1%	1.4%
% discharged to other destinations	9.5%	9.8%	7.1%	7.4%	3.7%
<b>Number 14 - 15 at admission discharged from 1st spell</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>392</b>
% discharged to reunification	67.3%	68.5%	78.3%	78.0%	84.2%
% discharged to adoption	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% discharged to Independent Living	1.4%	0.3%	1.0%	1.0%	0.8%
% discharged to AWOL	8.2%	10.0%	3.9%	7.3%	4.1%
% discharged to other destinations	22.7%	21.2%	16.8%	13.7%	11.0%
<b>Number 16 - 17 at admission discharged from 1st spell</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>266</b>
% discharged to reunification	64.6%	63.2%	78.0%	72.6%	79.3%
% discharged to adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% discharged to Independent Living	8.6%	4.8%	6.7%	11.3%	6.8%
% discharged to AWOL	9.6%	14.8%	5.4%	7.2%	4.9%
% discharged to other destinations	17.2%	17.2%	9.9%	8.9%	9.0%

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<b>Second or Greater Foster Care Spells</b>					
<b>Admission Year</b>	<b>CY 2004</b>	<b>CY 2005</b>	<b>CY 2006</b>	<b>CY 2007</b>	<b>CY 2008</b>
<b>Number of adolescents w/2nd or greater spell admissions in CY</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>892</b>
% 12 - 13 at placement	21.5%	22.7%	25.7%	26.2%	22.6%
% 14 - 15 at placement	47.0%	46.2%	41.9%	39.8%	39.9%
% 16 - 17 at placement	30.5%	30.3%	31.7%	33.1%	36.1%
<b>Status as of :</b>	<b>MAR 2005</b>	<b>MAR 2006</b>	<b>MAR 2007</b>	<b>MAR 2008</b>	<b>MAR 2009</b>
<b>Number still in 2nd or greater spells</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>557</b>
% w/ PPG reunification	71.6%	80.6%	77.4%	78.3%	76.3%
% w/ PPG adoption	1.4%	0.7%	1.5%	2.2%	2.3%
% w/ PPG Independent Living	5.7%	3.1%	5.9%	10.5%	10.8%
<b>Number discharged from 2nd or greater spells</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>335</b>
% discharged to reunification	63.6%	64.9%	73.7%	72.6%	80.9%
% discharged to adoption	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% discharged to Independent Living	3.6%	4.5%	4.4%	6.5%	4.5%
% discharged to AWOL	13.3%	11.1%	4.4%	6.5%	5.1%
% discharged to other destinations	19.2%	19.1%	17.4%	14.4%	9.6%
<b>Length of stay as a percent of total admissions</b>					
% discharged w/in 3 months	22.9%	20.1%	19.6%	16.7%	22.8%
% discharged 4 - 6 months	10.2%	8.7%	7.3%	9.4%	9.2%
% discharged 7 - 12 months	8.7%	9.9%	7.9%	6.4%	5.4%
<b>Number 12 - 13 at admission discharged from 2nd or greater spells</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>68</b>
% discharged to reunification	77.6%	78.4%	91.9%	92.0%	95.6%
% discharged to adoption	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% discharged to Independent Living	0.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% discharged to AWOL	6.1%	11.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% discharged to other destinations	16.3%	5.9%	8.1%	8.0%	4.4%
<b>Number 14 - 15 at admission discharged from 2nd or greater spells</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>145</b>
% discharged to reunification	65.4%	71.3%	70.8%	77.3%	80.7%
% discharged to adoption	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% discharged to Independent Living	0.0%	0.0%	3.1%	2.5%	2.1%
% discharged to AWOL	11.0%	7.8%	4.6%	4.2%	4.8%
% discharged to other destinations	23.1%	20.9%	21.5%	16.0%	12.4%
<b>Number 16 - 17 at admission discharged from 2nd or greater spells</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>119</b>
% discharged to reunification	57.3%	52.9%	64.4%	56.0%	74.8%
% discharged to adoption	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% discharged to Independent Living	8.1%	9.6%	9.2%	15.4%	7.6%
% discharged to AWOL	20.2%	14.4%	8.0%	13.2%	8.4%
% discharged to other destinations	14.5%	23.1%	18.4%	15.4%	9.2%

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The second perspective presents the number of placements of adolescents who were 12-13 years old, 14-15 years old and 16-17 years old when they entered foster care. It also provides the level of care of these placements and the percent that were second or greater spell. The best indicator of success from this perspective is the percent of adolescents placed in family settings (i.e. kinship and foster boarding homes).

<b>Placements</b>	<b><u>JAN</u> <u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>FEB</u> <u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>MAR</u> <u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>CYTD*</u> <u>2009</u></b>	<b><u>CYTD*</u> <u>2008</u></b>	<b><u>CYTD*</u> <u>2007</u></b>	<b><u>CYTD*</u> <u>2006</u></b>
<b>All 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>
<b>% of all placements that are adolescents</b>	<b>38.7%</b>	<b>36.0%</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>37.5%</b>	<b>40.5%</b>	<b>37.3%</b>	<b>32.4%</b>
<b>Number of adolescent placements</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>731</b>
% adolescents placed that were 12 -13	19.3%	25.2%	26.2%	23.5%	27.3%	27.0%	26.0%
<b>Number of placements of adolescents 12-13</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>190</b>
% kin	30.0%	19.3%	25.0%	24.6%	24.4%	26.8%	21.1%
% FBH	30.0%	38.6%	41.2%	37.1%	49.3%	51.0%	51.6%
% congregate	40.0%	42.1%	32.4%	37.7%	25.9%	22.2%	27.4%
% 2nd or greater spell	28.0%	24.6%	29.4%	27.4%	28.3%	26.8%	25.3%
% adolescents placed that were 14-15	45.9%	38.5%	43.1%	42.7%	40.7%	40.7%	42.5%
<b>Number of placements of adolescents 14-15</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>311</b>
% kin	16.0%	8.0%	13.4%	12.9%	11.8%	19.2%	11.3%
% FBH	27.7%	21.8%	23.2%	24.5%	26.2%	32.5%	35.4%
% congregate	56.3%	70.1%	63.4%	62.6%	62.0%	48.3%	52.7%
% 2nd or greater spell	21.8%	28.7%	30.4%	26.7%	29.2%	27.4%	28.6%
% adolescents placed that were 16-17	34.4%	35.0%	30.8%	33.3%	31.6%	32.0%	31.2%
<b>Number of placements of adolescents 16-17</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>228</b>
% kin	16.9%	12.7%	6.3%	12.1%	8.9%	18.3%	8.8%
% FBH	22.5%	24.1%	21.3%	22.6%	24.5%	23.5%	33.3%
% congregate	59.6%	62.0%	71.3%	64.1%	66.7%	57.8%	57.5%
% 2nd or greater spell	37.1%	32.9%	41.3%	37.1%	32.9%	28.3%	29.8%

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

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The third perspective presents the number of adolescents, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17 and greater than 17 years old in care at a specified point in time. The counts shown are of the last day of each month listed. The most recent Permanency Planning Goals (PPGs) for the adolescents in care are also provided in this section. The critical indicator from this perspective is the percent in care with adoption and reunification PPGs.

In care on last day of month	<u>JAN</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>FEB</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>MAR</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>MAR</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>MAR</u> <u>2008</u>	<u>MAR</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>MAR</u> <u>2006</u>
<b>Number of adolescents in care</b>	<b>8,410</b>	<b>8,493</b>	<b>8,579</b>	<b>8,579</b>	<b>8,272</b>	<b>8,423</b>	<b>8,589</b>
<b>% In care that are adolescents</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>46.6%</b>	<b>46.6%</b>	<b>46.6%</b>	<b>46.8%</b>	<b>47.2%</b>	<b>49.0%</b>
% adolescents 12-13 in care	16.6%	16.4%	16.4%	16.4%	18.3%	18.5%	18.4%
<b>Number of adolescents 12-13 in care</b>	<b>1,399</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>1,407</b>	<b>1,514</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>1,581</b>
% PPG reunification	57.5%	56.8%	56.3%	56.3%	56.3%	52.2%	49.7%
% PPG adoption	34.9%	35.2%	35.3%	35.3%	34.9%	39.7%	43.9%
% PPG Independent Living	1.4%	1.3%	1.1%	1.1%	0.9%	0.4%	1.0%
% adolescents 14-15 in care	23.6%	23.4%	23.5%	23.5%	24.2%	25.3%	26.2%
<b>Number of adolescents 14-15 in care</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>2,015</b>	<b>2,015</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>2,134</b>	<b>2,249</b>
% PPG reunification	57.2%	58.6%	58.5%	58.5%	56.3%	54.5%	53.0%
% PPG adoption	24.0%	23.5%	23.2%	23.2%	25.3%	26.9%	30.6%
% PPG Independent Living	7.9%	7.4%	7.3%	7.3%	6.3%	4.4%	3.8%
% adolescents 16-17 in care	31.5%	31.8%	31.6%	31.6%	30.5%	30.6%	30.1%
<b>Number of adolescents 16-17 in care</b>	<b>2,653</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>2,707</b>	<b>2,707</b>	<b>2,521</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>2,581</b>
% PPG reunification	51.8%	51.7%	52.6%	52.6%	52.4%	51.9%	48.1%
% PPG adoption	13.2%	13.3%	13.2%	13.2%	16.4%	20.1%	21.0%
% PPG Independent Living	23.7%	23.9%	23.8%	23.8%	21.4%	14.6%	16.8%
% adolescents > 17 in care	28.2%	28.4%	28.6%	28.6%	27.1%	25.6%	25.4%
<b>Number of adolescents &gt; 17 in care</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>2,412</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>2,238</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>2,178</b>
% PPG reunification	19.7%	18.9%	19.1%	19.1%	22.8%	27.0%	23.1%
% PPG adoption	6.2%	6.1%	5.8%	5.8%	7.5%	9.8%	8.7%
% PPG Independent Living	65.6%	66.6%	66.9%	66.9%	60.9%	55.4%	62.0%

<sup>1</sup> Annual adolescent admission cohort refers to the group of adolescents, 12 years and older at the time of placement, placed in foster care in a given year.

<sup>2</sup> Reunification is defined as discharge to parent, relative or primary resource person.

<sup>3</sup> A spell is the time between foster care entry and discharge. A child's 1st spell is her/his 1st episode in foster care. Subsequent episodes in foster care are 2nd or greater spells.

<sup>4</sup> Permanency Planning Goal (PPG) refers to a goal that must be specified for every child in foster care at all times.