Facts About Children in Foster Care in Hawaii

Total Population: 2,886 children were in the foster care system in Hawaii on September 30, 2003. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:
- Average Age: 8.6 years
- 7% < 1 year
- 31% 1-5 years
- 25% 6-10 years
- 26% 11-15 years
- 11% 16-18 years
- 0% > 19 years

Gender: Male: 51% Female: 49%

Race and Ethnicity:

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<th>Race/Ethnicity</th>
<th>In out-of-home care</th>
<th>In state child population</th>
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<td>Black (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>White (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>9%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>Am. Indian/Alaska Native (non-Hispanic)</td>
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<td>Asian/Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>26%</td>
<td>41%</td>
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<td>Unknown</td>
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<td>2 or More Races (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>38%</td>
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Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2003 was 18 months.

Reunified: 62% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2003 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

Foster Homes: In 2004, there were a total of 1,107 licensed non-relative foster homes in Hawaii.

On September 30, 2003, 41% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2003, 46% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 54% were adopted by relatives.

To find out how to become a foster parent in Hawaii, please call:
- (808) 441-1115 (Oahu)
- 1-888-879-8970 (Neighbor Islands)

To learn about foster parenting, please call the National Foster Parent Association at 1-800-557-5238 or visit www.nfpainc.org

Sources:

1. Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) data submitted for the FY 2003, 10/1/02 through 9/30/03.