

Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Meeting – February 5, 2025

DSS CWS Data

Staffing Information

Child Welfare Staff Task Area Detail – January 2025		
Task Area	Staff	Vacancies
<i>Court Officers, Court Intake, Court Ongoing</i>	18	2
<i>Hotline</i>	16	2
<i>Emergency Response</i>	58	2
<i>Family Reunification / Family Maintenance / FR Training/El Puente</i>	63	2
<i>Voluntary Family Maintenance</i>	11	1
<i>Permanency Planning (PPLA)/NMD/ILP</i>	65	2
<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	6
<i>Resource Family Approval (RFA) (Intake, Ongoing, Family Eval, D/C)</i>	24	4
<i>Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)</i>	8	0
<i>Supervision (Social Work Supervisors, Supervising Office Assistants)</i>	61	1
<i>Leadership (Division Chiefs, Administrative Assistants, and Program Technicians)</i>	25	2
<i>Long-Term Medical LOA – Social Workers</i>	2	0
<i>Unassigned SW allocations</i>	0	3
Total	534	27

Table I: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by task area, for filled allocations and vacancies (Internal tracking). As of 1/21/25.

Child Welfare Job Class Detail – January 2025			
Position Title	Staff	Vacancies	LOAs
<i>Social Workers (SW/SWP)</i>	320	18	2
<i>Social Work Aides (SWA)</i>	39	5	0
<i>Office Assistants (OA)</i>	84	1	0
<i>Substance Abuse Specialists (SAS)</i>	5	0	0
<i>Social Work Supervisors (SWS)</i>	52	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
Total	534	27	2
<i>Case Management Social Workers (SW/SWP)</i>	208	11	1
<i>Non-Case Carrying Social Workers (SW/SWP)</i>	112	7	1
Total Social Workers (SW/SWP)	320	18	2

Table II: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by job class (internal tracking). As of 1/21/25.

Child Welfare Support (Non-CWS Allocations) – January 2025		
Position Title	Staff	Vacancies
<i>Eligibility Workers (EW)</i>	25	2
<i>Social Services Program Supervisors (SSPS)</i>	4	0
<i>Office Assistants (OA)</i>	4	1
Total	33	3

Table III: DSS Non-CWS Allocations (Internal Tracking). As of 1/21/25.

Referral and Case Information

Child Maltreatment Referrals by Allegation Type		
Allegation Type	November 2024	December 2024
Physical Abuse	140 (14.3%)	101 (11.7%)
Emotional Abuse	190 (19.4%)	150 (17.3%)
Neglect	492 (50.2%)	465 (53.8%)
Sexual Abuse	38 (3.9%)	42 (4.8%)
Other/At Risk	120 (12.2%)	107 (12.4%)
Total Allegations	980	865

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: 1/24/2025.

Referral Outcomes		
Referral Outcomes	November 2024	December 2024
Evaluated Out	828 (66.8%)	706 (64.6%)
Substantiated	67 (5.4%)	58 (5.3%)
Inconclusive	208 (16.8%)	161 (14.7%)
Unfounded	130 (10.5%)	120 (11.0%)
Other/Not Recorded	7 (0.6%)	48 (4.4%)
Total Referral Outcomes	1,240	1,093

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. Referral Outcomes. Extracted: 1/24/2025.

Caseload by Task Area		
Task Area	November 2024	December 2024
Family Reunification (FR)	458	449
Family Maintenance (FM)	86	77
Permanency Planning (PPLA)	622	570
Supportive Transitions (ST)	189	191
Emergency Response (ER)	66	51
Adoptions	352	366
Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM)	114	114
Total	1,887	1,818

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: 1/24/2025. 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	November 2024	December 2024
White	305 (16.2%)	299 (16.5%)
Black	320 (16.9%)	300 (16.5%)
Latino	1,164 (61.7%)	1,120 (61.6%)
Asian/Pacific Islander	62 (3.3%)	66 (3.6%)
Native American	25 (1.3%)	25 (1.4%)
Not Reported	11 (0.6%)	8 (0.4%)
Total	1,887	1,818

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 1/24/2025.

FURS Data

FURS Summary Report			
Metrics	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024
Total Number of Calls	2	2	1
Number of Phone Responses	0	0	1
Number of In-Person Mobile Responses	2	2	0
Average Mobile Response Time (Minutes)	40	28	0
Caller Type Totals from October 2024 through December 2024			
Foster Parent			2
Social Worker			2
Other (Adoptive Parent, Parent, Congregate Care, Caregiver, STRTP Staff)			1
Total Number of Calls from October 2024 through December 2024			5
Average Response Time from Call Received to Arrival (Minutes)			34

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
Pre-Adoption	1 (0.2%)	39 (0.2%)
Relative / Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM)	133 (28.3%)	5,442 (33.3%)
Foster Home	85 (18.1%)	4,225 (25.8%)
Foster Family Agency (FFA)	232 (49.4%)	4,710 (28.8%)
Court Specified	0 (0.0%)	52 (0.3%)
Group Home/Short-term Residential Therapeutic Program	6 (1.3%)	218 (1.3%)
Shelter	0 (0.0%)	1,220 (7.5%)
Guardian	12 (2.6%)	387 (2.4%)
Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP)	0 (0.0%)	7 (0.1%)
Other/Missing	1 (0.2%)	58 (0.3%)
Total	470	16,358

Table IX: Source: SafeMeasures. AB 636 Measure 4b: Placement Entries. Number of children who were missing a placement setting or did not have a placement setting when they entered placement. Extracted: 1/24/25. 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	November 2024	December 2024
1	567 (35.1%)	536 (34.1%)
2	392 (24.3%)	385 (24.5%)
3-5	428 (26.5%)	429 (27.3%)
6+	217 (13.5%)	213 (13.5%)
Missing Placement Count	10 (0.6%)	9 (0.6%)
Total	1,614	1,572

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 1/24/2025.

Placements by Facility Type								
	November 2024				December 2024			
Placement Facility Type	In County	Out of County	Not Recorded	Total	In County	Out of County	Not Recorded	Total
Group Home / STRTP	24 (1.7%)	8 (3.8%)	0 (0.0%)	32 (2.0%)	24 (1.8%)	8 (3.9%)	0 (0.0%)	32 (2.0%)
RFA - Relative/NREFM Home	302 (21.7%)	61 (29.2%)	0 (0.0%)	363 (22.6%)	281 (20.8%)	57 (27.7%)	0 (0.0%)	338 (21.6%)
RFA - Resource Home	226 (16.2%)	40 (19.1%)	0 (0.0%)	266 (16.6%)	230 (17.0%)	41 (19.9%)	0 (0.0%)	271 (17.3%)
Foster Family Agency	497 (35.7%)	62 (29.7%)	0 (0.0%)	559 (34.9%)	484 (35.7%)	63 (30.6%)	0 (0.0%)	547 (35.0%)
Supervised Independent Living	76 (5.5%)	20 (9.6%)	2 (66.7%)	98 (6.1%)	72 (5.3%)	20 (9.7%)	2 (66.7%)	94 (6.0%)
Guardian Home - Non-Dependent	246 (17.7%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (33.3%)	247 (15.4%)	241 (17.8%)	0 (0.0%)	1 (33.3%)	242 (15.5%)
Guardian Home - Dependent	17 (1.2%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	17 (1.1%)	18 (1.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	18 (1.2%)
Other	4 (0.3%)	18 (8.6%)	0 (0.0%)	22 (1.4%)	4 (0.3%)	17 (8.2%)	0 (0.0%)	21 (1.3%)
Total	1,392 (86.8%)	209 (13.0%)	3 (0.2%)	1,604 (100%)	1,354 (86.6%)	206 (13.2%)	3 (0.2%)	1,563 (100%)

Table X: Placements by facility type for youth placed in-county, and out of county. Source: SafeMeasures. Placement Facility

Type. Extracted: 1/24/2025. Please note: "Not Recorded" means the placement county was not recorded in SafeMeasures.

Out of State Placements		
Placement Facility Type	November 2024	January 2025
Court Specified Home	14 (63.6%)	11 (57.9%)
In-Home	3 (13.6%)	3 (15.8%)
Relative/NREFM Home	1 (4.6%)	1 (5.3%)
Supervised Independent Living (SILP)	4 (18.2%)	4 (21.1%)
Total	22	19

Table XI: 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: 1/24/25. *Please note: This is a point-in-time report. December's data was not recorded.

Additional Placement Metrics		
Placement within 30 days of Entry	November 2024	December 2024
Youth Placed with a Relative within 30 days of Entry	19	11

Table XII: 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	November 2024	December 2024
Placed with All Siblings	485 (53.1%)	459 (53.1%)
Placed with Some Siblings	202 (22.1%)	201 (22.5%)
Not Placed with Any Siblings	227 (24.8%)	235 (26.3%)
Total	914	895

Table XIII: 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: 1/24/2025.

Mod-C

Mod-C Data		
Metrics	November 2024	December 2024
Number of Unduplicated Youth	7 Youth	6 Youth
Total Number of Entries (including re-entries)	11 Entries	10 entries
Number of Re-Entries	4 Re-entries	4 re-entries
Length of Stay: Less than 9 days	11 Youth	10 Youth
Length of Stay: 9 Days or Greater/ Reason	0 Youth	0 Youth
Average Length of Stay	4 Days	2 days
Reasons for Admission into Mod-C	Return from AWOL (7) Return from JJC (1) Emergency Response Removal (2) Refused Placement (1)	Return from AWOL (5) Return from JJC (1) Return from Psych hold (1) Child’s Behavior (2) Other (1)

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