

Child Protective Services (CPS) Oversight Committee

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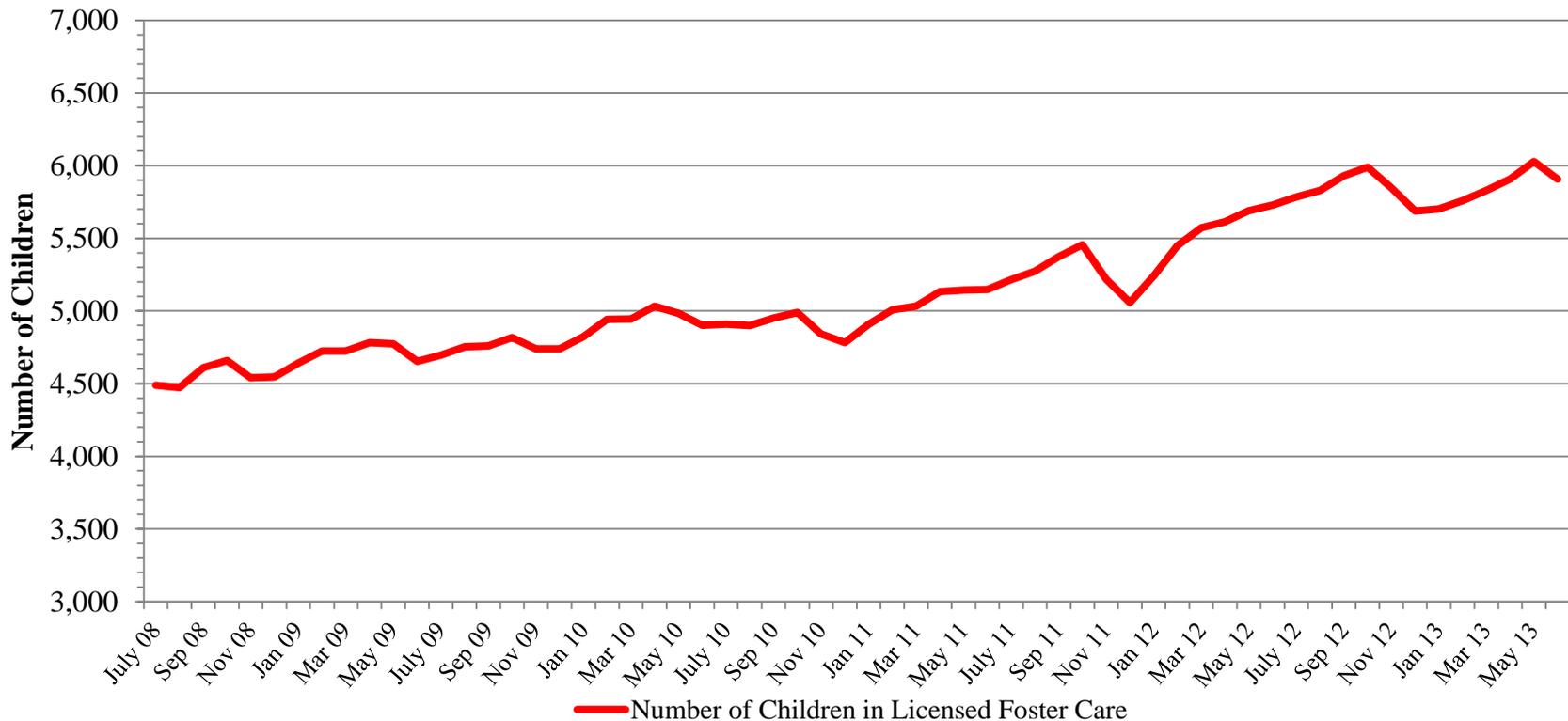
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Home Recruitment Study and Supervision

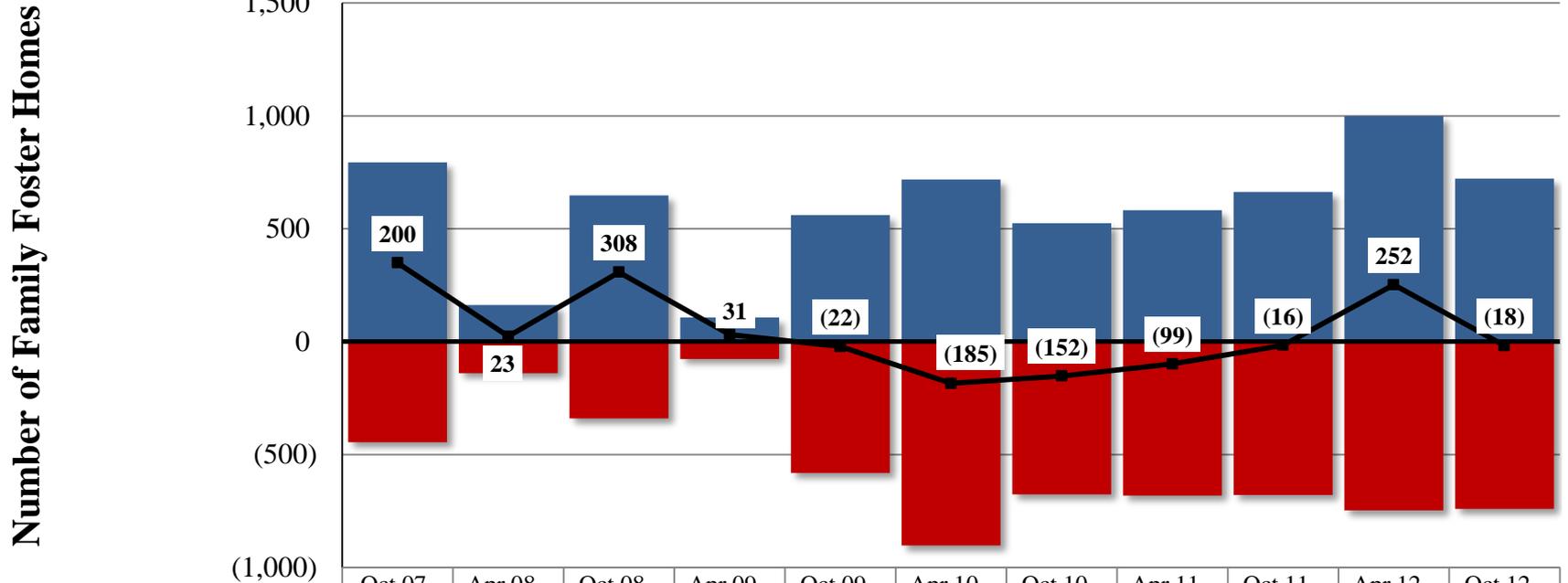
Purpose of Service:

To provide for the recruitment, training, and maintenance of the crucial network of foster homes that care for children in the custody of the state

Children in Licensed Foster Care Placements



Family Foster Homes



	Oct 07 - Mar 08	Apr 08 - Sep 08	Oct 08 - Mar 09	Apr 09 - Sep 09	Oct 09 - Mar 10	Apr 10 - Sep 10	Oct 10 - Mar 11	Apr 11 - Sep 11	Oct 11 - Mar 12	Apr 12 - Sep 12	Oct 12 - Mar 13
Family Foster Home Closures	(445)	(139)	(340)	(76)	(582)	(903)	(676)	(681)	(679)	(747)	(740)
New Family Foster Homes	794	162	648	107	560	718	524	582	663	999	722
Net Change of Foster Homes	349	23	308	31	(22)	(185)	(152)	(99)	(16)	252	(18)
% Change in Foster Homes	10%	1%	9%	1%	-1%	-5%	-4%	-3%	0%	7%	0%



Foster Home Retention

Events and Resources:

- During SFY 2012 and SFY 2013, the Department held "KIDS-NEED-U" trainings for currently licensed foster parents in Phoenix, Tucson, and Flagstaff that enabled foster parents to obtain their annually required 6 hours of training required for foster home license renewal.
- The Department, ArizonaServes, Hope and a Future, and the Diamondbacks collaborated to provide foster parents and their families (birth children and foster children) with a full day of events, including a Diamondback baseball game, food, and beverages, at no cost to the families.
- The Department expanded its foster, kinship, and adoptive parent quarterly newsletter that provides information on children's health care, available resources, pictures, and foster parent events throughout the state.
- The Foster Parent Warm Line (1-877-KIDSNEEDU) is a toll-free number for resource parents who are experiencing crisis situations and cannot reach their CPS case manager in a timely manner. The line is staffed from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and accepts messages at any of time of the day. The Warm Line is intended to provide resource parents with information, assistance with authorizations for services, and timely communication so resource parents feel supported in getting their needs met in serving our children.



Foster Care Home Recruitment Efforts

Targeted Recruitment:

Through Home Recruitment Study and Supervision (HRSS) contractors, DCYF conducts targeted recruitment using Geographical Information System (GIS) maps and segmentation to help recruit families:

- who will care for children of specific age groups and/or ethnic and racial groups,
- are located in certain neighborhoods that have a high number of children removed, and/or
- who would be willing to take in sibling groups.

DCYF continues to recruit and license kinship foster parents and develop trainings and preparation methods unique to kinship homes.

The Department is developing a multifaceted outreach plan to recruit more foster homes with messaging that will motivate people in the community to become foster families.



Foster Care Home Recruitment Efforts

Faith-Based Organizations

DCYF has developed strong partnerships with numerous faith-based organizations. Through their congregations and networks, the organizations are assisting in spreading the word about the need for foster families.

- **Arizona 1.27**- a church based movement, is aimed at engaging the local church in the Arizona Child Welfare System. To date, 1,320 people have been through the foster care orientation at Arizona 1.27 churches.
- **Our Kids, Our Care**- an event to raise awareness in churches and increase the number of Christian foster and adoptive homes in Pima County

General Recruitment:

In addition to targeted recruitment and partnerships with faith-based organizations, DCYF engages in general recruitment efforts through a multitude of different events throughout the year.

- **Children's Heart Gallery**- a community collaboration that features Arizona children who are looking for forever families. Since September 2012, 82 children have been photographed and 28 have found their forever family

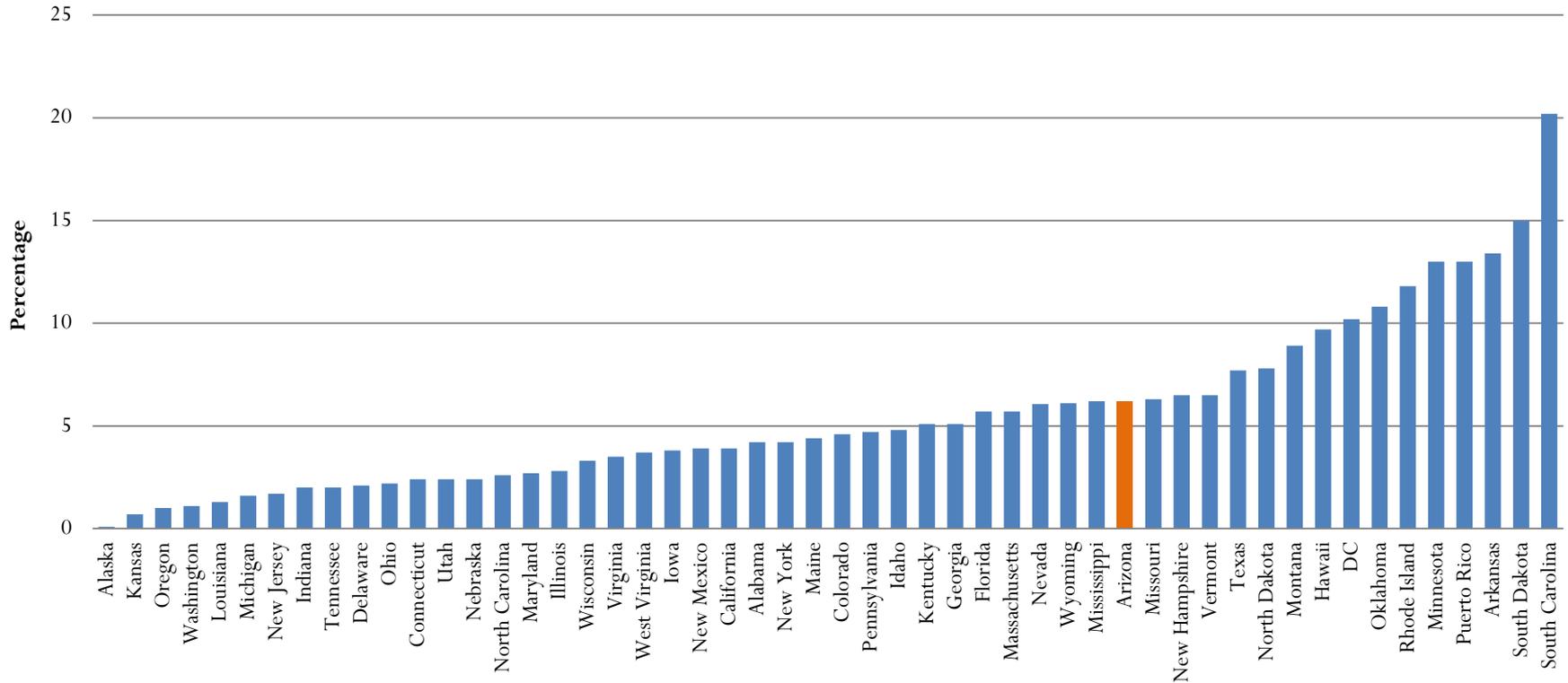


Foster Care Placement Capacity

Arizona ranked 37th of 52 states on the combined percentage of foster children under the age of 12 in group homes and institutions in FY 2011

Data source: AFCARS available from ACF at: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/cwo08_11.pdf

ACF Child Welfare Outcomes 2008–2011 Report to Congress
Percentage of foster children under the age of 12 in group homes and institutions

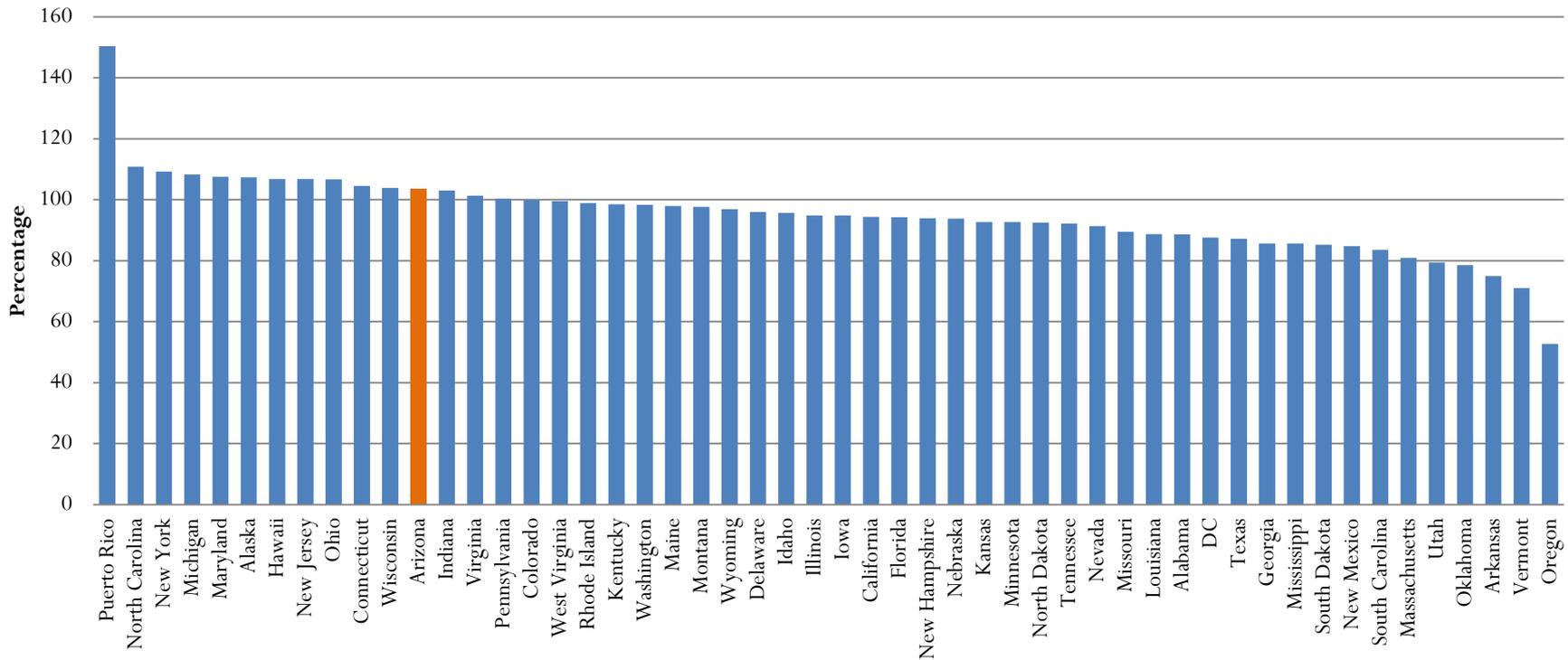


Foster Care Placement Stability

Arizona ranked 12th of 52 states for placement stability (percentage of children having two or fewer placement settings) while in foster care in FY 2011

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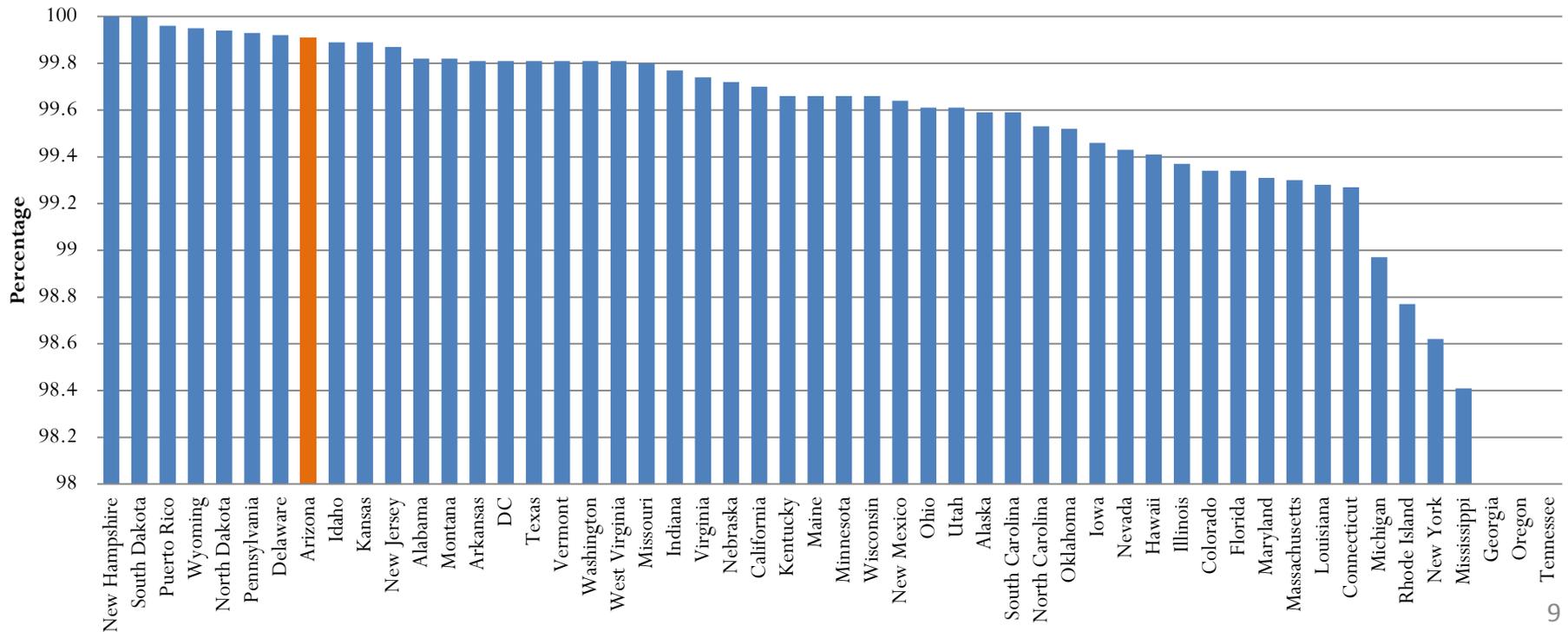


Foster Care Placement Safety

Arizona ranked 8th of 52 states for the absence of abuse or maltreatment in foster care at 99.91% in FY 2011

Data source: AFCARS available from ACF at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/cm11.pdf>

ACF Child Welfare Outcomes 2008-2011 Report to Congress
FY 2011 Percentage of the absence of abuse or maltreatment in foster care



Out of Home Placements- Congregate Care



Congregate Care

2,138 foster children were in congregate care placements as of 9/30/13:

- 1,425 children (67%) were placed in group homes
- 352 children (16%) were placed in shelters
- 361 children (17%) were placed in Residential Treatment Centers.

Of the 2,138 foster children in congregate care:

- 19% were in congregate care less than 30 days
- 70% were in congregate care 31 days to 12 months
- 8% were in congregate care 13 months to 24 months
- 3% were in congregate care greater than 24 months



Thank you Questions?

Additional Information:

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