**Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Meeting – August 6, 2025**

**DSS CWS Data**

 **Staffing Information**

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| **Child Welfare Staff Task Area Detail – July 2025** |
| **Task Area** | **Staff** | **Vacancies** |
| *Court Officers, Court Intake, Court Ongoing*  | 17 | 3 |
| *Hotline/FPD Liaison* | 18 | 0 |
| *Emergency Response/ER Training* | 57 | 4 |
| *Family Reunification/Family Maintenance/FR Training* | 49 | 15 |
| *Voluntary Family Maintenance* | 10 | 2 |
| *Permanency Planning (PPLA)/NMD/ILP* | 56 | 10 |
| *Adoptions/Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)/NRLG* | 29 | 1 |
| *TDM/CFT, RFS, ISFC, Shelter* | 25 | 0 |
| *Support Staff (SWA, OA)* | 122 | 5 |
| *Resource Family Approval (RFA)* | 25 | 5 |
| *Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)* | 8 | 0 |
| *Supervision (Social Work Supervisors, Supervising Office Assistants)* | 51 | 5 |
| *Leadership (Division Chiefs, Admin Assistants, Program Technicians, Admin Support Coordinators)* | 20 | 0 |
| **Total** | **487** | **50** |

*Table I: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by task area, for filled allocations and vacancies (Internal tracking). As of 7/15/25.*

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| **Child Welfare Job Class Detail – July 2025** |
| **Position Title** | **Staff** | **Vacancies** | **LOAs** |
| *Social Workers (SW/SWP)* | 280 | 37 |  |
| *Case Management* | *184* | *30* | *3* |
| *Non-Case Carrying* | *96* | *7* |  |
| *Social Work Aides (SWA)* | 40 | 4 |  |
| *Office Assistants (OA)* | 82 | 3 |  |
| *Social Work Supervisors (SWS)* | 46 | 5 | 3 |
| *Supervising Office Assistants (SOA)* | 9 | 0 |  |
| *Program Technicians* | 4 | 2 |  |
| *Administrative Assistants* | 10 | 0 |  |
| *Division Chiefs (DC), Administrative Support Coordinator (ASC)* | 9 | 0 | 1 |
| **Total** | **480** | **51** | **7** |

*Table II: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by job class (internal tracking). As of 7/15/25.*

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| **Child Welfare Support (Non-CWS Allocations) – July 2025** |
| **Position Title** | **Staff** | **Vacancies** |
| *Eligibility Workers (EW)* | 23 | 5 |
| *Social Services Program Supervisors (SSPS) & Supervising Office Assistants (SOA)* | 4 | 0 |
| *Office Assistants (OA)* | 4 | 1 |
| **Total** | **31** | **6** |

*Table III: DSS Non-CWS Allocations (Internal Tracking). As of 7/15/25.*

**Referral and Case Information**

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| **Child Maltreatment Referrals by Allegation Type** |
| **Allegation Type** | **May 2025** | **June 2025** |
| *Physical Abuse* | 232 (16.6%) | 141 (12.6%) |
| *Emotional Abuse*  | 227 (16.2%) | 261 (23.4%) |
| *Neglect*  | 692 (49.5%) | 559 (50.1%) |
| *Sexual Abuse* | 58 (4.1%) | 44 (3.9%) |
| *Other/At Risk* | 189 (13.5%) | 111 (9.9%) |
| **Total Allegations** | **1,398** | **1,116** |

*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: 7/29/2025.*

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| **Referral Outcomes** |
| **Referral Outcomes** | **May 2025** | **June 2025** |
| *Evaluated Out* | 841 (57.4%) | 624 (56.9%) |
| *Substantiated* | 83 (5.7%) | 57 (5.2%) |
| *Inconclusive* | 296 (20.2%) | 199 (18.1%) |
| *Unfounded* | 198 (13.5%) | 115 (10.5%) |
| *Other/Not Recorded* | 46 (3.1%) | 102 (9.3%) |
| **Total Referral Outcomes** | **1,464** | **1,097** |

*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: 7/29/2025.*

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| **Caseload by Task Area** |
| **Task Area** | **May 2025** | **June 2025** |
| *Family Reunification (FR)* | 522 | 559 |
| *Family Maintenance (FM)* | 67 | 61 |
| *Permanency Planning (PPLA)* | 498 | 475 |
| *Supportive Transitions (ST)* | 244 | 240 |
| *Emergency Response (ER)* | 81 | 54 |
| *Adoptions* | 282 | 292 |
| *Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM)* | 103 | 106 |
| **Total** | **1797** | **1787** |

*Table VI: The data represents 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: 7/29/2025. Average Caseload Range – FR/FM: 15-20 cases, Adoptions: 20-25 cases, PPLA/ST: 15-20 cases, and VFM: 12 cases.*

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| **Case Count by Ethnicity** |
| **Ethnicity** | **May 2025** | **June 2025** |
| *White* | 247 (13.7%) | 255 (14.3%) |
| *Black* | 280 (15.6%) | 283 (15.8%) |
| *Latino* | 1155 (64.3%) | 1122 (62.8%) |
| *Asian/Pacific Islander* | 80 (4.5%) | 80 (4.5%) |
| *Native American* | 22 (1.2%) | 22 (1.2%) |
| *Not Reported* | 13 (0.7%) | 25 (1.4%) |
| **Total** | **1,797** | **1,787** |

*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 7/29/2025.*

**FURS Data**

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| **FURS Summary Report** |
| **Metrics** | **April 2025** | **May 2025** | **June 2025** |
| *Total Number of Calls* | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| *Number of Phone Responses* | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| *Number of In-Person Mobile Responses* | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| *Average Mobile Response Time* (Minutes) | 38 | 32 | 24 |
| **Caller Type Totals from April 2025 through June 2025** |
| *Foster Parent* | 1 |
| *Social Worker* | 2 |
| *Other (Caregiver, STRTP Staff, Foster Youth)*  | 9 |
| **Total Number of Calls from April 2025 through June 2025** | **12** |
| **Average Response Time from Call Received to Arrival (Minutes)** | **31** |

*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**

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| **Entry into Placement – July 2024 to June 2025** |
| **Placement Type** | **County of Fresno** | **Statewide** |
| *Relative / Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM)* | 122 (23.1%) | 5,536 (34.1%) |
| *Foster*  | 156 (29.5%) | 4,482 (27.6%) |
| *Foster Family Agency (FFA)* | 239 (45.3%) | 4,419 (27.2%) |
| *Group/Shelter* | 2 (0.4%) | 1,575 (9.7%) |
| *Other* | 9 (1.7%) | 213 (1.3%) |
| **Total** | **528** | **16,225** |

*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. \*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. Extracted 7/30/2025.*

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| **Number of Placements from Removal to End Placement Date** |
| **Placements** | **May 2025** | **June 2025** |
| *1* | 570 (35.6%) | 575 (36.3%) |
| *2* | 402 (25.1%) | 391 (24.7%) |
| *3-5* | 403 (25.2%) | 392 (24.7%) |
| *6+* | 219 (13.7%) | 220 (13.9%) |
| *Missing Placement Count* | 7 (0.4%) | 6 (0.4%) |
| **Total** | **1601** | **1584** |

*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 7/29/2025.*

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| **Placements by Facility Type**  |
|  | **May 2025** | **June 2025** |
| **Placement Facility Type** | **In County** | **Out of County** | **Not Recorded** | **Total** | **In County** | **Out of County** | **Not Recorded** | **Total** |
| *Group Home / STRTP* | 14 (1.0%) | 4 (2.1%) | 0 (0.0%) | 22 (1.4%) | 11 (0.8%) | 5 (2.7%) | 0 (0.0%) | 16 (1.4%) |
| *RFA - Relative/NREFM Home* | 312 (22.3%) | 48 (25.3%) | 0 (0.0%) | 348 (22.3%) | 307 (22.1%) | 48 (26.1%) | 0 (0.0%) | 355 (22.3%) |
| *RFA - Resource Home* | 304 (21.7%) | 50 (26.3%) | 0 (0.0%) | 319 (20.4%) | 301 (21.7%) | 46 (25.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 347 (21.1%) |
| *Foster Family Agency* | 436 (31.2%) | 43 (22.6%) | 6 (100.0%) | 489 (31.3%) | 437 (31.5%) | 48 (26.1%) | 6 (100.0%) | 491 (31.0%) |
| *Supervised Independent Living* | 76 (5.4%) | 27 (13.7%) | 0 (0.0%) | 110 (7.0%) | 77 (5.5%) | 19(10.3%) | 0 (0.0%) | 96 (6.8%) |
| *Guardian Home - Non-Dependent* | 228 (16.3%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 230 (14.7%) | 224 (16.1%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 224 (14.5%) |
| *Guardian Home - Dependent* | 24 (1.7%) | 6 (3.2%) | 0 (0.0%) | 25 (1.6%) | 27 (1.9%) | 6 (3.3%) | 0 (0.0%) | 33 (1.7%) |
| *Other* | 4 (0.3%) | 13 (6.8%) | 0 (0.0%) | 19 (1.2%) | 4 (0.3%) | 12 (6.5%) | 0 (0.0%) | 16 (1.1%) |
| **Total** | **1,398 (87.7%)** | **190 (11.9%)** | **6 (0.4%)** | **1,594 (100%)** | **1,388 (88.0%)** | **184 (11.7%)** | **6 (0.3%)** | **1,578 (100%)** |

*Table XI: Placements by facility type for youth placed in-county, and out of county. Source: SafeMeasures. Placement Facility Type. Please note: “Not Recorded” means the placement county was not recorded in SafeMeasures. “Other” includes Small Family Home and Court Specified Home. Extracted: 7/29/2025.*

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| **Out of State Placements** |
| **Placement Facility Type** | **June 2025** | **July 2025** |
| *Court Specified Home* | 8 (47.1%) | 9 (52.9%) |
| *In-Home* | 2 (11.7%) | 2 (11.8%) |
| *Relative/NREFM Home* | 1 (5.9%) | 0 (0.0%) |
| *Supervised Independent Living (SILP)* | 6 (35.3%) |  6 (35.3%) |
| **Total** | **17** | **17** |

*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: 7/29/25*. \*Please note: This is a point-in-time report.

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| **Additional Placement Metrics** |
| **Placement within 30 days of Entry** | **May 2025** | **June 2025\*** |
| *Youth Placed with a Relative within 30 days of Entry* | 17 |  |

*Table XIII: The data show the number of youths placed with a relative within 30 days of entry into foster care (Internal Tracking). \*June data not extractable as of 7/31/2025.*

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| **Siblings Placed Together**  |
| **Placement Type** | **May 2025** | **June 2025** |
| *Placed with All Siblings* | 479 (50.0%) | 477 (49.8%) |
| *Placed with Some Siblings* | 219 (22.9%) | 225 (23.5%) |
| *Not Placed with Any Siblings* | 260 (27.1%) | 256 (26.7%) |
| **Total** | **958** | **958** |

*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: 7/29/2025*.

**Mod-C**

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| **Mod-C Data** |
| **Metrics** | **May 2025** | **June 2025** |
| *Number of Unduplicated Youth* | 19 youth | 11 youth |
| *Total Number of Entries (including re-entries)* | 23 entries | 23 entries |
| *Number of Re-Entries* | 4 re-entries | 12 re-entries |
| *Length of Stay: Less than 9 days* | 19 youth | 11 youth |
| *Length of Stay: 9 Days or Greater/ Reason*  | 0 youth | 0 youth |
| *Average Length of Stay* | 4.6 days | 2.3 days |
| *Reasons for Admission into Mod-C* | Return from AWOL (14)Released from JJC (2)Child’s behavior (1)Removal from Parent/New Entry into Care (6) | Return from AWOL (15)Released from JJC (1)Child’s behavior (1)Removal from Parent/New Entry into Care (6) |

*Table XV: The data show entries and length of stay for youth using Mod-C housing. Source: CWS Program Staff (internal tracking). Extracted 7/29/2025.*