Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Meeting – April 3, 2023

DSS CWS Data

Staffing Information

Child Welfare Staff Task Area Detail – March 2024		
Task Area	Staff	Vacancies
Court Officers, Court Intake, Court Ongoing	19	1
Hotline	15	1
Emergency Response	61	4
Family Reunification / Family Maintenance / FR Training/El Puente	81	4
Voluntary Family Maintenance	10	0
Permanency Planning (PPLA)/NMD/ILP	45	2
Adoptions / Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)/NRLG	30	4
TDM/CFT, RFS, ISFC, WRAP, EdL; Shelter MOD C	21	1
Support Staff (SWA, OA, SAS)	122	12
Family Finding	1	1
Resource Family Approval (RFA) (Intake, Ongoing, Family Eval, D/C)	26	4
Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)	5	2
Supervision (Social Work Supervisors, Supervising Office Assistants)	52	11
Leadership (Program Managers, Administrative Assistants, and Program Technicians	25	2
Long-Term Medical LOA – Social Workers	2	-
Total	**515**	**49**

Table I: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by task area, for filled allocations and vacancies (Internal tracking). As of 03/18/24.

Child Welfare Job Class Detail – March 2024			
Position Title	Staff	Vacancies	LOAs
Social Workers (SW/SWP)	316	24	14
Social Work Aides (SWA)	34	10	1
Office Assistants (OA)	84	1	0
Substance Abuse Specialists (SAS)	4	1	0
Social Work Supervisors (SWS)	43	10	0
Supervising Office Assistants (SOA)	9	1	0
Program Technicians	5	1	0
Administrative Assistants	10	1	0
Program Managers (PM)	10	0	0
Total	**515**	**49**	**15**
Case Management Social Workers (SW/SWP)	182	14	7
Non-Case Carrying Social Workers (SW/SWP)	134	11	7
Total Social Workers (SW/SWP)	**316**	**25**	**14**

Table II: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by job class (internal tracking). As of 03/18/24.

Child Welfare Support (Non-CWS Allocations) – March 2024		
Position Title	Staff	Vacancies
Eligibility Workers (EW)	25	5
Social Services Program Supervisors (SSPS)	4	0
Office Assistants (OA)	5	0
Total	**34**	**5**

Table III: DSS Non-CWS Allocations (Internal Tracking). As of 03/18/24.

Referral and Case Information

Child Maltreatment Referrals by Allegation Type		
Allegation Type	**January 2024**	**February 2024**
Physical Abuse	189 (12.7%)	222 (14.6%)
Emotional Abuse	278 (18.7%)	273 (18.0%)
Neglect	737 (49.5%)	695 (45.7%)
Sexual Abuse	63 (4.2%)	75 (4.9%)
Other/At Risk	223 (14.9%)	255 (16.8%)
Total Allegations	**1,490 (100%)**	**1,520 (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: 03/15/2024.

Caseload by Task Area		
Task Area	**January 2024**	**February 2024**
Family Reunification (FR)	825	766
Family Maintenance (FM)	104	111
Permanency Planning (PPLA)	668	654
Supportive Transitions (ST)	119	116
Emergency Response (ER)	66	61
Adoptions	543	542
Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM)	135	122
Total	**2,460**	**2,372**

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 and Voluntary Status. Extracted: 03/15/2024. Average Caseload Range – FR/FM: 15-20 cases, Adoptions: 40-45 cases, PPLA/ST: 30-35 cases, and VFM: 10 cases.

Case Count by Ethnicity		
Ethnicity	**January 2024**	**February 2024**
White	402 (16.3%)	394 (16.6%)
Black	386 (15.7%)	385 (16.2%)
Latino	1,527 (62.1%)	1,448 (61.1%)
Asian/Pacific Islander	103 (4.2%)	108 (4.6%)
Native American	29 (1.2%)	29 (1.2%)
Not Reported	13 (0.5%)	8 (0.3%)
Total	**2,460 (100%)**	**2,372 (100%)**

Table VI: The data show a total case count by ethnicity. Source: SafeMeasures. All Open Cases. Case Subset by Service Component and Non-Voluntary Status. Extracted 03/15/2024.

FURS Data

FURS Summary Report			
Metrics	**December 2023**	**January 2024**	**February 2024**
Total Number of Calls	0	2	4
Number of Phone Responses	0	0	0
Number of In-Person Mobile Responses	0	2	4
Average Mobile Response Time (Minutes)	0	53	35
Caller Type Totals from December 2023 through February 2024			
Foster Parent			1
Social Worker			0
Other (Adoptive Parent, Congregate Care, Caregiver, Youth)			5
Total Number of Calls from December 2023 through February 2024			**6**
Average Response Time from Call Received to Arrival (Minutes)			**41**

Table VII: Number of calls for service and average mobile response time (Internal Tracking). Note: Per State legislation and contract terms, all calls that are deemed eligible by the Statewide FURS hotline and are triaged to the County level are categorized one of two ways: "urgent" which requires a response within one (1) hour, but not to exceed three (3) hours, or "non-urgent" which requires a response the same day (within 24 hours). It is the <u>caller</u> who determines the category, depending upon whether they would like an urgent response (within 1 hour, but not to exceed 3 hours) or not. All responses are in-person, face-to-face responses, unless the caller states they do not want an in-person response.

Placement Metrics

Entry into Placement – October 2022 to September 2023		
Placement Type	**County of Fresno (#/%)**	**Statewide (#/%)**
Pre-Adoption	1 (0.1%)	39 (0.2%)
Relative / Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM)	214 (27.5%)	6,131 (33.7%)
Foster Home	119 (15.3%)	4,337 (23.9%)
Foster Family Agency (FFA)	407 (52.2%)	5,412 (29.8%)
Court Specified	1 (0.1%)	128 (0.7%)
Group Home	20 (2.6%)	281 (1.5%)
Shelter	0 (0.0%)	1,300 (7.2%)
Guardian	10 (1.3%)	461 (2.5%)
Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP)	0 (0.0%)	12 (0.1%)
Other/Missing*	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. (Report currently under maintenance) *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 – February 2024		
Placements	**Count**	**%**
1	762	38.3%
2	498	25.1%
3-5	507	25.5%
6+	215	10.8%
Missing Placement Count	6	0.3%
Total	**1,988**	**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 03/15/2024.

Placement Metrics Continued

Placements by Facility Type – February 2024				
Placement Facility Type	In County	Out of County	Not Recorded	Total
Group Home / STRTP	43 (2.5%)	23 (8.6%)	0 (0.0%)	71 (3.5%)
RFA - Relative/NREFM Home	479 (28.0%)	81 (33.2%)	0 (0.0%)	566 (28.0%)
RFA - Resource Home	230 (13.4%)	31 (11.4%)	0 (0.0%)	268 (13.3%)
Foster Family Agency	639 (37.4%)	86 (30.0%)	0 (0.0%)	733 (36.3%)
Supervised Independent Living	53 (3.1%)	21 (6.4%)	0 (0.0%)	76 (3.8%)
Guardian Home - Non-Dependent	213 (12.4%)	1 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	215 (10.6%)
Guardian Home - Dependent	49 (2.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	56 (2.8%)
Other	5 (0.3%)	28 (10.4%)	0 (0.0%)	34 (1.7%)
Total	**1,711 (86.3%)**	**271 (13.7%)**	**0 (0.0%)**	**1,982 (100%)**

Table XI: Placements by facility type for youth placed in-county, and out of county. Source: SafeMeasures. Placement Facility Type. Extracted: 03/15/2024.

Out of State Placements – February 2024		
Placement Facility Type	Count	%
Court Specified Home	23	74.2%
In-Home	5	16.1%
Relative/NREFM Home	0	0.0%
Supervised Independent Living (SILP)	3	9.7%
Total	**31**	**100%**

Table XII: The data show out of state placements, broken down by placement facility type. Source: SafeMeasures. Disaster Map for All Children Receiving Services – By Assignment. Extracted: 03/15/2024.

Additional Placement Metrics – February 2024	
Placement within 30 days of Entry	Count
Youth Placed with a Relative within 30 days of Entry	29

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

Siblings Placed Together – February 2024		
Placement Type	Count	%
Placed with All Siblings	657	52.2%
Placed with Some Siblings	297	23.6%
Not Placed with Any Siblings	305	24.2%
Total	**1,259**	**100%**

Table XIV: The data show the number of youths placed with all, some, or none of their siblings. Excludes "only children", children without siblings in placement, or placements with an agency responsible type of adoption, mental health or Kin-GAP. Note: Siblings are counted if the relationship to the child in placement is whole, half, step- or maternal sibling.

DSS Juvenile Dependency Court Stats

Continuances/Hearings – February 2024			
Courtroom	**Dept. 21**	**Dept. 22**	**Dept. 23**
Number of Hearings	175	168	147
Number of Hearings Set to Trial	3	5	5
# of Continuance DSS	10	19	1
Continued by Parent's Attorney	11	4	12
Continued by the Court	10	2	24
Continued by FCA	3	0	1
# of Total Continuances	40	27	44
% of Continuances	23%	16%	30%
All Court Rooms (Avg)	**23%**		
DSS Continuance (Avg)	**6%**		

Table XV: 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).

DSS Juvenile Dependency Court Stats Continued

Court Writer Stats by Task Area – February 2024			
FR Court Writer Stats		**ER Court Writer Stats**	
Juris	2	*Original Petitions*	25
Dispo	2	*Amended Petitions*	4
Juris/Dispo	25	*PCWs*	4
Petition	0	*Arraignments*	0
Amended Petition	4	*Detentions*	30
Detentions	0	*Addendum*	0
Addendum	1	*1513 (A&B)*	0
PCW	0	*JV-180*	0
387	0	*Petition to Enter/Interview Minors*	0
Review of Dependency Status	0	*Ex Parte*	0
Continuance Request	0	*DEI, # of Children*	3
Ex Parte	0		
JV-180	0		
RDS 6	0		
Status Review Report	0		
Transfer of Case to Different State	0		

Table XVI: 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 – February 2024	
Number of Unduplicated Youth	11 Youth
Total Number of Entries (including re-entries)	11 Entries
Number of Re-Entries	0 Re-entries
Length of Stay: Less than 9 days	10 Youth
Length of Stay: 9 Days or Greater/ Reason	1 Youth
Average Length of Stay	3 Days
Reasons for Entry into Mod-C	Placement Disruption (3) Return from AWOL (6) Emergency Response Removal (2)

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