**Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Meeting – January 3, 2024**

**DSS CWS Data**

**Staffing Information**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Child Welfare Staff Task Area Detail – December 2023** | | |
| **Task Area** | **Staff** | **Vacancies** |
| *Court Officers, Court Intake, Court Ongoing* | 19 | 2 |
| *Hotline* | 16 | 0 |
| *Emergency Response* | 61 | 7 |
| *Family Reunification / Family Maintenance / FR Training/El Puente* | 78 | 3 |
| *Voluntary Family Maintenance* | 10 | 0 |
| *Permanency Planning (PPLA)/NMD/ILP* | 34 | 10 |
| *Adoptions / Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)/NRLG* | 23 | 5 |
| *TDM/CFT, RFS, ISFC, WRAP, EdL; Shelter MOD C* | 21 | 0 |
| *Support Staff (SWA, OA, SAS)* | 112 | 13 |
| *Family Finding* | 1 | 1 |
| *Resource Family Approval (RFA) (Intake, Ongoing, Family Eval, D/C)* | 29 | 0 |
| *Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)* | 6 | 2 |
| *Supervision (Social Work Supervisors, Supervising Office Assistants)* | 57 | 3 |
| *Leadership (Program Managers, Administrative Assistants, and Program Technicians* | 24 | 3 |
| *Long-Term Medical LOA – Social Workers* | 2 | - |
| **Total** | **505** | **49** |

*Table I: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by task area, for filled allocations and vacancies (Internal tracking). As of 12/26/23.*

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Child Welfare Job Class Detail – December 2023** | | |  |
| **Position Title** | **Staff** | **Vacancies** | **LOAs** |
| *Social Workers (SW/SWP)* | 310 | 30 | 22 |
| *Social Work Aides (SWA)* | 28 | 9 | 1 |
| *Office Assistants (OA)* | 81 | 4 | 0 |
| *Substance Abuse Specialists (SAS)* | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| *Social Work Supervisors (SWS)* | 47 | 3 | 1 |
| *Supervising Office Assistants (SOA)* | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| *Program Technicians* | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| *Administrative Assistants* | 10 | 1 | 0 |
| *Program Managers (PM)* | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| **Total** | **505** | **49** | **24** |

*Table II: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by job class (internal tracking). As of 12/26/23.*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Child Welfare Support (Non-CWS Allocations) – December 2023** | | |
| **Position Title** | **Staff** | **Vacancies** |
| *Eligibility Workers (EW)* | 24 | 6 |
| *Social Services Program Supervisors (SSPS)* | 4 | 0 |
| *Office Assistants (OA)* | 5 | 0 |
| **Total** | **32** | **6** |

*Table III: DSS Non-CWS Allocations (Internal Tracking). As of 12/26/23.*

**Referral and Case Information**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Child Maltreatment Referrals by Allegation Type** | | |
| **Allegation Type** | **October 2023** | **November 2023** |
| *Physical Abuse* | 266 (15.3%) | 165 (12.2%) |
| *Emotional Abuse* | 316 (18.2%) | 257 (19.1%) |
| *Neglect* | 787 (45.2%) | 673 (50.0%) |
| *Sexual Abuse* | 84 (4.8%) | 59 (4.4%) |
| *Other/At Risk* | 288 (16.5%) | 193 (14.3%) |
| **Total Allegations** | **1,741 (100%)** | **1,347 (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: 12/20/2023.*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Caseload by Task Area** | | |
| **Task Area** | **October 2023** | **November 2023** |
| *Family Reunification* | 954 | 888 |
| *Family Maintenance* | 79 | 91 |
| *Permanency Planning* | 625 | 652 |
| *Supportive Transitions* | 122 | 117 |
| *Emergency Response* | 59 | 59 |
| *Adoptions* | 589 | 589 |
| *Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM)* | 142 | 140 |
| **Total** | **2,570** | **2,536** |

*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: 12/20/2023.*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Case Count by Ethnicity** | | |
| **Ethnicity** | **October 2023** | **November 2023** |
| *White* | 406 (15.8%) | 393 (15.5%) |
| *Black* | 397 (15.4%) | 15.6 (15.6%) |
| *Latino* | 1,618 (62.9%) | 1,592 (62.8%) |
| *Asian/Pacific Islander* | 107 (4.2%) | 115 (4.5%) |
| *Native American* | 30 (1.2%) | 29 (1.1%) |
| *Not Reported* | 12 (0.5%) | 12 (0.5%) |
| **Total** | **2,570 (100%)** | **2,536 (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 12/20/2023.*

**FURS Data**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **FURS Summary Report** | | | |
| **Metrics** | **September 2023** | **October 2023** | **November 2023** |
| *Total Number of Calls* | 7 | 11 | 8 |
| *Number of Phone Responses* | 5 | 3 | 6 |
| *Number of In-Person Mobile Responses* | 2 | 8 | 2 |
| *Average Mobile Response Time* (Minutes) | 27 | 42 | 42 |
| **Caller Type Totals from September 2023 through November 2023** | | | |
| *Foster Parent* | | | 12 |
| *Social Worker* | | | 6 |
| *Other (Congregate Care, Caregiver, Youth)* | | | 8 |
| **Total Number of Calls from September 2023 through November 2023** | | | **26** |
| **Average Response Time from Call Received to Arrival (Minutes)** | | | **37** |

*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 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 – 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. \*Number of children who were missing a placement setting or did not have a placement setting when they entered placement. (Report currently under maintenance)*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Number of Placements from Removal to End Placement Date – November 2023** | | |
| **Placements** | **Count** | **%** |
| *1* | 790 | 37.5% |
| *2* | 523 | 24.9% |
| *3-5* | 569 | 27.0% |
| *6+* | 216 | 10.3% |
| *Missing Placement Count* | 7 | 0.3% |
| **Total** | **2,105** | **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 12/20/2023.*

**Placement Metrics Continued**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Placements by Facility Type – November 2023** | | | | |
| **Placement Facility Type** | **In County** | **Out of County** | **Not Recorded** | **Total** |
| *Group Home / STRTP* | 48 (2.7%) | 25 (8.5%) | 0 (0.0%) | 73 (3.5%) |
| *RFA - Relative/NREFM Home* | 505 (28.0%) | 101 (34.5%) | 0 (0.0%) | 606 (28.9%) |
| *RFA - Resource Home* | 259 (14.3%) | 32 (10.9%) | 0 (100%) | 291 (13.9%) |
| *Foster Family Agency* | 659 (36.5%) | 83 (28.3%) | 0 (0.0%) | 742 (35.4%) |
| *Supervised Independent Living* | 66 (3.7%) | 18 (6.1%) | 0 (0.0%) | 84 (4.0%) |
| *Guardian Home - Non-Dependent* | 217 (12.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 217 (10.3%) |
| *Guardian Home - Dependent* | 46 (2.5%) | 0 (0.0%) | 0 (0.0%) | 46 (2.2%) |
| *Other* | 5 (0.3%) | 34 (11.7%) | 0 (0.0%) | 39 (1.8%) |
| **Total** | **1,805 (86%)** | **293 (14%)** | **0 (0%)** | **2,098 (100%)** |

*Table XI: Placements by facility type for youth placed in-county, and out of county. Source: SafeMeasures. Placement Facility Type. Extracted: 12/20/2023.*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Out of State Placements – November 2023** | | |
| **Placement Facility Type** | **Count** | **%** |
| *Court Specified Home* | 28 | 82.3% |
| *In-Home* | 2 | 5.9% |
| *Relative/NREFM Home* | 0 | 0.0% |
| *Supervised Independent Living (SILP)* | 4 | 11.8% |
| **Total** | **34** | **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: 12/20/2023*.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Additional Placement Metrics – November 2023** | |
| **Placement within 30 days of Entry** | **Count** |
| *Youth Placed with a Relative within 30 days of Entry* | 16 |

*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 – November 2023** | | | |
| **Courtroom** | **Dept. 21** | **Dept. 22** | **Dept. 23** |
| *Number of Hearings* | 196 | 142 | 163 |
| *Number of Hearings Set to Trial* | 12 | 7 | 8 |
| *# of Continuance DSS* | 6 | 5 | 22 |
| *Continued by Parent’s Attorney* | 12 | 2 | 14 |
| *Continued by the Court* | 3 | 7 | 16 |
| *Continued by FCA* | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| *# of Total Continuances* | 21 | 16 | 54 |
| *% of Continuances* | 11% | 11% | 33% |
| *All Court Rooms (Avg)* | **18%** | | |
| *DSS Continuance (Avg)* | **6%** | | |

*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 – November 2023** | | | | |
| **FR Court Writer Stats** | |  | **ER Court Writer Stats** | |
| *Juris* | 2 |  | *Original Petitions* | 30 |
| *Dispo* | 2 |  | *Amended Petitions* | 12 |
| *Juris/Dispo* | 22 |  | *PCWs* | 12 |
| *Petition* | 0 |  | *Arraignments* | 1 |
| *Amended Petition* | 7 |  | *Detentions* | 30 |
| *Detentions* | 0 |  | *Addendum* | 1 |
| *Addendum* | 3 |  | *1513 (A&B)* | 4 |
| *PCW* | 0 |  | *JV-180* | 2 |
| *387* | 0 |  | *Petition to Enter/Interview Minors* | 0 |
| *Review of Dependency Status* | 0 |  | *Ex Parte* | 0 |
| *Continuance Request* | 0 |  | *DEI, # of Children* | 1 |
| *Ex Parte* | 0 |  |
| *JV-180* | 0 |  |
| *RDS 6* | 0 |  |
| *Status Review Report* | 0 |  |
| *Transfer of Case to Different State* | 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 – November 2023** | |
| *Number of Unduplicated Youth* | 33 Youth |
| *Total Number of Entries (including re-entries)* | 33 Entries |
| *Number of Re-Entries* | 0 Re-entries |
| *Length of Stay: Less than 9 days* | 31 Youth |
| *Length of Stay: 9 Days or Greater/ Reason* | 2 Youth / 2 Return from AWOL |
| *Average Length of Stay* | 3 Days |
| *Reasons for Entry into Mod-C* | Placement Disruption (8)  Return from AWOL (14)  Return from JJC (2)  Emergency Response Removal (9) |

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