

CHILD WELFARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE PERIOD OF

APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES

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ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

DIVISION OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

Arizona Revised Statute §8-526, as amended by Laws 1999, Chapter 37 requires the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) to compile information semi-annually and produce a report for the periods ending on March 31st and September 30th of each year regarding the Child Welfare Service Program, including Child Protective Services (CPS). This semi-annual report, submitted in satisfaction of that mandate, is for the period of April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000. It provides information about child abuse and neglect reports, investigations, substantiated investigations, type of services provided, shelter and foster home services, visitation compliance, children in out-of-home care, length of time in care, reason children have left care, children placed for adoption and Child Protective Services staff.

During this reporting period, Child Protective Services Central Intake received 16,047 reports of child abuse, neglect and abandonment. Of these reports, 101 were within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions. The Department responded to 100% of the remaining 15,946 reports. This response rate has been maintained by the Division since January, 1998. During the reporting period, an additional 8,550 communications were received by Child Protective Services Central Intake that did not meet the criteria of a report.

During the reporting period, there were 1,789 substantiated findings of abuse or neglect. In-home services were received in 852 of these cases, out-of-home services were received in 770 of these cases, and 929 of these cases were closed after investigation because the children were not found to be at imminent risk of abuse. For those cases closed after investigation, the families may have received short-term support services through DES or through referrals to community agencies. These services may include, but are not limited to, child care, parent aide, parenting classes, substance abuse and mental health services.

On September 30, 2000, there were 6,612 children in out-of-home care in Arizona. Of the total number of children in out-of-home care, there were 1,735 children placed with relatives. One thousand nine hundred thirty-three (1,933) children of the 6,612 in out-of-home care had a case plan goal of adoption, and 1,358 of the children with a case plan goal of adoption were placed in an adoptive home but the adoption had not yet been finalized. Two thousand five hundred forty-two (2,542) children had a case plan goal of "Return to Family". Three thousand eight hundred eighty-three (3,883 or 59%) of the total number of children had been in out-of-home care for less than two years. For children who had been in out-of-home care longer than two years, each had a case plan goal developed to lead to permanency.

At the end of the reporting period, 2,799 children were in family foster home settings. There were 1,810 licensed foster homes this reporting period. The most common reasons for foster home closure was due to the adoption of the foster child by the foster family. There were vacancies within these foster homes because not all of the spaces could be matched to the children needing

foster home placements. There are many reasons why a child may not be able to use a particular foster home, including the abilities and preferences of the foster family, the need to place the child near his or her family of origin for reunification purposes, and other special placement needs of the child.

A.R.S. §8-516 requires supervision of foster care providers. Visitation must be done by a foster home licensing case manager once a month for receiving foster homes, and once every three months (quarterly) for regular and special foster homes. The required visitation was received by 1,568 (87%) of 1,810 foster homes this reporting period.

A.R.S. §8-516 also requires supervision of children in foster care. During this reporting period, 6,612 children in out-of-home care required visitation by their Child Protective Services case manager. Visitation was accurately documented for 4,346 (66%) of these children.

During the reporting period, 2,598 children left the care, custody and control of DES. The following are the reasons and the number of children who left care: 1,773 of the children were reunified with their parents or primary caretaker, 234 of the children reached the age of majority, 23 children left due to a legal guardianship being established, 128 of the children were placed with other relatives, 11 of the children left due to continued runaway behavior and the Department's inability to locate these children, 2 of the children died of natural causes. CPS cannot close a case of a child who is a ward of the court without approval from the Court for case dismissal. In addition, there were 427 children with finalized adoptions, which is an increase of 24 or 6% over the prior period.

CHILD WELFARE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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|---|--|
| r Child Protective Services reports | [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(1)]; |
| r Child Protective Services reports responded to | [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(2), (A)(3)]; |
| r Child Protective Services case closures | [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(4)(a)(b)(c)]; |
| r Child Protective Services direct service staff | [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(5)]; |
| r Children in shelter or receiving homes | [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(6)]; |
| r Foster home availability and activity | [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(7-10)]; |
| r Length of time in foster care | [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(11)]; |
| r Case manager visitation compliance | [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(12)]; |
| r Children leaving custody | [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(13)](a)(b)(c)(d)]; |
| r Adoptive services | [A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(14-16)](a)b)(c)(d)(e)]. |

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(1)

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED, BY MAJOR CATEGORY AND BY RISK LEVEL. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF SOME OF THOSE INCOMING COMMUNICATIONS DETERMINED NOT TO MEET THE CRITERIA OF A REPORT AS CHOSEN BY A RANDOM SAMPLE.

The categories of “child abuse or neglect” are defined in A.R.S. §8-201 and A.R.S. §13-3623(A). These definitions provide the major categories in this report.

Between April 1, 2000 and September 30, 2000, there were 16,047 incoming communications to the Child Abuse Hotline which met the criteria of a report of abuse or neglect. Of these, 101 were within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions. This compares to 16,301 incoming communications received during the last reporting period which met the criteria of a report of abuse or neglect.

As illustrated in *Chart 1*, the period covering April 2000 through September 2000 shows 9,441 or 59% of the 16,047 reports of maltreatment were related to allegations of neglect, 5,311 or 33% of the reports were related to allegations of physical abuse, 943 or 6% of the reports were related to allegations of sexual abuse, and 352 or 2% of the reports were related to allegations of emotional abuse.

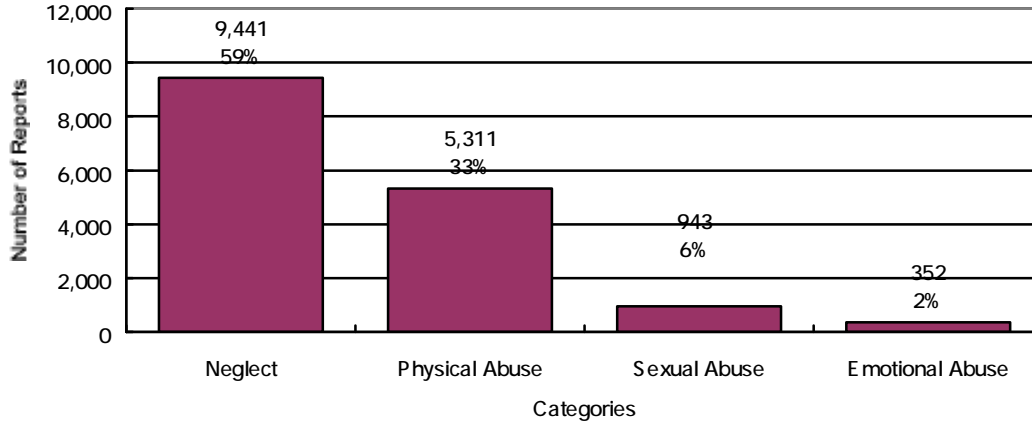
As illustrated in *Chart 1A*, the period covering October 1999 through March 2000 shows 9,250 or 57% of the 16,301 reports of maltreatment were related to allegations of neglect, 5,747 or 35% of the reports were related to allegations of physical abuse, 916 or 6% of the reports were related to allegations of sexual abuse, and 388 or 2% of the reports were related to allegations of emotional abuse.

Chart 2 provides the number of reports received by report risk level for the April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000 reporting period. Based on the type of maltreatment a risk level is assigned to reports of alleged abuse.

In addition to the 16,047 reports presented in *Chart 1*, the Child Abuse Hotline received 8,550 communications that did not meet the statutory criteria of a report of maltreatment. A random sample of these communications is contained in *Chart 3*.

Chart 1

NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY MAJOR CATEGORY FOR PERIOD APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

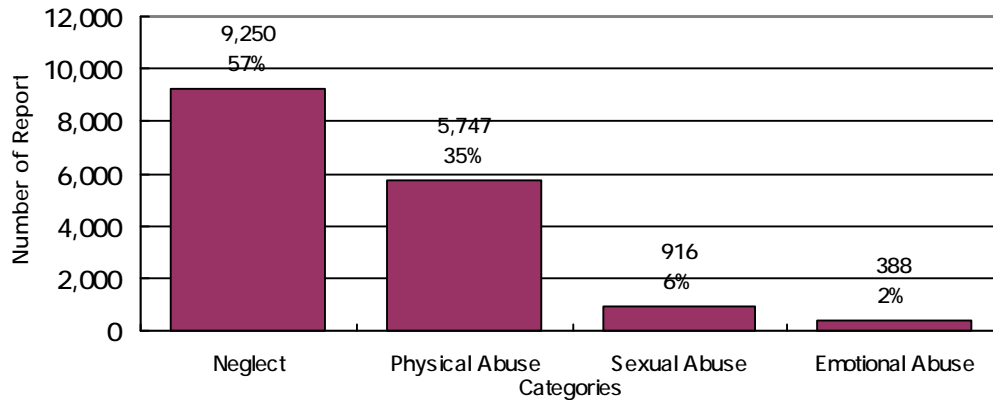


N= 16,047

*Reports that are categorized as No Jurisdiction are included in the total for reports received .

Chart 1A

NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY MAJOR CATEGORY FOR PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 1999 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2000

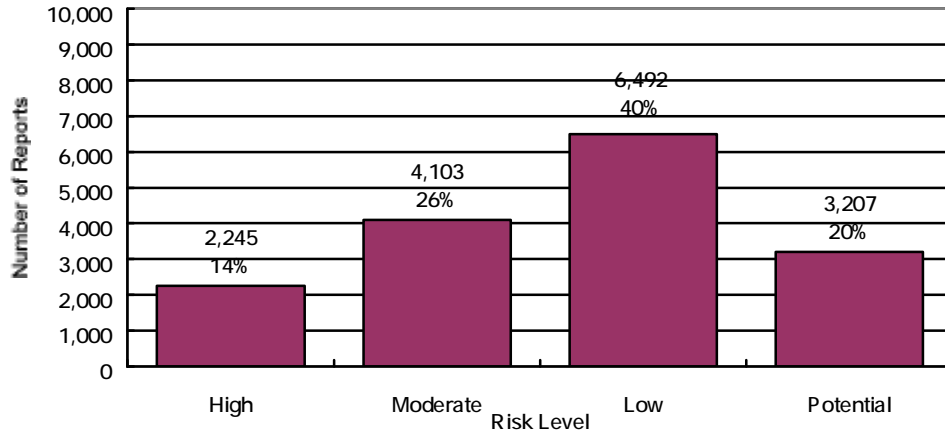


N= 16,301

*Reports that are categorized as No Jurisdiction are included in the total for reports received .

Chart 2

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RISK LEVEL FOR THE PERIOD
APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

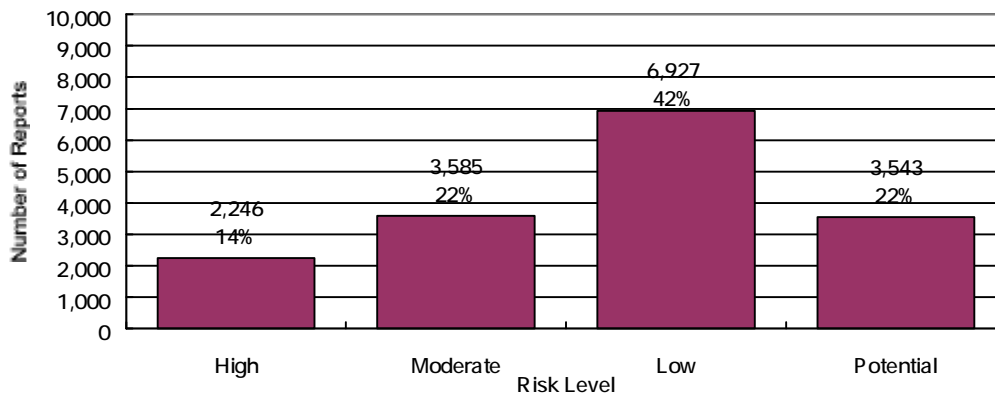


N=16,047

*Reports that are categorized as No Jurisdiction are included in the total for reports received.

Chart 2A¹

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RECEIVED BY RISK LEVEL FOR THE PERIOD
OCTOBER 1, 1999 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2000**



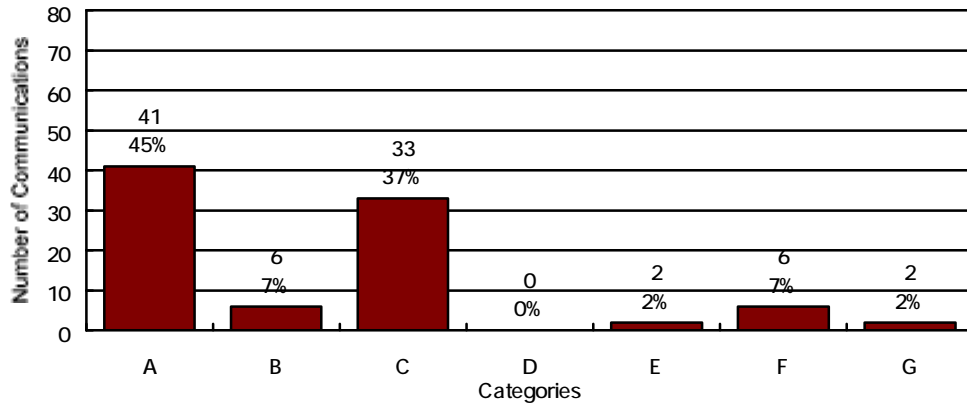
N= 16,301

*Reports that are categorized as No Jurisdiction are included in the total for reports received.

¹ On October 15, 1999 the CPS priority system was changed to a response system. Priority 1= High Risk, Priority 2 = Moderate Risk, Priority 3 = Low Risk, and Priority 4 = Potential Risk.

Chart 3

SAMPLE OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE THAT DO NOT MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS OF A REPORT OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT



N=90

- A = Concern Only/No Allegation of Child Abuse or Neglect**
- B = Out of CPS Jurisdiction**
- C = Call Appropriate for Law Enforcement Jurisdiction²**
- D = Non-Caretaker Neglect/Child No Longer at Risk**
- E = Insufficient Information**
- F = Truancy/Custody Issues**
- G = Current Case Questions or Referrals**

All communications that do not meet the statutory requirements for a field investigation of abuse or neglect are reviewed within forty-eight (48) hours by DES Quality Assurance staff.

² The category "Call Appropriate for Law Enforcement" refers to a situation where the alleged perpetrator is not a parent or primary caretaker and the allegations, if true, would constitute a crime.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS
A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(2)**

THE NUMBER OF REPORTS NOT RESPONDED TO BY RISK LEVEL, BY COUNTY, AND STATEWIDE. THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF SOME OF THESE CASES CHOSEN BY RANDOM SAMPLE.

On January 1, 1998, the Department implemented the Family Builders Program, a community-based program operating in Maricopa and Pima counties, designed to provide services to families who are the subject of selected low risk and potential risk reports. On October 4, 1999, Yavapai, Coconino, Navajo, and Apache counties implemented the Family Builders program. On November 17, 1999 Graham, Greenlee, Cochise, and Santa Cruz counties implemented the Family Builders program. Of the 15,946³ reports deemed appropriate for investigation, CPS assigned 12,233 reports to CPS Specialists for an investigation. The Department referred 3,713 reports to Family Builders for response, which resulted in a combined response rate of 100% for the reporting period. One hundred-one reports were within the jurisdiction of the military or tribal governments and were referred to those jurisdictions for investigation.

³ One hundred-one reports falling within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments are excluded from this number.

**CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS (Cont.)
A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(3)**

THE NUMBER OF REPORTS RESPONDED TO BY RISK LEVEL, BY MAJOR CATEGORY, BY COUNTY, AND STATEWIDE.

As shown in *Tables 1 and 1A*, and *Tables 2 and 2A* by report risk level, between April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000, there were 12,233 CPS investigations, and 3,713 reports referred to Family Builders for 15,946 total responses⁴.

Table 1

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RESPONDED TO BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

| COUNTY | HIGH | MODERATE | LOW | POTENTIAL | TOTAL | % OF TOTAL |
|------------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|--------|------------|
| APACHE | 19 | 23 | 23 | 13 | 78 | <1% |
| COCHISE | 89 | 106 | 177 | 113 | 485 | 3% |
| COCONINO | 91 | 115 | 210 | 28 | 444 | 3% |
| GILA | 56 | 113 | 194 | 93 | 456 | 3% |
| GRAHAM | 19 | 23 | 50 | 14 | 106 | 1% |
| GREENLEE | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 10 | <1% |
| LA PAZ | 7 | 12 | 32 | 9 | 60 | <1% |
| MARICOPA | 1,337 | 2,385 | 3,543 | 1,804 | 9,069 | 57% |
| MOHAVE | 66 | 147 | 272 | 120 | 605 | 4% |
| NAVAJO | 31 | 34 | 80 | 9 | 154 | 1% |
| PIMA | 319 | 744 | 1,261 | 587 | 2,911 | 18% |
| PINAL | 59 | 139 | 193 | 80 | 471 | 3% |
| SANTA CRUZ | 19 | 10 | 37 | 3 | 69 | <1% |
| YAVAPAI | 76 | 134 | 241 | 262 | 713 | 4% |
| YUMA | 56 | 114 | 174 | 72 | 416 | 3% |
| STATEWIDE | 2,245 | 4,103 | 6,492 | 3,207 | 16,047 | 100% |
| % OF TOTAL | 14% | 26% | 40% | 20% | 100% | |

⁴ One hundred-one reports falling within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments were referred to those jurisdictions for investigation and were excluded from the calculation of the investigation rate, but are included in Table 1.

Table 1A⁵

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RESPONDED TO BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY
FOR PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1999 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2000**

| COUNTY | HIGH | MODERATE | LOW | POTENTIAL | TOTAL | % OF TOTAL |
|------------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|--------|------------|
| APACHE | 10 | 17 | 32 | 10 | 69 | <1% |
| COCHISE | 82 | 99 | 218 | 154 | 553 | 3% |
| COCONINO | 103 | 124 | 245 | 46 | 518 | 3% |
| GILA | 60 | 80 | 180 | 89 | 409 | 3% |
| GRAHAM | 11 | 18 | 35 | 13 | 77 | <1% |
| GREENLEE | 6 | 13 | 7 | 3 | 29 | <1% |
| LA PAZ | 10 | 11 | 18 | 14 | 53 | <1% |
| MARICOPA | 1,320 | 2,071 | 3,892 | 1,910 | 9,193 | 56% |
| MOHAVE | 64 | 118 | 219 | 134 | 535 | 3% |
| NAVAJO | 41 | 25 | 61 | 16 | 143 | 1% |
| PIMA | 320 | 668 | 1,350 | 673 | 3,011 | 19% |
| PINAL | 52 | 115 | 212 | 83 | 462 | 3% |
| SANTA CRUZ | 24 | 15 | 31 | 2 | 72 | <1% |
| YAVAPAI | 71 | 120 | 266 | 315 | 772 | 5% |
| YUMA | 72 | 91 | 161 | 81 | 405 | 3% |
| STATEWIDE | 2,246 | 3,585 | 6,927 | 3,543 | 16,301 | 100% |
| % OF TOTAL | 14% | 22% | 42% | 22% | 100% | |

⁵ On October 15, 1999 the CPS priority system was changed to a response system. Priority 1= High Risk, Priority 2 = Moderate Risk, Priority 3 = Low Risk, and Priority 4 = Potential Risk. In addition ninety-six reports falling within the jurisdiction of military or tribal governments were referred to those jurisdictions for investigation and were excluded from the calculation of the investigation rate, but are included in Table 1A.

Table 2⁶

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RESPONDED TO BY MAJOR CATEGORY AND COUNTY
FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

| COUNTY | EMOTIONAL ABUSE | NEGLECT | PHYSICAL ABUSE | SEXUAL ABUSE | TOTAL | % OF TOTAL |
|------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|--------------|--------|------------|
| APACHE | 3 | 50 | 20 | 5 | 78 | <1% |
| COCHISE | 13 | 285 | 168 | 19 | 485 | 3% |
| COCONINO | 19 | 264 | 125 | 36 | 444 | 3% |
| GILA | 8 | 270 | 143 | 35 | 456 | 3% |
| GRAHAM | 2 | 70 | 25 | 9 | 106 | 1% |
| GREENLEE | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 10 | <1% |
| LA PAZ | 2 | 35 | 20 | 3 | 60 | <1% |
| MARICOPA | 173 | 5,341 | 3,026 | 529 | 9,069 | 57% |
| MOHAVE | 15 | 346 | 204 | 40 | 605 | 4% |
| NAVAJO | 4 | 95 | 44 | 11 | 154 | 1% |
| PIMA | 74 | 1,717 | 958 | 162 | 2,911 | 18% |
| PINAL | 14 | 298 | 132 | 27 | 471 | 3% |
| SANTA CRUZ | 1 | 40 | 28 | 0 | 69 | <1% |
| YAVAPAI | 12 | 389 | 270 | 42 | 713 | 4% |
| YUMA | 12 | 239 | 144 | 21 | 416 | 3% |
| STATEWIDE | 352 | 9,441 | 5,311 | 943 | 16,047 | 100% |
| % OF TOTAL | 2% | 59% | 33% | 6% | 100% | |

Table 2A⁷

**NUMBER OF REPORTS RESPONDED TO BY MAJOR CATEGORY AND COUNTY
FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 1999 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2000**

| COUNTY | EMOTIONAL ABUSE | NEGLECT | PHYSICAL ABUSE | SEXUAL ABUSE | TOTAL | % OF TOTAL |
|------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|--------------|--------|------------|
| APACHE | 2 | 40 | 20 | 7 | 69 | <1% |
| COCHISE | 23 | 326 | 176 | 28 | 553 | 3% |
| COCONINO | 21 | 300 | 161 | 36 | 518 | 3% |
| GILA | 17 | 247 | 122 | 23 | 409 | 2% |
| GRAHAM | 1 | 49 | 21 | 6 | 77 | <1% |
| GREENLEE | 0 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 29 | <1% |
| LA PAZ | 0 | 30 | 19 | 4 | 53 | <1% |
| MARICOPA | 186 | 5,222 | 3,270 | 515 | 9,193 | 57% |
| MOHAVE | 13 | 285 | 207 | 30 | 535 | 3% |
| NAVAJO | 2 | 91 | 46 | 4 | 143 | 1% |
| PIMA | 81 | 1,671 | 1,101 | 158 | 3,011 | 19% |
| PINAL | 12 | 263 | 156 | 31 | 462 | 3% |
| SANTA CRUZ | 1 | 40 | 26 | 5 | 72 | <1% |
| YAVAPAI | 19 | 423 | 298 | 32 | 772 | 5% |
| YUMA | 10 | 254 | 113 | 28 | 405 | 2% |
| STATEWIDE | 388 | 9,250 | 5,747 | 916 | 16,301 | 100% |
| % OF TOTAL | 2% | 57% | 35% | 6% | 100% | |

⁶ One hundred-one reports were classified as no jurisdiction and are included in Table 2.

⁷ Ninety-six reports were classified as no jurisdiction and are included in Table 2A.

SUBSTANTIATED AFTER INVESTIGATION FINDINGS
A.R.S. §8-526(A)(4)(a)(b)(c)

THE NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH A SUBSTANTIATED FINDING AFTER INVESTIGATION, BY RISK LEVEL, BY COUNTY, AND STATEWIDE THAT RESULTED IN:

- (a) THE CASE BEING CLOSED AFTER AN INVESTIGATION.**
- (b) IN-HOME SERVICES BEING PROVIDED AFTER AN INVESTIGATION.**
- (c) OUT-OF-HOME SERVICES BEING PROVIDED AFTER AN INVESTIGATION.**

During the reporting period 10,970 reports were investigated and subject to substantiation, with 1,789 or 16% of the reports resulting in a substantiated finding of child abuse or neglect.⁸ This compares to a revised substantiation rate from 14% to 21%, or 2,275 reports, for the period of October 1999 through March 2000.

The substantiation rate is revised to take into account the increase in substantiated reports that have cleared the appeals process, as well as the change in the substantiation methodology. The new substantiation methodology is calculated by dividing the number of substantiated reports by the total number of reports. Reports categorized as “potential”, reports referred to the Family Builders program and reports in the “no jurisdiction” category are not calculated into the substantiation rate.

Since the appeals process delays the substantiation of reports, revisions to the substantiation rate for the prior reporting period will occur with every semi-annual report produced. Therefore, the 16% substantiation rate for this period will be revised in the next report.

⁸ As of January 25, 1999 the Department does not substantiate potential risk reports.

Table 3⁹

**NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS IN
WHICH THE CASE WAS CLOSED AFTER INVESTIGATION
BY RISK LEVEL AND COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

| COUNTY | HIGH | MODERATE | LOW | POTENTIAL | TOTAL | % OF TOTAL |
|------------|------|----------|-----|-----------|-------|------------|
| APACHE | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | <1% |
| COCHISE | 19 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 39 | 4% |
| COCONINO | 3 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 1% |
| GILA | 6 | 11 | 18 | 0 | 35 | 4% |
| GRAHAM | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | <1% |
| GREENLEE | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | <1% |
| LA PAZ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | <1% |
| MARICOPA | 117 | 308 | 165 | 0 | 590 | 64% |
| MOHAVE | 1 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 11 | 1% |
| NAVAJO | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 1% |
| PIMA | 41 | 73 | 54 | 0 | 168 | 18% |
| PINAL | 8 | 18 | 5 | 0 | 31 | 3% |
| SANTA CRUZ | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 1% |
| YAVAPAI | 2 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 11 | 1% |
| YUMA | 3 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 16 | 2% |
| STATEWIDE | 210 | 432 | 287 | 0 | 929 | 100% |
| % OF TOTAL | 23% | 46% | 31% | 0% | 100% | |

Of the reports with substantiated findings that were closed after investigation, one or more of the following actions took place: the parent(s) refused services¹⁰; appropriate referrals to community providers were made; or short-term services, such as child care, parent aide, parenting classes, substance abuse treatment or mental health services, were provided. The report risk level is determined by the highest risk level allegation in a report, in which at least one allegation is substantiated. However, this does not necessarily reflect the risk level of the substantiated allegation.

⁹ The reports in Tables 3 through 5 are not mutually exclusive. The reports may simultaneously receive in-home services, out-of-home services, as well as services through the community.

¹⁰ A.R.S. §8-803 provides that the Department has “no legal authority to compel the family to cooperate with the investigation or to receive protective services offered pursuant to the investigation.”

Table 4

**NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS AFTER
INVESTIGATION IN WHICH IN-HOME SERVICES WERE PROVIDED
BY RISK LEVEL AND BY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

| COUNTY | HIGH | MODERATE | LOW | POTENTIAL | TOTAL | % OF TOTAL |
|------------|------|----------|-----|-----------|-------|------------|
| APACHE | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1% |
| COCHISE | 23 | 18 | 20 | 0 | 61 | 7% |
| COCONINO | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 1% |
| GILA | 15 | 9 | 11 | 0 | 35 | 4% |
| GRAHAM | 2 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 12 | 1% |
| GREENLEE | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | <1% |
| LA PAZ | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | <1% |
| MARICOPA | 180 | 133 | 80 | 0 | 393 | 46% |
| MOHAVE | 8 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 19 | 2% |
| NAVAJO | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | <1% |
| PIMA | 77 | 92 | 80 | 0 | 249 | 29% |
| PINAL | 14 | 11 | 7 | 0 | 32 | 4% |
| SANTA CRUZ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | <1% |
| YAVAPAI | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 1% |
| YUMA | 6 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 20 | 2% |
| STATEWIDE | 337 | 294 | 221 | 0 | 852 | 100% |
| % OF TOTAL | 40% | 34% | 26% | 0% | 100% | |

Table 5

**NUMBER OF REPORTS WITH SUBSTANTIATED FINDINGS IN WHICH OUT-OF-HOME
SERVICES WERE PROVIDED BY RISK LEVEL
AND BY COUNTY FOR THE PERIOD OF
APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

| COUNTY | HIGH | MODERATE | LOW | POTENTIAL | TOTAL | % OF TOTAL |
|------------|------|----------|-----|-----------|-------|------------|
| APACHE | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1% |
| COCHISE | 31 | 12 | 13 | 0 | 56 | 7% |
| COCONINO | 3 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 10 | 1% |
| GILA | 11 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 24 | 3% |
| GRAHAM | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 1% |
| GREENLEE | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | <1% |
| LA PAZ | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | <1% |
| MARICOPA | 170 | 105 | 73 | 0 | 348 | 45% |
| MOHAVE | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 2% |
| NAVAJO | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1% |
| PIMA | 82 | 88 | 69 | 0 | 239 | 31% |
| PINAL | 13 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 29 | 4% |
| SANTA CRUZ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | <1% |
| YAVAPAI | 7 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 2% |
| YUMA | 5 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 2% |
| STATEWIDE | 341 | 246 | 183 | 0 | 770 | 100% |
| % OF TOTAL | 44% | 32% | 24% | 0% | 100% | |

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DIRECT SERVICE STAFF

A.R.S. §8-526(A)(5)

THE NUMBER OF DIRECT CLIENT SERVICE POSITIONS THAT ARE VACANT AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

The Department has a 25.78% annualized turnover rate. There were 18 authorized Child Protective Services Specialist positions vacant on September 30, 2000.

CHILDREN IN SHELTER OR RECEIVING HOMES

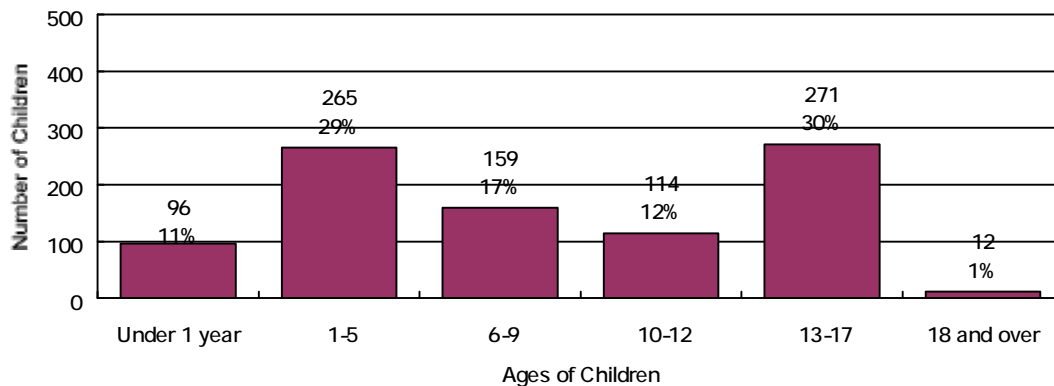
A.R.S. §8-526(A)(6)

THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE REMAINED IN A SHELTER OR RECEIVING HOME FOR MORE THAN TWENTY-ONE CONSECUTIVE DAYS, BY THE CHILD'S AGE GROUP.

During the reporting period, 917 children remained in a shelter or receiving home for more than 21 consecutive days. (See Chart 4) For the period of April 2000 through September 2000, 556 or 61% of the children were six years of age or older. In addition, 96 or 11% of the children were under one year.

Chart 4

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN SHELTER OR RECEIVING HOMES FOR MORE THAN 21 CONSECUTIVE DAYS BY AGE OF CHILD FOR THE PERIOD OF APRIL 1, 2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000



N=917

FOSTER HOME AVAILABILITY

A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(7)

THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF LICENSED FOSTER HOMES AND THE NUMBER OF LICENSED AND AVAILABLE SPACES IN THOSE HOMES.

As of September 30, 2000, there were 1,810 licensed foster homes with 4,479 spaces available for Administration for Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF) placements. Licensed foster homes include family foster homes, professional family foster homes, respite foster homes, and receiving foster homes.

Foster home licenses specify the age range, gender and maximum number of children that can be placed in a home. Foster parents, in consultation with the licensing worker, decide the type of physical, behavioral and psychological needs of children they can effectively parent based upon their own skill level, experiences and desires.

As of September 30, 2000 there were 847 unused spaces within these foster homes. Approximately 324 additional spaces were unavailable or set aside for receiving and respite care services. Of the unused spaces, a match between the available spaces and children's needs was not possible.

FOSTER HOME ACTIVITY
A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(8)

THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF LICENSED FOSTER HOMES THAT LEAVE THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM AND THE REASON FOR THE EXIT.

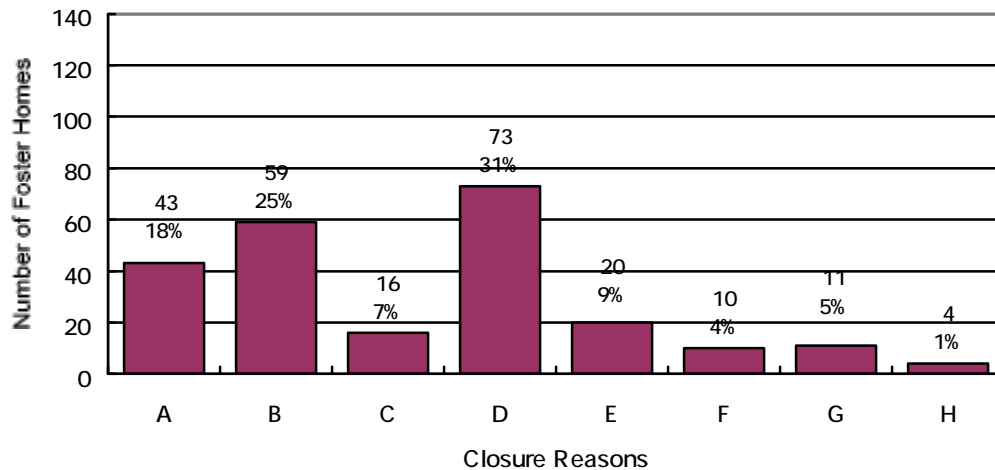
During the reporting period, 217 new homes were licensed to provide foster care and 236 homes left the system. This compares to 232 new homes being licensed and 153 homes leaving the system for the period covering October 1999 through March 2000.

Chart 5 gives the reasons for foster home closures for the period of April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000.

Chart 5

**REASON FOR FOSTER HOME CLOSURE FOR THE PERIOD OF
2000 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

APRIL 1,



N= 236

A = Personal or Family Issues or Problems

E = Family Relocation

B = Other or Foster Parent Did Not State Reason

F = Child Left Care

C = Non-Compliance with Licensing Requirements

G = Philosophical Disagreement

D = Adoption of Foster Child

H = Behavior of Child

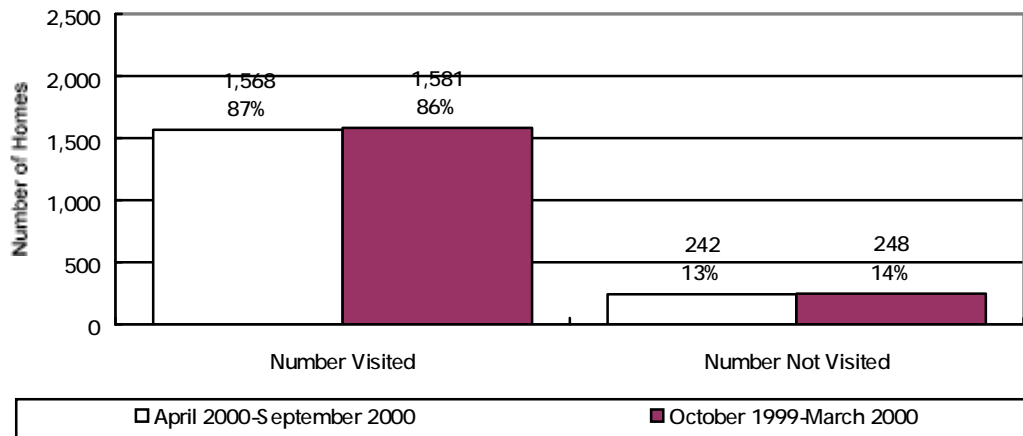
**FOSTER HOME ACTIVITY-VISITATION(Cont.)
A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(9)**

THE NUMBER OF LICENSED FOSTER HOMES THAT RECEIVE THE REQUIRED VISITATION BY CASE MANAGERS PURSUANT TO SECTION §8-516.

During the reporting period there were 1,810 foster homes that required visitation. Of those homes 1,568 or 87% received the required visitation. This compares to 1,581 or 86% of the foster homes that received the required visitation for the period October 1999 through March 2000.

Chart 6

THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF FOSTER HOMES RECEIVED THE REQUIRED VISITATION* WHO



N= 1,810 April 2000 - September 2000

N= 1,829 October 1999 - March 2000

*Required visitations to foster homes, for license monitoring purposes, are performed by licensing case managers.

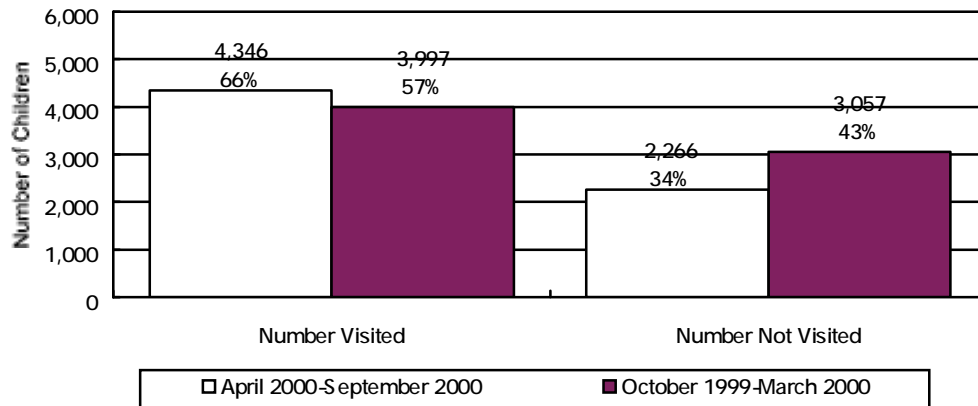
**FOSTER HOME ACTIVITY-CHILD VISITATION(Cont.)
A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(10)**

THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PLACED IN THE CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD AND THE NUMBER OF THESE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE THE REQUIRED VISITATION BY CASE MANAGERS PURSUANT TO SECTION §8-516.

At the end of the reporting period there were 6,612 children in out-of-home care who required visitation. Of these children, visitation was accurately documented in the automated system for 4,346 children or 66%. The Department has verified that more children received the required visitation than is indicated in Chart 7. This information is clearly documented in the automated case notes. However, the Department is unable to compile and tabulate data based solely upon case note text. We continue to issue instructions to all direct service staff regarding the system requirements for capturing all visitations. A child was deemed to have received the required visitation if the child received the visitation during the last month of the reporting period.

Chart 7

THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO RECEIVED THE REQUIRED VISITATION¹¹



N= 6,612 April 2000-September 2000

N= 7,054 October 1999-March 2000

¹¹ Required visitation is performed monthly by DES case managers, contracted case managers, and/or other professionals as approved by supervisor or as established by policy.

OUT-OF-HOME CARE
A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(11)(a)(b)(c)(d)(e)

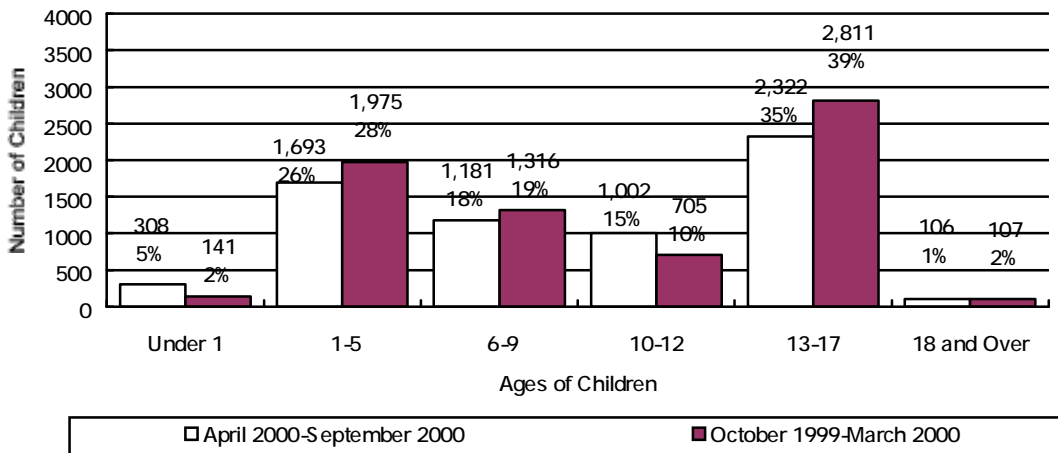
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO ARE IN THE CARE, CUSTODY AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD WHO ARE IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT AND AS CATEGORIZED BY:

- (a) AGE.**
- (b) ETHNICITY.**
- (c) CASE PLAN GOAL.**
- (d) TYPE OF OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT.**
- (e) LENGTH OF TIME IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT OF LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS, THIRTY-ONE DAYS TO TWELVE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, TWELVE TO TWENTY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE MONTHS AND MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR CONSECUTIVE MONTHS.**

On September 30, 2000, there were 6,612 children in out-of-home care. During the reporting period of April 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000, there were 2,364 children removed from their home for some period of time.

Chart 8

THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY AGE

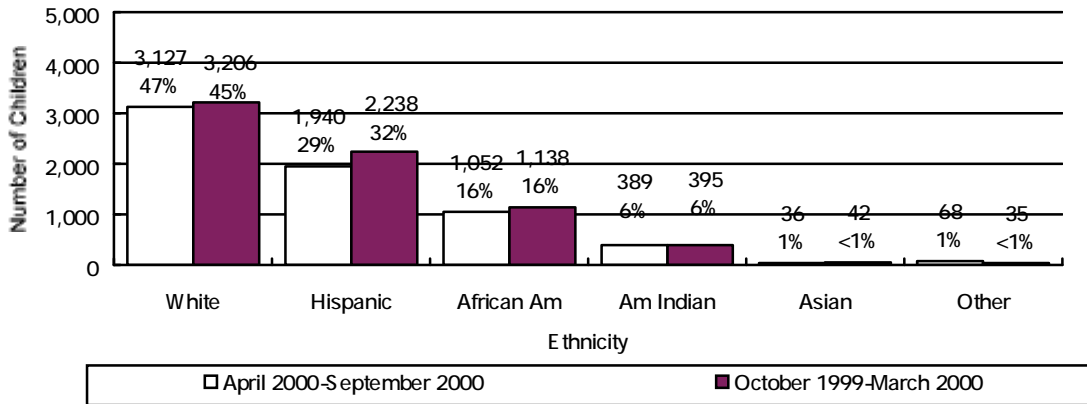


N= 6,612 April 2000-September 2000

N= 7,054 October 1999-March 2000

Chart 9

THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY ETHNICITY

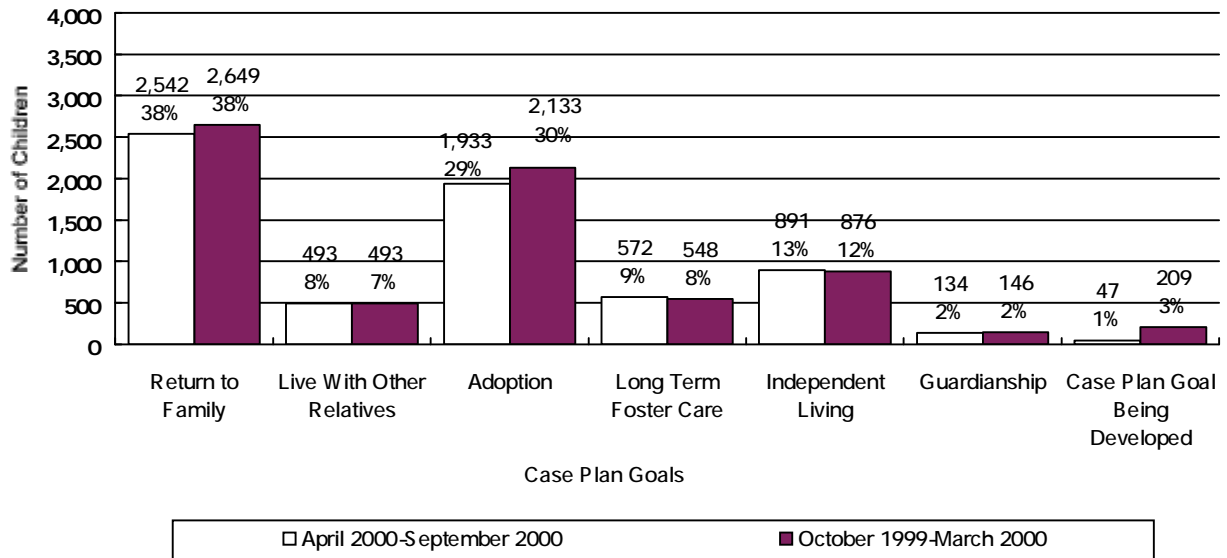


N= 6,612 April 2000-September 2000

N= 7,054 October 1999-March 2000

Chart 10

THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY CASE PLAN GOAL

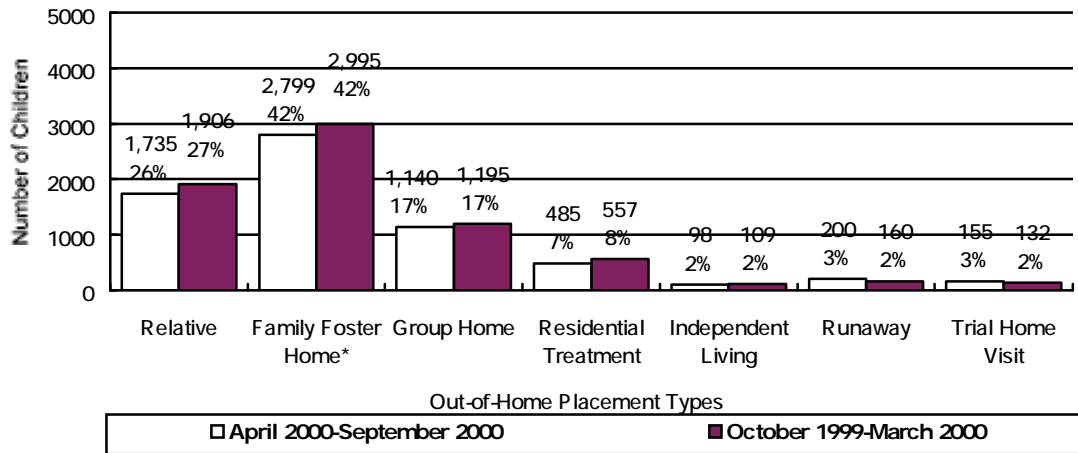


N= 6,612 April 2000-September 2000

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Chart 11

THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN CARE BY PLACEMENT TYPE



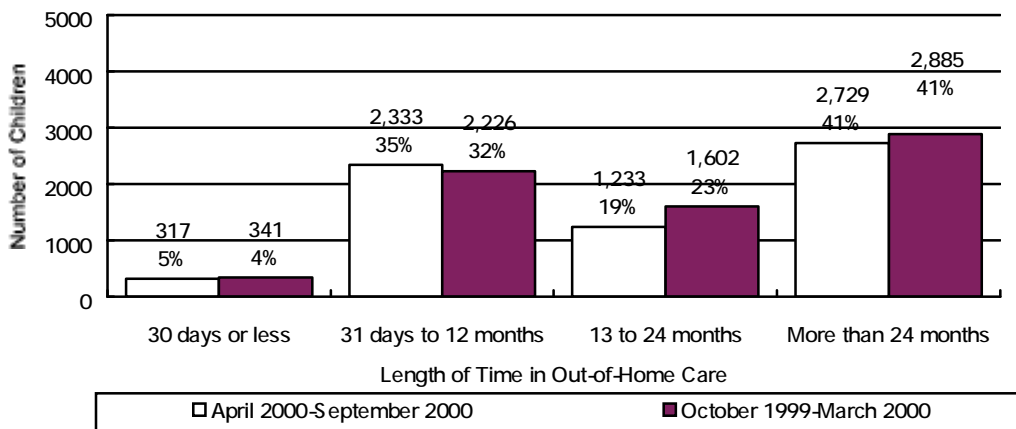
N= 6,612 April 2000-September 2000

N= 7,054 October 1999-March 2000

* Category includes some relative placements.

Chart 12

THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE BY LENGTH OF TIME IN CARE



N= 6,612 April 2000-September 2000

N= 7,054 October 1999-March 2000

A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(12)

IF THE CASE PLAN IS TO RETURN THE CHILD TO THE PARENT, THE PERCENTAGE OF PARENTS WHO RECEIVE THE REQUIRED CONTACT BY CASE MANAGERS.

According to ACYF policy, case managers shall have face-to-face contact with all parents at least once a month, including any alleged parents and parents residing outside of the child's home where the case plan goal is family reunification or remain with family. During the reporting period there were 1,112 parents who had a child with the case plan goal of return home. Of those parents requiring the visitation, 636 or 57% received the required visitation. The 57% visitation rate does not reflect attempted visitation where contact did not take place.

REASON FOR LEAVING DES CUSTODY

A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(13)(a)(b)(c)(d)

THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WHO LEFT THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD BY REASON FOR LEAVING CARE AND AS CATEGORIZED BY:

- (a) AGE.**
- (b) ETHNICITY.**
- (c) NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS.**
- (d) AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN FOSTER CARE.**

During the reporting period 2,598 children left the custody of the Department. Tables 6 through 13 depict the reasons the child left custody, their age, their ethnicity, the number of placements each child had, and the average length of time in foster care.

The reason for leaving care is based on information entered for a termination reason. If there is no data indicating a termination reason, the reason for leaving care will default to "Reunification with Parents". This process may result in an over reporting of the number of children leaving for reason of "Reunification with Parents" and an under reporting of the other categories.

Table 6
TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY FOR THE END OF THE
REPORTING PERIOD ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2000

| By Age | Number | Percentage |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 | 96 | 4% |
| Ages 1 - 5 | 732 | 28% |
| Ages 6 - 9 | 523 | 20% |
| Ages 10 - 12 | 315 | 12% |
| Ages 13 - 17 | 690 | 27% |
| 18 and Over | 242 | 9% |
| Total | 2,598 | 100% |
| | | |
| Ethnicity | Number | Percentage |
| White | 1,258 | 48% |
| Hispanic | 769 | 30% |
| African American | 347 | 13% |
| American Indian | 155 | 6% |
| Asian | 18 | 1% |
| Other | 51 | 2% |
| Total | 2,598 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Number of Placements | Number | Percentage |
| One | 1,038 | 40% |
| Two | 406 | 16% |
| Three | 279 | 11% |
| Four | 205 | 8% |
| Five | 161 | 6% |
| More than Five | 509 | 19% |
| Total | 2,598 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Length of Time in Care | Number | Percentage |
| Less than 30 Days | 95 | 4% |
| 31 Days to 12 Months | 1,253 | 48% |
| 13 to 24 Months | 341 | 13% |
| More than 24 Months | 909 | 35% |
| Total | 2,598 | 100% |

| | Median | Average |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| By Age | 9.58 | 9.90 |
| By Number of Placements | 2 | 3.50 |
| By Months of Time in Care | 12 | 21.71 |

**Table 7
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “REUNIFICATION WITH PARENTS OR PRIMARY CARETAKER” FOR
THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

| By Age | Number | Percentage |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 | 94 | 5% |
| Ages 1 - 5 | 526 | 29% |
| Ages 6 - 9 | 352 | 20% |
| Ages 10 - 12 | 215 | 12% |
| Ages 13 - 17 | 528 | 31% |
| 18 and Over | 58 | 3% |
| Total | 1,773 | 100% |
| | | |
| Ethnicity | Number | Percentage |
| White | 845 | 48% |
| Hispanic | 536 | 30% |
| African American | 219 | 12% |
| American Indian | 116 | 7% |
| Asian | 10 | 1% |
| Other | 47 | 3% |
| Total | 1,773 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Number of Placements | Number | Percentage |
| One | 975 | 55% |
| Two | 315 | 18% |
| Three | 180 | 10% |
| Four | 95 | 5% |
| Five | 58 | 3% |
| More than Five | 150 | 9% |
| Total | 1,773 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Length of Time in Care | Number | Percentage |
| Less than 30 Days | 95 | 5% |
| 31 Days to 12 Months | 1,174 | 67% |
| 13 to 24 Months | 238 | 13% |
| More than 24 Months | 266 | 15% |
| Total | 1,773 | 100% |

| | Median | Average |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| By Age | 8.91 | 9.23 |
| By Number of Placements | 1 | 2.32 |
| By Months of Time in Care | 6 | 12.04 |

**Table 8
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF "LIVING WITH OTHER RELATIVES" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

| By Age | Number | Percentage |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 1 - 5 | 31 | 24% |
| Ages 6 - 9 | 33 | 26% |
| Ages 10 - 12 | 26 | 20% |
| Ages 13 - 17 | 37 | 29% |
| 18 and Over | 1 | 1% |
| Total | 128 | 100% |
| | | |
| Ethnicity | Number | Percentage |
| White | 46 | 36% |
| Hispanic | 46 | 36% |
| African American | 26 | 20% |
| American Indian | 7 | 6% |
| Asian | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 3 | 2% |
| Total | 128 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Number of Placements | Number | Percentage |
| One | 31 | 25% |
| Two | 35 | 27% |
| Three | 22 | 17% |
| Four | 17 | 13% |
| Five | 6 | 5% |
| More than Five | 17 | 13% |
| Total | 128 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Length of Time in Care | Number | Percentage |
| Less than 30 Days | 0 | 0% |
| 31 Days to 12 Months | 29 | 23% |
| 13 to 24 Months | 28 | 22% |
| More than 24 Months | 71 | 55% |
| Total | 128 | 100% |

| | Median | Average |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| By Age | 10.04 | 10.03 |
| By Number of Placements | 2 | 3.18 |
| By Months of Time in Care | 26 | 27.5 |

**Table 9
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES
CUSTODY FOR REASON OF "ADOPTION" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

| By Age | Number | Percentage |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 | 1 | <1% |
| Ages 1 - 5 | 171 | 40% |
| Ages 6 - 9 | 134 | 31% |
| Ages 10 - 12 | 70 | 16% |
| Ages 13 - 17 | 51 | 12% |
| 18 and Over | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 427 | 100% |
| | | |
| Ethnicity | Number | Percentage |
| White | 229 | 54% |
| Hispanic | 115 | 27% |
| African American | 55 | 13% |
| American Indian | 21 | 5% |
| Asian | 6 | 1% |
| Other | 1 | <1% |
| Total | 427 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Number of Placements | Number | Percentage |
| One | 7 | 2% |
| Two | 33 | 8% |
| Three | 54 | 13% |
| Four | 66 | 16% |
| Five | 73 | 17% |
| More than Five | 194 | 44% |
| Total | 427 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Length of Time in Care | Number | Percentage |
| Less than 30 Days | 0 | 0% |
| 31 Days to 12 Months | 13 | 3% |
| 13 to 24 Months | 26 | 6% |
| More than 24 Months | 388 | 91% |
| Total | 427 | 100% |

| | Median | Average |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| By Age | 7 | 7.67 |
| By Number of Placements | 5 | 5.70 |
| By Months of Time in Care | 41 | 43.81 |

**Table 10
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASONS OF “REACHING AGE OF MAJORITY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

| By Age | Number | Percentage |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 1 - 5 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 6 - 9 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 10 - 12 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 13 - 17 | 54 | 23% |
| 18 and Over | 180 | 77% |
| Total | 234 | 100% |
| | | |
| Ethnicity | Number | Percentage |
| White | 120 | 50% |
| Hispanic | 62 | 27% |
| African American | 41 | 18% |
| American Indian | 9 | 4% |
| Asian | 2 | 1% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 234 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Number of Placements | Number | Percentage |
| One | 15 | 6% |
| Two | 14 | 6% |
| Three | 18 | 8% |
| Four | 22 | 9% |
| Five | 21 | 9% |
| More than Five | 144 | 62% |
| Total | 234 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Length of Time in Care | Number | Percentage |
| Less than 30 Days | 0 | 0% |
| 31 Days to 12 Months | 24 | 10% |
| 13 to 24 Months | 43 | 18% |
| More than 24 Months | 167 | 71% |
| Total | 234 | 100% |

| | Median | Average |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| By Age | 18.5 | 18.52 |
| By Number of Placements | 7 | 8.58 |
| By Months of Time in Care | 39 | 49.68 |

**Table 11
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF "GUARDIANSHIP" FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

| By Age | Number | Percentage |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 1 - 5 | 4 | 17% |
| Ages 6 - 9 | 4 | 17% |
| Ages 10 - 12 | 4 | 17% |
| Ages 13 - 17 | 9 | 40% |
| 18 and Over | 2 | 9% |
| Total | 23 | 100% |
| | | |
| Ethnicity | Number | Percentage |
| White | 12 | 52% |
| Hispanic | 7 | 30% |
| African American | 2 | 9% |
| American Indian | 2 | 9% |
| Asian | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 23 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Number of Placements | Number | Percentage |
| One | 4 | 17% |
| Two | 5 | 22% |
| Three | 5 | 22% |
| Four | 3 | 13% |
| Five | 3 | 13% |
| More than Five | 3 | 13% |
| Total | 23 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Length of Time in Care | Number | Percentage |
| Less than 30 Days | 0 | 0% |
| 31 Days to 12 Months | 3 | 13% |
| 13 to 24 Months | 5 | 22% |
| More than 24 Months | 15 | 65% |
| Total | 23 | 100% |

| | Median | Average |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| By Age | 11.5 | 11.55 |
| By Number of Placements | 3 | 4.39 |
| By Months of Time in Care | 34 | 41.26 |

**Table 12
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “RUNAWAY” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

| By Age | Number | Percentage |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 1 - 5 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 6 - 9 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 10 - 12 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 13 - 17 | 10 | 91% |
| 18 and Over | 1 | 9% |
| Total | 11 | 100% |
| | | |
| Ethnicity | Number | Percentage |
| White | 4 | 36% |
| Hispanic | 3 | 28% |
| African American | 4 | 36% |
| American Indian | 0 | 0% |
| Asian | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 11 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Number of Placements | Number | Percentage |
| One | 6 | 55% |
| Two | 3 | 27% |
| Three | 0 | 0% |
| Four | 1 | 9% |
| Five | 0 | 0% |
| More than Five | 1 | 9% |
| Total | 11 | 100% |
| | | |
| By Length of Time in Care | Number | Percentage |
| Less than 30 Days | 0 | 0% |
| 31 Days to 12 Months | 9 | 82% |
| 13 to 24 Months | 1 | 9% |
| More than 24 Months | 1 | 9% |
| Total | 11 | 100% |

| | Median | Average |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| By Age | 17 | 16.70 |
| By Number of Placements | 1 | 2.45 |
| By Months of Time in Care | 6 | 10.27 |

**Table 13
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LEAVING DES CUSTODY
FOR REASON OF “DEATH OF CHILD” FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD ENDING
SEPTEMBER 30, 2000¹²**

| By Age | Number | Percentage |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Under 1 | 1 | 50% |
| Ages 1 - 5 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 6 - 9 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 10 - 12 | 0 | 0% |
| Ages 13 - 17 | 1 | 50% |
| 18 and Over | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 2 | 100% |
| Ethnicity | | |
| Ethnicity | Number | Percentage |
| White | 2 | 100% |
| Hispanic | 0 | 0% |
| African American | 0 | 0% |
| American Indian | 0 | 0% |
| Asian | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 2 | 100% |
| By Number of Placements | | |
| By Number of Placements | Number | Percentage |
| One | 0 | 0% |
| Two | 1 | 50% |
| Three | 0 | 0% |
| Four | 1 | 50% |
| Five | 0 | 0% |
| More than Five | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 2 | 100% |
| By Length of Time in Care | | |
| By Length of Time in Care | Number | Percentage |
| Less than 30 Days | 0 | 0% |
| 31 Days to 12 Months | 1 | 50% |
| 13 to 24 Months | 0 | 0% |
| More than 24 Months | 1 | 50% |
| Total | 2 | 100% |

| | Median | Average |
|----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| By Age | 8.91 | 8.91 |
| By Number of Placements | 3 | 3 |
| By Months of Time in Care | 66.5 | 66.5 |

¹² The two children died of natural causes while in the custody of the Department.

ADOPTIVE CASE PLAN GOALS

A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(14) & (15)

THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHO ARE NOT PLACED IN AN ADOPTIVE HOME AT THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

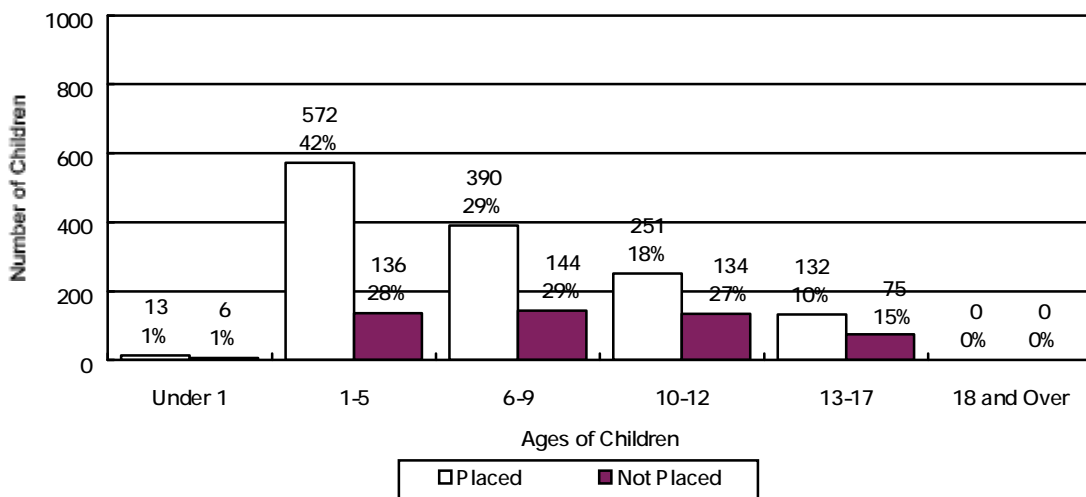
THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION AND WHO ARE PLACED IN AN ADOPTIVE HOME AT THE END OF THE REPORT PERIOD AND AS CATEGORIZED BY:

- (a) AGE.
- (b) ETHNICITY.
- (c) AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE.
- (d) LEGAL STATUS.
- (15)(d) LENGTH OF TIME FROM CHANGE OF CASE PLAN GOAL TO ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT.

The average length of time that a child with a case plan goal of “adoption” has spent in out-of-home care is 2 years, 8 months.

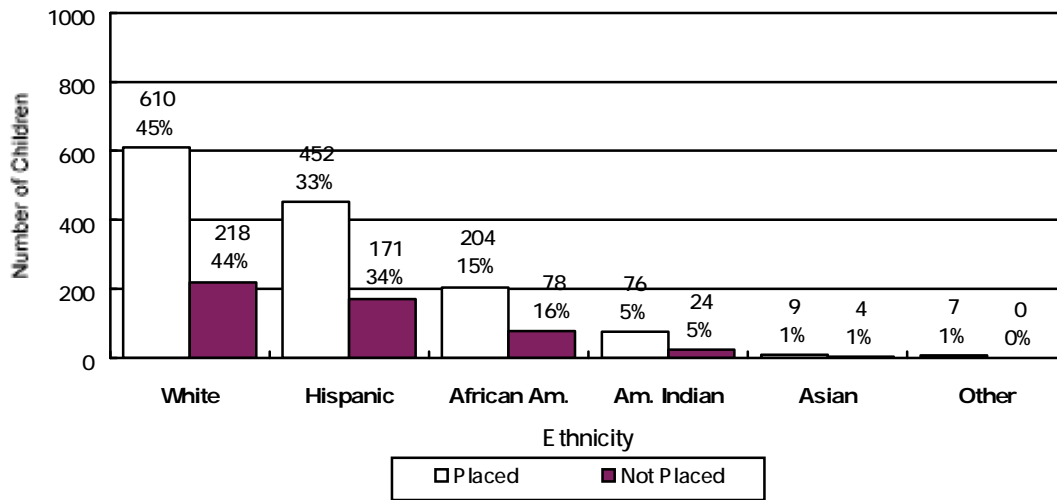
Chart 13

THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY AGE



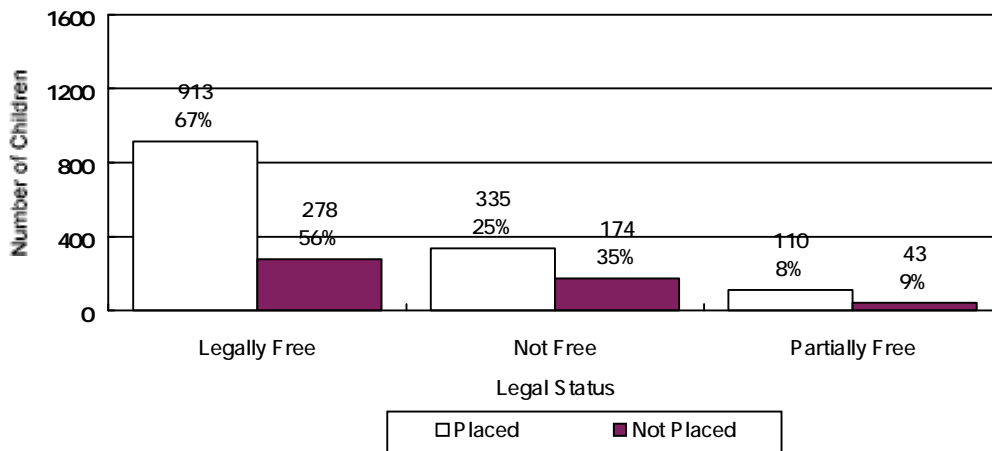
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Chart 14
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY ETHNICITY



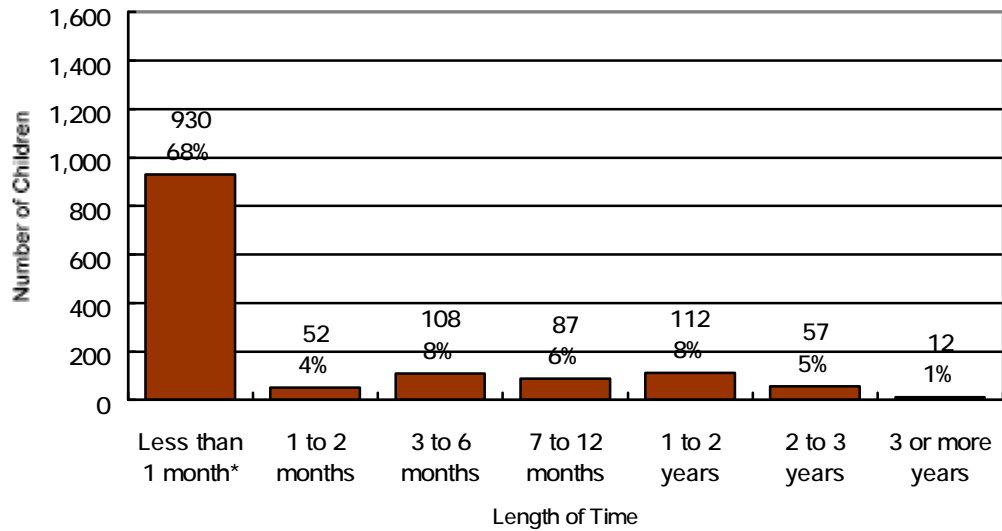
N= 1,358 Placed N= 495 Not Placed

Chart 15
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION BY LEGAL STATUS



N= 1,358 Placed N= 495 Not Placed
Partially free refers to a situation where only one of the parent's rights has been severed.

Chart 16
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN BY LENGTH OF TIME FROM CHANGE
OF CASE PLAN GOAL OF ADOPTION TO ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT



N= 1,358 Placed

*About 70% of children are adopted by relatives or their foster parents and are already in their prospective adoptive placement at the time the case plan goal changes to adoption.

ADOPTION SERVICES
A.R.S. §8-526 (A)(16)(a)(b)

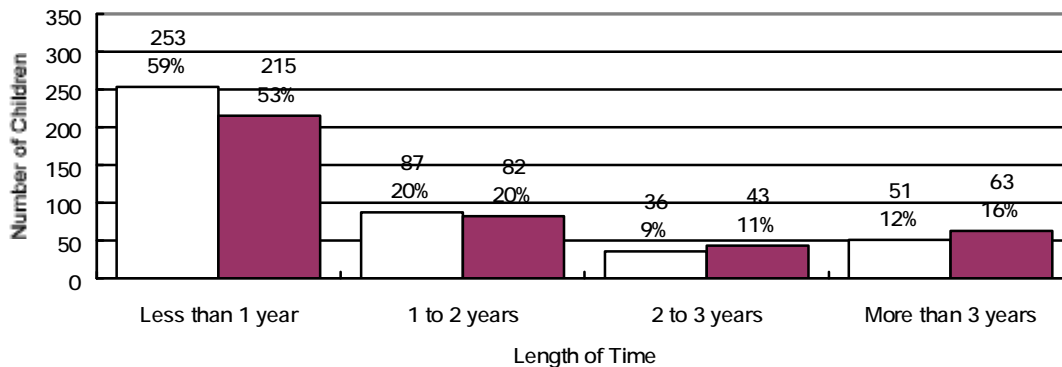
THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHOSE ADOPTIONS WERE FINALIZED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND AS CATEGORIZED BY:

- (a) **AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT BEFORE ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT.**
- (b) **AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BEFORE THE FINAL ORDER OF ADOPTION.**

There were 427 children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period. *Chart 17* displays the number of children with a finalized adoption during the reporting period by the average length of time in out-of-home placement before adoptive placement. *Chart 18* displays the number of children with a finalized adoption by average length of time in adoptive placement before the final order of adoption.

Chart 17

THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT BEFORE ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT



□ April 2000-September 2000

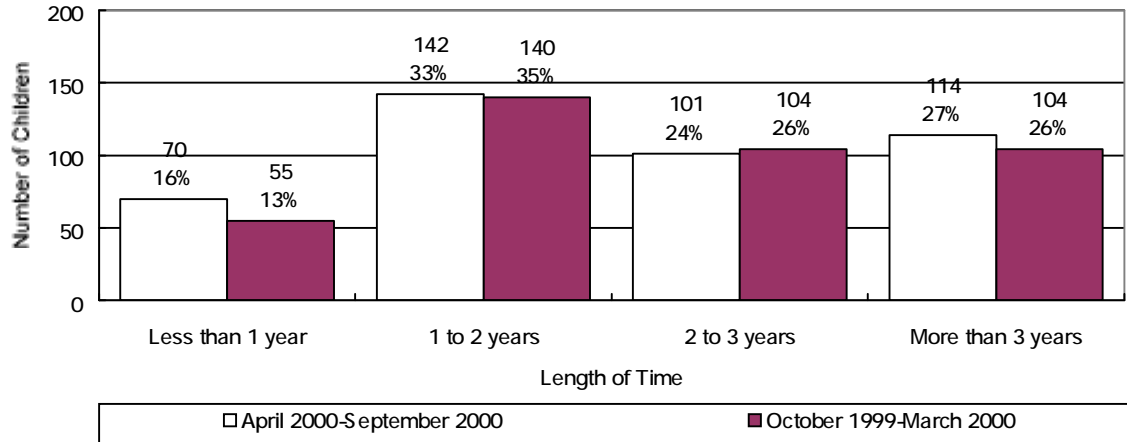
■ October 1999-March 2000

N= 427 April 2000 - September 2000

N= 403 October 1999 - March 2000

Chart 18

THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN WITH A FINALIZED ADOPTION BY AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME IN ADOPTIVE PLACEMENT BEFORE THE FINAL ORDER OF ADOPTION



N=427 April 2000-September 2000

N=403 October 1999-March 2000

*About 70% of children are adopted by relatives or their foster parents and are already in their prospective adoptive placement at the time the case plan goal changes to adoption.