

## Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Meeting – April 2, 2025

### DSS CWS Data

#### Staffing Information

<b>Child Welfare Staff Task Area Detail – March 2025</b>		
<b>Task Area</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
<i>Court Officers, Court Intake, Court Ongoing</i>	18	2
<i>Hotline</i>	16	2
<i>Emergency Response</i>	60	0
<i>Family Reunification / Family Maintenance / FR Training/El Puente</i>	63	7
<i>Voluntary Family Maintenance</i>	10	2
<i>Permanency Planning (PPLA)/NMD/ILP</i>	63	5
<i>Adoptions / Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)/NRLG</i>	31	0
<i>TDM/CFT, RFS, ISFC, WRAP, EdL; Shelter MOD C</i>	21	0
<i>Support Staff (SWA, OA, SAS)</i>	131	3
<i>Resource Family Approval (RFA) (Intake, Ongoing, Family Eval, D/C)</i>	26	2
<i>Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)</i>	8	0
<i>Supervision (Social Work Supervisors, Supervising Office Assistants)</i>	59	1
<i>Leadership (Division Chiefs, Administrative Assistants, and Program Technicians)</i>	25	2
<i>SW Positions on HOLD per DSS Personnel</i>	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>28</b>

Table I: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by task area, for filled allocations and vacancies (Internal tracking). As of 3/17/25.

<b>Child Welfare Job Class Detail – March 2025</b>			
<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>	<b>LOAs</b>
<i>Social Workers (SW/SWP)</i>	317	22	3
<i>Social Work Aides (SWA)</i>	41	3	0
<i>Office Assistants (OA)</i>	85	0	0
<i>Substance Abuse Specialists (SAS)</i>	5	0	0
<i>Social Work Supervisors (SWS)</i>	50	1	0
<i>Supervising Office Assistants (SOA)</i>	9	0	0
<i>Program Technicians</i>	4	2	0
<i>Administrative Assistants</i>	11	0	0
<i>Program Managers (PM)</i>	10	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Case Management Social Workers (SW/SWP)</i>	222	16	3
<i>Non-Case Carrying Social Workers (SW/SWP)</i>	95	6	0
<b>Total Social Workers (SW/SWP)</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>3</b>

Table II: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by job class (internal tracking). As of 3/17/25.

<b>Child Welfare Support (Non-CWS Allocations) – March 2025</b>		
<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
<i>Eligibility Workers (EW)</i>	25	3
<i>Social Services Program Supervisors (SSPS)</i>	4	0
<i>Office Assistants (OA)</i>	4	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>4</b>

Table III: DSS Non-CWS Allocations (Internal Tracking). As of 3/17/25.

## Referral and Case Information

Child Maltreatment Referrals by Allegation Type		
Allegation Type	January 2025	February 2025
Physical Abuse	161 (13.8%)	164 (16.6%)
Emotional Abuse	213 (18.3%)	173 (17.5%)
Neglect	598 (51.2%)	491 (49.7%)
Sexual Abuse	51 (4.4%)	26 (2.6%)
Other/At Risk	144 (12.3%)	134 (13.6%)
<b>Total Allegations</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>988</b>

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: 3/20/25/2025.

Referral Outcomes		
Referral Outcomes	January 2025	February 2025
Evaluated Out	761 (60.6%)	829 (65.0%)
Substantiated	57 (4.5%)	46 (3.6%)
Inconclusive	141 (11.2%)	150 (11.8%)
Unfounded	104 (8.3%)	107 (8.4%)
Other/Not Recorded	192 (15.3%)	143 (11.2%)
<b>Total Referral Outcomes</b>	<b>1,255</b>	<b>1,275</b>

Table V: This table shows the findings for all referrals received. For referrals with multiple clients/allegations, only the highest finding is reported according to the following hierarchy: evaluated out, substantiated, inconclusive, unfounded, or other. Definitions: evaluated out = information provided does not meet the criteria for further investigation or it is determined that there is insufficient evidence to proceed; substantiated = investigation or assessment found credible evidence to support the allegation of abuse or neglect; inconclusive = after investigation, there is not enough evidence to either substantiate or refute the allegations of child maltreatment; unfounded = the investigation or assessment determined that there is no credible evidence to support the allegations of child maltreatment; other/not recorded = the case is still under active consideration or investigation, and a decision or outcome has not yet been determined or communicated. SafeMeasures. Investigations. Referral Outcomes. Extracted: 3/20/2025.

Caseload by Task Area		
Task Area	January 2025	February 2025
Family Reunification (FR)	451	451
Family Maintenance (FM)	70	80
Permanency Planning (PPLA)	558	516
Supportive Transitions (ST)	190	223
Emergency Response (ER)	57	64
Adoptions	343	330
Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM)	113	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>1,771</b>

Table VI: 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: 2/13/2025. 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 2025	February 2025
White	304 (17.1%)	291 (16.4%)
Black	282 (15.8%)	269 (15.2%)
Latino	1,088 (61.0%)	1,079 (60.9%)
Asian/Pacific Islander	65 (3.6%)	89 (5.0%)
Native American	26 (1.5%)	25 (1.4%)
Not Reported	17 (1.0%)	18 (1.0%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>1,771</b>

Table VII: The data show a total case count by ethnicity. Source: SafeMeasures. All Open Cases. Case Subset by Service Component and Non-Voluntary Status. Extracted 3/20/2025.

### FURS Data

FURS Summary Report			
Metrics	December 2024	January 2025	February 2025
Total Number of Calls	1	1	4
Number of Phone Responses	1	0	1
Number of In-Person Mobile Responses	0	1	3
Average Mobile Response Time (Minutes)	0	15	25
<b>Caller Type Totals from December 2024 through February 2025</b>			
Foster Parent			1
Social Worker			1
Other (Adoptive Parent, Parent, STRTP Staff, Foster Youth)			4
<b>Total Number of Calls from December 2024 through February 2025</b>			<b>6</b>
<b>Average Response Time from Call Received to Arrival (Minutes)</b>			<b>29</b>

Table VIII: 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 caller 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 – January 2024 to December 2024		
Placement Type	County of Fresno	Statewide
Relative / Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM)	145 (29.8%)	5,617 (33.7%)
Foster	89 (18.3%)	4,242 (25.5%)
Foster Family Agency (FFA)	230 (47.2%)	4,727 (28.4%)
Group Home	6 (1.2%)	227 (1.4%)
Shelter	0 (0.0%)	1,213 (7.3%)
Other/Missing	17 (3.5%)	617 (3.7%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>16,643</b>

Table IX: Source: SafeMeasures. AB636 Measure 4B1: Placement Entries. First out-of-home placement for children who enter foster care in the selected 12-month period Extracted: 3/20/25. Other/missing = children who were missing a placement setting or did not have a placement setting defined above when they entered placement in the 12-month period beginning with the selected quarter.

Number of Placements from Removal to End Placement Date		
Placements	January 2025	February 2025
1	521 (33.7%)	538 (34.8%)
2	380 (24.6%)	377 (24.4%)
3-5	422 (27.3%)	406 (26.2%)
6+	215 (13.9%)	217 (14.0%)
Missing Placement Count	9 (0.5%)	9 (0.6%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,547</b>	<b>1,547</b>

Table X: 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 3/20/2025.

Placements by Facility Type								
	January 2025				February 2025			
Placement Facility Type	In County	Out of County	Not Recorded	Total	In County	Out of County	Not Recorded	Total
Group Home / STRTP	20 (1.5%)	9 (4.6%)	0 (0.0%)	29 (1.9%)	18 (1.4%)	7 (3.4%)	0 (0.0%)	25 (1.6%)
RFA - Relative/NREFM Home	283 (21.1%)	57 (29.1%)	0 (0.0%)	340 (22.1%)	277 (20.8%)	56 (27.6%)	0 (0.0%)	333 (21.7%)
RFA - Resource Home	243 (18.1%)	37 (18.9%)	0 (0.0%)	280 (18.2%)	246 (18.5%)	43 (21.2%)	1 (25.0%)	290 (18.9%)
Foster Family Agency	462 (34.4%)	53 (27.0%)	0 (0.0%)	515 (33.5%)	457 (34.3%)	52 (25.6%)	0 (0.0%)	509 (33.1%)
Supervised Independent Living	75 (5.6%)	22 (11.2%)	0 (0.0%)	97 (6.3%)	79 (5.9%)	27 (13.3%)	3 (75.0%)	109 (7.1%)
Guardian Home - Non-Dependent	237 (17.7%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	237 (15.4%)	232 (17.4%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	232 (15.1%)
Guardian Home - Dependent	18 (1.3%)	4 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	22 (1.4%)	18 (1.4%)	4 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	22 (1.4%)
Other	4 (0.3%)	14 (7.1%)	0 (0.0%)	18 (1.2%)	4 (0.3%)	14 (6.9%)	0 (0.0%)	18 (1.2%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,342 (87.3%)</b>	<b>196 (12.7%)</b>	<b>0 (0.0%)</b>	<b>1,538 (100%)</b>	<b>1,331 (86.5%)</b>	<b>203 (13.2%)</b>	<b>4 (0.3%)</b>	<b>1,538 (100%)</b>

Table XI: Placements by facility type for youth placed in-county, and out of county. Source: SafeMeasures. Placement Facility Type. Extracted: 3/20/2025. Please note: "Not Recorded" means the placement county was not recorded in SafeMeasures.

Out of State Placements		
Placement Facility Type	February 2025	March 2025
Court Specified Home	11 (57.9%)	11 (52.4%)
In-Home	3 (15.8%)	4 (19.0%)
Relative/NREFM Home	1 (5.3%)	1 (4.8%)
Supervised Independent Living (SILP)	4 (21.1%)	5 (23.8%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>

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: 3/20/25. \*Please note: This is a point-in-time report.

Additional Placement Metrics		
Placement within 30 days of Entry	January 2025	February 2025
Youth Placed with a Relative within 30 days of Entry	9	19

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		
Placement Type	January 2025	February 2025
<i>Placed with All Siblings</i>	465 (52.4%)	466 (52.3%)
<i>Placed with Some Siblings</i>	195 (22.0%)	191 (21.4%)
<i>Not Placed with Any Siblings</i>	227 (25.6%)	234 (26.3%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>891</b>

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. Source: SafeMeasures; Siblings Place Together. Extracted: 3/20/2025.

### Mod-C

Mod-C Data		
Metrics	January 2025	February 2025
<i>Number of Unduplicated Youth</i>	11 Youth	7 Youth
<i>Total Number of Entries (including re-entries)</i>	14 entries	8 entries
<i>Number of Re-Entries</i>	3 re-entries	1 re-entry
<i>Length of Stay: Less than 9 days</i>	11 Youth	7 youth
<i>Length of Stay: 9 Days or Greater/ Reason</i>	0 Youth	0 Youth
<i>Average Length of Stay</i>	1.5 days	3 days
<i>Reasons for Admission into Mod-C</i>	Emergency Response (3) Return from AWOL (6) Return from Psych hold (1) Child’s Behavior (1) Child refused placement (1) Other (2)	Emergency Response (2) Return from AWOL (5) Return from Psych hold (1)

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