Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Meeting – September 6, 2023

DSS CWS Data

Staffing Information

Child Welfare Staff Task Area Detail – August 2023			
Task Area	Staff	Vacancies	
Court Officers, Court Intake, Court Ongoing	21	1	
Hotline	15	1	
Emergency Response	59	10	
Family Reunification / Family Maintenance / FR Training/El Puente	79	6	
Voluntary Family Maintenance	10	2	
Permanency Planning (PPLA)/NMD/ILP	32	1	
Adoptions / Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)/NRLG	25	5	
TDM/CFT, RFS, ISFC, WRAP, EdL; Shelter MOD C	19	5	
Support Staff (SWA, OA, SAS)	106	25	
Family Finding	2	1	
Resource Family Approval (RFA) (Intake, Ongoing, Family Eval, D/C)	29	1	
Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)	6	1	
Supervision (Social Work Supervisors, Supervising Office Assistants)	57	2	
Leadership (Program Managers, Administrative Assistants, and Program Technicians	23	1	
Long-Term Medical LOA – Social Workers	2	0	
Total	485	62	

Table I: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by task area, for filled allocations and vacancies (Internal tracking). As of 8/15/23.

Child Welfare Job Class Detail – August 2023			
Position Title	Staff	Vacancies	
Social Workers (SW/SWP)	298	35	
Social Work Aides (SWA)	27	10	
Office Assistants (OA)	77	12	
Substance Abuse Specialists (SAS)	2	3	
Social Work Supervisors (SWS)	49	0	
Supervising Office Assistants (SOA)	8	2	
Program Technicians	6	0	
Administrative Assistants	10	0	
Program Managers (PM)	8	0	
Total	485	62	

Table II: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by job class (internal tracking). As of 8/15/23.

Child Welfare Support (Non-CWS Allocations) – August 2023			
Position Title	Staff	Vacancies	
Eligibility Workers (EW)	28	2	
Social Services Program Supervisors (SSPS)	4	0	
Office Assistants (OA)	3	2	
Total	35	4	

Table III: DSS Non-CWS Allocations (Internal Tracking). As of 8/15/23.

Referral and Case Information

Child Maltreatment Referrals by Allegation Type				
Allegation Type June 2023 July 2023				
Physical Abuse	194 (12.0%)	139 (9.6%)		
Emotional Abuse	300 (18.5%)	312 (21.5%)		
Neglect	838 (51.9%)	755 (52.1%)		
Sexual Abuse	71 (4.4%)	80 (5.5%)		
Other/At Risk	213 (13.2%)	163 (11.3%)		
Total Allegations	1,616 (100%)	1,449 (100%)		

Table IV: Contrasted referral counts categorized by type of allegation. The data also include referrals that were evaluated out, and not necessarily followed up on for investigation. Therefore, not all reported referrals were investigated. Referrals may have multiple allegation types, so the number of clients will differ from the total number of allegations. Source: SafeMeasures. Investigations. Allegation Type – By Client. Extracted: 08/14/2023.

Caseload by Task Area			
Task Area	June 2023	July 2023	
Family Reunification	1,024	974	
Family Maintenance	227	206	
Permanency Planning	1,450	1,484	
Supportive Transitions	145	143	
Emergency Response	79	64	
Adoptions	506	499	
Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM)	118	120	
Total	3,549	3,490	

Table V: The data represent the number of cases by task area. Permanency Planning data were calculated by subtracting Adoption case counts. Family Maintenance data were calculated by subtracting Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM) cases. Source: SafeMeasures. All Open Cases. Case Subset by Service Component. Extracted: 08/14/2023.

Case Count by Ethnicity			
Ethnicity	June 2023	July 2023	
White	456 (15.9%)	442 (15.6%)	
Black	472 (16.4%)	476 (16.8%)	
Latino	1,755 (61.2%)	1,743 (61.4%)	
Asian/Pacific Islander	126 (4.4%)	130 (4.6%)	
Native American	34 (1.2%)	35 (1.2%)	
Not Reported	25 (0.9%)	13 (0.4%)	
Total	2,868 (100%)	2,839 (100%)	

Table VI: The data show a total case count by ethnicity. Source: SafeMeasures. Ethnicity Listed. Extracted 08/14/2023.

FURS Summary Report			
Metrics	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023
Number of Calls	0	1	1
Average Mobile Response Time (Minutes)	0	33	0
Caller Type Totals from May 2023 through July	y 2023		
Foster Parent			0
Social Worker			0
Other (Congregate Care, Bio-Parent)			2
Total Number of Calls from May 2023 through	July 2023		2
Average Response Time from Call Received to	Arrival (Minutes)		33

Table VII: Number of calls for service and average mobile response time (Internal Tracking). Note: Not all calls require mobile response.

Placement Metrics

Entry into Placement – July 2022 to June 2023					
Placement Type County of Fresno (#/%) Statewide (#/%)					
Pre-Adoption	5 (0.6%)	56 (0.3%)			
Relative / NREFM	236 (26.3%)	6,476 (33.9%)			
Foster Home	126 (14.1%)	4,481 (23.4%)			
Foster Family Agency (FFA)	488 (54.5%)	5,688 (29.7%)			
Court Specified	1 (0.1%)	141 (0.7%)			
Group Home	21 (2.3%)	312 (1.6%)			
Shelter	0 (0.0%)	1,377 (7.2%)			
Guardian	12 (1.3%)	492 (2.6%)			
Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP)	0 (0.0%)	10 (0.1%)			
Other/Missing*	7 (0.8%)	94 (0.5%)			
Total	896 (100%)	19,127 (100%)			

Table VIII: Source: SafeMeasures. AB 636 Measure 4b: Placement Entries. Extracted: 08/16/2023.

^{*}Number of children who were missing a placement setting or did not have a placement setting when they entered placement.

Number of Placements from Removal to End Placement Date – July 2023				
Placements Count %				
1	827	37.4%		
2	544	24.6%		
3-5	608	27.5%		
6+	229	10.3%		
Missing Placement Count	4	0.2%		
Total	2,212	100%		

Table IX: The data show the sequential number of placements for youth in foster care from initial entry to the end of placement. Source: SafeMeasures. Episode Placement Count. Extracted 08/14/2023.

Placements by Facility Type – July 2023				
Placement Facility Type	In County	Out of County	Not Recorded	Total
Group Home / STRTP	51 (2.7%)	22 (6.8%)	0 (0.0%)	73 (3.3%)
RFA - Relative/NREFM Home	560 (29.7%)	100 (31.1%)	0 (0.0%)	660 (29.9%)
RFA - Resource Home	258 (13.7%)	32 (9.9%)	0 (0.0%)	290 (13.1%)
Foster Family Agency	691 (36.6%)	114 (35.4%)	0 (0.0%)	805 (36.5%)
Supervised Independent Living	60 (3.2%)	15 (4.7%)	0 (0.0%)	75 (3.4%)
Guardian Home - Non-Dependent	214 (11.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	214 (9.7%)
Guardian Home - Dependent	47 (2.5%)	1 (0.3%)	0 (0.0%)	48 (2.2%)
Other	5 (0.3%)	38 (11.8%)	0 (0.0%)	43 (1.9%)
Total	1,886 (100%)	322 (100%)	0 (100%)	2,208 (100%)

Table XI: Placements by facility type for youth placed in-county, and out of county. Source: SafeMeasures. Placement Facility Type. Extracted: 08/14/2023.

Placement Metrics Continued

Out of State Placements – July 2023			
Placement Facility Type	Count	%	
Court Specified Home	31	83.8%	
In-Home	2	5.4%	
Relative/NREFM Home	0	0.0%	
Supervised Independent Living (SILP)	4	10.8%	
Total	37	100%	

Table XII: The data show out of state placements, broken down by placement facility type. Source: SafeMeasures. Extracted: 08/14/2023.

Additional Placement Metrics – July 2023		
Placement within 30 days of Entry Count		
Youth Placed with a Relative within 30 days of Entry	9	

Table XIII: The data show the number of youth placed with a relative within 30 days of entry into foster care (Internal Tracking).

DSS Juvenile Dependency Court Stats

Continuances/Hearings – July 2023					
Courtroom	Dept. 21	Dept. 22	Dept. 23		
Number of Hearings	188	163	124		
Number of Hearings Set to Trial	7	4	14		
# of Continuance DSS	9	24	12		
Continued by Parent's Attorney	6	8	13		
Continued by the Court	7	8	5		
Continued by FCA	1	2	2		
# of Total Continuances	23	42	32		
% of Continuances	12%	26%	26%		
All Court Rooms (Avg)		20%			
DSS Continuance (Avg)		9%			

Table XIV: The table displays the total number of CWS-related court hearings, hearings set to trial, and total number of continuances for the selected month. Source: CWS Program Staff (internal tracking).

	Court Writer Sta		
FR Court Writer Stats			
Juris	1		
Dispo	1		
Juris/Dispo	38		
Petition	0		
Amended Petition	4		
Detentions	0		
Addendum	4		
PCW	0		
387	0		
Review of Dependency Status	0		
Continuance Request	0		
Ex Parte	0		
JV-180	0		
RDS 6	0		
Status Review Report	0		
Transfer of Case to Different State	0		

ats by Task Area – July 2023						
	ER Court Writer Stats					
	Original Petitions	32				
	Amended Petitions	10				
	PCWs	9				
	Arraignments	0				
	Detentions	29				
	Addendum	0				
	1513 (A&B)	1				
	JV-180	2				
	Petition to Enter/Interview Minors	0				
	Ex Parte	0				
	DEI, # of Children	7				

Table XV: The data show metrics for court writers assigned to Family Reunification, and Emergency Response, respectively. Source: CWS Program Staff (internal tracking).

Mod-C

Mod-C Data – July 2023			
Entries	29 Youth (10 Re-entries)		
Length of Stay: Less than 9 days	27 Youth		
Length of Stay: Greater than 9 Days / Reason	2 Youth / 2 Placement Disruptions		
Average Length of Stay	2.5 Days		
Reasons for Entry into Mod-C	Placement Disruption (16)		
	Return from AWOL (17)		
	ER Removal (6)		

Table XVI: The data show entries and length of stay for youth using Mod-C housing. Source: CWS Program Staff (internal tracking).