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Introduction

The Office of Chief Counsel's County Legal Operations section (CLO) represents the Arkansas Department of Human Services ("the Department") in child welfare and adult protective services cases across the state. CLO also represents the Department in administrative hearings involving the placement of individuals on the Arkansas Child Maltreatment Central Registry and the Arkansas Adult Maltreatment Central Registry where the individual challenges the Department's true finding of maltreatment and is represented by an attorney, as well as appeals of administrative hearings to circuit court and other appellate courts.

CLO employs 51 attorneys and 28 legal support specialists. The attorneys consist of the Deputy Counsel who supervises the CLO section, 4 attorney supervisors, 2 appellate attorneys, and 44 field attorneys. Of the 44 field attorneys, 1 serves as Assistant Deputy Counsel, which is a position responsible for attorney training and processing subpoenas and requests for information. The remaining 43 field attorneys are housed with their legal support specialists in 19 county offices around the state. Of the 43 field attorneys, approximately 36 represent the Department in child welfare cases.

Currently, 13 attorneys are housed in Pulaski County; 6 in Sebastian County; 4 in Craighead and Independence counties; 3 in Benton and Miller counties, 2 in Faulkner, Garland, Pope, St. Francis, and Washington counties, and 1 in Boone, Clark, Conway, Crawford, Drew, Grant, Union, and White counties.

Number of Child Welfare Cases

As part of CLO's representation in child welfare cases, CLO attorneys represent the Department in dependency-neglect cases held before circuit courts across the state. CLO attorneys also provide legal services related to family-in-need-of-services cases where a circuit court orders a juvenile into the custody of the Department or otherwise orders the Department to provide services. The numbers presented in this section include dependency-neglect and family-in-need-of-services cases as reported through end-of-month reports from CLO's attorneys.

The number of child welfare cases decreased from 3,744 to 3,661 during the second quarter of the state fiscal year 2016-2017 (SFY17). This represents a net loss of 83 cases, or 2.22%, from the number of cases open at the beginning of October 2016. The average number of child welfare cases open at the end of each month during this period was approximately 3,698.

The number of child welfare cases for SFY17 to date increased overall from 3,608 to 3,661. This represents a net increase of 53 cases, or 1.47%, from the number of cases open at the beginning of SFY17. The average number of child welfare cases open at the end of each month during this period was approximately 3,694.

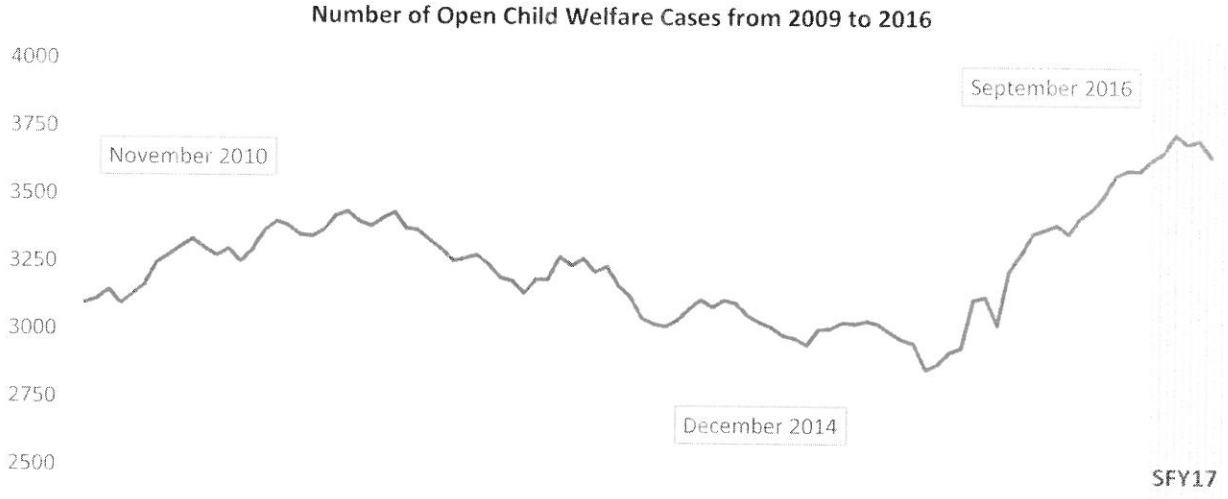

Figure 1.

Since 2009, the number of open child welfare cases has increased from 3,098 at the end of January 2009 to 3,661 at the end of December 2016. This represents a net gain of 563 cases, or 18.17%, from the number of cases open at the end of

January 2009. The average number of child welfare cases open at the end of each month during this period was approximately 3,244.

The data distribution for this period presents three notable modal shifts. The first mode occurred in November 2010, when the number of child welfare cases rose to 3,442. The second mode occurred in December 2014, when the number of child welfare cases fell to 2,871. The third mode occurred in September 2016, when the number of child welfare cases rose to 3,744.

During the same period, the average number of cases opened per month was 179.82 and the average number of cases closed per month was 173.98. The number of cases opened peaked at 323 in April 2015 just as the number of cases closed fell to 147 and just after the number of cases closed fell to 106 in February 2015. The April 2015 peak created a net increase of 176 cases.

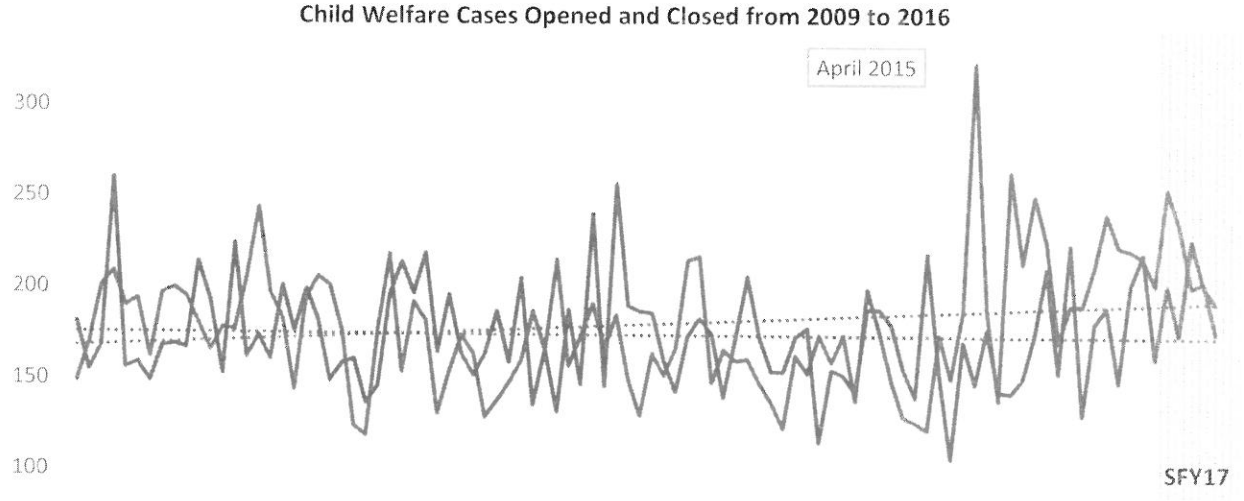

Figure 2

OCC began an audit program in August 2016 to hand count each caseload at least once per year to ensure the accuracy of the reported caseload numbers and the consistency of those numbers month-to-month. Since August 2016, the audit reduced the number of reported cases by 46 cases: +0 in August, +9 in September, -19 in October, -2 in November, and -34 in December. These adjustments explain the degree of *Figure 2*'s bend in the number of child welfare cases during SFY17 to date relative to *Figure 3's* number of cases opened and closed for the same period.

Child Welfare Cases: December 2016, by County

County	Judicial District	End-of-Month Caseloads			Hearing Details		Outcomes					
		Cases	New	Closed	Days	#	Adjudication		Termination		Adopt.	Guard. / Cust.
							Won	Lost	Won	Lost		
Arkansas	11E	15	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashley	10	12	0	0	1	11	2	0	0	0	0	0
Baxter	14	48	2	2	6	26	4	0	0	0	0	2
Benton	19W	128	10	4	7	51	5	0	1	0	3	0
Boone	14	69	5	4	2	18	3	0	0	0	1	1
Bradley	10	15	1	2	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calhoun	13	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll	19E	40	3	3	3	22	5	2	1	0	1	4
Chicot	10	12	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark	9E	18	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clay	2	22	2	1	1	11	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cleburne	16	42	1	2	5	27	2	0	1	0	0	0
Cleveland	13	12	0	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	0
Columbia	13	27	1	0	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conway	15	56	3	7	4	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craighead	2	114	3	5	5	39	8	0	1	0	3	1
Crawford	21	105	2	3	2	17	1	0	1	0	4	0
Crittenden	2	57	4	1	2	24	3	0	0	0	1	0
Cross	1	33	1	1	2	6	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dallas	13	7	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	0
Desha	10	14	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drew	10	25	3	2	1	12	1	0	0	0	0	0
Faulkner	20	94	4	14	4	27	2	0	2	0	0	0
Franklin	5	32	3	3	3	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulton	16	49	3	0	4	11	3	0	0	0	0	0
Garland	18E	93	1	6	8	27	3	0	1	0	0	6
Grant	7	19	1	2	2	10	3	0	1	0	0	0
Green	2	120	8	4	3	39	2	0	0	0	4	0
Hempstead	8N	13	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hot Spring	7	52	0	4	3	23	2	0	1	0	4	1
Howard	9W	5	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Independence	16	72	5	3	3	17	3	0	0	0	0	0
Izard	16	24	0	0	2	12	1	0	1	0	0	0
Jackson	3	36	3	1	3	19	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	11W	94	2	3	5	29	0	1	0	0	1	0
Johnson	5	29	1	0	1	8	0	0	1	0	0	0
Lafayette	8S	8	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence	3	32	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Lincoln	11W	5	0	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little River	9W	15	0	1	2	6	0	0	0	0	2	0
Logan	15	45	4	2	2	18	0	0	1	0	1	0
Lonoke	23	83	2	1	4	17	0	0	0	0	1	0
Madison	4	35	5	4	1	13	4	0	0	0	1	2
Marion	14	13	0	0	2	11	1	0	2	0	0	0
Miller	8S	83	2	2	3	15	0	0	1	0	1	0
Mississippi	2	41	7	3	3	33	3	1	1	0	0	0
Monroe	1	6	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery	18W	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	8N	7	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newton	14	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ouachita	13	20	3	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	6	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Phillips	1	30	0	0	2	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pike	9W	12	4	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poinsett	2	65	3	1	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
Polk	18W	18	0	3	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	3
Pope	5	48	3	1	4	22	3	0	0	0	1	0
Prairie	17	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pulaski	6	378	12	13	33	98	7	1	4	0	8	4
Randolph	3	27	2	2	2	10	2	0	0	0	1	0
Saline	22	44	2	2	2	11	2	0	0	0	1	0
Scott	15	32	0	0	1	6	2	0	3	0	0	0
Searcy	20	10	1	0	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sebastian	12	432	16	21	24	123	24	0	9	1	6	3
Sevier	9W	15	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharp	3	34	4	0	3	8	0	0	1	0	0	0
St. Francis	1	28	1	2	2	14	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stone	16	25	3	1	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	1
Union	13	51	3	1	3	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
Van Buren	20	25	0	4	3	10	2	0	0	0	1	0
Washington	4	222	12	25	17	71	12	0	1	0	7	12
White	17	91	9	9	6	51	5	0	1	0	0	0
Woodruff	1	11	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yell	15	35	0	4	4	14	0	0	1	0	4	0
Totals		**3661**	**175**	**191**	**237**	**1265**	**126**	**5**	**38**	**1**	**61**	**41**

Child Welfare Cases: November 2016, by County

County	Judicial District	End-of-Month Caseloads			Hearing Details		Outcomes					
		Cases	New	Closed	Days	#	Adjudication		Termination		Adopt.	Guard. / Cust.
							Won	Lost	Won	Lost		
Arkansas	11E	15	0	0	2	9	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ashley	10	12	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baxter	14	47	2	1	7	45	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benton	19W	119	11	3	10	59	11	0	2	0	4	0
Boone	14	68	2	1	4	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bradley	10	16	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calhoun	13	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll	19E	46	3	6	2	11	4	0	1	0	0	2
Chicot	10	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clark	9E	18	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clay	2	21	1	1	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cleburne	16	38	4	5	3	18	2	0	0	0	0	2
Cleveland	13	13	3	2	1	8	0	0	0	0	1	0
Columbia	13	26	1	1	2	14	2	0	0	0	0	0
Conway	15	60	1	3	3	11	2	0	2	0	0	0
Craighead	2	116	5	3	5	51	12	0	2	0	2	1
Crawford	21	121	4	2	3	31	5	0	4	0	4	0
Crittenden	2	76	8	4	2	47	5	0	0	0	0	0
Cross	1	33	1	1	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	0
Dallas	13	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desha	10	14	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drew	10	24	1	1	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faulkner	20	104	5	9	3	39	8	0	3	0	1	0
Franklin	5	32	0	0	2	8	2	0	0	0	0	0
Fulton	16	46	1	1	1	9	2	0	0	0	0	0
Garland	18E	97	9	11	8	39	14	0	0	0	2	11
Grant	7	20	0	2	2	11	0	0	1	0	0	0
Green	2	116	9	20	5	57	9	0	0	0	6	0
Hempstead	8N	14	0	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hot Spring	7	56	2	5	3	23	1	0	0	0	1	0
Howard	9W	7	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independence	16	70	2	4	3	33	4	0	1	0	0	0
Izard	16	24	1	1	1	15	4	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	3	34	2	3	3	15	2	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	11W	97	3	6	6	38	6	1	2	0	1	0
Johnson	5	28	4	3	3	17	5	0	2	1	3	0
Lafayette	8S	9	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence	3	32	1	3	1	13	2	0	3	0	0	0
Lee	1	6	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0

Lincoln	11W	7	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little River	9W	16	1	1	3	10	3	0	0	0	1	0
Logan	15	39	3	1	4	16	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lonoke	23	82	0	4	7	8	2	0	1	0	2	0
Madison	4	34	2	0	2	6	1	0	0	0	1	0
Marion	14	13	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miller	8S	83	0	5	6	51	3	0	1	0	1	0
Mississippi	2	51	12	3	3	23	1	0	0	1	1	1
Monroe	1	6	0	3	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery	18W	4	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	8N	7	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newton	14	6	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ouachita	13	17	2	3	3	11	1	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	6	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Phillips	1	30	1	0	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pike	9W	8	1	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Poinsett	2	63	1	1	2	14	5	0	0	0	0	0
Polk	18W	21	0	2	1	13	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pope	5	46	1	9	4	29	2	0	1	0	2	0
Prairie	17	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pulaski	6	379	16	20	38	117	7	0	3	0	10	4
Randolph	3	27	4	2	1	14	3	0	1	0	1	1
Saline	22	44	4	2	3	19	3	0	0	0	1	0
Scott	15	32	5	0	2	17	2	0	4	0	0	0
Searcy	20	9	1	3	3	6	1	0	0	0	2	0
Sebastian	12	437	25	13	26	139	16	0	7	0	4	3
Sevier	9W	17	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharp	3	30	4	4	4	40	3	0	1	0	0	1
St. Francis	1	29	0	1	3	19	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stone	16	23	3	0	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Union	13	49	6	2	3	20	3	0	0	0	1	0
Van Buren	20	29	1	1	3	12	3	0	0	0	1	0
Washington	4	235	14	5	16	62	4	0	6	0	3	2
White	17	91	2	6	4	30	7	0	0	0	0	0
Woodruff	1	11	1	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Yell	15	39	2	1	5	25	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		**3723**	**203**	**201**	**264**	**1445**	**184**	**1**	**50**	**2**	**56**	**30**

Child Welfare Cases: October 2016, by County

County	Judicial District	End-of-Month Caseloads			Hearing Details		Outcomes					
		Cases	New	Closed	Days	#	Adjudication		Termination		Adopt.	Guard. / Cust.
							Won	Lost	Won	Lost		
Arkansas	11E	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashley	10	12	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baxter	14	46	2	1	2	26	2	0	1	0	0	1
Benton	19W	113	15	8	3	19	14	0	1	0	4	1
Boone	14	68	2	4	5	25	0	0	0	1	0	0
Bradley	10	15	1	1	2	8	1	0	0	0	0	1
Calhoun	13	4	0	1	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll	19E	39	3	14	5	31	2	0	1	0	4	1
Chicot	10	13	0	0	1	7	2	0	0	0	0	0
Clark	9E	21	2	0	1	8	3	0	0	0	0	0
Clay	2	21	3	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cleburne	16	41	2	6	3	26	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland	13	12	1	3	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	0
Columbia	13	21	1	0	1	9	3	0	0	0	0	0
Conway	15	34	3	0	3	20	3	0	3	0	0	0
Craighead	2	114	11	4	4	31	1	0	3	0	0	0
Crawford	21	104	7	3	3	36	11	0	1	0	1	0
Crittenden	2	72	8	5	3	26	4	0	0	0	0	0
Cross	1	33	1	4	1	16	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	13	8	0	2	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Desha	10	13	0	0	2	12	2	0	0	0	0	0
Drew	10	24	0	4	3	13	2	1	0	0	1	0
Faulkner	20	108	10	6	4	40	8	0	2	0	0	0
Franklin	5	60	3	4	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulton	16	46	5	3	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garland	18E	99	7	10	10	31	4	0	1	0	0	10
Grant	7	22	3	1	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
Green	2	127	4	11	6	72	4	0	0	0	2	0
Hempstead	8N	16	0	3	1	14	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hot Spring	7	59	4	3	4	26	3	0	2	0	1	0
Howard	9W	7	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independence	16	72	4	2	5	26	1	0	0	0	0	0
Izard	16	24	3	1	1	15	6	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	3	35	4	1	1	18	2	0	2	0	1	0
Jefferson	11W	100	3	2	4	26	3	0	1	0	1	0
Johnson	5	27	0	2	2	19	5	0	0	0	1	0
Lafayette	8S	10	1	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lawrence	3	34	1	2	2	15	4	0	1	0	0	0
Lee	1	6	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

Lincoln	11W	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Little River	9W	16	0	1	2	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
Logan	15	39	2	5	4	19	6	0	0	0	0	0
Lonoke	23	87	2	0	4	20	2	0	1	0	1	2
Madison	4	32	4	1	1	10	3	0	0	0	1	0
Marion	14	13	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miller	8S	86	3	4	5	36	5	0	2	0	0	0
Mississippi	2	42	4	5	1	14	1	0	0	0	1	2
Monroe	1	9	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery	18W	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nevada	8N	7	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newton	14	6	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ouachita	13	18	2	3	3	14	1	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	6	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips	1	29	0	3	2	8	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pike	9W	7	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Poinsett	2	63	7	4	5	33	5	0	2	0	0	0
Polk	18W	23	1	0	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pope	5	54	2	6	5	25	2	0	0	0	2	0
Prairie	17	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pulaski	6	383	7	23	36	123	15	0	7	1	8	7
Randolph	3	25	3	2	2	14	3	0	0	0	0	0
Saline	22	42	1	4	5	22	3	0	0	0	1	0
Scott	15	27	1	2	2	11	0	0	1	0	1	0
Searcy	20	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sebastian	12	426	15	16	22	103	22	0	17	0	6	2
Sevier	9W	17	1	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sharp	3	35	2	2	3	14	2	0	1	0	0	1
St. Francis	1	30	0	2	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stone	16	20	1	2	2	10	0	0	1	0	0	2
Union	13	45	0	6	2	29	4	0	1	0	3	0
Van Buren	20	29	1	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	4	228	12	11	16	54	10	0	1	0	1	7
White	17	94	6	6	8	55	13	0	1	0	0	0
Woodruff	1	10	1	0	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yell	15	40	0	0	3	12	3	0	1	0	0	0
Totals		**3,709**	**200**	**226**	**262**	**1,362**	**205**	**1**	**55**	**2**	**41**	**38**