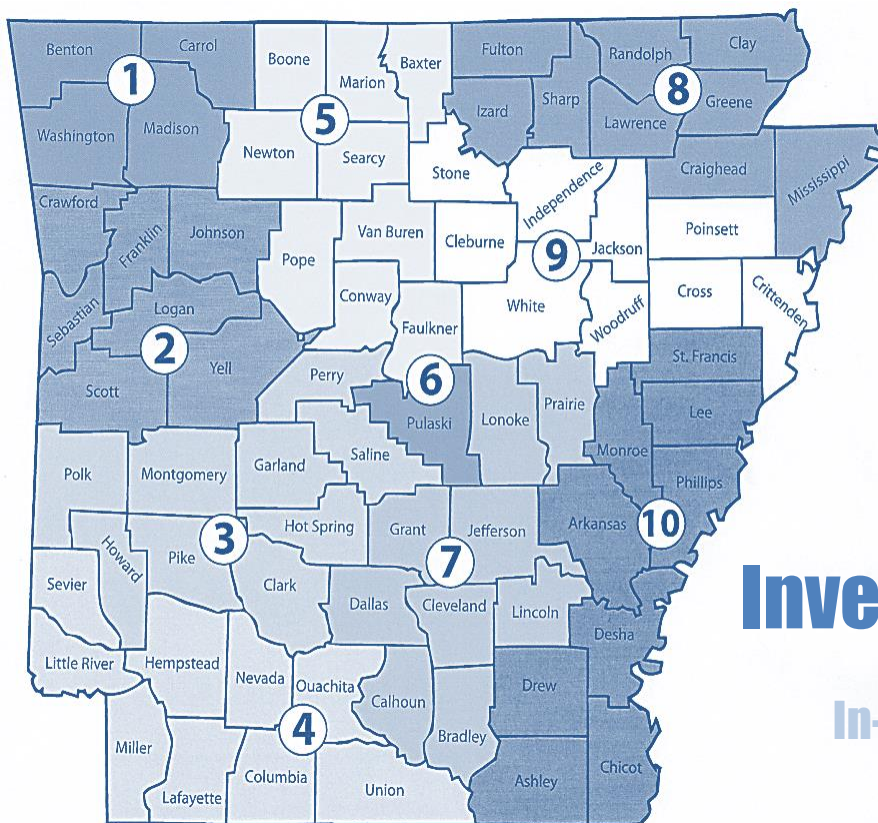


QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT 2nd QUARTER SFY 2018

October 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017



Investigations

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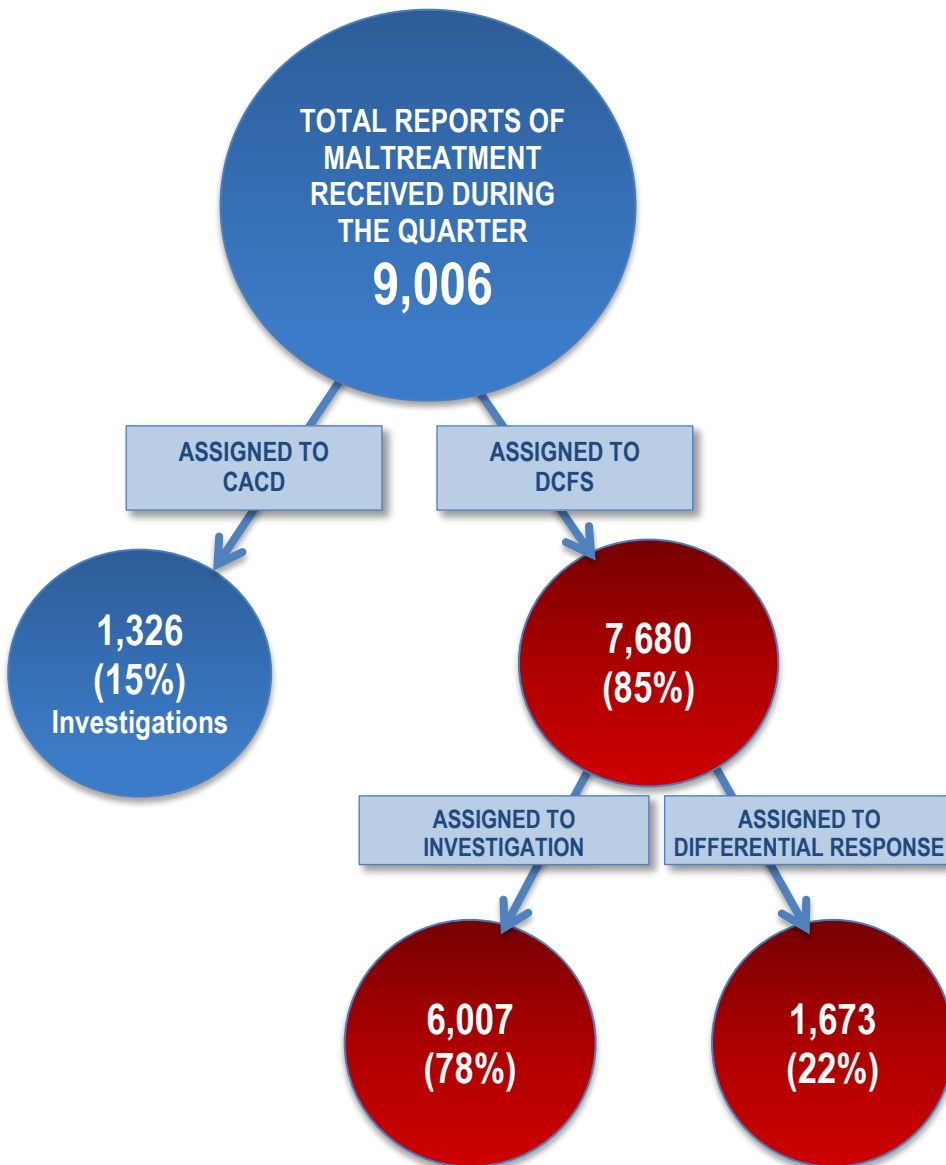
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Reports of Child Maltreatment

Quick Facts

Volume and Description of Child Maltreatment Reports

Volume of Incoming Reports
Maltreatment Reports Received During
2nd Quarter SFY 2018



Of the 9,006 reports of child maltreatment accepted by the Arkansas Child Abuse Hotline during the quarter, 85 percent were assigned to DCFS and 15 percent were assigned to the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police, which is responsible for investigating the most serious allegations of maltreatment.

Of the reports assigned to DCFS, 78 percent were assigned for an investigation and 22 percent were handled through Differential Response (DR).

DR, which was implemented statewide in August 2013, allows the Division to respond to specific, low-risk maltreatment reports through a family assessment and provision of services rather than a traditional investigation.

The following types of allegations can qualify for DR:

- Inadequate Supervision if children are at least five
- Environmental Neglect if children are at least three
- Medical Neglect if children are at least thirteen
- Lock Out if children are at least ten
- Inadequate Food, Inadequate Shelter, Inadequate Clothing, or Educational Neglect with no age restrictions
- Certain allegations of abuse where the incident occurred at least one year prior to the report date

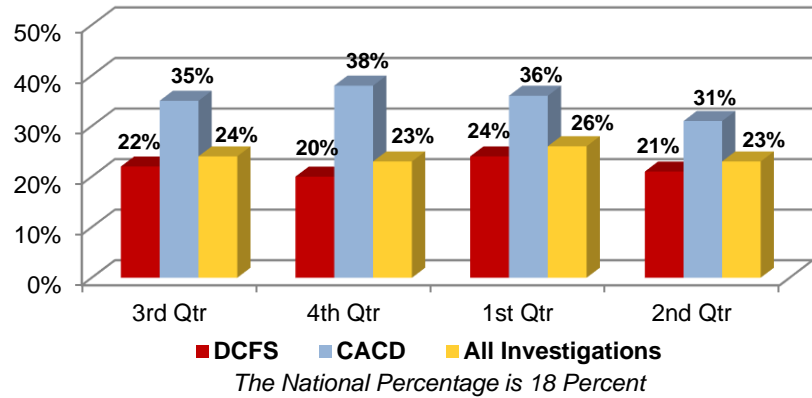
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Findings of Child Maltreatment Investigations

Twenty-one percent of the investigations assigned to DCFS during the quarter were found true, compared to 31 percent for CACD. The overall substantiation rate stood at 23 percent.

Appendix A provides further detail on the number of referrals accepted for investigation and those found true for the past four quarters.

Percentage Of Investigations Found True



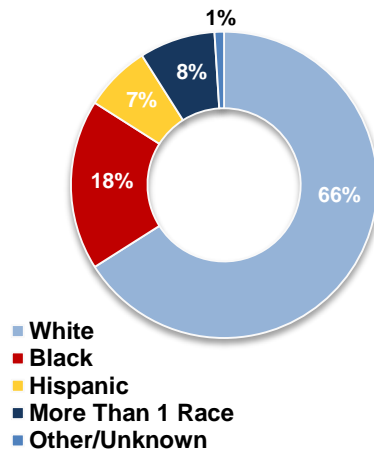
Characteristics of Children Involved in True Investigations

There were 2,393 victim children involved in the maltreatment investigations that were found true.

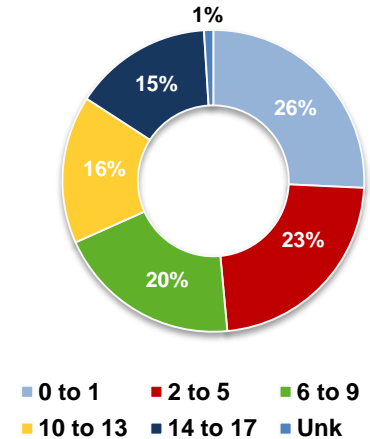
Of those children, 66 percent were white and 18 percent were black. Sixty-nine percent of the children involved in true maltreatment investigations were under ten years of age.

A majority of the victim children during the quarter (52 percent) were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in True Reports



Ages of Children in True Reports



Types of Allegations in True Investigations

Neglect was the most commonly reported allegation among the 2,393 victim children, followed by allegations of physical and sexual abuse.

Percentage of Children in True Allegations of Maltreatment

	Number of Children Cited in True Allegation	Percentage of Children Cited in True Allegation
Neglect	1,584	66%
Physical Abuse	630	26%
Sexual Abuse	382	16%
Abandonment	9	<1%
Sexual Exploitation	1	<1%

A child may have more than one allegation

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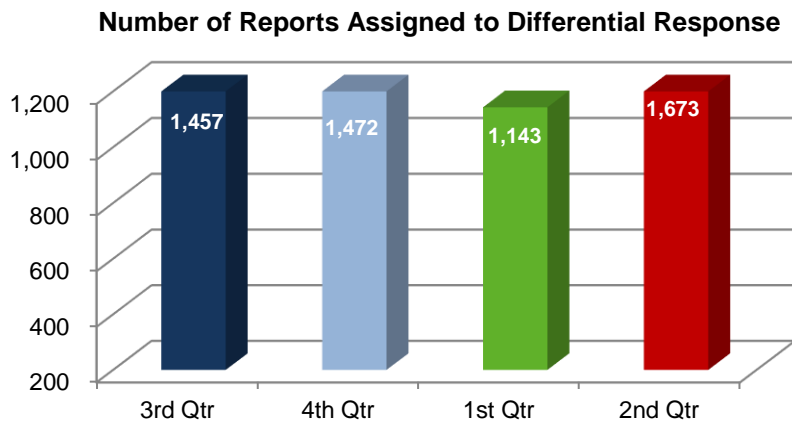
Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities

Findings of Maltreatment Reports Involving Fatalities or Near Fatalities		
Finding	Child Fatality	Near Child Fatality
True	6	0
Unsubstantiated	1	0
Pending	9	0

During the quarter, there were sixteen maltreatment investigations of child fatalities. Of the child fatality investigations, six were found true, one was unsubstantiated, and nine are still pending. There were no investigations involving a near child fatality.

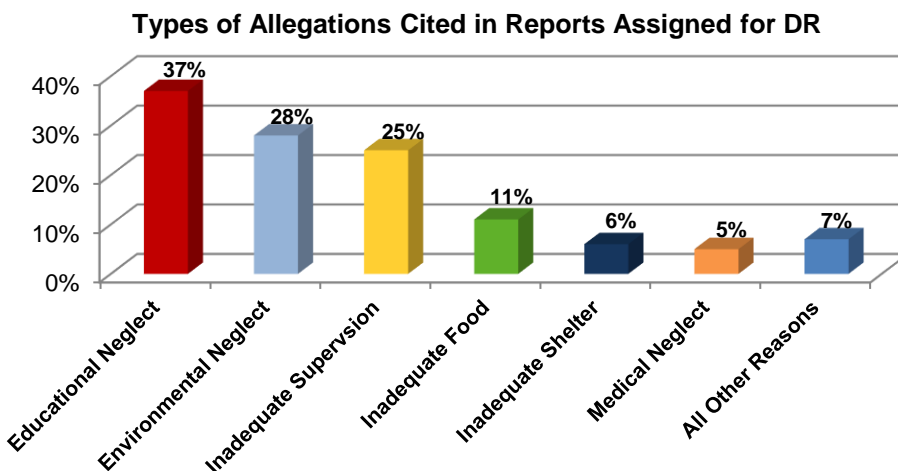
Appendix B includes more details regarding the fatality investigations.

Reports Assigned for Differential Response (DR)



The number of reports assigned to DR during the quarter (1,673) increased by 46 percent when compared to the previous quarter.

Allegations Cited in DR Reports



Educational neglect and environmental neglect were the most commonly cited allegations in reports assigned to DR.

Quick Facts

Meeting Agency Policies

Timeliness of Initiating Investigations

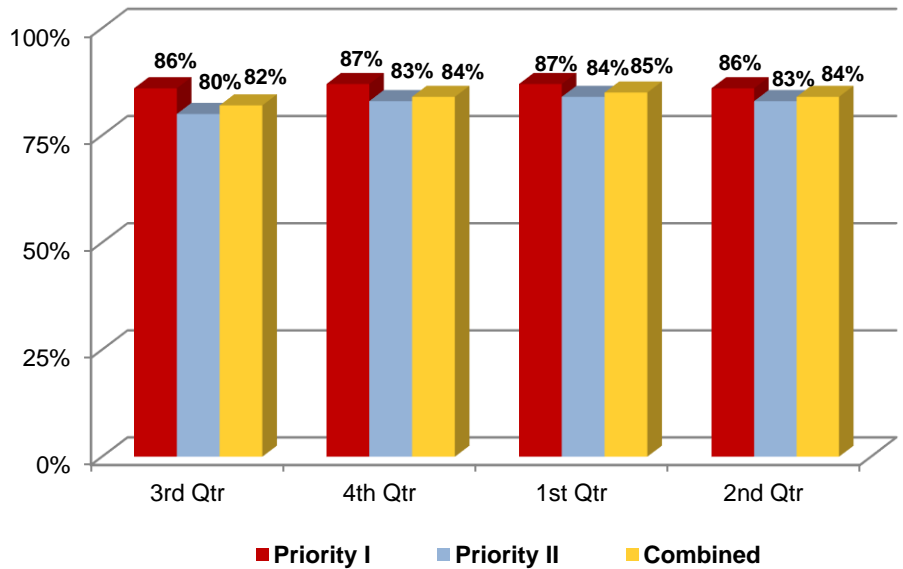
The law requires reports of maltreatment to be initiated within 24 hours of receipt of a Priority I report or within 72 hours for a Priority II report.

Priority I reports cite more severe allegations while Priority II reports cite comparatively less serious allegations.

Initiation occurs when all victim children are interviewed or observed (if too young for an interview) within the designated timeframes.

DCFS initiated 84 percent of its investigations on time during the second quarter.

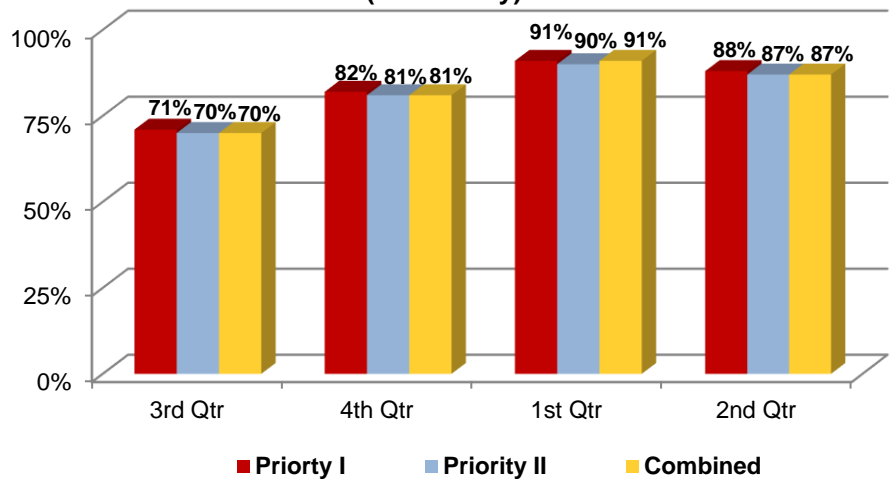
Timely Initiations of Child Maltreatment Assessments (DCFS Only)



Timeliness of Completing Investigations

DCFS completed 87 percent of its investigations on time (within 45 days of receipt of the report) during the quarter.

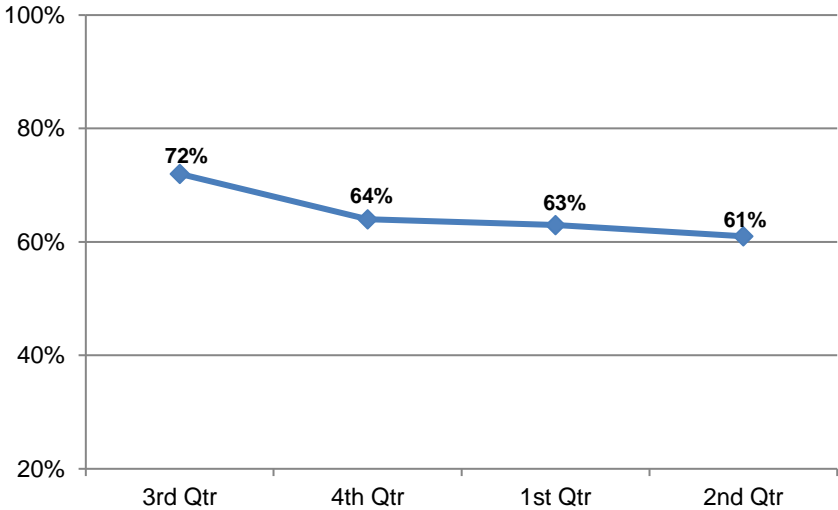
Timely Completion of DCFS Assessments (DCFS Only)



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Timeliness of Initiating Reports Assigned to DR

Timeliness of DR Initiations

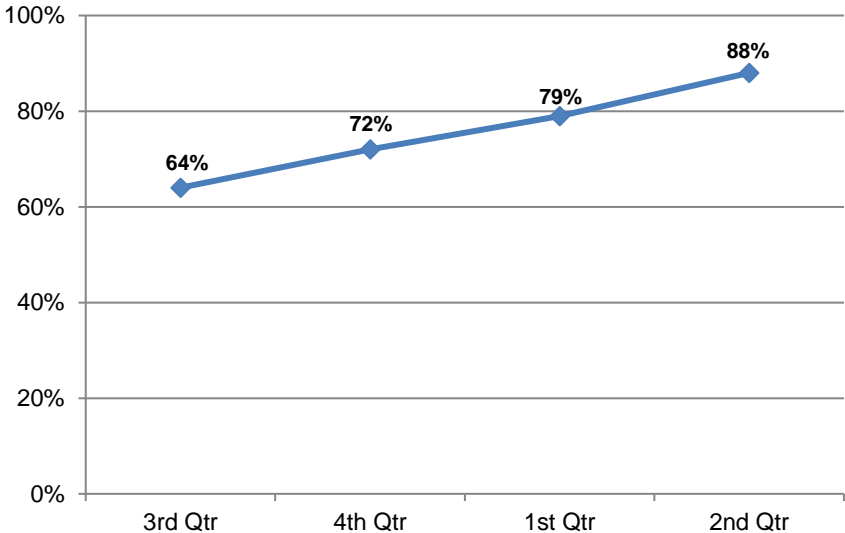


DR referrals must be initiated within 72 hours of receipt of the report.

DCFS initiated 61 percent of its DR reports on time during the quarter, representing a two percentage point decrease in compliance from the previous quarter.

Timeliness of Completing Reports Assigned to DR

Timeliness of DR Closures (Within 30 Days)



Reports assigned to DR must be closed within 30 days of receipt of the report. In certain instances when the families' needs necessitate longer involvement, two 15-day extensions can be granted, for a total of 60 days.

The Agency closed 88 percent of its DR reports on time, taking into account reports in which extensions were granted. The rate of compliance increased by nine percentage points from the last quarter.

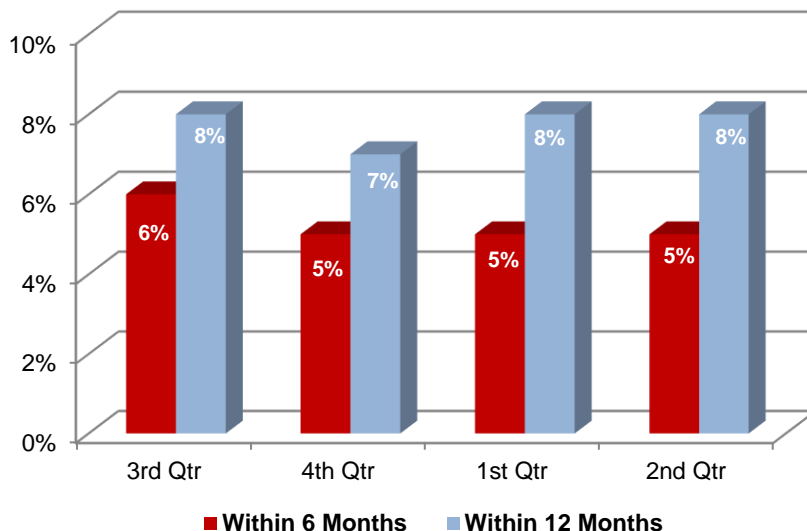
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Benefits to Children and Families

Preventing the Recurrence of Maltreatment

Eight percent of the victim children involved in true investigations one year ago experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months. Five percent experienced a recurrence of maltreatment within six months.

Recurrence of Maltreatment within 6 and 12 Months

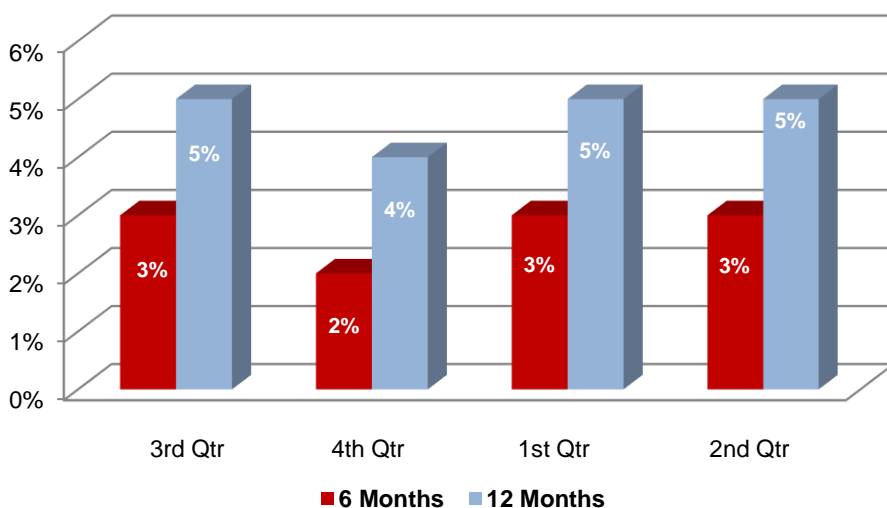


The National Standard for absence of recurrence within six months is 5.4 percent or less

Absence of Recurrence Among Families who Received DR

Five percent of the children who began receiving DR services in the second quarter of SFY 2017 were involved in a subsequent true investigation of child maltreatment within 12 months, and three percent were involved within six months.

Percentage of Children Involved in True Maltreatment Reports Within Six and Twelve Months of Receiving DR



In-Home Services

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Volume and Description of Cases

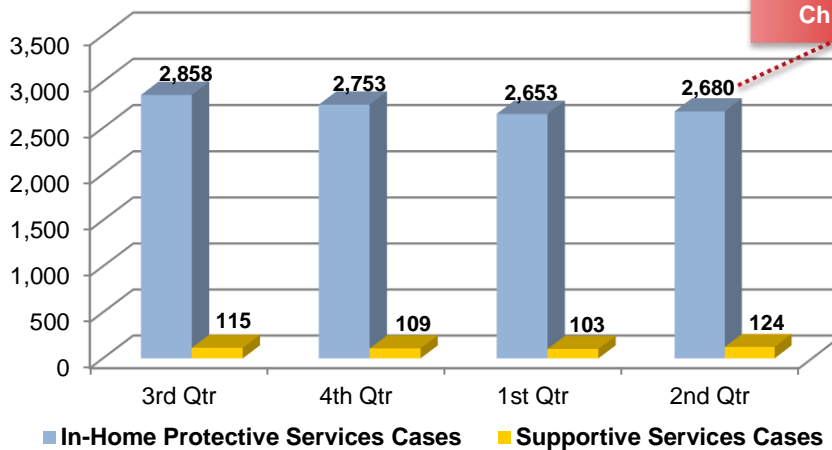
Volume of Cases

In most instances, DCFS offers in-home services through a protective services case, which is opened when a true maltreatment report or court order necessitates DCFS' involvement with a family but there is not an immediate threat to any child's safety in the home.

The number of in-home protective services cases increased by one percent during the quarter. At the end of the quarter, there were 2,680 protective services cases open across the state, involving 6,230 children.

The Division also offers in-home supportive services to families on a voluntary basis. DCFS was responsible for 124 supportive services cases at the end of the quarter.

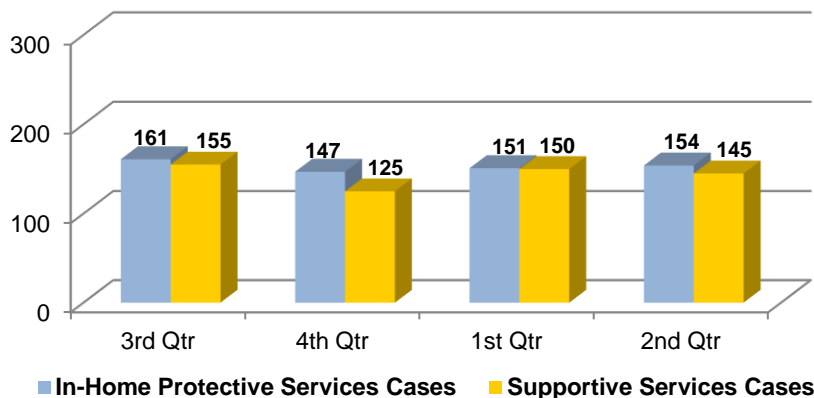
Number of Cases Open at the End of Quarter



Involving
6,230
Children

Length of Time Cases Have Been Open

Average Number of Days Cases Have Been Open as of the End of Quarter



The average length of time in-home protective services cases and supportive services cases were open increased during the most recent quarter.

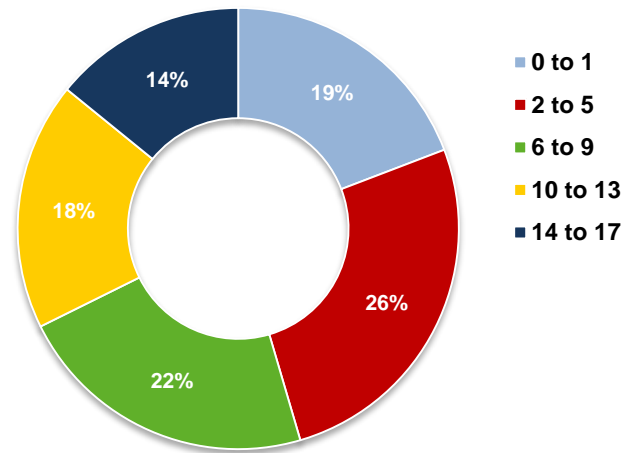
The average length of time in-home protective services cases stayed open was 154 days. Supportive services cases were open, on average, 145 days.

Quick Facts

Ages of Children in In-Home Protective Services Cases

Children ages two to five made up the largest group of children involved in in-home protective services cases at the end of the quarter.

Ages of Children in In-Home Cases



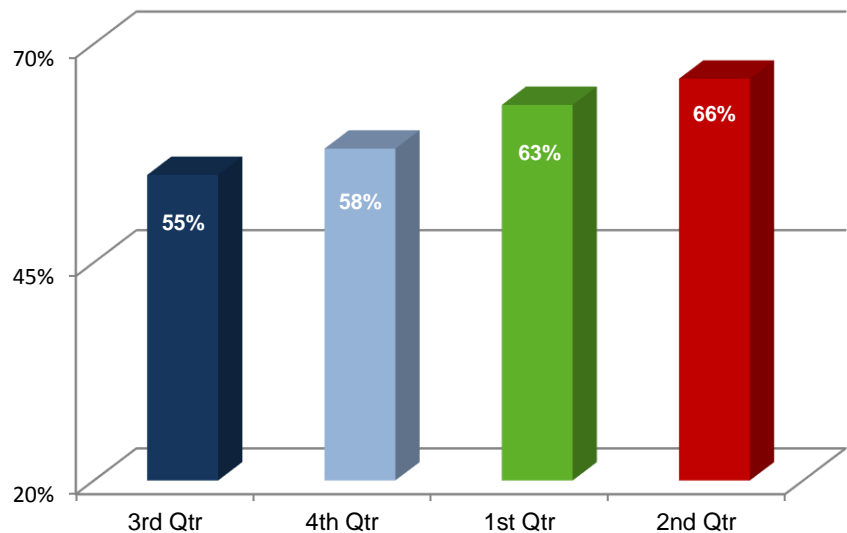
Meeting Agency Policies

Monthly Visits to In-Home Protective Services Cases

On average, 66 percent of the in-home protective services cases received a monthly face-to-face visit from a caseworker during the quarter.

This represents a three percentage point increase in compliance from the previous quarter. The Division's Goal is 85 percent.

Required Monthly Visits to In-Home Cases

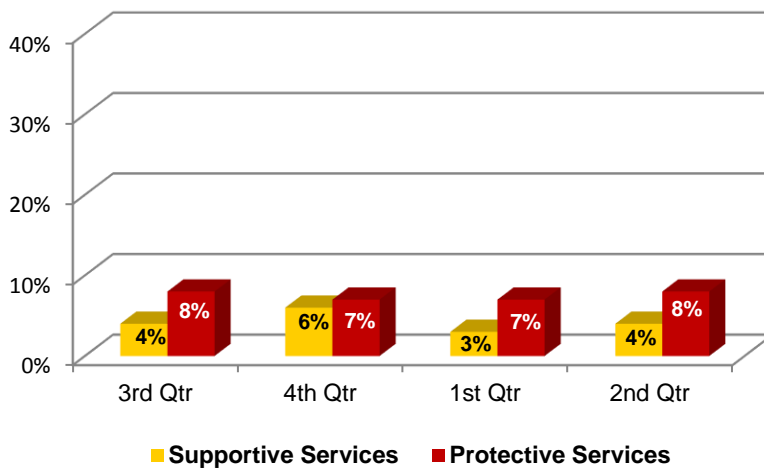


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Benefits to Children and Families

Victimization Rate Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive and Protective Services who were Abused or Neglected within One Year of the Initiation of Service

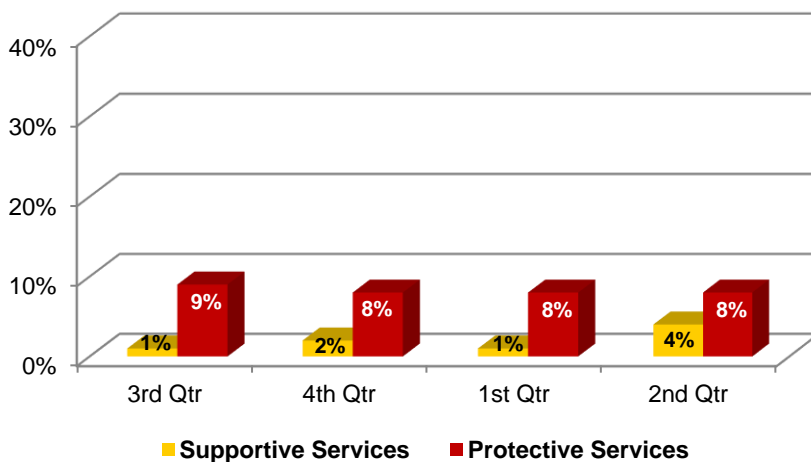


Over the last four quarters, the percentage of children involved in a protective services case who were maltreated within one year of service initiation has remained fairly constant.

The rate of subsequent maltreatment has fluctuated for children involved through an in-home supportive services case.

Rate of Entry Into Foster Care Among Children Who Received Protective and Supportive Services

Percentage of Children Receiving Supportive or Protective Services who Entered Foster Care within One Year of the Initiation of Service



Of the children who began receiving supportive services during the second quarter one year ago, four percent entered foster care within one year of the initiation of those services.

Eight percent of the children who began receiving protective services during the same timeframe entered care within one year.

In-home services prevent the vast majority of children from being re-victimized or entering foster care within one year.

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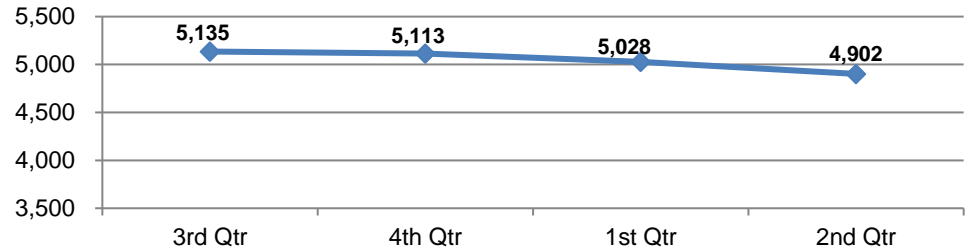
Foster Care

Volume and Description of Cases

Number of Children in Foster Care

There were 4,902 children in foster care at the end of the second quarter of SFY 2018. This signifies a three percent decrease from the previous quarter.

Number of Children in Foster Care at End of the Quarter

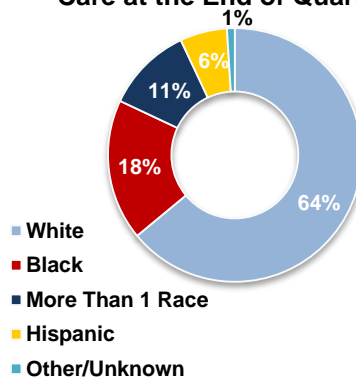


Characteristics of Children in Foster Care

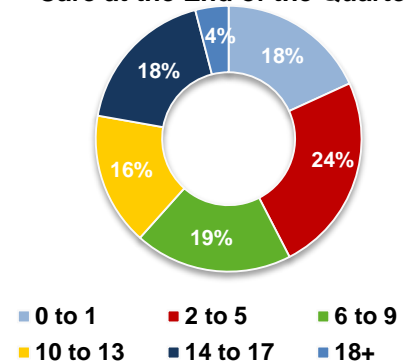
At the end of the quarter, children two to five years of age (24 percent) represented the largest group of children in care. Sixty-four percent of those in foster care were white and 18 percent were black.

Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, 51 percent were male and 49 percent were female.

Race/Ethnicity of Children in Care at the End of Quarter



Ages of Children in Foster Care at the End of the Quarter

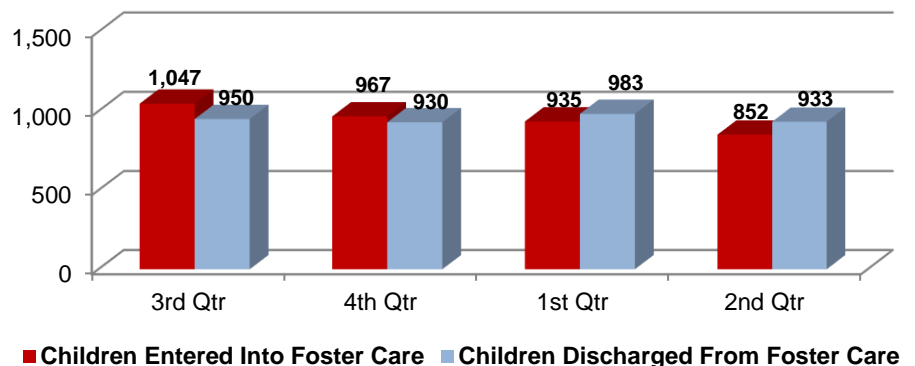


Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care

During the second quarter of SFY 2018, more children discharged foster care than entered.

Additionally, the number of children who entered care this quarter was the lowest within a year's time.

Number of Admissions Into and Discharges From Foster Care During Quarter



Quick Facts

Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care

**Reasons for Children's Entry Into Foster Care
2nd Quarter SFY 2018**

Placement Reason	Number of Entries	Total
Substance Abuse	474 ¹	53%
Neglect	404	47%
Parent Incarceration	173	20%
Physical Abuse	132	15%
Inadequate Housing	108	13%
Child's Behavior	31	4%
Sexual Abuse	28	3%
Truancy	26	3%
Caretaker Illness	25	3%
Abandonment	19	2%
Court Ordered Foster Care in FINS Case	10	1%
Other	9	1%

A child may have more than one reason for entry

Substance abuse and neglect were the most prevalent reasons for children entering foster care.

Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care

**Reasons for Children's Discharge From Foster Care
2nd Quarter SFY 2018**

Discharge Reason	Number of Discharges	Total
Reunification	337	36%
Adoption	272	29%
Relative Custody	235	25%
Child Aged Out	51	5%
Non-Custodial Parent	19	2%
Non-Relative Custody	16	2%
Other	3	<1%

²National data indicate that the three most prevalent reasons children leave care are reunification (51%), adoption (23%), and emancipation (8%).

Thirty-six percent of the children who left foster care during the quarter were reunified with their own family while 29 percent were adopted and 25 percent were discharged to relative custody.

Arkansas (90 percent) exceeds the national average of 81 percent of the children discharged either going home, to a relative, or to an adoptive home.

¹ These 448 cases of substance abuse include 377 instances of parental drug abuse, 43 instances of parental alcohol abuse, 21 cases of drug abuse by children, and seven cases of alcohol abuse by a child.

² National data from the Children's Bureau (October 2017)

Quick Facts

Length of Stay in Foster Care

Of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter, 48 percent had been in care for at least 12 months, if not longer.

Length of Stay in Foster Care for Children in Care
2nd Quarter SFY 2018

	Number	Percentage	National
Less than 30 days	229	5%	6%
1-3 Months	461	9%	23%
3-6 Months	696	14%	
6-12 Months	1,138	23%	20%
12-24 Months	1,317	27%	25%
24-36 Months	500	10%	12%
36+ Months	561	11%	15%
Total	4,902	100%	100%

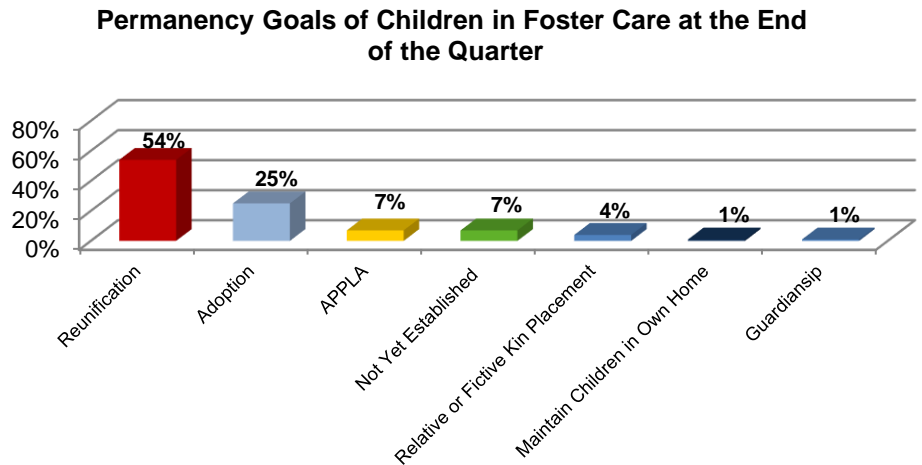
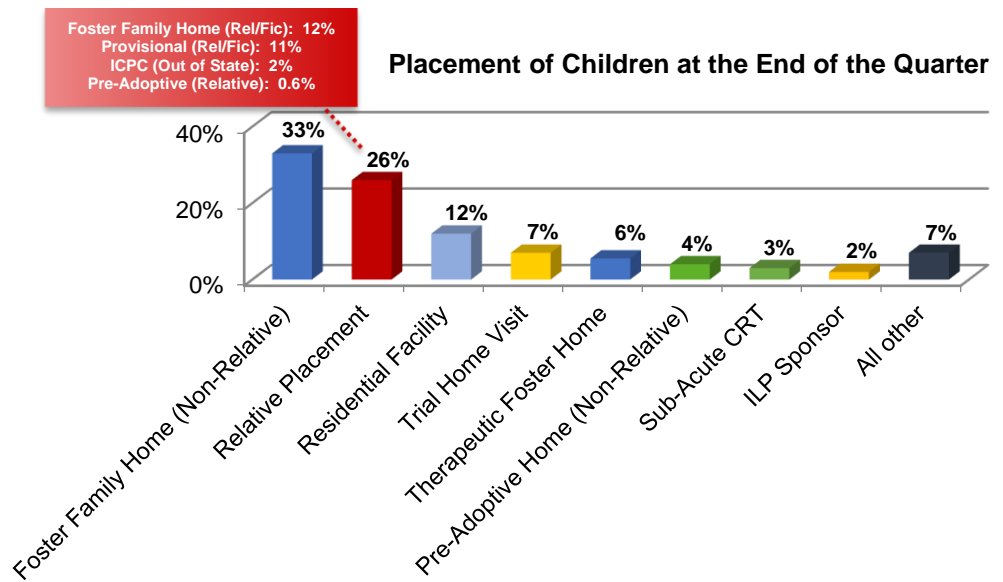
Placements and Permanency Goals of Children in Care

Thirty-three percent of the children in foster care at the end of the quarter resided in foster family homes.

Overall, 76 percent of the children resided in a family-like setting (foster family home, relative placement, trial home visit, therapeutic foster home, pre-adoptive home) at the end of the quarter. The Division's Goal is 85 percent.

Fifty-four percent of the children in care at the end of the quarter had a permanency goal of reunification (return home), and 25 percent had a goal of adoption.

This is similar to national data from the Children's Bureau as of October 2017, with rates of 55 percent for reunification and 26 percent for adoption.



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Meeting Agency Policies

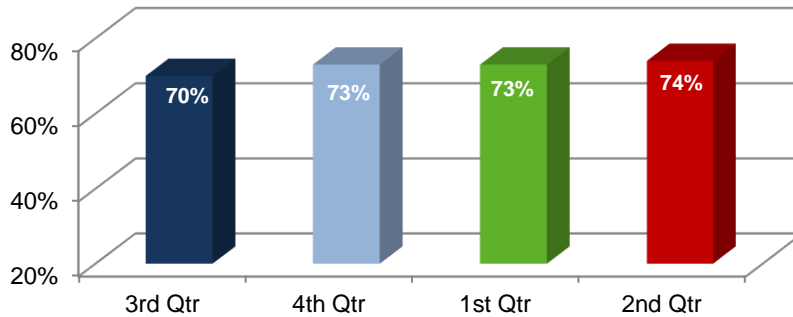
Monthly Visits to Foster Children

Seventy-four percent of the foster children statewide received a monthly face-to-face visit from a DCFS caseworker, on average, during the quarter.

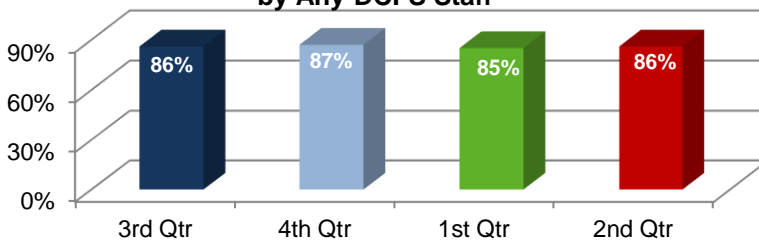
To ensure their safety and well-being, best practice requires foster children to be visited at their placement by their caseworker monthly (measured in this chart). The Division's Goal is 85 percent.

Eighty-six percent of the foster children received a monthly face-to-face contact from any DCFS staff member, regardless of the staff member's position, location of the visit, or the purpose.

Foster Children who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Caseworkers

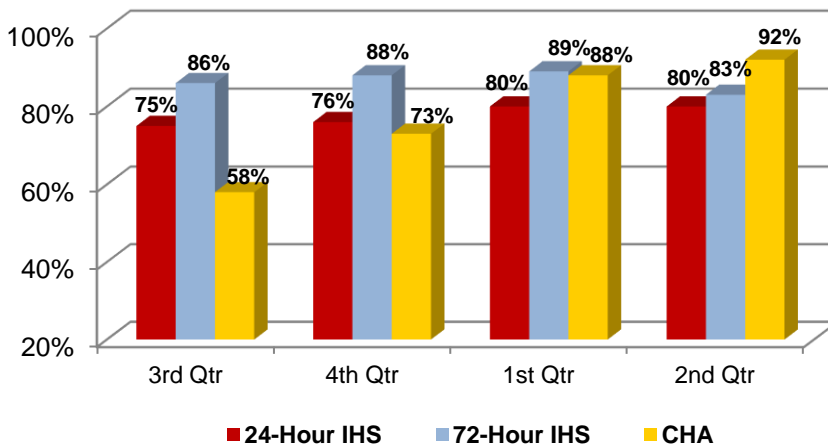


Foster Children who Received Monthly Face-to-Face Visits by Any DCFS Staff



Initial Health Screenings and Comprehensive Health Assessments

24-hour and 72-Hour Initial Health Screening and Comprehensive Health Assessments



When a child enters foster care due to an allegation of severe maltreatment, DCFS must conduct an Initial Health Screening (IHS) within 24 hours. All other incoming foster children require health screenings within 72 hours. Children must also receive a Comprehensive Health Assessment (CHA) within 60 days of entering foster care.

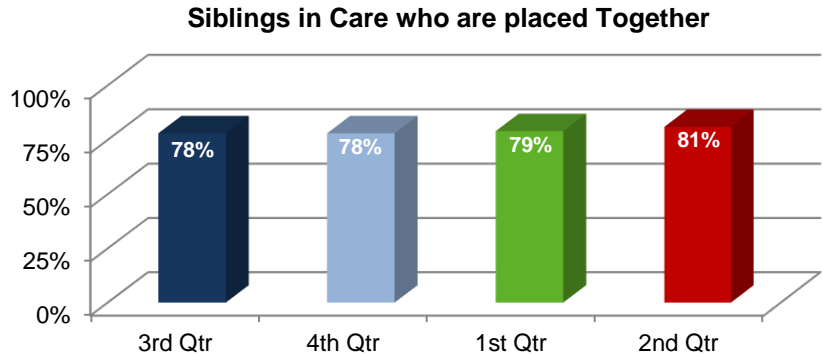
Overall performance in the completion of assessments increased during the second quarter of SFY 2018 in comparison to the prior three.

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Percentage of Siblings in Placement Who Are Placed Together

At the end of the quarter, 81 percent of the children with siblings in foster care were placed with at least one of their siblings, while 62 percent were placed with all of their siblings.

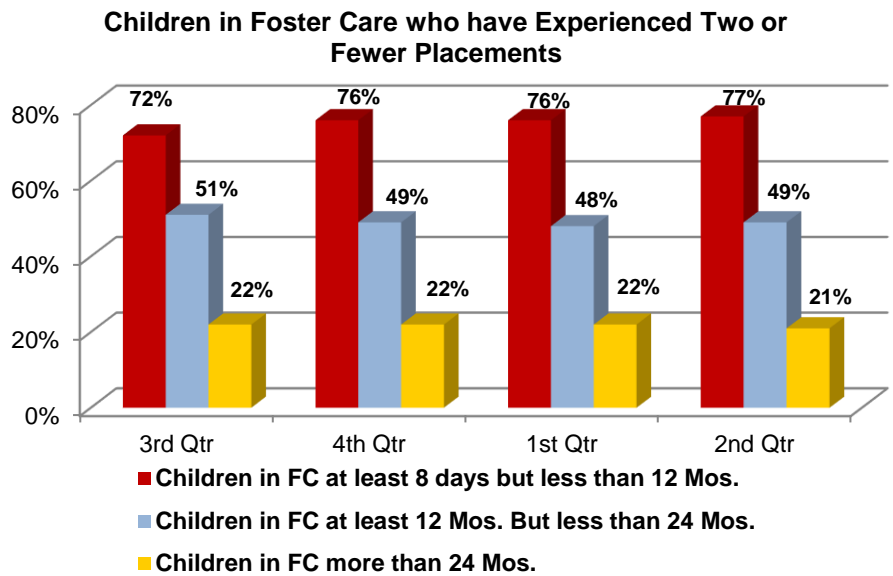
These figures do not exclude children who were placed separately for valid reasons such as safety issues or court orders.



Placement Stability of Children in Foster Care

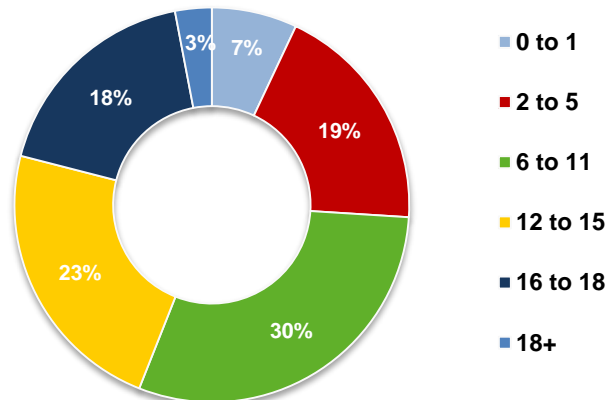
Placement stability is measured by the percentage of children with two or fewer placements who are in care for varying lengths of time.

Of the children in care for less than 12 months, 77 percent experienced two or fewer placements; the national standard is 86 percent. Of the children in foster care between 12 and 24 months, 49 percent had two or fewer placements; the national standard for this group is 65.4 percent. Finally, of the children in care for over two years, only 21 percent experienced two or fewer placements, with the national standard being 41.8 percent.



Ages of Children who Experienced Three or More Placements

Regardless of the length of time in foster care, 2,084 of the children in care at the end of the quarter had experienced three or more placements during their time in foster care. Children six to 11 represent the largest group of children who experienced such volume of placement changes.

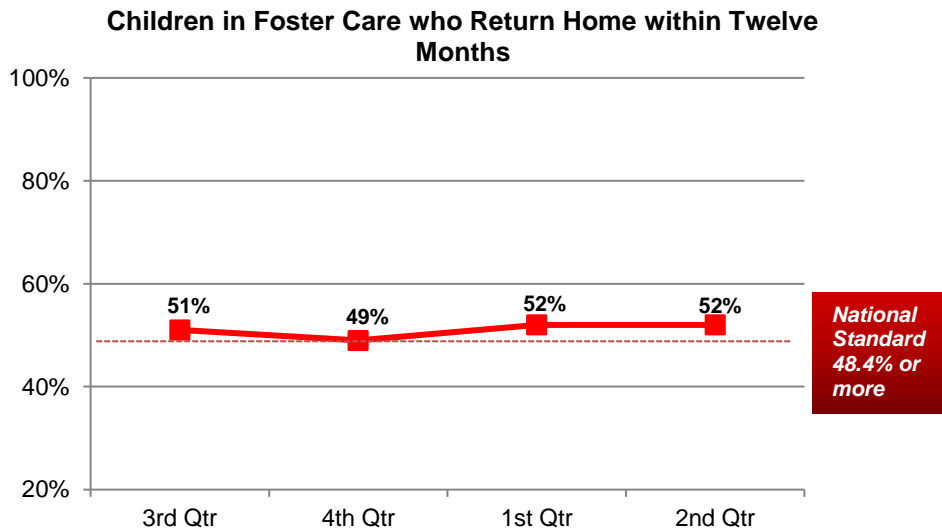


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Benefits to Children and Families

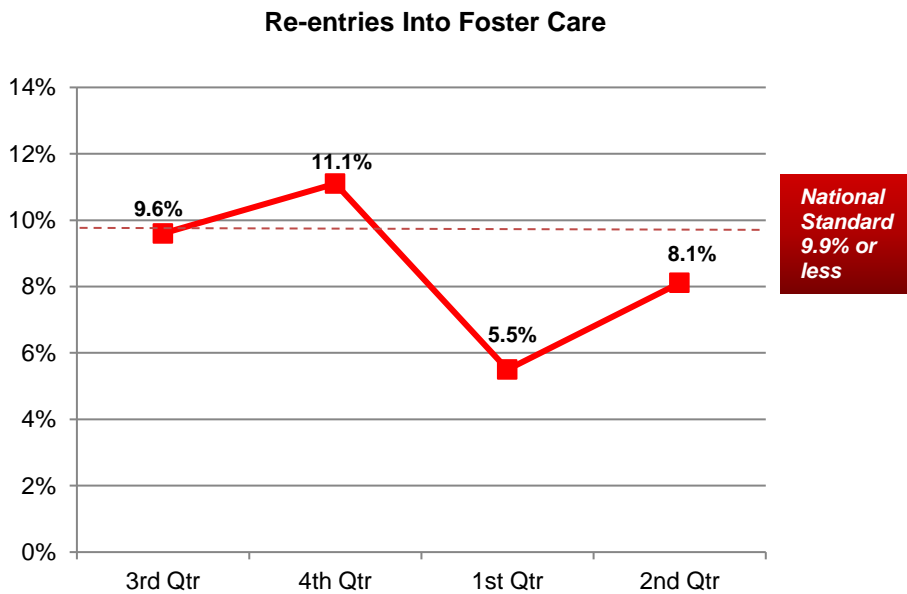
Children in Foster Care Who Return Home Within Twelve Months

Arkansas continues to exceed the national standard of 48.4 for returning children to their homes within 12 months of removal.



Preventing Children's Re-entry Into Foster Care

The rate at which children re-entered foster care within 12 months of discharged increased during the quarter. The re-entry rate for the second quarter of SFY 2018 and is below the national standard (9.9 percent).



Volume and Description of Cases

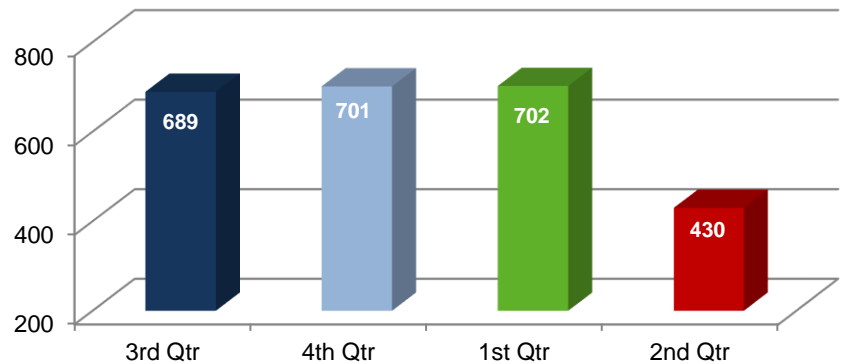
Children Available for Adoption ³

DCFS modified its definition of children available for adoption for the second quarter of SFY 2018 to more accurately identify the number of children who are truly in need of an adoptive family.

At the end of the second quarter, 430 children were available for adoption.

DCFS estimates that it has identified a possible pre-adoptive placement for approximately 20 percent of the children available for adoption.

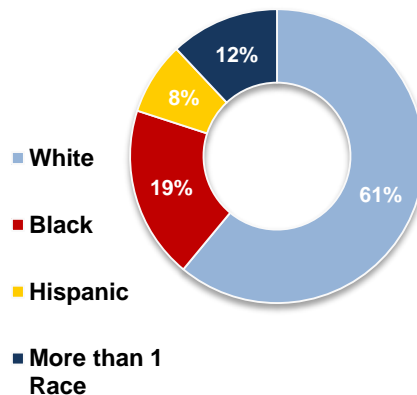
Number of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Quarter



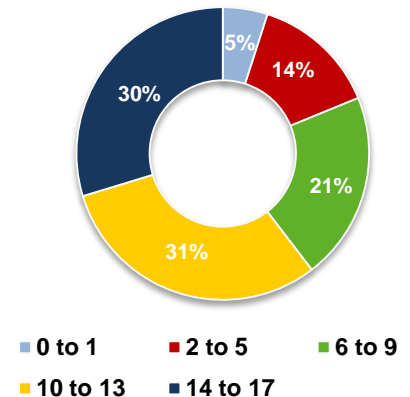
Characteristics of Children Available for Adoption

Of the available children, 61 percent were white and 19 percent were black. Over half of the children available for adoption were between the ages of six and 13 years old.

Race/Ethnicity of Children Available for Adoption



Ages of Children Available for Adoptions



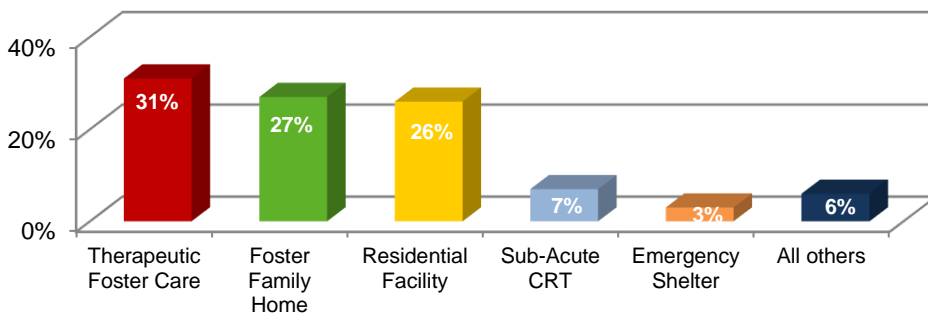
³ Children available for adoption are defined as those who (1) have a termination of parental rights on both parents, (2) have a permanency goal of adoption, and (3) are not placed with relative, fictive kin, or a pre-adoptive family.

Quick Facts

Placement of Children Available for Adoption

Fifty-eight percent of the children available for adoption at the end of the quarter resided in either therapeutic foster home or a foster family home.

Placement of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Quarter

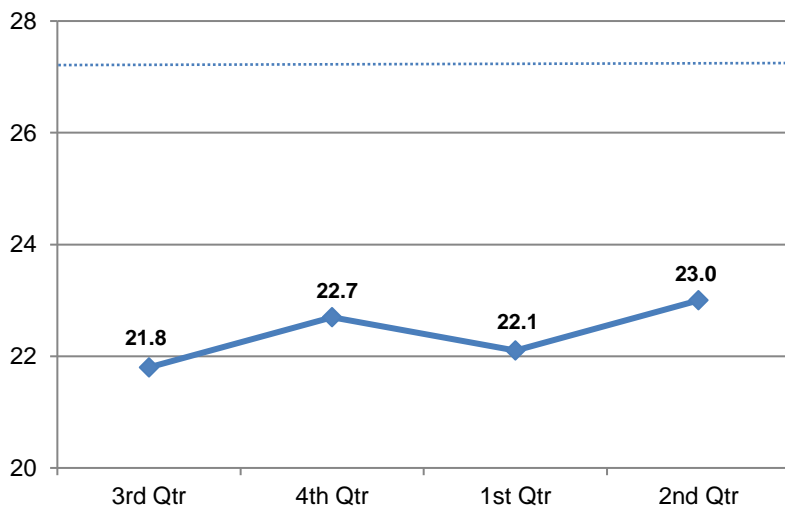


Meeting Agency Policies

Length of Time to Adoption

Arkansas' median length of time from entry into foster care until adoption finalization was 23.0 months during the most recent quarter, four months quicker than the national standard of 27.3 months.

Length of Time From Entry into Foster Care to Finalization of Adoption (Months)



National standard of 27.3 months or less

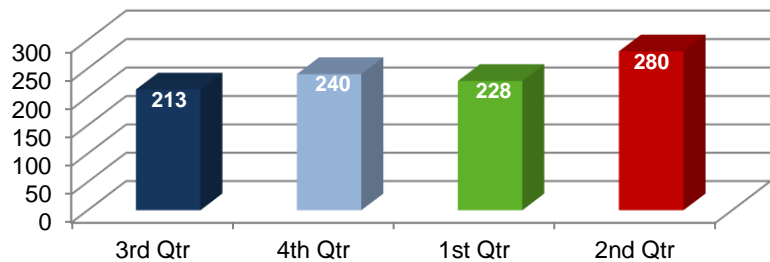
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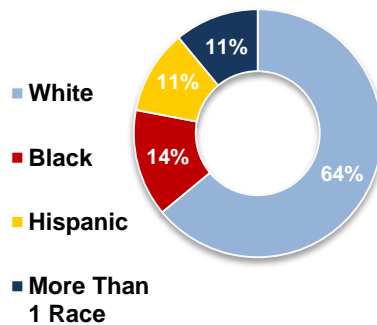
Finalized Adoptions

Two hundred and eighty adoptions were finalized during the second quarter of SFY 2018.

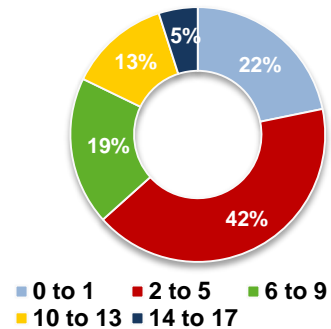
Number of Adoptions Finalized During the Quarter



Race/Ethnicity of Children with Finalized Adoptions



Ages of Children with Finalized Adoption



Children ages two to five were the largest group among those adopted during the quarter.

Subsidized Adoptions

Subsidies are given to children with special needs, defined as:

- Caucasian and over nine
- Healthy child of color and at least two years of age
- Member of any sibling group placed together, sharing at least one biological parent, who develop a bond
- Children who have severe medical or psychological needs that require ongoing treatment
- Children at high risk for the development of serious physical, mental, or emotional conditions documented by a medical professional

During the second quarter, **252** children began receiving adoption subsidies. Of those, all were federally-funded subsidies.

During the quarter, a total of **6,287** children received adoption subsidies.



Caseworkers and Caseloads

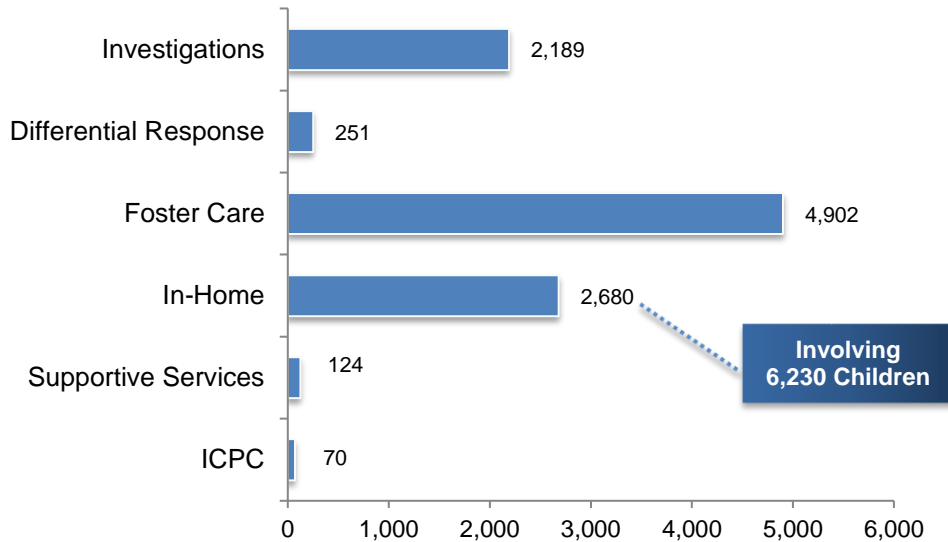
Caseloads at the End of the Quarter

As of the end of the quarter, the Division was responsible for:

- 2,189 investigations of child maltreatment and 251 DR cases;
- 4,902 foster care cases;
- 2,680 in-home protective services cases, involving 6,230 children;
- 124 supportive services cases and 70 interstate compact for the placement of children (ICPC) cases.

This is while the Division was staffed with 421 family service workers, who were responsible for handling these cases.

Types of Cases at the End of the Quarter



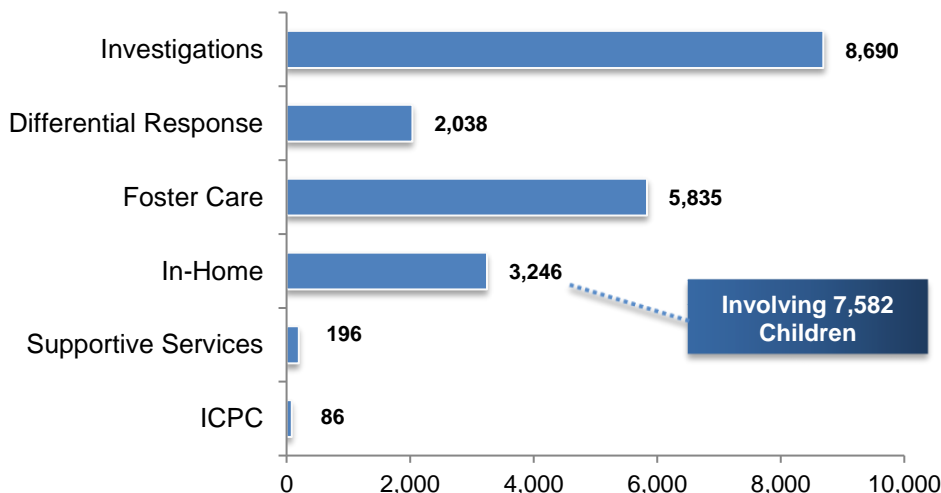
One foster care case is equal to one child in care; one in-home or supportive services case constitutes an entire family, many of which have multiple children.

Caseloads Handled *During* the Quarter

This figure illustrates the number of cases that cycled through the system anytime during the quarter (as opposed to those open at the end of the quarter, described above).

The Division oversaw 8,690 investigations; 5,835 children in foster care; 3,246 in-home protective services cases; 2,038 DR cases; 196 supportive services cases; and 86 ICPC cases.

Types of Cases Served During the Quarter



Quick Facts

Average Caseload

The average caseload statewide stood at 23.2 cases per worker at the end of the quarter. This average is greater than the Division's Goal of 20 cases or less per worker.

The average caseload for each county as of December 2017 is presented in Appendix E.

Foster Homes

Foster Homes and Beds

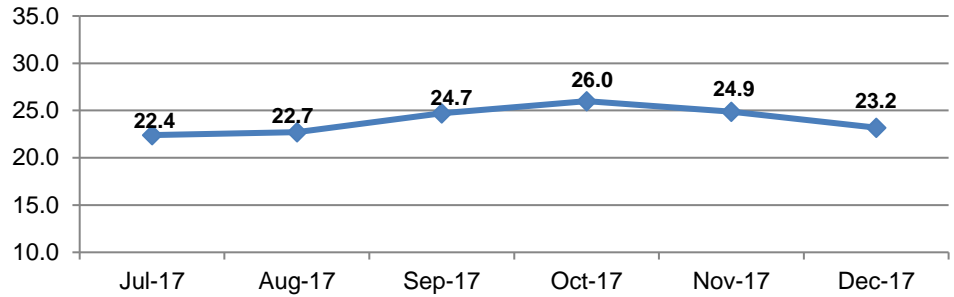
There were 1,816 licensed foster family homes open statewide at the end of the second quarter, providing a total of 4,097 available beds.

The number of available beds increased for the fourth consecutive quarter.

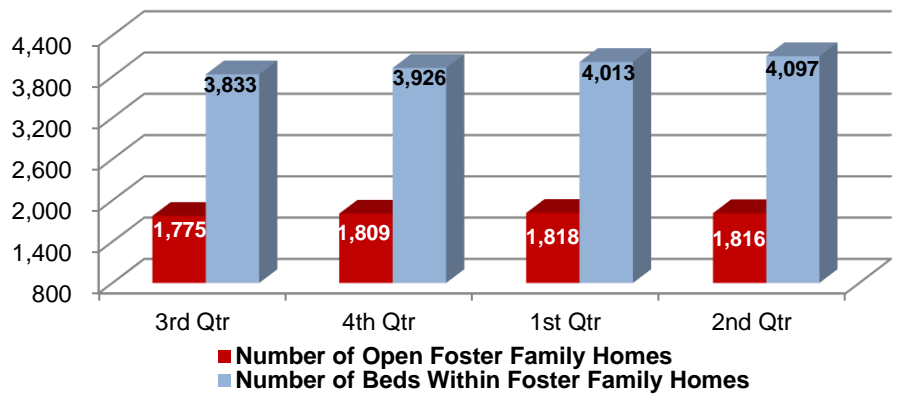
During the most recent quarter, 227 new foster homes were opened and 223 were closed, for a net gain of four homes.

Appendix F displays the closure reasons for the foster homes that closed during the quarter.

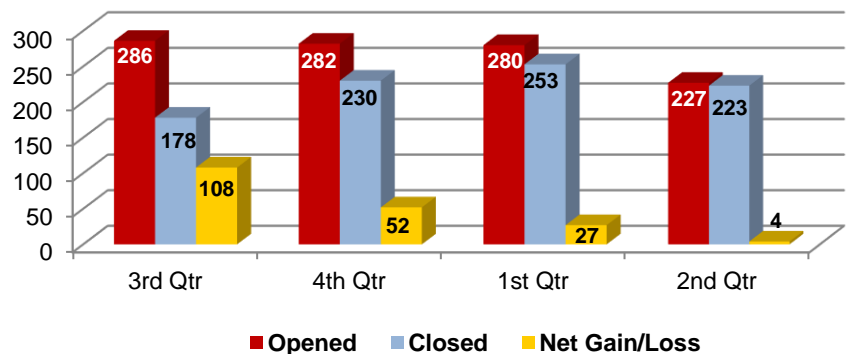
Average Caseload at the End of Month



Number of Foster Homes and Beds at the End of Quarter



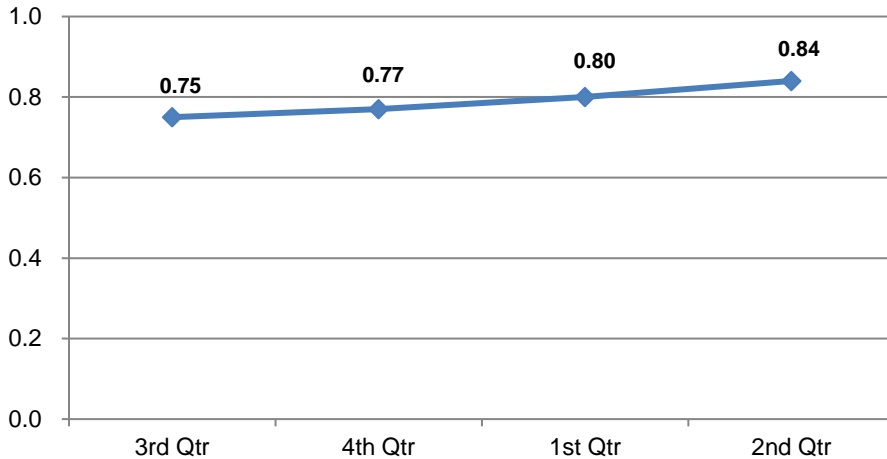
Number of Foster Family Homes Opened and Closed During the Quarter



Quick Facts

Ratio of Foster Home Beds to Foster Children

Foster Bed to Foster Child Ratio

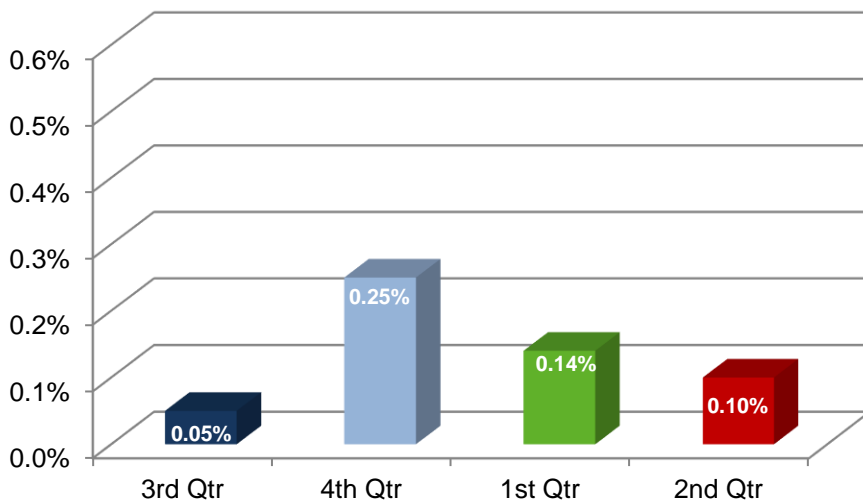


The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children in foster care was less than one (0.84) at the end of the quarter, even though consistent improvement has been observed during the last four quarters.

The Division's goal is to have at least one foster home bed available for each child in foster care.

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment

Percentage of Foster Families with True Reports of Maltreatment



Two reports in which foster parents were identified as alleged offenders were determined to be true during the quarter. Based on the 2,048 foster homes active during that period, the percentage of foster families with a true report of maltreatment was 0.10 percent.

Appendix G provides more detail on maltreatment reports concerning foster homes.

Appendix A: Breakdown of Child Maltreatment Reports Received During the Quarter and Substantiation Rates of Maltreatment Investigations⁴

	DCFS				CACD		
	Total Assessments Assigned for DR	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True	Total Assessments Assigned for Investigation	True Investigations	Percent True
Third Quarter 2017	1,283	5,562 <i>5,389 Closed</i>	1,161	22%	1,411 <i>1,307 Closed</i>	468	36%
Fourth Quarter 2017	1,630	5,946 <i>5,938 Closed</i>	1,196	20%	1,488 <i>1,340 Closed</i>	508	38%
First Quarter 2018	1,058	5,407 <i>5,396 Closed</i>	1,297	24%	1,472 <i>1,358 Closed</i>	485	36%
Second Quarter 2018	1,545	6,429 <i>6,382 Closed</i>	1,361	21%	1,571 <i>1,369 Closed</i>	432	32%

⁴ The data cited in this appendix run two months behind the referenced quarter (e.g., the second quarter refers to 8/1/2017 through 10/31/2017); as a result, the numbers cited in this appendix differ from those cited throughout the report which considers the actual quarter. This is because investigations have a 45-day completion timeframe and this allows enough time to pass to measure the disposition of the investigations. An investigation is excluded from the calculation of the substantiation rate in the event that it has not yet been closed (and thus a disposition has not yet been rendered).

Appendix B: Summary of Reports Involving Child Fatality

True Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
Kadence Minifield	Philips	<1	Black	Female	10/6/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	72 Hr Hold	PS Case	FC Case
Maisy Hummer	Benton	<1	White	Female	10/10/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Babysitter	CACD	72 Hr Hold	None	FC Case
David Marines	Washington	1	White	Male	10/17/2017	Abuse/Med. Neglect	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	Children Removed	None	FC Case
Malayya Essah	St. Francis	9	Black	Female	10/18/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Mother's Boyfriend	CACD	Children Removed	Prior PS Case	FC Case
Zhanaisa Williams	St. Francis	6	Black	Female	10/18/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Mother's Boyfriend	CACD	Children Removed	Prior PS Case	FC Case
Ailayah Berry	Clark	2	Black	Female	11/10/2017	Neglect	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	Prior PS Case	PS Case

Unsubstantiated Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
Desmond Williet	Pulaski	<1	Black	Male	11/1/2017	Neglect	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None

Pending Fatality Reports

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Allegations or Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Relationship of Alleged Offender to the Child	Agency Conducting the Investigation	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
Anderson Smith	Craighead	<1	White	Male	10/3/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None
Journee Orji	Chicot	3	White	Female	11/1/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	PS Case
Francesca Tigue	Pike	<1	White	Female	11/7/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	Previous Invest.	None
Alyssa Parker	Benton	<1	White	Female	11/28/2017	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	Previous Invest.	PS Case
Atticus Patton	Sebastian	<1	White	Male	12/8/2017	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None
Caleb Henry	Sebastian	<1	Black	Male	12/10/2017	Abuse/Neglect	In-Home	Unknown	CACD	None	None	None
Kayden Price	Greene	<1	White	Male	12/15/2017	Inadequate Supervision	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	72 Hour Hold	PS Case	FC Case
Ryatt Reese	Logan	2	White	Male	12/21/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Mother's Boyfriend	CACD	None	None	None
Dillon Davis	Pulaski	<1	Black	Male	12/30/2017	Abuse	In-Home	Family Member	CACD	None	None	None

Appendix C: Summary of Reports Involving Near Child Fatality

True Near Fatality Reports

There were no true near child fatality reports during the second quarter of SFY 2018.

Unsubstantiated Near Fatality Reports

There were no unsubstantiated near child fatality reports during the second quarter of SFY 2018.

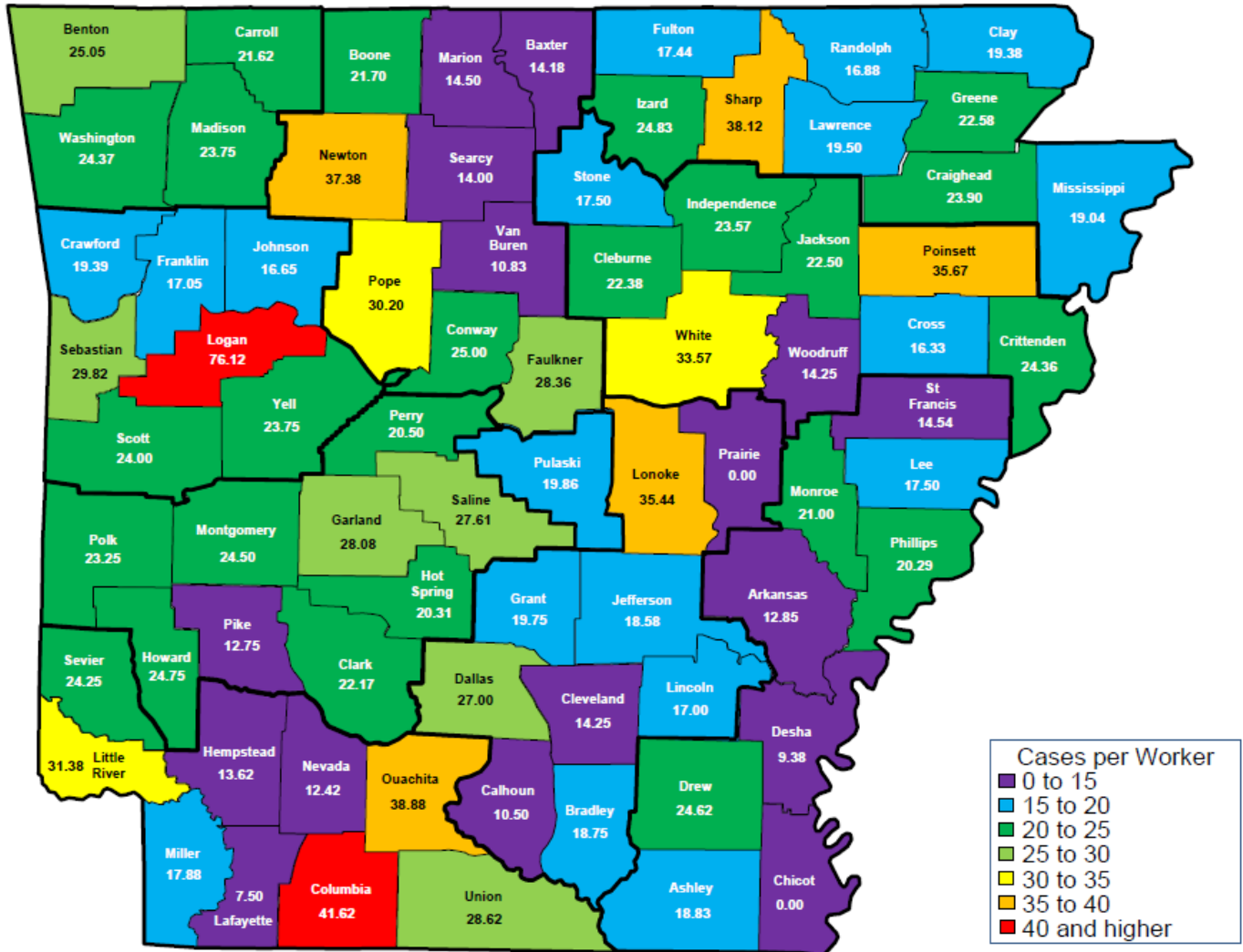
Pending Near Fatality Reports

There were no pending near child fatality reports during the second quarter of SFY 2018.

Appendix D: Fatalities of Children in Foster Care Who Did Not Receive a Maltreatment Investigation

Child	County	Age	Race	Gender	Date of Death	Preliminary Cause of Death	Placement at the Time of Incident	Legal Action By the Department	Services Provided Prior to the Incident	Services Provided After the Incident
Child #1	Arkansas	15	White	Male	11/5/2017	Suicide	Foster Care	None	Foster Care	None

Appendix E: Average Caseload as of December 31, 2017, by County



Due to the fact that Chicot and Prairie counties did not have any family service workers at the end of the quarter, their cases were assigned to workers from other counties.

Appendix F: Foster Home Closure Reasons

Area	County	Total	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Other	Founded Abuse/Neglect	Provider/Services No Longer Needed
1	Benton (Bentonville)	11	1	5	0	5	0	0	0
1	Carroll (Berryville)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	Madison (Huntsville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Washington (Fayetteville)	10	0	4	0	3	0	0	3
2	Crawford (Van Buren)	12	0	9	1	0	0	0	2
2	Franklin (Ozark)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
2	Johnson (Clarksville)	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
2	Logan (Booneville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Logan (Paris)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Scott (Waldron)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2	Sebastian (Fort Smith)	25	2	7	0	4	0	0	12
2	Yell (Danville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Clark (Arkadelphia)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
3	Garland (Hot Springs)	7	0	1	1	4	0	0	1
3	Hot Spring (Malvern)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
3	Howard (Nashville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Montgomery (Mount Ida)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Perry (Perryville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Pike (Murfreesboro)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Polk (Mena)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
3	Saline (Benton)	11	0	9	0	1	0	0	1
4	Columbia (Magnolia)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Hempstead (Hope)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
4	Lafayette (Lewisville)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Little River (Ashdown)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Miller (Texarkana)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Nevada (Prescott)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ouachita (Camden)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Sevier (DeQueen)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Union (El Dorado)	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
5	Baxter (Mountain Home)	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
5	Boone (Harrison)	6	1	3	0	1	0	0	1
5	Conway (Morrilton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Faulkner (Conway)	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
5	Marion (Yellville)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
5	Newton (Jasper)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5	Pope (Russellville)	3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
5	Searcy (Marshall)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
5	Van Buren (Clinton)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (East)	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (Jacksonville)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (North)	6	1	2	0	3	0	0	0
6	Pulaski (South)	9	0	3	1	4	0	0	1
6	Pulaski (Southwest)	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	1
7	Bradley (Warren)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Calhoun (Hampton)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Cleveland (Rison)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
7	Dallas (Fordyce)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Grant (Sheridan)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Jefferson (Pine Bluff)	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
7	Lincoln (Star City)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Lonoke (Lonoke)	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
7	Prairie (DeValls Bluff)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Area	County	Total	Change in Family Circumstances	Foster Family's Decision	No Longer Meets Requirements	Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Other	Founded Abuse/Neglect	Provider/Services No Longer Needed
8	Clay (Piggott & Corning)	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
8	Craighead (Jonesboro)	16	1	5	0	8	0	0	2
8	Fulton (Salem)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
8	Greene (Paragould)	13	0	5	0	5	0	0	3
8	Izard (Melbourne)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Lawrence (Walnut Ridge)	4	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Blytheville)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
8	Mississippi (Osceola)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Randolph (Pocahontas)	7	0	1	2	4	0	0	0
8	Sharp (Ash Flat)	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
9	Cleburne (Heber Springs)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Crittenden (West Memphis)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
9	Cross (Wynne)	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
9	Independence (Batesville)	4	0	2	1	1	0	0	0
9	Jackson (Newport)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
9	Poinsett (Harrisburg)	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	1
9	Stone (Mountain View)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
9	White (Searcy)	6	0	5	0	0	0	0	1
9	Woodruff (Augusta)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Dewitt)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Arkansas (Stuttgart)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Ashley (Hamburg)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Chicot (Lake Village)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Desha (McGehee)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Drew (Monticello)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
10	Lee (Marianna)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Brinkley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Monroe (Clarendon)	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10	Phillips (Helena)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	St. Francis (Forrest City)	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
99	Out of State	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
	Statewide Total	223	7	106	12	64	1	0	33

Details of the Major Categories Above (Statewide)		
Reason	Specific Reason	Number of Homes Closed
Adopted/Custody/Guardianship/Relative Only	Child(ren) Left Care	38
	Custody/Guardianship	26
Change in Family Circumstances	Divorce	1
	Moved	2
	Personal Issues	2
	Pregnant	1
	Provider Moved Out of State	1
	Foster Family's Decision	Changed to Adopt Only
No Longer Meets Requirements	Provider Became Private TFH	1
	Provider Request	93
	Taking a Break	1
	DHS Request	8
Other	Failed Re-evaluation/Non-Compliance	3
	Not Taking Children When Contacted	1
	Contract Ended	1
Provider/Services No Longer Needed	Provider/Services No Longer Needed	33

Appendix G: Summary of Foster Care Maltreatment Reports

Characteristics of Children in Foster Care Involved in Allegations of Maltreatment, 1st Quarter SFY 2018

One hundred and thirty-one reports of alleged maltreatment, involving 143 children in foster care, were received by the hotline during the second quarter of SFY 2018.

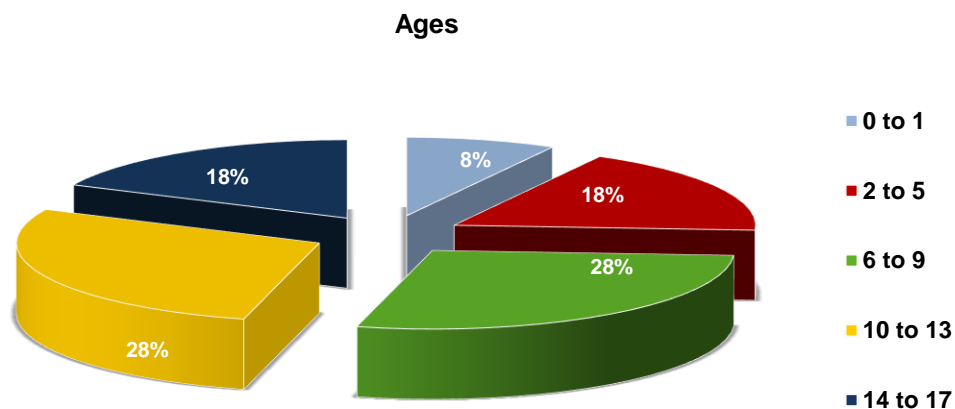
In 40 reports involving 50 children, foster parents⁵ were identified as the alleged offenders. As shown in the following chart, two of those reports were found to be true and one home was subsequently closed.

**Foster Home Maltreatment Reports
2nd Quarter SFY 2018**

True	Unsubstantiated	Pending
2	35	3

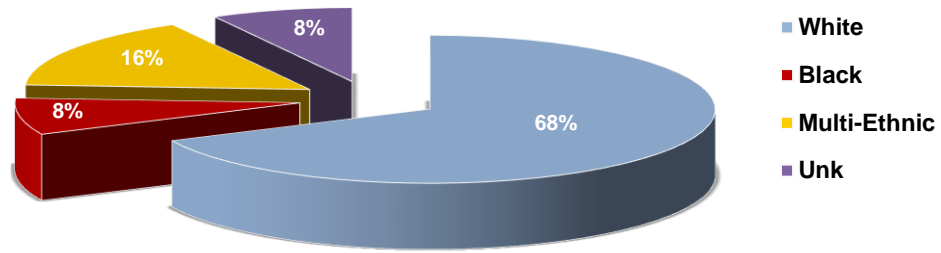
All allegations of maltreatment concerning foster homes are investigated by the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police. DCFS staff do not actively participate in the investigation of these reports. Allegations of maltreatment regarding foster homes require the agency to assess the safety of all children residing in the home.

The following charts describe the characteristics of the 50 foster children involved in allegations of maltreatment with foster parents as the alleged offenders.

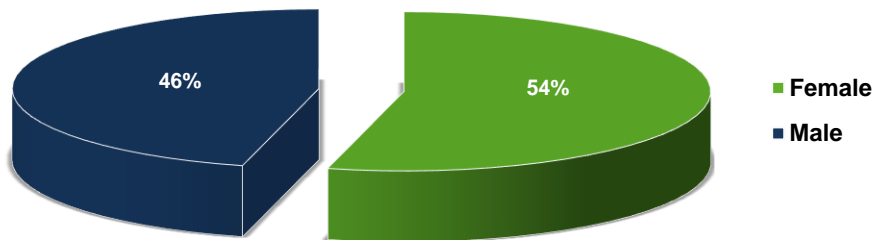


⁵ This includes foster family homes and therapeutic foster homes

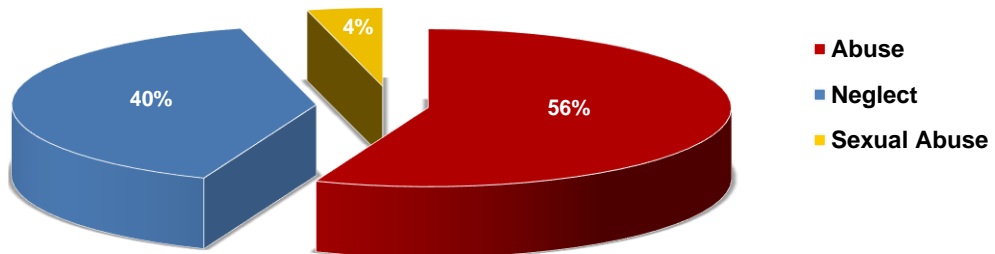
Race/Ethnicity



Gender



Allegation



County of Foster Homes in Which Alleged Maltreatment Occurred

County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report	County	Number of Children Involved in Maltreatment Report
Faulkner	11	Chicot	1
Craighead	7	Drew	1
Pulaski	6	Garland	1
Poinsett	4	Greene	1
Crawford	3	Lee	1
Lawrence	3	Saline	1
Benton	2	Sevier	1
Pope	2	St. Francis	1
Washington	2	Stone	1
Arkansas	1		