Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Meeting – May 1, 2024

DSS CWS Data

Staffing Information

Child Welfare Staff Task Area Detail – April 2024		
Task Area	Staff	Vacancies
Court Officers, Court Intake, Court Ongoing	18	2
Hotline	15	1
Emergency Response	63	4
Family Reunification / Family Maintenance / FR Training/El Puente	82	4
Voluntary Family Maintenance	10	0
Permanency Planning (PPLA)/NMD/ILP	44	2
Adoptions / Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)/NRLG	27	5
TDM/CFT, RFS, ISFC, WRAP, EdL; Shelter MOD C	21	1
Support Staff (SWA, OA, SAS)	121	13
Family Finding	1	1
Resource Family Approval (RFA) (Intake, Ongoing, Family Eval, D/C)	24	6
Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)	5	2
Supervision (Social Work Supervisors, Supervising Office Assistants)	52	11
Leadership (Program Managers, Administrative Assistants, and Program Technicians	26	2
Long-Term Medical LOA – Social Workers	2	-
Total	**511**	**54**

Table I: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by task area, for filled allocations and vacancies (Internal tracking). As of 04/15/24.

Child Welfare Job Class Detail – April 2024			
Position Title	Staff	Vacancies	LOAs
Social Workers (SW/SWP)	313	28	14
Social Work Aides (SWA)	34	10	1
Office Assistants (OA)	83	2	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	**511**	**54**	**15**
Case Management Social Workers (SW/SWP)	185	11	7
Non-Case Carrying Social Workers (SW/SWP)	129	16	7
Total Social Workers *(SW/SWP)*	**314**	**27**	**14**

Table II: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by job class (internal tracking). As of 04/15/24.

Child Welfare Support (Non-CWS Allocations) – April 2024		
Position Title	Staff	Vacancies
Eligibility Workers (EW)	27	3
Social Services Program Supervisors (SSPS)	4	0
Office Assistants (OA)	5	0
Total	**36**	**3**

Table III: DSS Non-CWS Allocations (Internal Tracking). As of 04/15/24.

Referral and Case Information

Child Maltreatment Referrals by Allegation Type		
Allegation Type	**February 2024**	**March 2024**
Physical Abuse	222 (14.6%)	232 (16.3%)
Emotional Abuse	273 (18.0%)	230 (16.1%)
Neglect	695 (45.7%)	673 (47.2%)
Sexual Abuse	75 (4.9%)	77 (5.4%)
Other/At Risk	255 (16.8%)	213 (15.0%)
Total Allegations	**1,520 (100%)**	**1,425 (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: 04/08/2024.

Referral Outcomes		
Referral Outcomes	**February 2024**	**March 2024**
Evaluated Out	809 (57.0%)	755 (56.8%)
Substantiated	75 (5.3%)	50 (3.8%)
Inconclusive	255 (18.0%)	175 (13.2%)
Unfounded	186 (13.1%)	144 (10.8%)
Other/Not Recorded	94 (6.6%)	204 (15.4%)
Total Referral Outcomes	**1,419 (100%)**	**1,328 (100%)**

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: 04/08/2024.

Caseload by Task Area		
Task Area	**February 2024**	**March 2024**
Family Reunification (FR)	766	731
Family Maintenance (FM)	111	109
Permanency Planning (PPLA)	654	657
Supportive Transitions (ST)	116	130
Emergency Response (ER)	61	49
Adoptions	542	519
Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM)	122	113
Total	**2,372**	**2,308**

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: 04/08/2024. 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	February 2024	March 2024
White	394 (16.6%)	374 (16.2%)
Black	385 (16.2%)	357 (15.5%)
Latino	1,448 (61.1%)	1,423 (61.7%)
Asian/Pacific Islander	108 (4.6%)	103 (4.5%)
Native American	29 (1.2%)	27 (1.2%)
Not Reported	8 (0.3%)	24 (1.0%)
Total	2,372 (100%)	2,308 (100%)

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 04/08/2024.

FURS Data

FURS Summary Report			
Metrics	January 2024	February 2024	March 2024
Total Number of Calls	2	4	1
Number of Phone Responses	0	0	0
Number of In-Person Mobile Responses	2	4	1
Average Mobile Response Time (Minutes)	53	35	49
Caller Type Totals from January 2024 through March 2024			
Foster Parent			1
Social Worker			0
Other (Adoptive Parent, Congregate Care, Caregiver, Youth, School Staff)			6
Total Number of Calls from January 2024 through March 2024			7
Average Response Time from Call Received to Arrival (Minutes)			42

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 – 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 IX: 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 – March 2024		
Placements	**Count**	**%**
1	747	38.1%
2	474	24.1%
3-5	510	26.0%
6+	223	11.4%
Missing Placement Count	8	0.4%
Total	**1,962**	**100%**

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 04/08/2024.

Placements by Facility Type – March 2024				
Placement Facility Type	**In County**	**Out of County**	**Not Recorded**	**Total**
Group Home / STRTP	44 (2.6%)	20 (7.6%)	0 (0.0%)	64 (3.3%)
RFA - Relative/NREFM Home	463 (27.4%)	84 (31.8%)	0 (0.0%)	547 (28.0%)
RFA - Resource Home	239 (14.1%)	31 (11.7%)	0 (0.0%)	270 (13.8%)
Foster Family Agency	623 (36.9%)	84 (31.8%)	0 (0.0%)	707 (36.2%)
Supervised Independent Living	56 (3.3%)	20 (7.6%)	0 (0.0%)	76 (3.9%)
Guardian Home - Non-Dependent	225 (13.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	225 (11.5%)
Guardian Home - Dependent	35 (2.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	35 (1.8%)
Other	5 (0.3%)	25 (9.5%)	0 (0.0%)	30 (1.5%)
Total	**1,690 (86.5%)**	**264 (13.5%)**	**0 (0.0%)**	**1,954 (100%)**

Table XI: Placements by facility type for youth placed in-county, and out of county. Source: SafeMeasures. Placement Facility
Type. Extracted: 04/08/2024.

Out of State Placements – March 2024		
Placement Facility Type	**Count**	**%**
Court Specified Home	23	76.7%
In-Home	4	13.3%
Relative/NREFM Home	0	0.0%
Supervised Independent Living (SILP)	3	10.0%
Total	**30**	**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: 04/08/2024.

Additional Placement Metrics – March 2024	
Placement within 30 days of Entry	**Count**
Youth Placed with a Relative within 30 days of Entry	12

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 – March 2024		
Placement Type	**Count**	**%**
Placed with All Siblings	666	54.2%
Placed with Some Siblings	263	21.4%
Not Placed with Any Siblings	299	24.4%
Total	**1,228**	**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. Extracted: 04/08/2024.

DSS Juvenile Dependency Court Stats

Continuances/Hearings – March 2024			
Courtroom	**Dept. 21**	**Dept. 22**	**Dept. 23**
Number of Hearings	199	158	135
Number of Hearings Set to Trial	14	2	9
# of Continuance DSS	3	16	7
Continued by Parent's Attorney	7	6	14
Continued by the Court	9	8	21
Continued by FCA	2	3	1
# of Total Continuances	26	35	44
% of Continuances	13%	22%	33%
All Court Rooms (Avg)	**21%**		
DSS Continuance (Avg)	**5%**		

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).

Court Writer Stats by Task Area – March 2024			
FR Court Writer Stats		**ER Court Writer Stats**	
Juris	2	*Original Petitions*	23
Dispo	5	*Amended Petitions*	2
Juris/Dispo	37	*PCWs*	1
Petition	0	*Arraignments*	1
Amended Petition	5	*Detentions*	23
Detentions	0	*Addendum*	0
Addendum	4	*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*	4
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 – March 2024	
Number of Unduplicated Youth	23 Youth
Total Number of Entries (including re-entries)	30 Entries
Number of Re-Entries	7 Re-entries
Length of Stay: Less than 9 days	16 Youth
Length of Stay: 9 Days or Greater/ Reason	5 Youth
Average Length of Stay	5 Days
Reasons for Entry into Mod-C	Placement Disruption (12) Return from AWOL (12) Emergency Response Removal (5) 300 Hold – Youth from Out of State (1)

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