

## Foster Care Standards and Oversight Committee Meeting – November 5, 2025

### DSS CWS Data

#### Staffing Information

<b>Child Welfare Staff Task Area Detail – October 20, 2025</b>		
<b>Task Area</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
<i>Court Officers, Court Intake, Court Ongoing</i>	17	3
<i>Hotline/FPD Liaison</i>	17	1
<i>Emergency Response/ER Training</i>	53	4
<i>Family Reunification/Family Maintenance/FR Training</i>	52	13
<i>Voluntary Family Maintenance</i>	10	2
<i>Permanency Planning (PPLA)/NMD/ILP</i>	47	9
<i>Adoptions/Adoption Assistance Program (AAP)/NRLG</i>	27	3
<i>TDM/CFT, RFS, ISFC, Shelter</i>	22	0
<i>Support Staff (SWA, OA)</i>	116	10
<i>Resource Family Approval (RFA)</i>	25	4
<i>Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)</i>	8	
<i>Supervision (Social Work Supervisors, Supervising Office Assistants)</i>	52	6
<i>Leadership (Division Chiefs, Admin Assistants, Program Technicians, Admin Support Coordinators)</i>	22	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>55</b>

Table I: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by task area, for filled allocations and vacancies (Internal tracking). As of 10/20/25.

<b>Child Welfare Job Class Detail – October 20, 2025</b>			
<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>	<b>LOAs</b>
<i>Social Workers (SW/SWP)</i>	<b>266</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>
<i>Case Management</i>	153	36	5
<i>Non-Case Carrying</i>	113	14	6
<i>Social Work Aides (SWA)</i>	37	4	0
<i>Office Assistants (OA)</i>	77	6	2
<i>Social Work Supervisors (SWS)</i>	43	6	0
<i>Supervising Office Assistants (SOA)</i>	9	0	0
<i>Program Technicians</i>	2	0	0
<i>Administrative Assistants</i>	10	0	0
<i>Division Chiefs (DC), Administrative Support Coordinator (ASC)</i>	9	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>15</b>

Table II: DSS CWS staff count, disaggregated by job class (internal tracking). As of 10/20/25.

<b>Child Welfare Support (Non-CWS Allocations) – October 20, 2025</b>		
<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Vacancies</b>
<i>Eligibility Workers (EW)</i>	26	4
<i>Social Services Program Supervisors (SSPS) &amp; Supervising Office Assistants (SOA)</i>	4	0
<i>Office Assistants (OA)</i>	4	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>

Table III: DSS Non-CWS Allocations (Internal Tracking). As of 10/20/25.

## Referral and Case Information

Child Maltreatment Referrals by Allegation Type		
Allegation Type	August 2025	September 2025
Physical Abuse	169 (14.1%)	198 (14.2%)
Emotional Abuse	225 (18.7%)	273 (19.6%)
Neglect	575 (47.9%)	646 (46.4%)
Sexual Abuse	74 (6.1%)	66 (4.7%)
Other/At Risk	158 (13.2%)	208 (15.0%)
<b>Total Allegations</b>	<b>1,201</b>	<b>1,391</b>

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. \*Other/At Risk: All other types of alleged harm not covered by other categories; at substantial risk; sibling was abused. Source: SafeMeasures. Investigations. Allegation Type – By Client. Extracted: 10/30/25.

Referral Outcomes		
Referral Outcomes	August 2025	September 2025
Evaluated Out	767 (59.4%)	940 (61.5%)
Substantiated	62 (4.7%)	57 (3.7%)
Inconclusive	170 (13.2%)	184 (12.0%)
Unfounded	98 (7.6%)	144 (9.4%)
Other/Not Recorded	195 (15.1%)	203 (13.3%)
<b>Total Referral Outcomes</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>1,528</b>

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: 10/30/25.

Caseload by Task Area		
Task Area	August 2025	September 2025
Family Reunification (FR)	594	606
Family Maintenance (FM)	72	70
Permanency Planning (PPLA)	430	555
Supportive Transitions (ST)	246	254
Emergency Response (ER)	80	78
Adoptions	305	165
Voluntary Family Maintenance (VFM)	110	120
<b>Total</b>	<b>1827</b>	<b>1848</b>

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: 10/30/25. Average Caseload Range – FR/FM: 15-20 cases, Adoptions: 20-25 cases, PPLA/ST: 15-20 cases, and VFM: 12 cases.

Case Count by Ethnicity		
Ethnicity	August 2025	September 2025
White	263 (14.3%)	254 (13.7%)
Black	273 (14.8%)	296 (16.0%)
Latino	1181 (64.3%)	1171 (63.4%)
Asian/Pacific Islander	77 (4.2%)	76 (4.1%)
Native American	25 (1.4%)	34 (1.8%)
Not Reported	18 (1.0%)	17 (0.9%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1837</b>	<b>1848</b>

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 10/30/25.

### FURS Data

FURS Summary Report			
Metrics	July 2025	August 2025	September 2025
Total Number of Calls	9	10	7
Number of Phone Responses	5	6	3
Number of In-Person Mobile Responses	4	4	4
Average Mobile Response Time (Minutes)	19	18	41
<b>Caller Type Totals from June 2025 through August 2025</b>			
Foster Parent			6
Social Worker			2
Other (Bio Parent, Caregiver, STRTP Staff, Foster Youth)			18
<b>Total Number of Calls from June 2025 through August 2025</b>			<b>26</b>
<b>Average Response Time from Call Received to Arrival (Minutes)</b>			<b>33.5</b>

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 – July 2024 to June 2025		
Placement Type	County of Fresno	Statewide
Relative / Non-Related Extended Family Member (NREFM)	142 (23.6%)	5,694 (34.4%)
Foster	213 (35.4%)	4,595 (27.7%)
Foster Family Agency (FFA)	237 (39.4%)	4,421 (26.7%)
Group/Shelter	1 (0.2%)	1,630 (9.8%)
Other	8 (1.3%)	232 (1.4%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>16,360</b>

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 10/31/25.

Number of Placements from Removal to End Placement Date		
Placements	August 2025	September 2025
1	582 (36.5%)	596 (37.3%)
2	381 (23.9%)	377 (23.6%)
3-5	401 (25.2%)	400 (25.0%)
6+	223 (14.0%)	220 (13.8%)
Missing Placement Count	7 (0.4%)	7 (0.4%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>1,600</b>

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 10/31/25

Placements by Facility Type								
	August 2025				September 2025			
Placement Facility Type	In County	Out of County	Not Recorded	Total	In County	Out of County	Not Recorded	Total
Group Home / STRTP	13 (0.9%)	7 (4.0%)	0 (0.0%)	20 (1.3%)	13 (0.9%)	8 (4.3%)	0 (0.0%)	21 (1.3%)
RFA - Relative/NREFM Home	297 (21.1%)	49 (27.7%)	0 (0.0%)	346 (21.8%)	313 (22.2%)	49 (26.6%)	0 (0.0%)	362 (22.8%)
RFA - Resource Home	326 (23.1%)	42 (23.7%)	0 (0.0%)	368 (23.2%)	342 (24.3%)	35 (19.0%)	2 (100%)	379 (23.8%)
Foster Family Agency	445 (31.6%)	47 (26.6%)	0 (0.0%)	492 (31.0%)	419 (29.8%)	54 (29.3%)	0 (0.0%)	474 (29.7%)
Supervised Independent Living	83 (5.9%)	16 (9.0%)	0 (0.0%)	99 (6.2%)	78 (5.5%)	22 (12.0%)	0 (0.0%)	100 (6.3%)
Guardian Home - Non-Dependent	216 (15.3%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	216 (13.6%)	212 (15.1%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	212 (13.3%)
Guardian Home - Dependent	26 (1.8%)	2 (1.1%)	0 (0.0%)	28 (1.8%)	26 (1.8%)	2 (1.1%)	0 (0.0%)	28 (1.8%)
Other	4 (0.3%)	14 (7.9%)	0 (0.0%)	18 (1.1%)	4 (0.3%)	14 (7.6%)	0 (0.0%)	18 (1.1%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,410 (88.8%)</b>	<b>177 (11.2%)</b>	<b>0 (0.0%)</b>	<b>1,587 (100%)</b>	<b>1407 (88.3%)</b>	<b>184 (11.6%)</b>	<b>2 (0.1%)</b>	<b>1593 (100%)</b>

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: 10/31/25

Out of State Placements		
Placement Facility Type	September 2025	October 2025 (Report Currently Unavailable)
Court Specified Home	9 (56.2%)	N/A
In-Home	2 (12.5%)	N/A
Relative/NREFM Home	0 (0.0%)	N/A
Supervised Independent Living (SILP)	5 (31.3%)	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>N/A</b>

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: 9/24/25. **This report is currently unavailable.** \*Please note: This is a point-in-time report.

Additional Placement Metrics		
Placement within 30 days of Entry	August 2025	September 2025
Youth Placed with a Relative within 30 days of Entry	16	22

Table XIII: The data show the number of youths placed with a relative within 30 days of entry into foster care (Internal Tracking).  
Extracted 10/16/2025.

Siblings Placed Together		
Placement Type	August 2025	September 2025
Placed with All Siblings	465 (48.4%)	489 (50.7%)
Placed with Some Siblings	232 (24.1%)	222 (23.0%)
Not Placed with Any Siblings	264 (27.5%)	254 (26.3%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>965</b>

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 10/30/25

### Mod-C

Mod-C Data		
Metrics	August 2025	September 2025
Number of Unduplicated Youth	8 youth	9 youth
Total Number of Entries (including re-entries)	9 entries	11 entries
Number of Re-Entries	1 re-entry	2 re-entries
Length of Stay: Less than 9 days	8 youth	9 youth
Length of Stay: 9 Days or Greater/ Reason	1 youth	0 youth
Average Length of Stay	5.1 days	3.5 days
Reasons for Admission into Mod-C	Return from AWOL (1) Child’s behavior (3) Removal from Parent/New Entry into Care (3) Child refused Placement (1) Complaint on Home (1)	Return from AWOL (3) Child’s behavior (4) Removal from Parent/New Entry into Care (1) Child refused Placement (1) Released from JJC (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). Extracted 10/31/25