Facts About Children in Foster Care in Indiana

Total Population: 11,954 children were in the foster care system in Indiana on June 30, 2005. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:

Average Age on September 30, 2003: 9.1 years

- 7% < 1 year
- 30% 1-5 years
- 22% 6-10 years
- 26% 11-15 years
- 15% 16-18 years
- 1% ≥19 years

Gender: Male: 52%  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>28%</td>
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<td>White (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
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<td>Am. Indian/Alaska Native (non-Hispanic)</td>
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<td>2 or More Races (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>4%</td>
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Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2003 was 22 months.

Reunified: 63% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2003 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

Foster Homes: On June 30, 2005, there were a total of 4,570 licensed foster homes in Indiana. On June 30, 2005, 10% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2003, 36% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 15% were adopted by relatives.

To find out how to become a foster parent in Indiana, please call 1-888-631-9510 or (317) 234-4410 or visit http://www.ifcaa.org/

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

Sources:

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