

New York City Administration for Children’s Services
Office of Agency Accountability/Accountability and Audit Unit
2026 Placement Change Notification Audit of Calendar Year 2025
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Scope: As a result of the addition of section 21-925 to Chapter 9 of title 21 of the administrative code of the city of New York¹, NYC Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) is required to submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and to post conspicuously on the ACS website, a report for the immediately preceding year of an audit of 100 notices of an anticipated change in foster care placement of a child. Each placement change is to be assessed to determine if a notice was sent, the timeframe in which it was sent, who received such notice, and whether the notice contained the required information.

Case Selection: On June 3, 2025 and October 3, 2025 the Division of Policy, Planning, and Measurement (DPPM) provided the Accountability and Audit Unit (AAU) with a list of foster care placement changes that took place during calendar year 2025. AAU reviewed a random sample of 100 foster care placement changes on the list.

¹ [New York City Council File # INT 0081-2024](#)

Table A:

Number of Instances in which a Placement Change Notification was required, but such notice was not provided to the appropriate parties:

Notification Sent		No parties were notified	Total
42			
All ² parties were notified	At least one party was notified, but not all	58	100
26	16		

Table B:

Number of Placement Change Notifications provided, disaggregated by missing recipients³:

Recipient	Notification Sent	Notification Not Sent	Not Applicable ⁴
Child's attorney	42	0	0
Parent/Caretaker's attorney	36	2	4
The Court	26	16	0

² AAU considered all parties notified if there was evidence that the parent/caretaker's attorney, the child's attorney, and the court were notified.

³ The data in Table B reflects both the notifications sent in which all required parties were notified as well as the notifications sent in which at least one required party was notified.

⁴ In 4 placement changes, the Parent/Caretaker's Attorney did not need to be notified as the child had been freed for adoption or the parent's whereabouts were unknown and they had not been assigned counsel.

Table C:

Number of Placement Change Notifications provided, disaggregated by the number of days before or after placement:

Recipient	More than 24 hours preceding the placement	Within 24 hours preceding the placement	Within 24 hours after placement	More than 24 hours after placement	Total
Child's attorney	1	2	16	23	42
Parent/Caretaker's attorney	2	3	13	18	36
The Court	0	0	5	21	26

Table D:

Number of Placement Change Notifications provided where all required information was included:

All information provided	Some information provided	Documentation Unclear	Total
39 ⁵	2	1 ⁶	42

⁵ AAU considered all required information was provided if the notification included the date of the placement change, the foster care agency, the foster care agency contact information, and the ACS attorney contact information.

⁶ In this one notification, AAU observed a progress note in Connections (CNNX) from the foster care agency case planner noting that an email was sent to the child's attorney and the child's care team to inform them that the child was moved to the new foster home the previous night. The actual email was not documented and as a result it is unclear if all required information was provided.

Table E:

Number of Placement Change Notifications, disaggregated by category of missing information:

Information Required	Included	Not Included	Inclusion Unconfirmed
Date of Placement Change	41	1	0
Foster Care Agency	41	0	1
Foster Care Agency Contact Information	40	1	1
ACS Attorney Contact Information	41	0	1