Facts About Children in Foster Care in Michigan

Total Population: 16,944 children were in the foster care system in Michigan on September 30, 2005. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:

- Average Age of children in care on September 30, 2003: 9.9 years
- 5% < 1 year
- 26% 1-5 years
- 22% 6-10 years
- 29% 11-15 years
- 19% 16-18 years
- 0% ≥ 19 years

Gender:

- Male: 54%
- Female: 46%

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>75%</td>
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<td>White (non-Hispanic)</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>Asian/Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)</td>
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<td>2 or More Races (non-Hispanic)</td>
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Length of Stay:

- The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2003 was 48 months.

Reunified:

- 41% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2003 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

Foster Homes:

- In June, 2006, there were a total of 7,569 licensed non-relative foster homes in Michigan.
- On September 30, 2005, 40% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.

Adoption:

- Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2003, 54% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 40% were adopted by relatives.

To find out how to become a foster parent in Michigan, please visit http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5452_7117-16476--00.html

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

Sources:

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