

Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Meeting – October 4, 2023

DSS CWS Data

Staffing Information

Child Welfare Staff Task Area Detail – October 2023		
Task Area	Staff	Vacancies
<i>Court Officers, Court Intake, Court Ongoing</i>	20	1
<i>Hotline</i>	15	1
<i>Emergency Response</i>	63	6
<i>Family Reunification / Family Maintenance / FR Training/El Puente</i>	79	7
<i>Voluntary Family Maintenance</i>	10	2
<i>Permanency Planning (PPLA)/NMD/ILP</i>	34	8
<i>Adoptions / Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)/NRLG</i>	25	5
<i>TDM/CFT, RFS, ISFC, WRAP, EdL; Shelter MOD C</i>	21	1
<i>Support Staff (SWA, OA, SAS)</i>	111	15
<i>Family Finding</i>	2	1
<i>Resource Family Approval (RFA) (Intake, Ongoing, Family Eval, D/C)</i>	29	1
<i>Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)</i>	6	1
<i>Supervision (Social Work Supervisors, Supervising Office Assistants)</i>	57	3
<i>Leadership (Program Managers, Administrative Assistants, and Program Technicians)</i>	23	1
<i>Long-Term Medical LOA – Social Workers</i>	2	0
Total	497	53

Table I: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by task area, for filled allocations and vacancies (Internal tracking). As of 10/16/23.

Child Welfare Job Class Detail – October 2023		
Position Title	Staff	Vacancies
<i>Social Workers (SW/SWP)</i>	303	37
<i>Social Work Aides (SWA)</i>	31	6
<i>Office Assistants (OA)</i>	75	9
<i>Substance Abuse Specialists (SAS)</i>	5	0
<i>Social Work Supervisors (SWS)</i>	49	1
<i>Supervising Office Assistants (SOA)</i>	10	0
<i>Program Technicians</i>	6	0
<i>Administrative Assistants</i>	10	0
<i>Program Managers (PM)</i>	8	0
Total	497	53

Table II: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by job class (internal tracking). As of 10/16/23.

Child Welfare Support (Non-CWS Allocations) – October 2023		
Position Title	Staff	Vacancies
<i>Eligibility Workers (EW)</i>	26	4
<i>Social Services Program Supervisors (SSPS)</i>	4	0
<i>Office Assistants (OA)</i>	3	2
Total	33	6

Table III: DSS Non-CWS Allocations (Internal Tracking). As of 10/16/23.

Referral and Case Information

Child Maltreatment Referrals by Allegation Type		
Allegation Type	August 2023	September 2023
<i>Physical Abuse</i>	195 (11.9%)	211 (13.1%)
<i>Emotional Abuse</i>	309 (18.9%)	305 (18.9%)
<i>Neglect</i>	814 (49.7%)	742 (46.0%)
<i>Sexual Abuse</i>	114 (7.0%)	68 (4.2%)
<i>Other/At Risk</i>	204 (12.5%)	288 (17.8%)
Total Allegations	1,636 (100%)	1,614 (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: 10/17/2023.

Caseload by Task Area		
Task Area	August 2023	September 2023
<i>Family Reunification</i>	935	963
<i>Family Maintenance</i>	92	82
<i>Permanency Planning</i>	532	528
<i>Supportive Transitions</i>	123	120
<i>Emergency Response</i>	72	92
<i>Adoptions</i>	626	638
<i>Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM)</i>	123	140
Total	2503	2563

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: 10/6/2023.

Case Count by Ethnicity		
Ethnicity	August 2023	September 2023
<i>White</i>	440 (15.4%)	441 (15.5%)
<i>Black</i>	480 (16.9%)	477 (16.7%)
<i>Latino</i>	1,752 (61.5%)	1,758 (61.6%)
<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>	128 (4.5%)	126 (4.4%)
<i>Native American</i>	37 (1.3%)	40 (1.4%)
<i>Not Reported</i>	11 (0.4%)	12 (0.4%)
Total	2,848 (100%)	2,854 (100%)

Table VI: The data show a total case count by ethnicity. Source: SafeMeasures. Ethnicity Listed. Extracted 10/17/2023.

FURS Summary Report			
Metrics	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023
<i>Number of Calls</i>	1	11	7
<i>Average Mobile Response Time (Minutes)</i>	0	41	27
Caller Type Totals from July 2023 through September 2023			
<i>Foster Parent</i>			3
<i>Social Worker</i>			8
<i>Other (Congregate Care, Caregiver, Youth)</i>			8
Total Number of Calls from July 2023 through September 2023			19
Average Response Time from Call Received to Arrival (Minutes)			34

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 – October 2022 to September 2023		
Placement Type	County of Fresno (#/%)	Statewide (#/%)
<i>Pre-Adoption</i>	1 (0.1%)	39 (0.2%)
<i>Relative / Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM)</i>	214 (27.5%)	6,131 (33.7%)
<i>Foster Home</i>	119 (15.3%)	4,337 (23.9%)
<i>Foster Family Agency (FFA)</i>	407 (52.2%)	5,412 (29.8%)
<i>Court Specified</i>	1 (0.1%)	128 (0.7%)
<i>Group Home</i>	20 (2.6%)	281 (1.5%)
<i>Shelter</i>	0 (0.0%)	1,300 (7.2%)
<i>Guardian</i>	10 (1.3%)	461 (2.5%)
<i>Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP)</i>	0 (0.0%)	12 (0.1%)
<i>Other/Missing*</i>	7 (0.9%)	78 (0.4%)
Total	779 (100%)	18,179 (100%)

Table VIII: Source: SafeMeasures. AB 636 Measure 4b: Placement Entries. Extracted: 10/17/2023.

*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 – September 2023		
Placements	Count	%
1	808	37.1%
2	555	25.5%
3-5	593	27.2%
6+	213	9.8%
<i>Missing Placement Count</i>	8	0.4%
Total	2,177	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 10/17/2023.

Placements by Facility Type – September 2023				
Placement Facility Type	In County	Out of County	Not Recorded	Total
<i>Group Home / STRTP</i>	50 (2.7%)	21 (6.6%)	0 (0.0%)	74 (3.4%)
<i>RFA - Relative/NREFM Home</i>	534 (28.9%)	111 (34.7%)	0 (0.0%)	636 (29.2%)
<i>RFA - Resource Home</i>	253 (13.7%)	34 (10.6%)	3 (100%)	286 (13.1%)
<i>Foster Family Agency</i>	686 (37.2%)	99 (30.9%)	0 (0.0%)	799 (36.7%)
<i>Supervised Independent Living</i>	60 (3.2%)	20 (6.3%)	0 (0.0%)	79 (3.6%)
<i>Guardian Home - Non-Dependent</i>	218 (11.8%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	217 (10.0%)
<i>Guardian Home - Dependent</i>	40 (2.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	45 (2.1%)
<i>Other</i>	5 (0.3%)	35 (10.9%)	0 (0.0%)	42 (1.9%)
Total	1,846 (85.1%)	320 (14.8%)	3 (0.1%)	2,178 (100%)

Table XI: Placements by facility type for youth placed in-county, and out of county. Source: SafeMeasures. Placement Facility Type. Extracted: 10/17/2023.

Placement Metrics Continued

Out of State Placements – September 2023		
Placement Facility Type	Count	%
<i>Court Specified Home</i>	28	82.3%
<i>In-Home</i>	2	5.9%
<i>Relative/NREFM Home</i>	0	0.0%
<i>Supervised Independent Living (SILP)</i>	4	11.8%
Total	34	100%

Table XII: The data show out of state placements, broken down by placement facility type. Source: SafeMeasures. Extracted: 10/17/2023.

Additional Placement Metrics – September 2023	
Placement within 30 days of Entry	Count
<i>Youth Placed with a Relative within 30 days of Entry</i>	26

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

DSS Juvenile Dependency Court Stats

Continuances/Hearings – September 2023			
Courtroom	Dept. 21	Dept. 22	Dept. 23
<i>Number of Hearings</i>	194	170	105
<i>Number of Hearings Set to Trial</i>	12	7	4
<i># of Continuance DSS</i>	15	4	17
<i>Continued by Parent’s Attorney</i>	3	1	6
<i>Continued by the Court</i>	1	0	4
<i>Continued by FCA</i>	1	2	0
<i># of Total Continuances</i>	20	7	27
<i>% of Continuances</i>	10%	4%	26%
<i>All Court Rooms (Avg)</i>	16%		
<i>DSS Continuance (Avg)</i>	8%		

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 Stats by Task Area – September 2023			
FR Court Writer Stats		ER Court Writer Stats	
<i>Juris</i>	3	<i>Original Petitions</i>	35
<i>Dispo</i>	1	<i>Amended Petitions</i>	13
<i>Juris/Dispo</i>	26	<i>PCWs</i>	10
<i>Petition</i>	0	<i>Arraignments</i>	0
<i>Amended Petition</i>	4	<i>Detentions</i>	38
<i>Detentions</i>	0	<i>Addendum</i>	1
<i>Addendum</i>	7	<i>1513 (A&B)</i>	5
<i>PCW</i>	0	<i>JV-180</i>	3
<i>387</i>	0	<i>Petition to Enter/Interview Minors</i>	0
<i>Review of Dependency Status</i>	0	<i>Ex Parte</i>	0
<i>Continuance Request</i>	0	<i>DEI, # of Children</i>	5
<i>Ex Parte</i>	0		
<i>JV-180</i>	0		
<i>RDS 6</i>	0		
<i>Status Review Report</i>	0		
<i>Transfer of Case to Different State</i>	0		

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 – September 2023	
<i>Number of Unduplicated Youth</i>	23 Youth
<i>Total Number of Entries (including re-entries)</i>	26 Entries
<i>Number of Re-Entries</i>	3 Re-entries (3 Youth Re-entered Once)
<i>Length of Stay: Less than 9 days</i>	19 Youth
<i>Length of Stay: 9 Days or Greater/ Reason</i>	4 Youth / 2 Return from AWOL, 1 ER Removal, 1 Placement Disruptions
<i>Average Length of Stay</i>	4.5 Days
<i>Reasons for Entry into Mod-C</i>	Placement Disruption (9) Return from AWOL (12) Emergency Response Removal (5)

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