Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Meeting – May 7, 2025

DSS CWS Data

Staffing Information

Child Welfare Staff Task Area Detail – April 2025		
Task Area	Staff	Vacancies
Court Officers, Court Intake, Court Ongoing	18	2
Hotline	18	0
Emergency Response	58	3
Family Reunification / Family Maintenance / FR Training/El Puente	61	9
Voluntary Family Maintenance	10	2
Permanency Planning (PPLA)/NMD/ILP	61	6
Adoptions / Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)/NRLG	31	0
TDM/CFT, RFS, ISFC, WRAP, EdL; Shelter MOD C	22	0
Support Staff (SWA, OA, SAS)	129	5
Resource Family Approval (RFA) (Intake, Ongoing, Family Eval, D/C)	26	2
Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)	8	0
Supervision (Social Work Supervisors, Supervising Office Assistants)	58	2
Leadership (Division Chiefs, Administrative Assistants, and Program Technicians)	25	2
Total	**532**	**33**

Table I: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by task area, for filled allocations and vacancies (Internal tracking). As of 4/28/25.

Child Welfare Job Class Detail – April 2025			
Position Title	Staff	Vacancies	LOAs
Social Workers (SW/SWP)	312	24	3
Social Work Aides (SWA)	40	4	0
Office Assistants (OA)	84	1	0
Substance Abuse Specialists (SAS)	5	0	0
Social Work Supervisors (SWS)	50	2	0
Supervising Office Assistants (SOA)	9	0	0
Program Technicians	4	2	0
Administrative Assistants	11	0	0
Program Managers (PM)	10	0	0
Total	**532**	**33**	**3**
Case Management Social Workers (SW/SWP)	215	19	3
Non-Case Carrying Social Workers (SW/SWP)	97	5	0
Total Social Workers *(SW/SWP)*	**312**	**24**	**3**

Table II: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by job class (internal tracking). As of 4/28/25.

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

Table III: DSS Non-CWS Allocations (Internal Tracking). As of 4/28/25.

Referral and Case Information

Child Maltreatment Referrals by Allegation Type		
Allegation Type	**February 2025**	**March 2025**
Physical Abuse	164 (16.6%)	204 (15.4%)
Emotional Abuse	173 (17.5%)	255 (19.2%)
Neglect	491 (49.7%)	608 (45.9%)
Sexual Abuse	26 (2.6%)	69 (5.2%)
Other/At Risk	134 (13.6%)	190 (14.3%)
Total Allegations	**988**	**1,326**

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: 4/302025.

Referral Outcomes		
Referral Outcomes	**February 2025**	**March 2025**
Evaluated Out	829 (65.0%)	916 (60.9%)
Substantiated	46 (3.6%)	64 (4.3%)
Inconclusive	150 (11.8%)	250 (16.6%)
Unfounded	107 (8.4%)	160 (10.6%)
Other/Not Recorded	143 (11.2%)	114 (7.6%)
Total Referral Outcomes	**1,275**	**1,504**

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: 4/30/2025.

Caseload by Task Area		
Task Area	**February 2025**	**March 2025**
Family Reunification (FR)	451	468
Family Maintenance (FM)	80	71
Permanency Planning (PPLA)	516	501
Supportive Transitions (ST)	223	240
Emergency Response (ER)	64	81
Adoptions	330	322
Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM)	107	117
Total	**1,771**	**1,800**

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: 4/30/2025. Average Caseload Range – FR/FM: 15-20 cases, Adoptions: 20-25 cases, PPLA/ST: 15-20 cases, and VFM: 12 cases. Updated 5/1/25.

Case Count by Ethnicity		
Ethnicity	February 2025	March 2025
White	291 (16.4%)	285 (15.8%)
Black	269 (15.2%)	259 (14.4%)
Latino	1,079 (60.9%)	1,136 (63.1%)
Asian/Pacific Islander	89 (5.0%)	85 (4.7%)
Native American	25 (1.4%)	24 (1.3%)
Not Reported	18 (1.0%)	11 (0.6%)
Total	**1,771**	**1,800**

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 4/30/2025.

FURS Data

FURS Summary Report			
Metrics	January 2025	February 2025	March 2025
Total Number of Calls	1	4	4
Number of Phone Responses	0	1	1
Number of In-Person Mobile Responses	1	3	3
Average Mobile Response Time (Minutes)	15	25	22.5
Caller Type Totals from January 2025 through March 2025			
Foster Parent			3
Social Worker			0
Other (Adoptive Parent, Parent, STRTP Staff, Foster Youth)			6
Total Number of Calls from January 2024 through March 2025			9
Average Response Time from Call Received to Arrival (Minutes)			22

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 underline 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 – April 2024 to March 2025		
Placement Type	County of Fresno	Statewide
Relative / Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM)	107 (22.9%)	5,433 (34.0%)
Foster	113 (24.2%)	4,347 (27.2%)
Foster Family Agency (FFA)	234 (50.1%)	4,488 (28.1%)
Group/Shelter	3 (0.6%)	1,507 (9.4%)
Other	10 (2.1%)	207 (1.3%)
Total	**467**	**15,982**

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: 4/30/25. 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	**February 2025**	**March 2025**
1	538 (34.8%)	547 (34.9%)
2	377 (24.4%)	385 (24.5%)
3-5	406 (26.2%)	411 (26.2%)
6+	217 (14.0%)	219 (14.0%)
Missing Placement Count	9 (0.6%)	7 (0.4%)
Total	**1,547**	**1,569**

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 4/30/2025.

Placements by Facility Type								
	February 2025				**March 2025**			
Placement Facility Type	**In County**	**Out of County**	**Not Recorded**	**Total**	**In County**	**Out of County**	**Not Recorded**	**Total**
Group Home / STRTP	18 (1.4%)	7 (3.4%)	0 (0.0%)	25 (1.6%)	16 (1.2%)	6 (2.9%)	0 (0.0%)	22 (1.4%)
RFA - Relative/NREFM Home	277 (20.8%)	56 (27.6%)	0 (0.0%)	333 (21.7%)	292 (21.5%)	54 (26.3%)	2 (100.0%)	348 (22.3%)
RFA - Resource Home	246 (18.5%)	43 (21.2%)	1 (25.0%)	290 (18.9%)	273 (20.1%)	46 (22.4%)	0 (0.0%)	319 (20.4%)
Foster Family Agency	457 (34.3%)	52 (25.6%)	0 (0.0%)	509 (33.1%)	440 (32.5%)	49 (23.9%)	0 (0.0%)	489 (31.3%)
Supervised Independent Living	79 (5.9%)	27 (13.3%)	3 (75.0%)	109 (7.1%)	81 (6.0%)	29 (14.1%)	0 (0.0%)	110 (7.0%)
Guardian Home - Non-Dependent	232 (17.4%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	232 (15.1%)	230 (17.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	230 (14.7%)
Guardian Home - Dependent	18 (1.4%)	4 (2.0%)	0 (0.0%)	22 (1.4%)	19 (1.4%)	6 (2.9%)	0 (0.0%)	25 (1.6%)
Other	4 (0.3%)	14 (6.9%)	0 (0.0%)	18 (1.2%)	4 (0.3)	15 (7.3%)	0 (0.0%)	19 (1.2%)
Total	**1,331 (86.5%)**	**203 (13.2%)**	**4 (0.3%)**	**1,538 (100%)**	**1,355 (86.8%)**	**205 (13.1%)**	**2 (0.1%)**	**1,562 (100%)**

Table XI: Placements by facility type for youth placed in-county, and out of county. Source: SafeMeasures. Placement Facility Type. Extracted: 4/30/2025. Please note: "Not Recorded" means the placement county was not recorded in SafeMeasures.

Out of State Placements		
Placement Facility Type	**March 2025**	**April 2025**
Court Specified Home	11 (52.4%)	10 (47.6%)
In-Home	4 (19.0%)	3 (14.3%)
Relative/NREFM Home	1 (4.8%)	1 (4.8%)
Supervised Independent Living (SILP)	5 (23.8%)	7 (33.3%)
Total	**21**	**21**

*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: 4/30/25. *Please note: This is a point-in-time report.*

Additional Placement Metrics		
Placement within 30 days of Entry	**February 2025**	**March 2025**
Youth Placed with a Relative within 30 days of Entry	19	14

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	**February 2025**	**March 2025**
Placed with All Siblings	466 (52.3%)	476 (51.3%)
Placed with Some Siblings	191 (21.4%)	208 (22.4%)
Not Placed with Any Siblings	234 (26.3%)	244 (26.3%)
Total	**891**	**928**

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: 4/30/2025.

Mod-C

Mod-C Data		
Metrics	**February 2025**	**March 2025**
Number of Unduplicated Youth	7 Youth	17 youth
Total Number of Entries (including re-entries)	8 entries	20 entries
Number of Re-Entries	1 re-entry	3 re-entries
Length of Stay: Less than 9 days	7 youth	17 youth
Length of Stay: 9 Days or Greater/ Reason	0 Youth	0 youth
Average Length of Stay	3 days	2 days
Reasons for Admission into Mod-C	Emergency Response (2) Return from AWOL (5) Return from Psych hold (1)	Return from Psych hold (1) Return from AWOL (6) Emergency Response (6) Return from JJC (2) Child's behavior (2) Complaint on home (1) Respite/Temporary placement ended (1) Other (1)

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