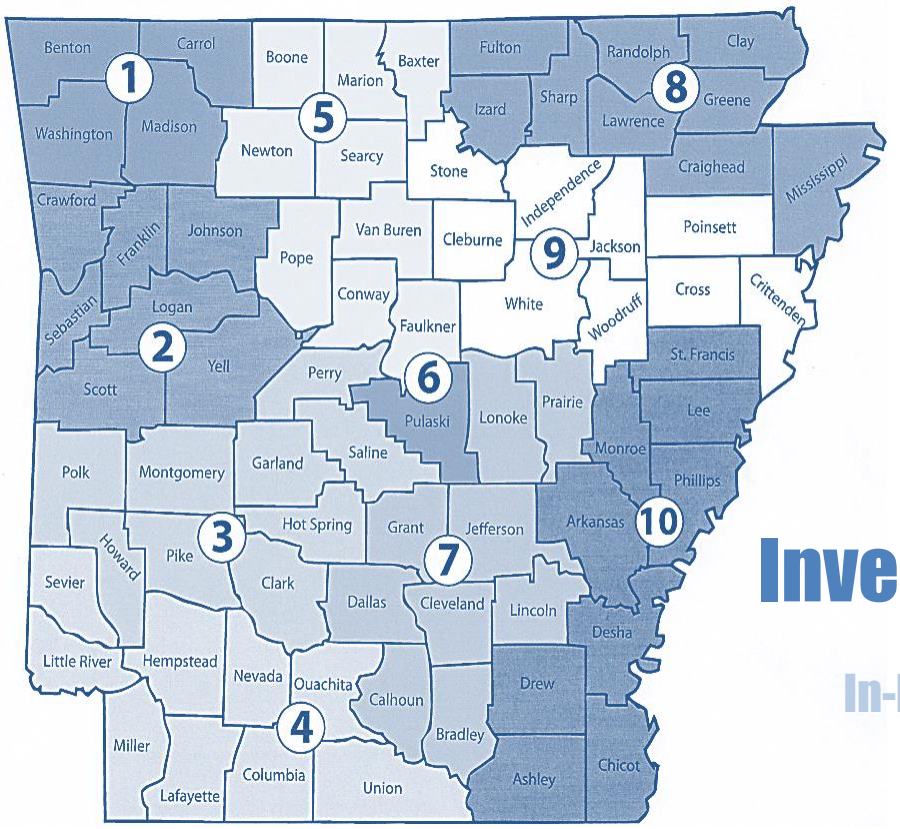
QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

1st QUARTER

SFY 2017

July1, 2016 – September 30, 2016



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Reports of Child Maltreatment

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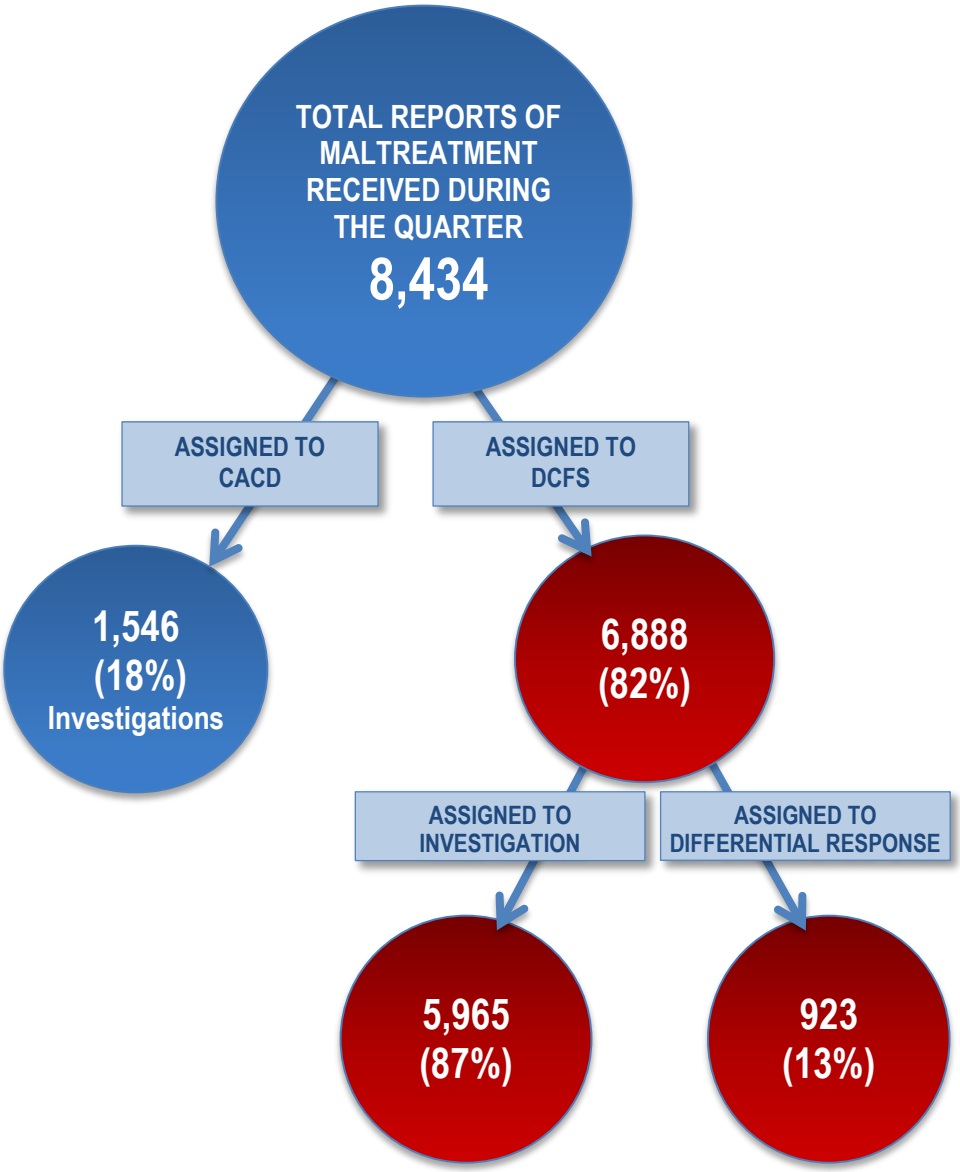
Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports

Maltreatment Reports Received During 1st Quarter SFY 2017



Of the 8,434 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during the quarter, 82 percent were assigned to DCFS and 18 percent were assigned to the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police, which is responsible for investigating the most serious allegations of maltreatment.

Of the reports assigned to DCFS, 87 percent were assigned for an investigation and 13 percent were handled through Differential Response (DR).

DR, which was implemented statewide in August 2013, allows the Division to respond to specific, low-risk maltreatment reports through a family assessment and provision of services rather than a traditional investigation.

The following types of allegations can qualify for DR:

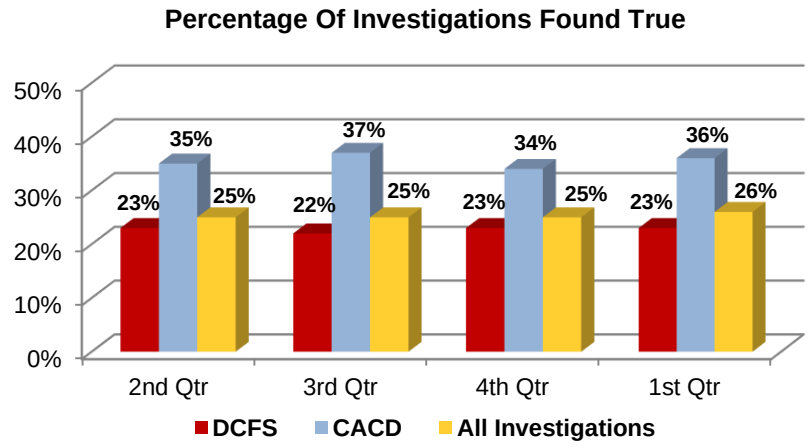
- Inadequate Supervision if children are at least five
- Environmental Neglect if children are at least three
- Medical Neglect if children are at least thirteen
- Lock Out if children are at least ten
- Inadequate Food, Inadequate Shelter, Inadequate Clothing, or Educational Neglect with no age restrictions
- Certain allegations of abuse where the incident occurred at least one year prior to the report date

Quick Facts

Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Twenty-three percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during the quarter were found true, compared to 36 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 26 percent.

Appendix A provides further detail on the number of referrals accepted for investigation and those found true for the past four quarters.



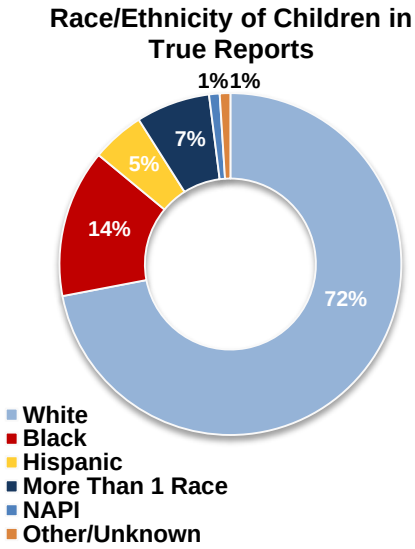
The National Percentage is 18 Percent

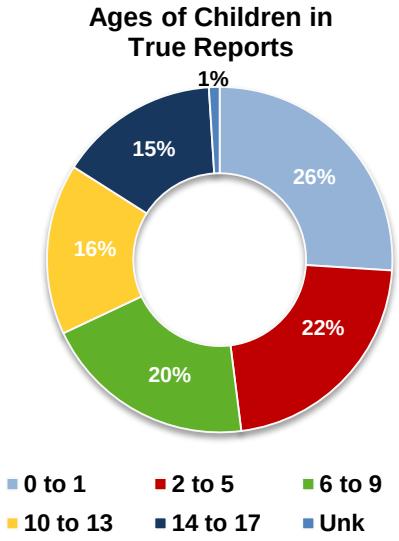
Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 2,277 victim children involved in the maltreatment investigations that were found true.

Of those children, 72 percent were white and 14 percent were black. Over two-thirds of the children involved in true maltreatment investigations were under ten years of age.

A majority of the victim children during the quarter (54 percent) were female.





Types of Allegations in True Investigations

The majority of the 2,277 victim children in true investigations were involved in allegations of neglect, followed by allegations of sexual abuse and physical abuse.

Percentage of Children in True Allegations of Maltreatment		
	Number of Children Cited in True Allegation	Percentage of Children Cited in True Allegation
Neglect	1,537	68%
Sexual Abuse	476	21%
Physical Abuse	437	19%

A child may have more than one allegation.

Quick Facts

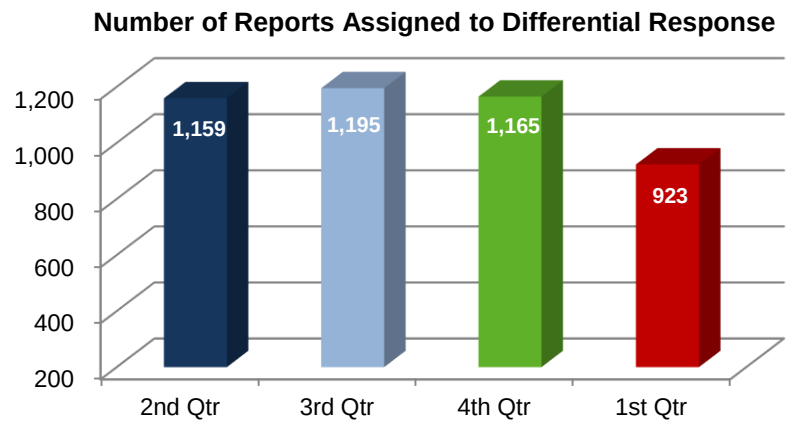
Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	**Child Fatality**	**Near Child Fatality**
True	6	0
Unsubstantiated	3	0
Pending	3	0

During the quarter, there were 12 maltreatment investigations of a child fatality and no investigations concerning a near child fatality. Of the child fatality investigations, six were found true, three were unsubstantiated, and three are still pending.

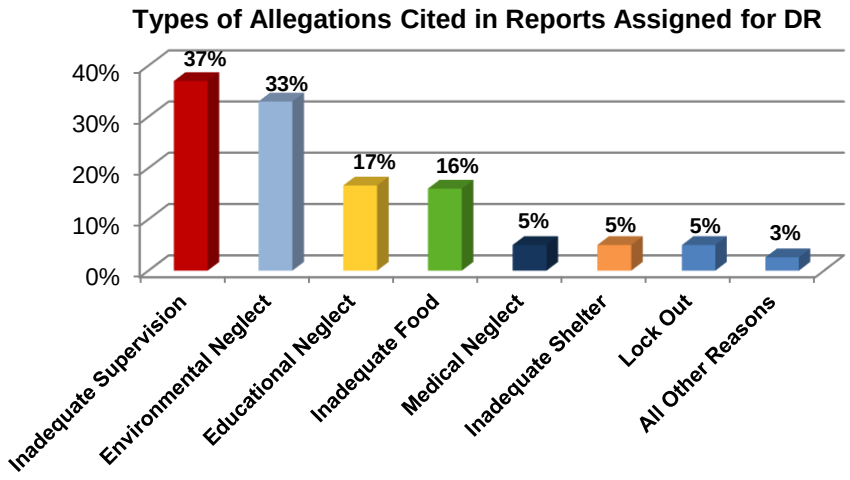
Appendix B includes more details regarding the fatality investigations.

Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)



The number of reports assigned to DR during the quarter (923) decreased by 21 percent compared to the previous quarter.

Allegations Cited in DR Reports



Inadequate Supervision and Environmental Neglect were the most commonly cited allegations in reports assigned to DR.

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Meeting Agency Policies

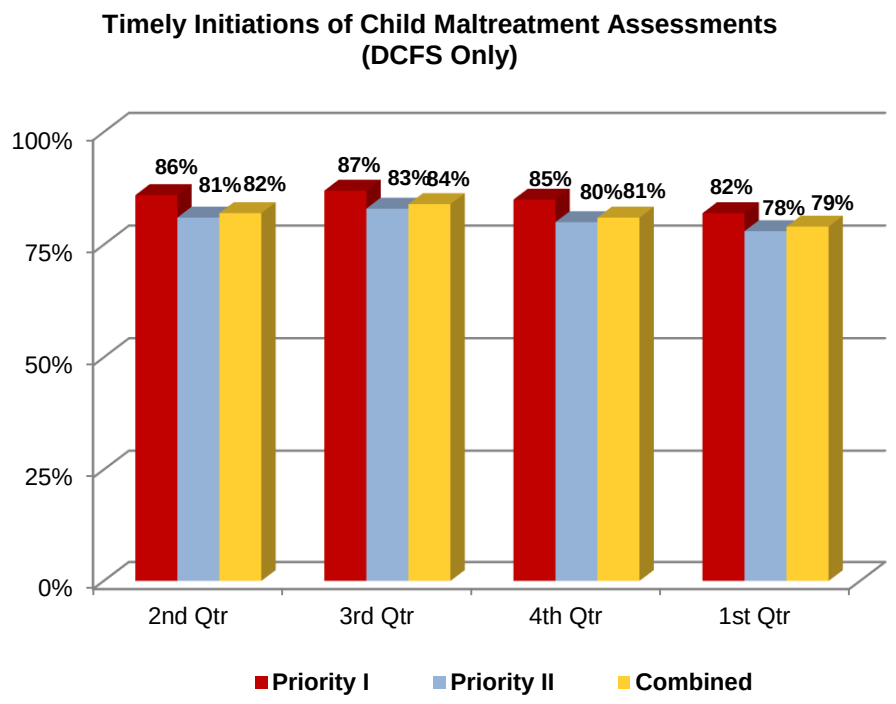
Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of a Priority I report or within 72 hours of a Priority II report.

Priority I reports cite more severe allegations while Priority II reports cite comparatively less serious allegations.

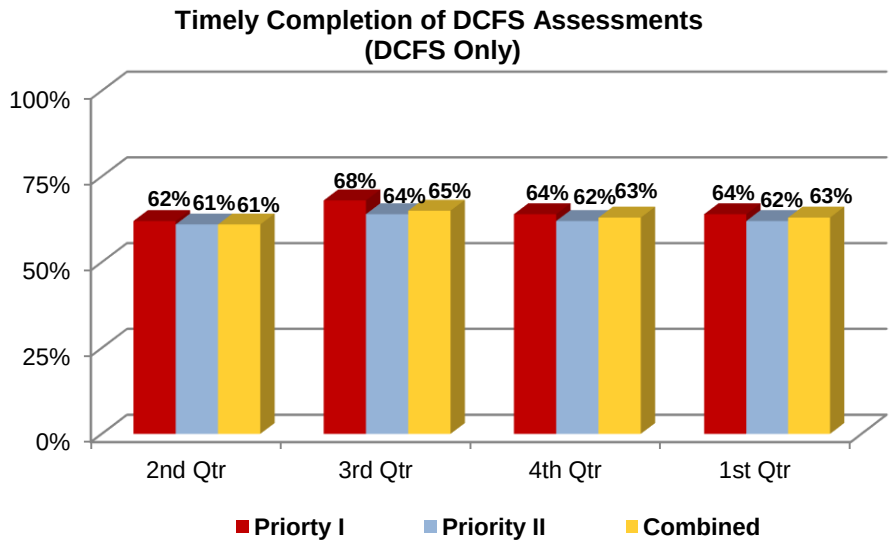
Initiation occurs when all victim children are interviewed or observed (if too young for an interview) within the designated timeframes.

DCFS initiated 79 percent of its investigations on time during the fourth quarter.



Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 63 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during the quarter, the same as the previous quarter.



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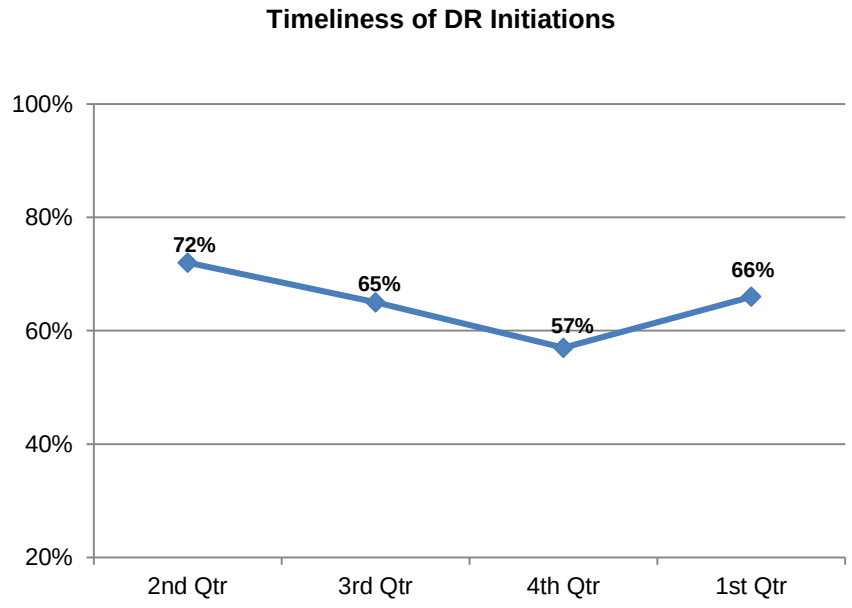
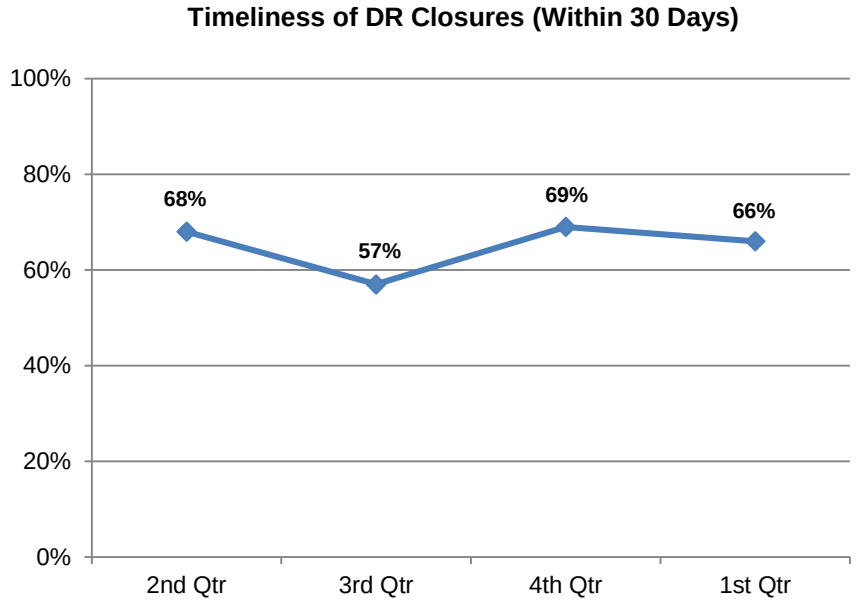
Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR



DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 66 percent of its DR reports on time during the quarter, representing a nine percentage point increase from the previous quarter.

Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR



Reports assigned to DR must be closed within 30 days of receipt of the report. In certain instances when the families' needs necessitate longer involvement, two 15-day extensions can be granted, for a total of 60 days.

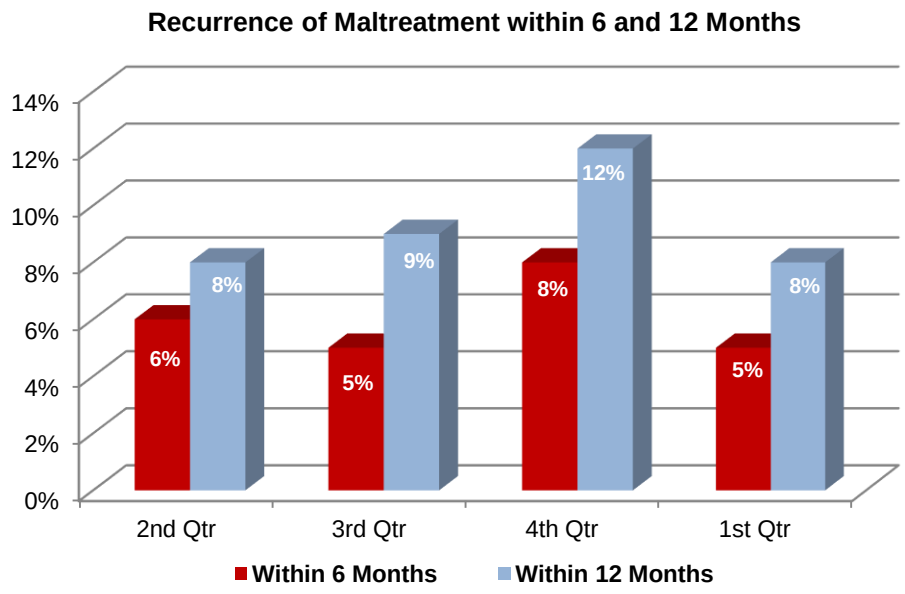
The Agency closed 66 percent of its DR reports on time, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted.

Quick Facts

Benefits to Children and Families

Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

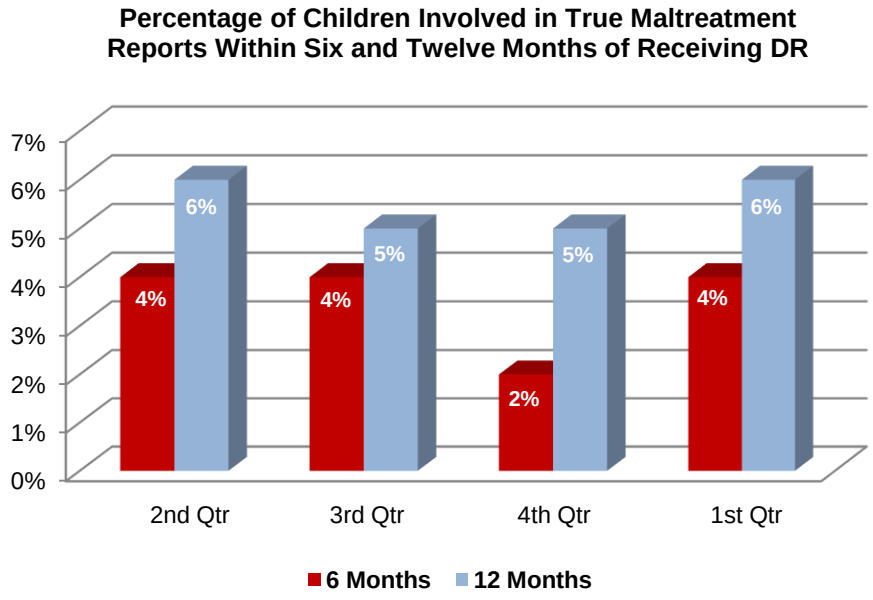
Eight percent of the victim children involved in true investigations one year ago experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months. Five percent experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within six months.



The National Standard for absence of recurrence within six months is 5.4 percent or less

Absence of Recurrence Among Families who Received DR

Six percent of the children who began receiving DR services in the first quarter of SFY 2016 were involved in a true investigation of child maltreatment within 12 months, and four percent were involved within six months.



In-Home Services

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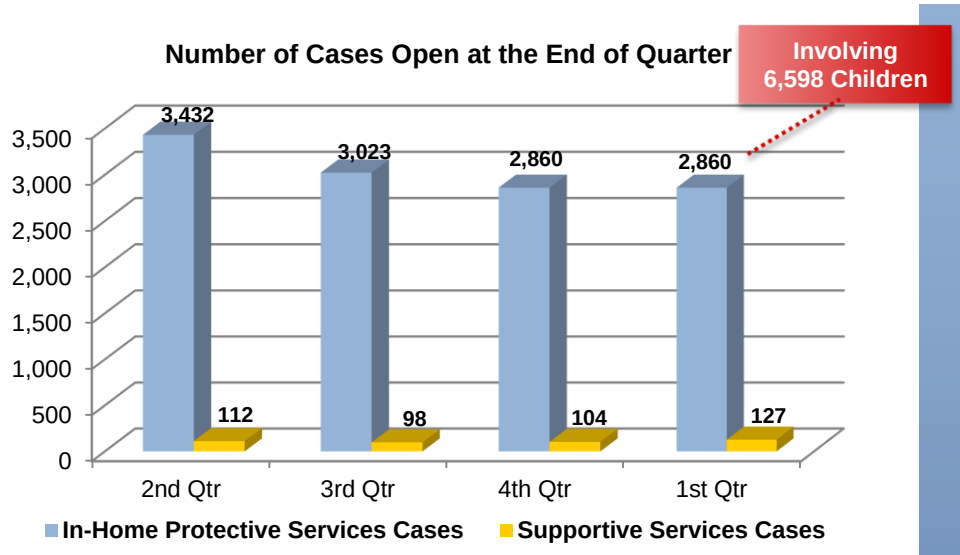
Volume and Description of Cases

Volume of Cases

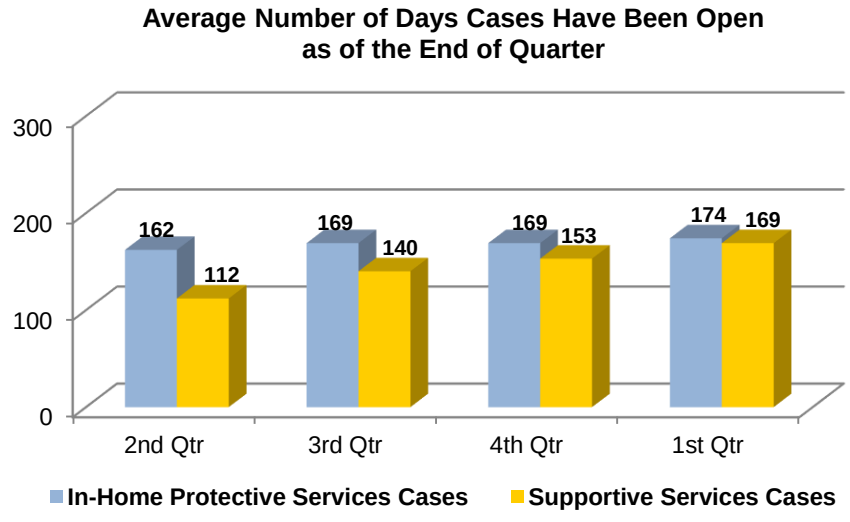


In most instances, DCFS offers in-home services through a protective services case, which is opened when a true maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS' involvement with a family but there is not an immediate threat to any child's safety in the home.

The number of in-home protective services cases remained static during the quarter. At the end of the quarter, there were 2,860 in-home cases open across the state, involving 6,598 children.

The Division also offers some in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 127 supportive services cases at the end of the quarter.

Length of Time Cases Have Been Open



The average length of time in-home cases were open at the end of the quarter was nearly six months (174 days). Supportive services cases were open, on average, right at five and a half months (169 days).

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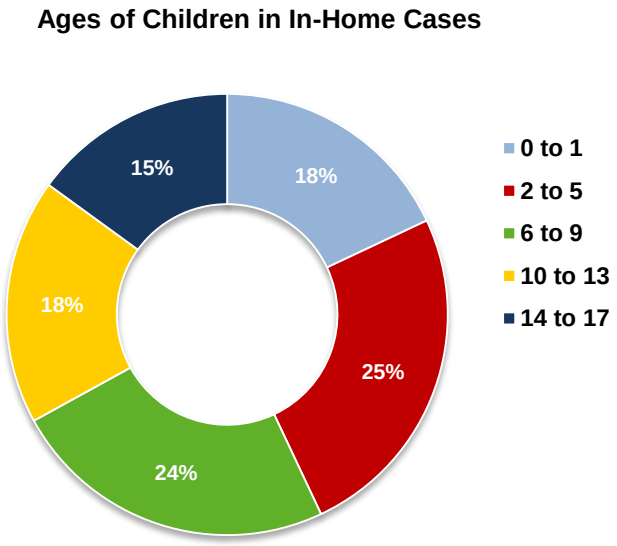
Ages of Children in In-Home Cases

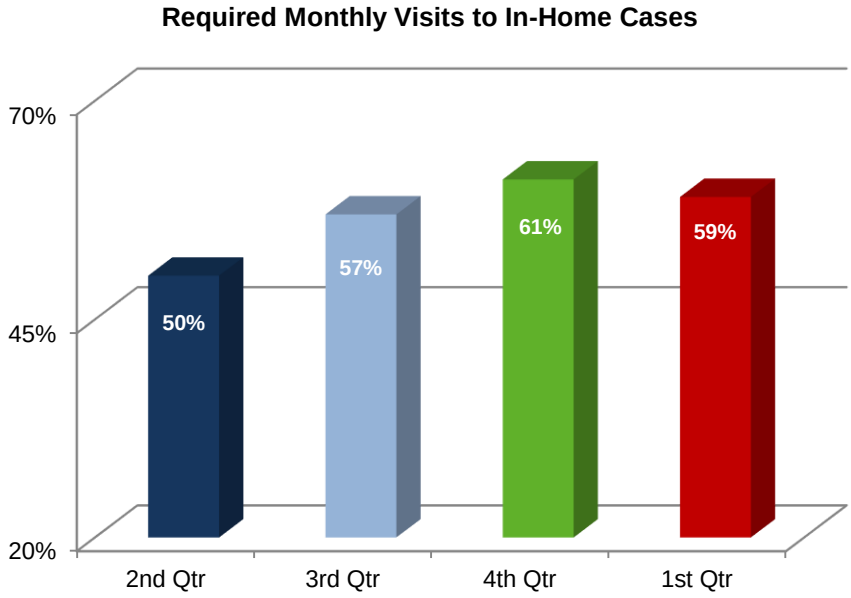
Children ages two to five make up the largest group of children involved in in-home cases at the end of the quarter.



Meeting Agency Policies

Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

On average, 59 percent of the in-home cases received a monthly face-to-face visit from a caseworker during the quarter.



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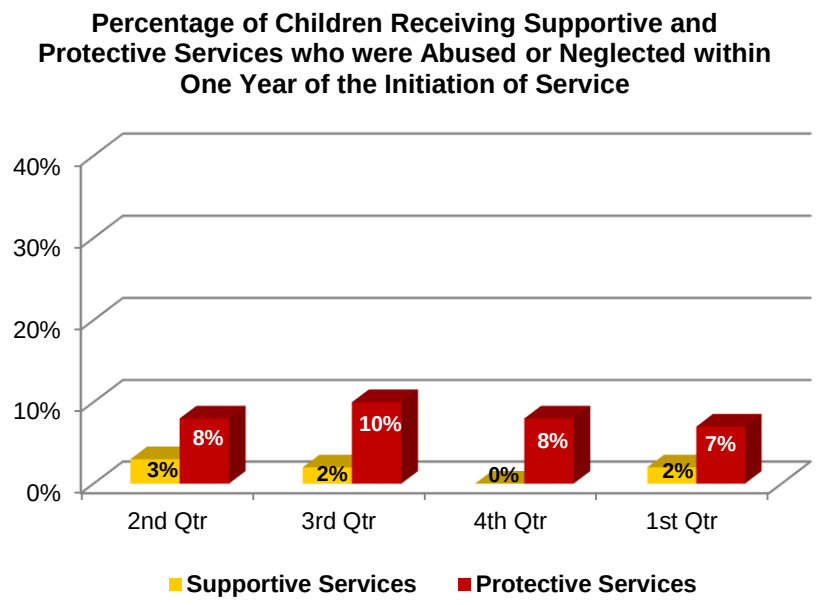
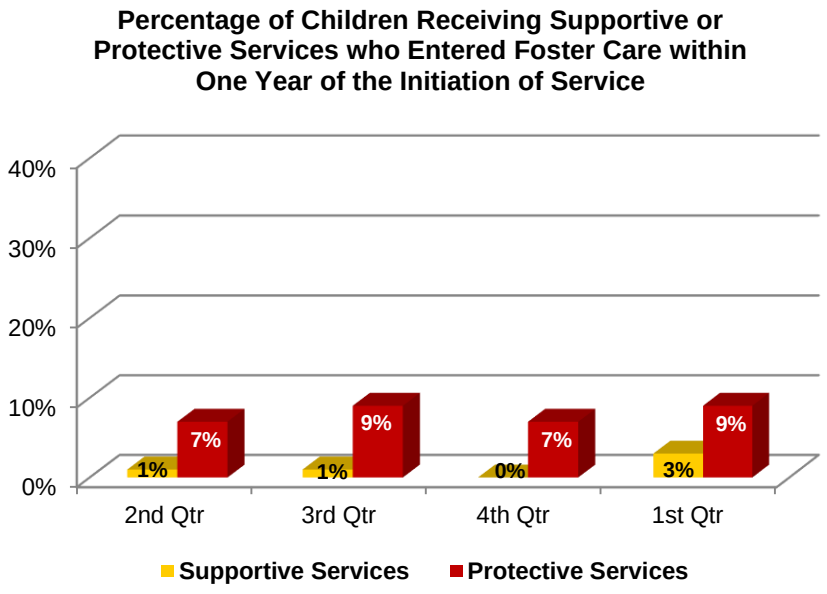
Benefits to Children and Families

Victimization Rate Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services



Of the children who began receiving supportive services during the first quarter one year ago, two percent experienced a true report of maltreatment within one year. During that same time frame, seven percent of the children who began receiving in-home protective services were involved in a true report within one year.

Rate of Entry Into Foster Care Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services



Of the children who began receiving supportive services during the first quarter one year ago, three percent entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services. Nine percent of the children who began receiving protective services during the same timeframe entered care within one year.

In-home services prevent the vast majority of the children from being re-victimized or entering foster care within one year.

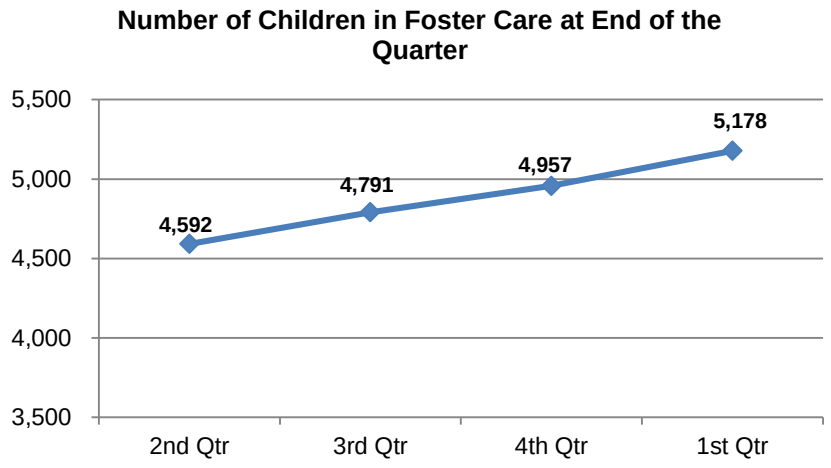
Quick Facts

Foster Care

Volume and Description of Cases

Number of Children in Foster Care

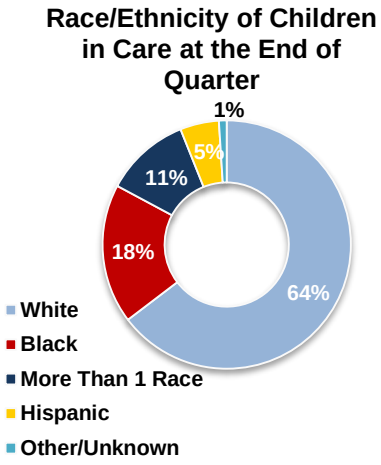
There were 5,178 children in foster care at the end of the first quarter of SFY 2017. This signified a four percent increase from the previous quarter.

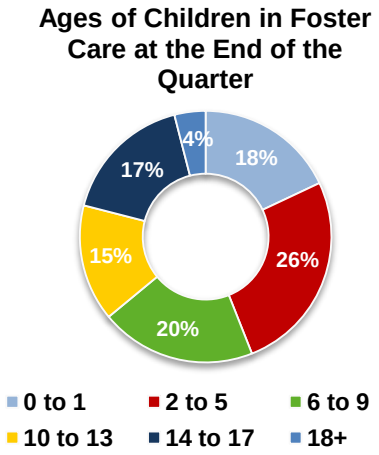


Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

Children two to five years of age (26 percent) represented the largest group of children in care. Sixty-four percent of those in foster care were white and 18 percent were black.

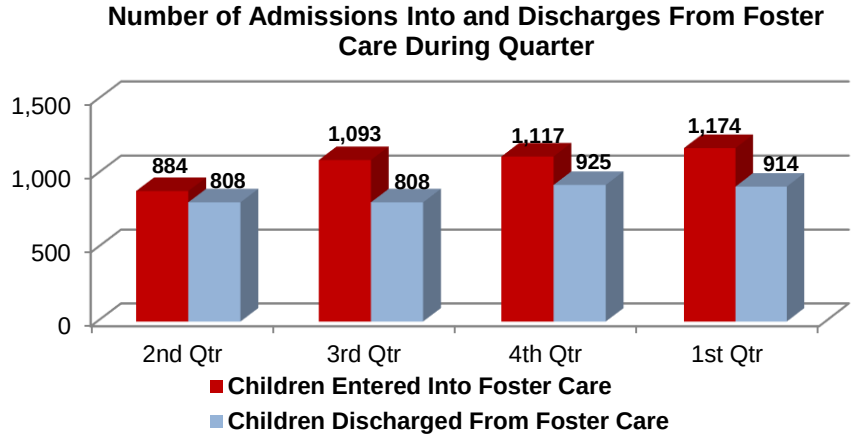
Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, 51 percent were male and 49 percent were female.





Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

During the first quarter of SFY 2017, more children entered foster care than were discharged.



Quick Facts

Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care

Neglect and substance abuse were the most prevalent reasons for children entering foster care.

Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care
1st Quarter SFY 2017

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
Neglect	661	56%
Substance Abuse	625[1]	53%
Parent Incarceration	263	22%
Physical Abuse	132	11%
Inadequate Housing	110	9%
Sexual Abuse	62	5%
Caretaker Illness	46	4%
Child's Behavior	37	3%
Abandonment	36	3%
Truancy	16	1%
Other	22	2%

A child may have more than one reason for entry.

Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care

Sixty-eight percent of the children who left foster care during the quarter were reunified either with their own family or that of a relative. Arkansas (90 percent) exceeds the national average of 81 percent of the children either going home, to a relative, or to an adoptive home.

Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care
1st Quarter SFY 2017

Placement Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
Reunification	371	41%
Relative Custody	251	27%
Adoption	203	22%
Child Aged Out	62	7%
Non-Relative Custody	15	2%
Custody Transfer	7	1
Other	5	1%

National data indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (51%), adoption (21%), and emancipation (9%).

[1] These 625 cases of substance abuse include 546 instances of parental drug abuse, 57 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 17 cases of drug abuse by children, and five cases of alcohol abuse by a child.

Quick Facts

Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, 44 percent had been in care longer than 12 months.

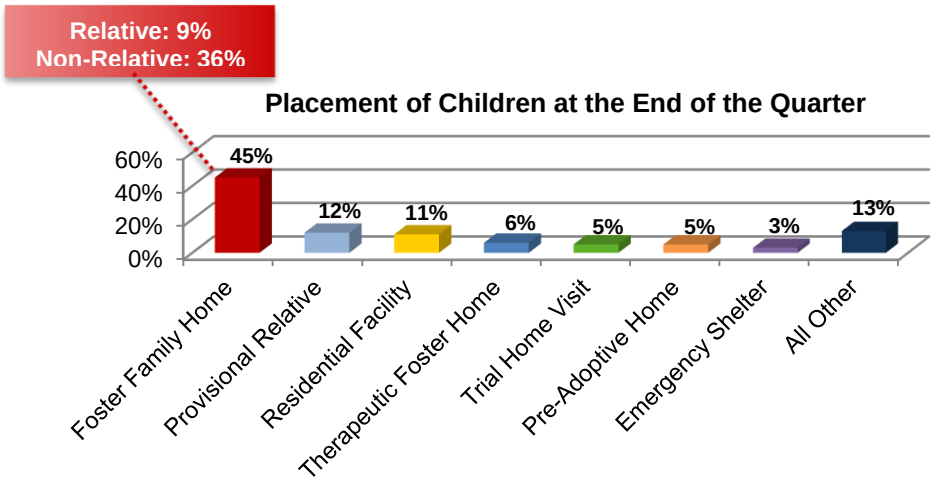
Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care
1st Quarter SFY 2017

	Number	Percentage	National
Less than 30 days	377	7%	5%
1-3 Months	611	12%	23%
3-6 Months	808	16%	
6-12 Months	1,117	22%	20%
12-24 Months	1,250	24%	25%
24-36 Months	419	8%	12%
36+ Months	596	12%	15%
Total	5,178	100%	100%

Placement of Children in Care

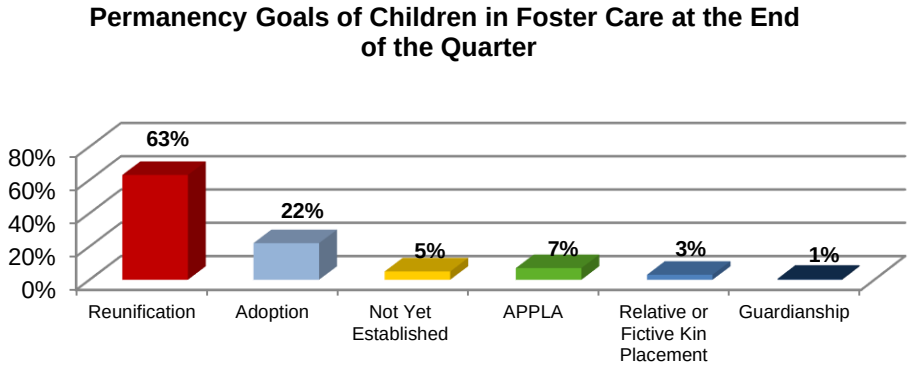
Forty-five percent of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter resided in foster family homes.

Overall, 73 percent of the children resided in a family-like setting (foster family home, therapeutic foster home, relative care, pre-adoptive home, trial home visit) at the end of the quarter.



Permanency Goals of Children in Care

Sixty-three percent of the children in care at the end of the quarter had a permanency goal of reunification (return home), and 22 percent had a goal of adoption.



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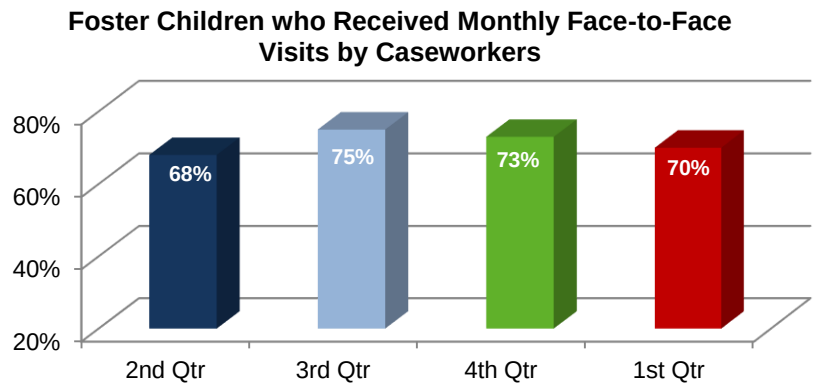
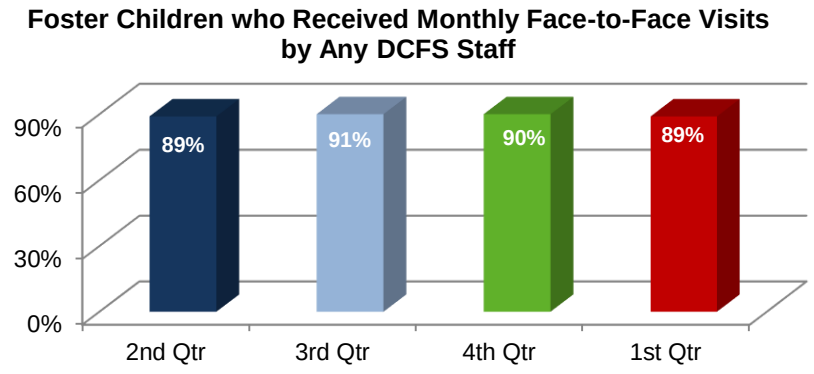
Meeting Agency Policies

Monthly Visits to Foster Children

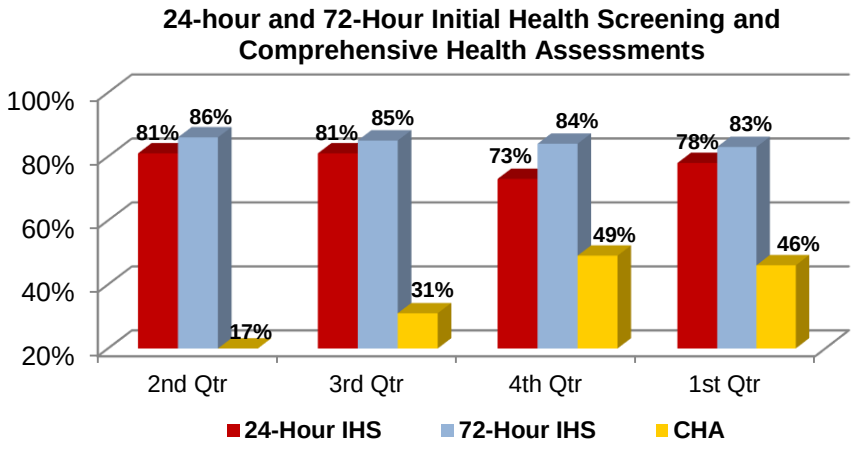


Seventy percent of the foster children statewide received a monthly face-to-face visit from a DCFS caseworker, on average, during the quarter. To ensure their safety and well-being, best practice requires foster children to be visited at their placement by their caseworker monthly (measured in this chart).



Eighty-nine percent of the foster children received a monthly face-to-face contact from *any* DCFS staff member, regardless of the staff member's position, location of the visit, or the purpose.

Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments



When a child enters foster care due to an allegation of severe maltreatment, DCFS must conduct an Initial Health Screening (IHS) within 24 hours. All other incoming foster children require health screenings within 72 hours. Children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60 days of entering foster care.

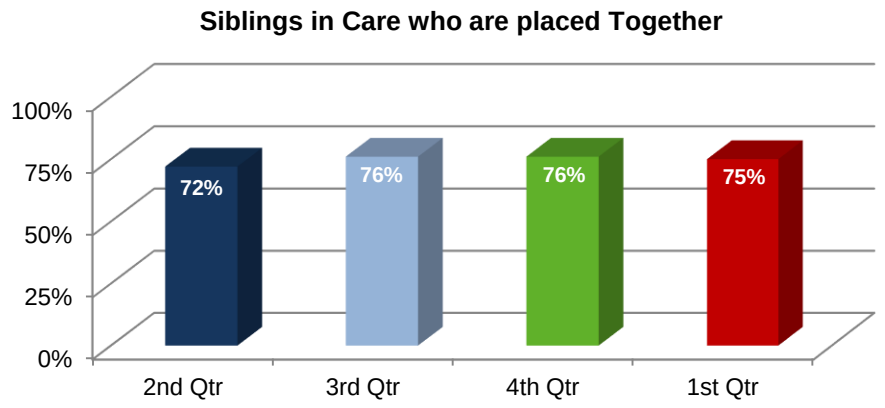
DCFS completed 78 percent of its required 24-hour IHSs, 83 percent of its 72-hour IHSs, and 46 percent of its CHAs on time.

Quick Facts

Percentage of Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

At the end of the quarter, 75 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 58 percent were placed with all of their siblings.

These figures do not exclude children who were placed separately for valid reasons such as safety issues or court orders.

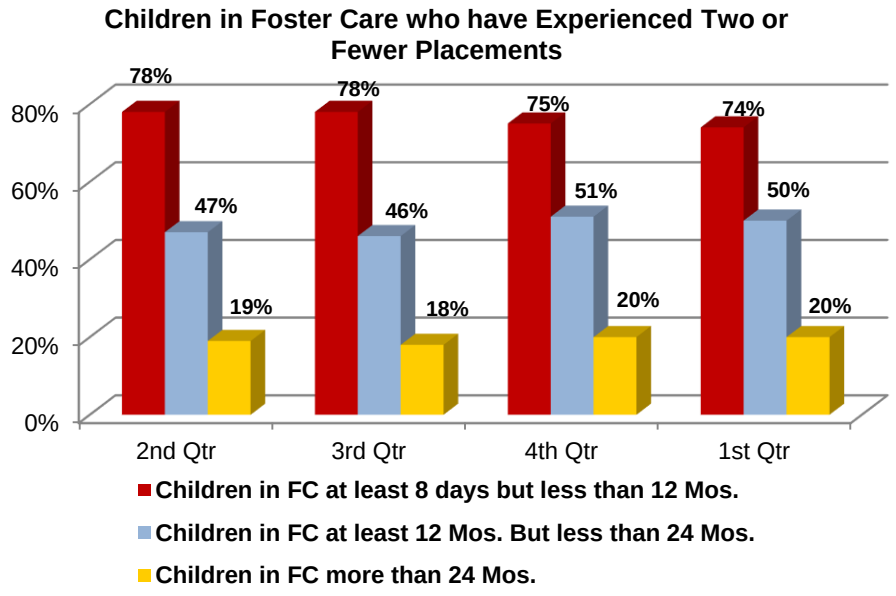


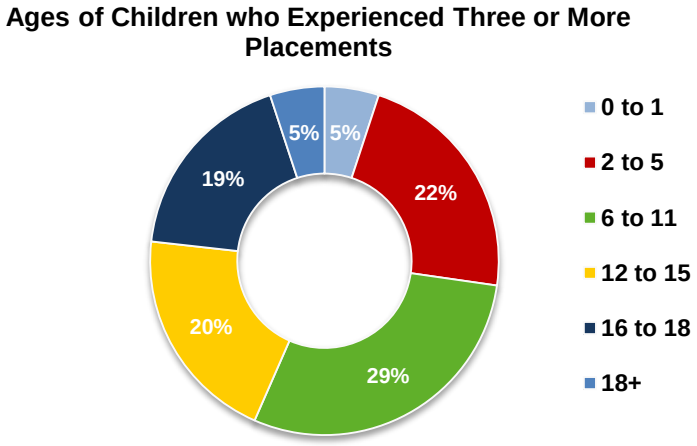
Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

Placement stability is measured by the percentage of children with two or fewer placements who are in care for varying lengths of time.

Of the children in care for less than 12 months, 74 percent experienced two or fewer placements; the national standard is 86 percent. Of the children in foster care between 12 and 24 months, 50 percent had two or fewer placements; the national standard for this group is 65.4 percent. Finally, of the children in care for over two years, only 20 percent experienced two or fewer placements, with the national standard being 41.8 percent.

Regardless of the length of time in foster care, 2,150 of the children in care at the end of the quarter had experienced three or more placements during their time in foster care. Children six to 11 represent the largest group of children who experienced such placement changes.





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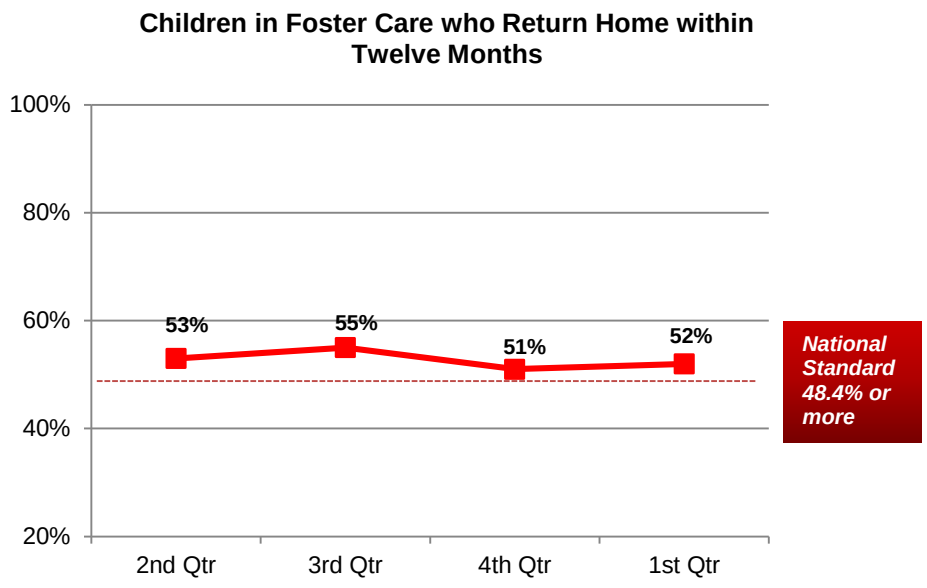
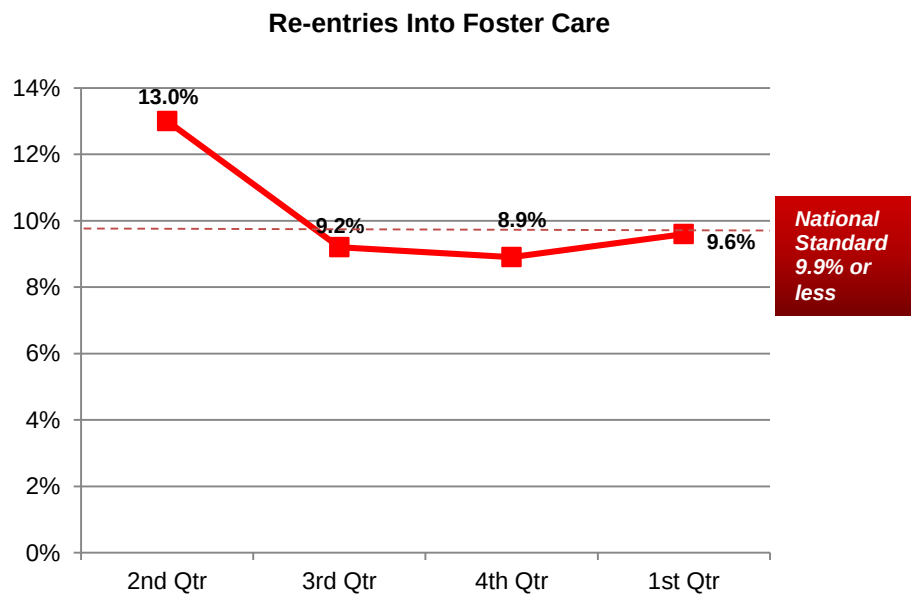
Benefits to Children and Families

Children in Foster Care Who Return Home Within Twelve Months



Fifty-two percent of the children who entered foster care during the first quarter one year ago returned to their families within 12 months, exceeding the national standard of 48.4 percent.

Preventing Children's Re-entry Into Foster Care



Of the children who were discharged to their families during the first quarter one year ago, 9.6 percent re-entered foster care within 12 months. The Division met the national standard of 9.9 percent or less for this quarter.

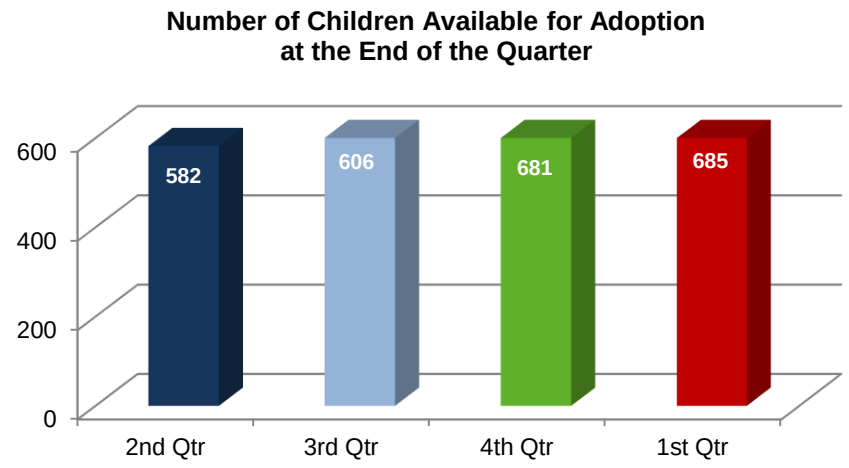
Quick Facts

Adoption

Volume and Description of Cases

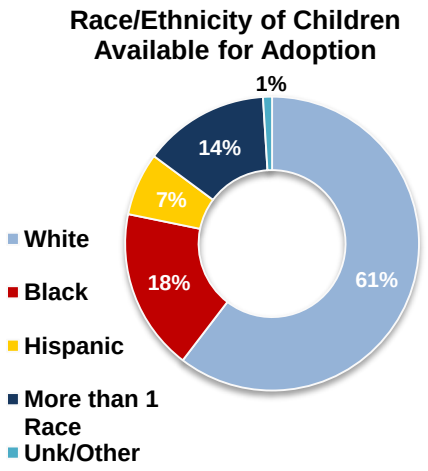
Children Available for Adoption [2]

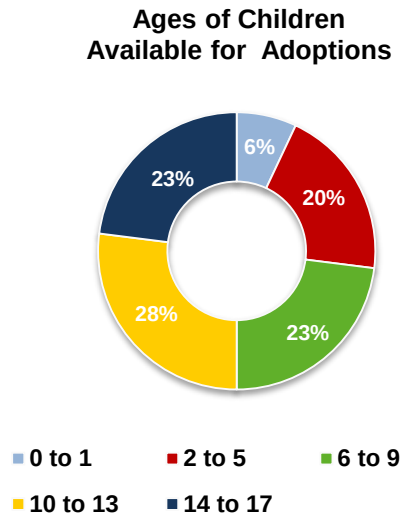
At the end of the quarter, 685 children were available for adoption.



Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 61 percent were white and 18 percent were black. The largest group ranged in age from ten to 13 years.





[2] Children available for adoption are defined as those who have a termination of parental rights on both parents and a goal of adoption.

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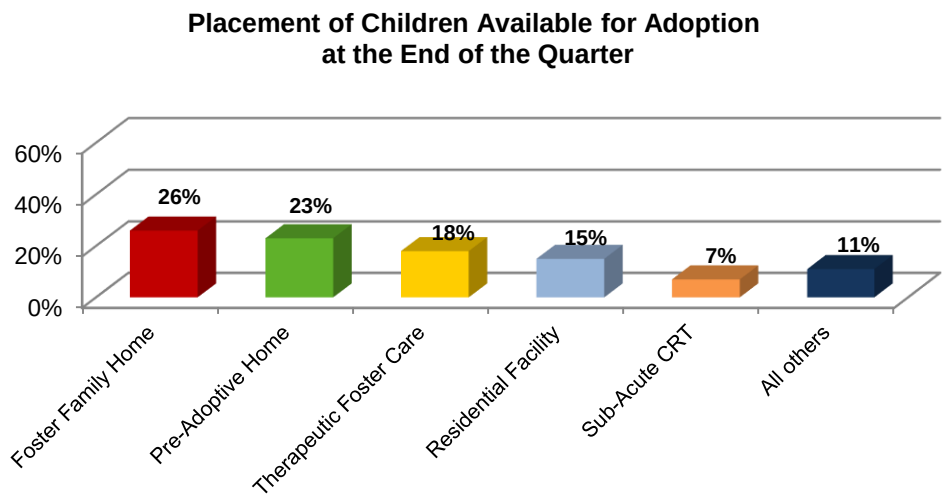
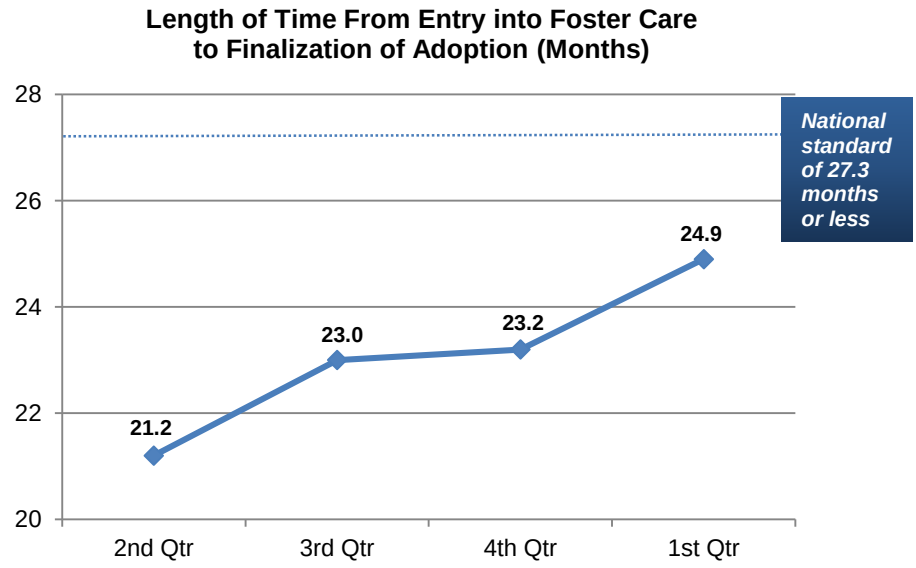
Placement of Children Available for Adoption



Approximately half (49 percent) of the children available for adoption at the end of the quarter resided in either a foster family home or a pre-adoptive home.

Meeting Agency Policies

Length of Time to Adoption



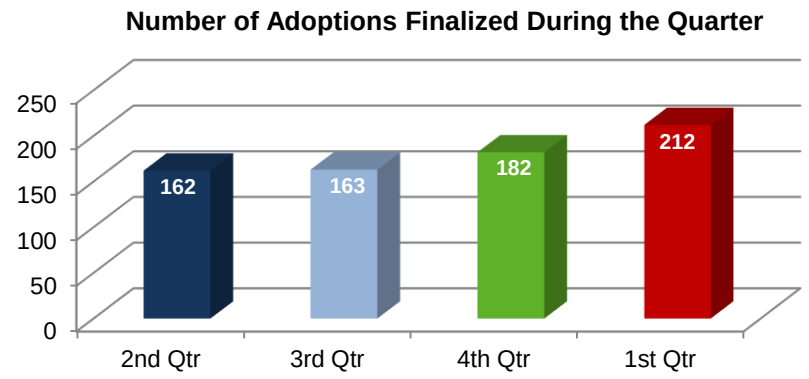
The median length of time from entry into foster care until finalization of adoption for children whose adoptions were finalized during the first quarter was 24.9 months, meeting the national standard.

Quick Facts

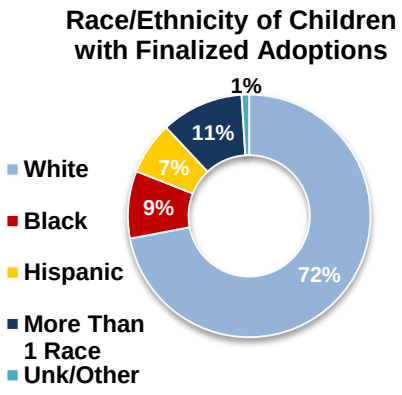
Benefits to Children and Families

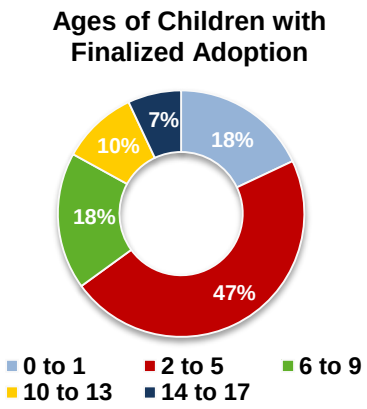
Finalized Adoptions

Two hundred and twelve adoptions were finalized during the first quarter of SFY 2017.



Children ages two to five were the largest group among those adopted during the quarter.





Subsidized Adoptions

Subsidies are given to children with special needs, defined as:

- Caucasian and over nine
- African-American and at least two
- At least two members of a sibling group
- Children who have severe medical or psychological needs that require ongoing treatment
- Children at high risk for the development of serious physical, mental, or emotional conditions documented by a medical professional

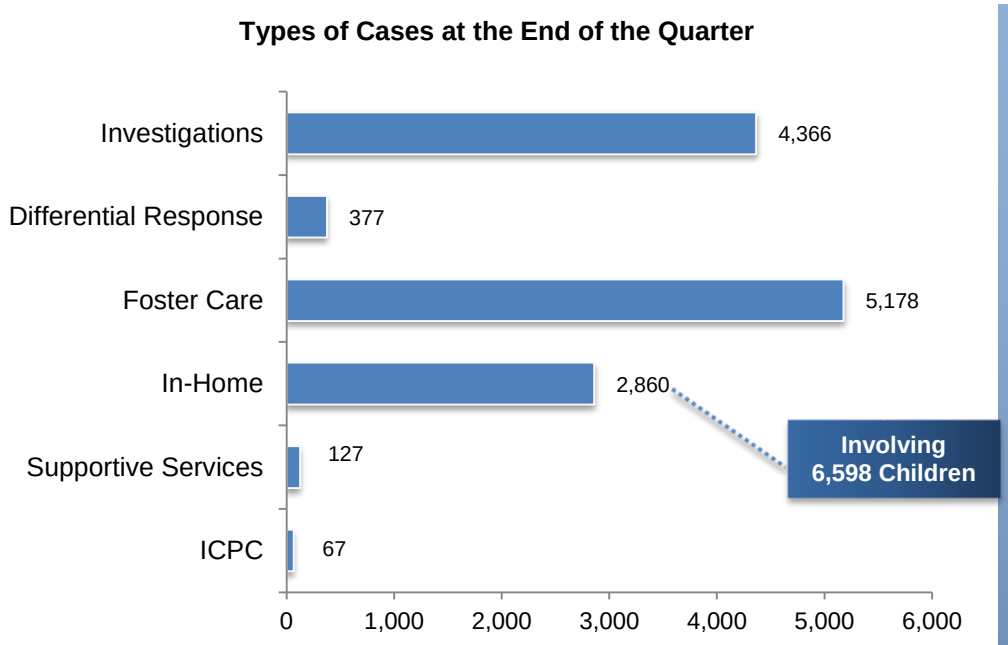
During the first quarter, 191 children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, 181 were federally-funded subsidies and 10 were state-funded.

During the quarter, a total of 5,616 children received adoption subsidies.

Quick Facts

Caseworkers and Caseloads

Caseloads at the End of the Quarter



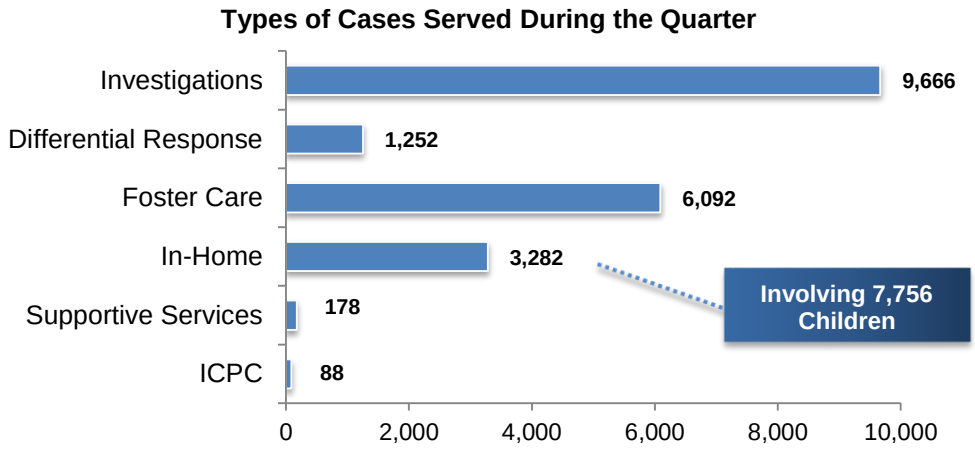
One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.

As of the end of the quarter, the Division was responsible for:

- **4,366 investigations of child maltreatment and 377 DR cases;**
- **5,178 foster care cases (4,743 excluding adoption cases);**
- **2,860 in-home protective services cases, involving 6,598 children;**
- **127 supportive services cases and 67 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.**

This is while the Division was staffed with 417 family service workers, who were responsible for handling these cases.

Caseloads Handled *During* the Quarter



This graph shows the number of cases that cycled through the system anytime during the quarter (as opposed to those open at the end of the quarter, described above).

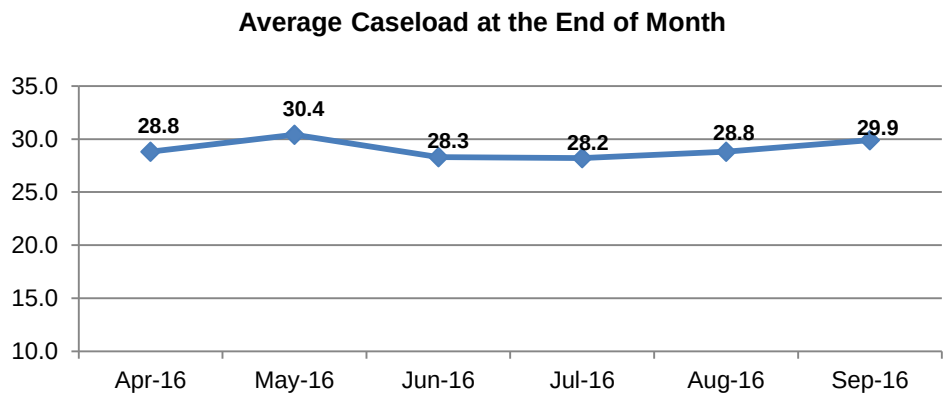
The Division oversaw 9,666 investigations; 6,092 children in foster care; 3,282 in-home protective services cases; 1,252 DR cases; 178 supportive services cases; and 88 ICPC cases.

Quick Facts

Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at nearly 30 cases per worker at the end of the quarter. This average is double the standard of about 15 cases per worker set by the Child Welfare League of America.

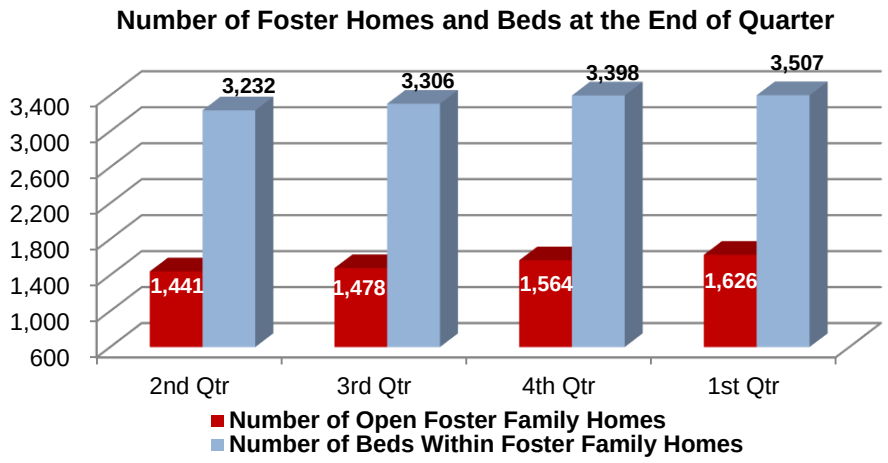
The average caseload for each county as of September 2016 is presented in Appendix E.



Foster Homes

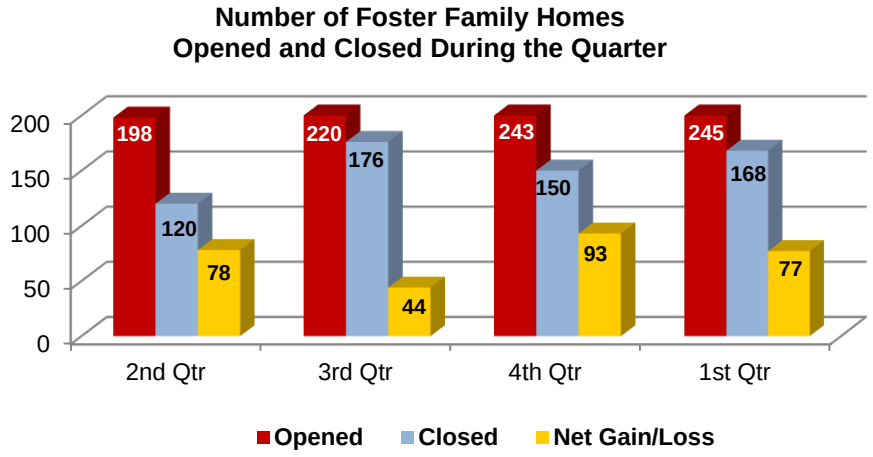
Foster Homes and Beds

There were 1,626 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of the first quarter, providing a total of 3,507 available beds.



During the quarter, 245 new foster homes were opened and 168 were closed, for a net gain of 77 homes.

Appendix F displays the closure reasons for the foster homes that closed during the quarter.



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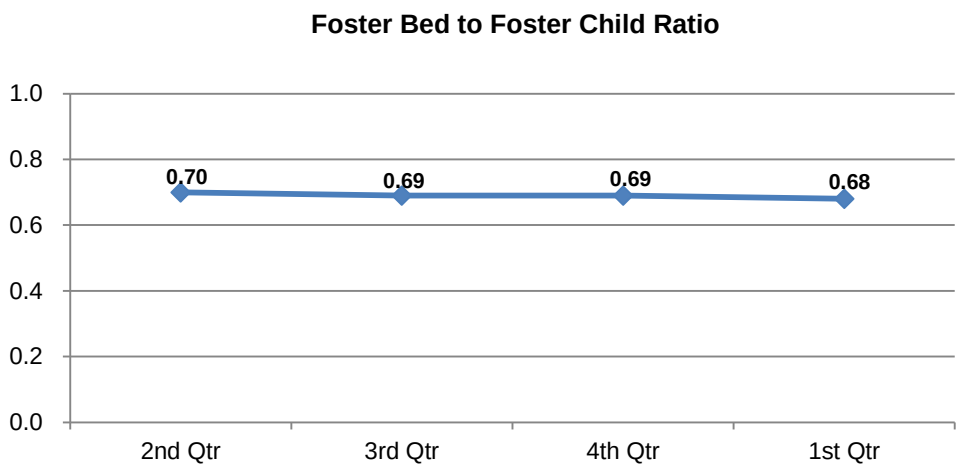
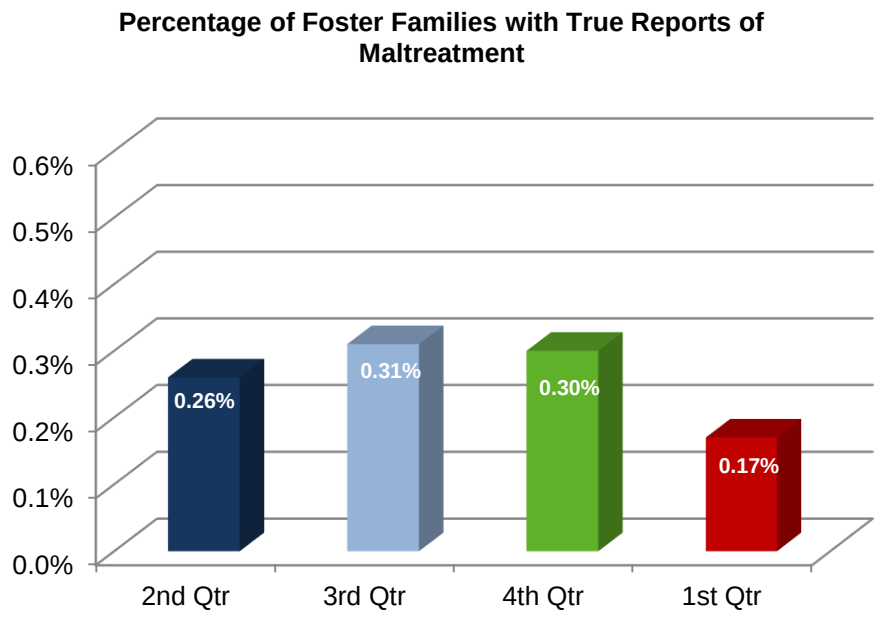
Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children



The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was less than one (0.68) at the end of the quarter, giving workers few choices of where to place children.

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment



Five reports in which foster parents were identified as alleged offenders were determined to be true during the quarter. Based on the 1,779 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.17 percent.

Appendix G provides more detail on maltreatment reports concerning foster homes.

Appendix A: Breakdown of Child Maltreatment Reports Received During the Quarter and Substantiation Rates of Maltreatment Investigations[3]

	DCFS				CACD		
	Total Assessments Assigned for DR	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True
Second Quarter 2016	**1,145**	**6,701** *6,012 Closed*	**1,374**	**23%**	**1,572** *1,446 Closed*	**507**	**35%**
Third Quarter 2016	**1,151**	**5,638** *5,406 Closed*	**1,183**	**22%**	**1,395** *1,266 Closed*	**473**	**37%**
Fourth Quarter 2016	**1,277**	**6,668** *5,967 Closed*	**1,346**	**23%**	**1,618** *1,469 Closed*	**497**	**34%**
First Quarter 2017	**854**	**5,712** *5,096 Closed*	**1,194**	**23%**	**1,527** *1370 Closed*	**494**	**36%**

[3] The data cited in this appendix run two months behind the referenced quarter (e.g., the first quarter refers to 5/1/2016 through 7/31/2016); as a result, the numbers cited in this appendix differ from those cited throughout the report which considers the actual quarter. This is because investigations have a 45-day completion timeframe and this allows enough time to pass to measure the disposition of the investigations. An investigation is excluded from the calculation of the substantiation rate in the event that it has not yet been closed (and thus a disposition has not yet been rendered).

Appendix B: Summary of Reports Involving Child Fatality

True Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
Joshua Rains	Baxter	2	White	Male	7/2/2016	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	In-Home
Chance Neighbors, Jr.	Garland	4	White	Male	7/10/2016	Neglect	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None
Jeremiah Hunter	Mississippi	<1	Black	Male	7/15/2016	Neglect	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	FC Case	None
Kimani Buchanan	Pulaski	2	Black	Male	7/22/2016	Physical Abuse	In-Home	Mother's Boyfriend	CACD	None	None	In-Home
Eric Latch	Lonoke	14	White	Male	8/20/2016	Medical Neglect	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	In-Home	In-Home
Ta'myah Laboy	Phillips	<1	Black	Female	8/28/2016	Medical Neglect	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None

Unsubstantiated Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
Jayden McGinnis	Greene	4	White	Female	7/21/2016	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None
Bentley Love	Grant	2	White	Male	8/20/2016	Inadequate Supervision	In-home	Unknown	CACD	None	None	None
Jayden Love	Grant	3	White	Male	8/26/2016	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Unknown	CACD	None	None	None

Pending Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
Kayden Thompson	White	1	Black	Male	7/8/2016	Neglect	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None
Alexis Jones	Hempstead	<1	White	Female	9/9/2016	Physical Abuse	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	72 Hour Hold	In-Home Case	FC Case
Hawaii Christman	Independence	<1	Hispanic	Female	9/20/2016	Abuse	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	Children Removed	None	FC Case

Appendix C: Summary of Reports Involving Near Child Fatality

True Near Fatality Reports

There were no true near child fatality reports during the first quarter of SFY 2017.

Unsubstantiated Near Fatality Reports

There were no unsubstantiated near child fatality reports during the first quarter of SFY 2017.

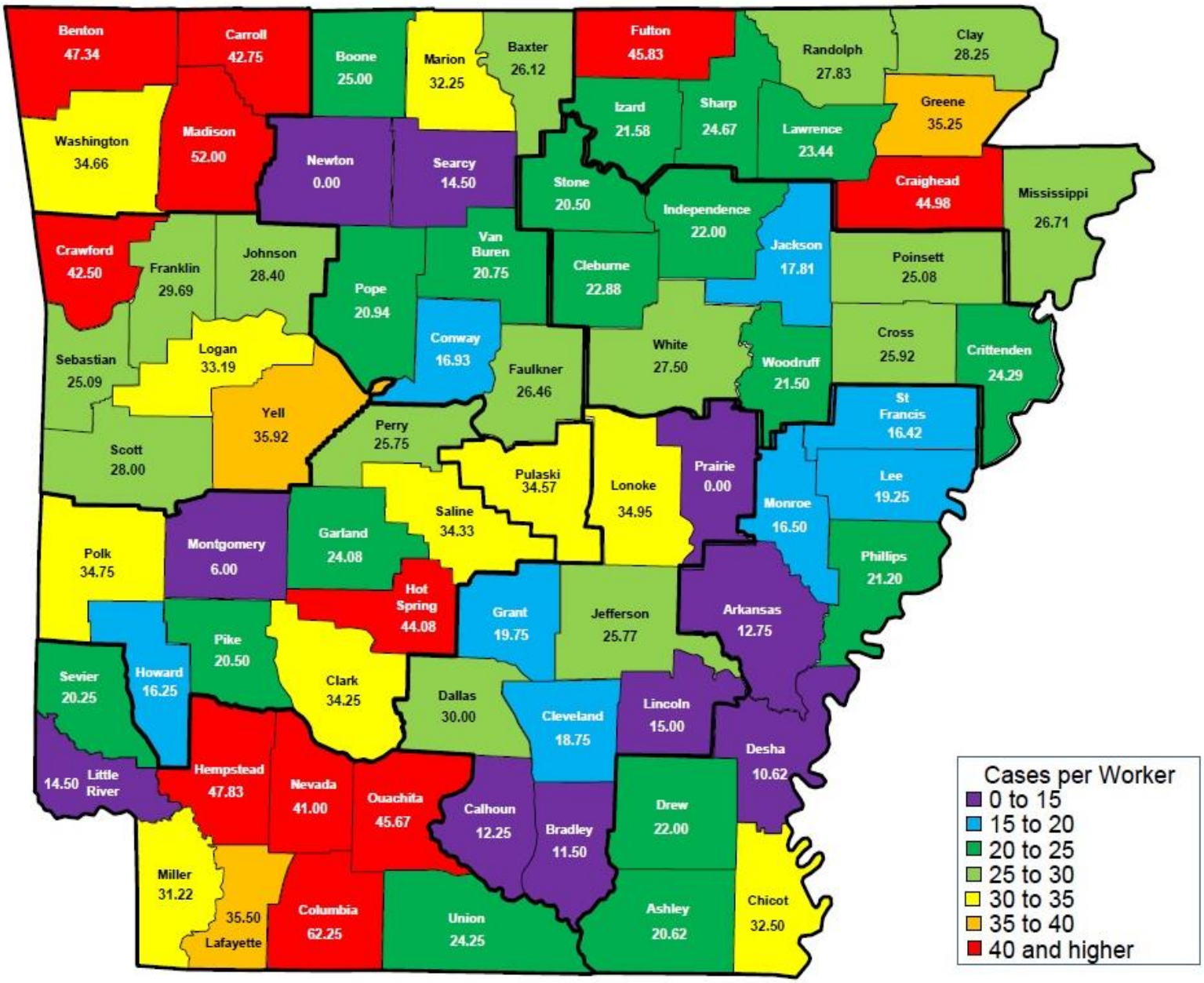
Pending Near Fatality Reports

There were no pending near child fatality reports during the first quarter of SFY 2017.

Appendix D: Fatalities of Children in Foster Care Who Did Not Receive a Maltreatment Investigation

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
Child #1	Craighead	13	Asian	Male	8/22/2016	Medical Condition	Foster Care	None	Foster Care	None

Appendix E: Average Caseload as of September 30, 2016, by County



Due to the fact that Newton and Prairie counties did not have any family service workers at the end of the quarter, their cases were assigned to workers from other counties.

Appendix F: Foster Home Closure Reasons

Area	County	Total	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/ Custody/ Guardianship/ Relative Only	Other	Founded Abuse/ Neglect	Provider/ Services No Longer Needed
1	Benton (Bentonville)	19	0	10	4	3	1	0	1
1	Carroll (Berryville)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	5	0	1	2	1	1	0	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	9	0	4	2	2	1	0	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
2	Yell (Danville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	6	0	3	2	1	0	0	0
2	Scott (Waldron)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Franklin (Ozark)	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	6	0	2	2	0	1	0	1
2	Logan (Paris)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
3	Saline (Benton)	8	1	4	1	2	0	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	7	0	4	0	3	0	0	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	Conway (Morrilton)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Boone (Harrison)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (East)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (North)	7	1	3	3	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (South)	10	0	5	4	1	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
7	Lincoln (Star City)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0

Area	County	Total	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/ Custody/ Guardianship/ Relative Only	Other	Founded Abuse/ Neglect	Provider/ Services No Longer Needed
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Fulton (Salem)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	0
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Izard (Melbourne)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Greene (Paragould)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
9	Stone (Mountain View)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	11	0	5	2	0	1	0	3
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
9	Jackson (Newport)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	6	0	0	3	1	2	0	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	Independence (Batesville)	7	0	2	0	2	3	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
99	Out of State	7	1	0	5	0	0	0	1
	Statewide	**168**	**4**	**70**	**47**	**25**	**12**	**0**	**10**

Details of the Major Categories Above (Statewide)		
Reason Category	**Specific Reason**	**Number of Homes Closed**
Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Adopted	5
	Child(ren) Left Care	9
	Custody/Guardianship	11
Change in Family Circumstances	Divorce	1
	Moved	3
Foster Family's Decision	App. Needs More Time	1
	App. No Longer Interested in Parenting	2
	Changed to Adopt Only	6
	Provider Request	59
	Taking a Break	2
No Longer Meets Requirements	DHS Request	20
	Not taking Children when Contacted	1
	Provider End Dated	26
Other	Duplicate	1
	Other	11
Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	10

Appendix G: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, 1st Quarter SFY 2017

One hundred and forty-three reports of alleged maltreatment, involving 164 children in foster care, were received by the hotline during the first quarter of SFY 2017.

In 43 reports involving 58 children, foster parents[4] were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown in the following chart, three of those reports were found to be true and all three homes were closed.

Foster Home Maltreatment Reports
1st Quarter SFY 2017

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
3	40	0

All allegations of maltreatment concerning foster homes are investigated by the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police. DCFS staff do not actively participate in the investigation of these reports. Allegations of maltreatment regarding foster homes require the agency to assess the safety of all children residing in the home.

The following charts describe the characteristics of the 58 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment with foster parents as the alleged offenders.

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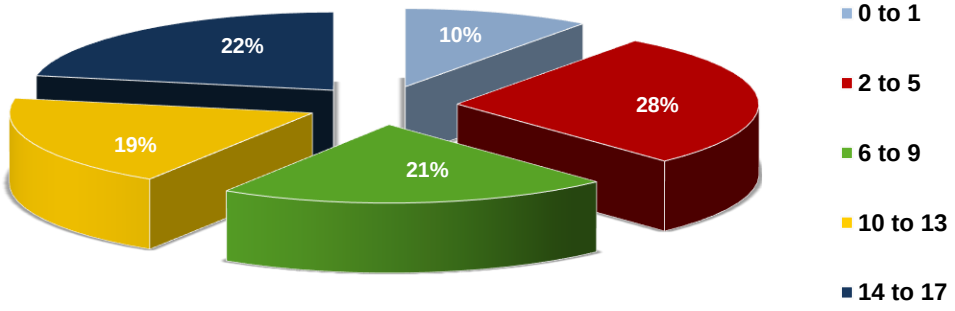
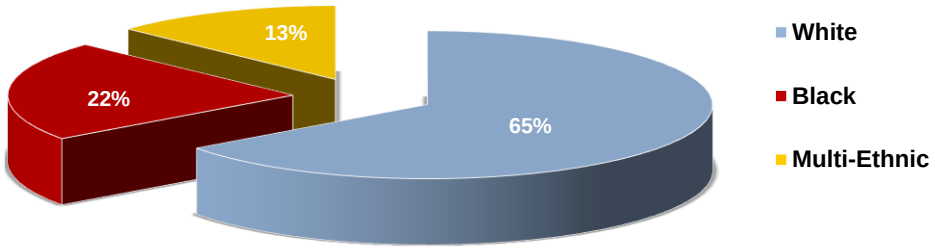
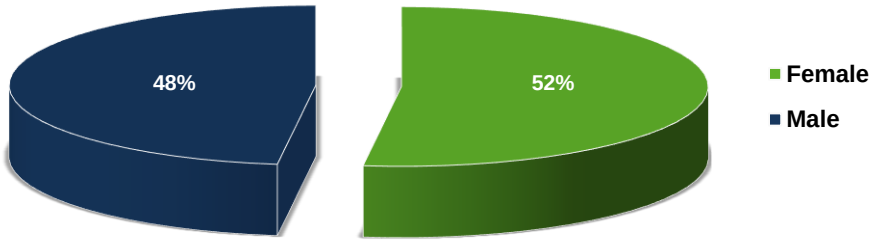


[4] This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes

Race/Ethnicity



Gender



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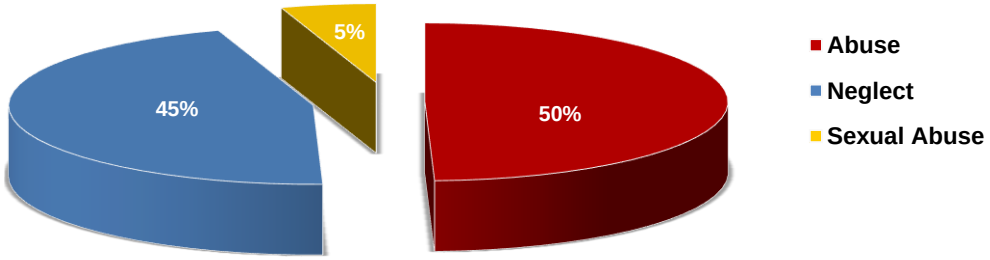

County of Foster Homes in Which Alleged Maltreatment Occurred

County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report	County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report
Benton	8	**White**	1
Pulaski	7	**Arkansas**	1
Craighead	5	**Polk**	1
Washington	4	**Miller**	1
Mississippi	3	**Franklin**	1
Jefferson	3	**Pope**	1
Lonoke	3	**Crittenden**	1
Phillips	3	**Crawford**	1
Saline	3	**Boone**	1
Baxter	2	**Sevier**	1
Sebastian	2	**Greene**	1
Faulkner	2		
Garland	2		