Facts About Children in Foster Care in Nevada

**Total Population:**
5,246 children were in the foster care system in Nevada on September 30, 2006. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

**Age:**
Average Age: 6.5 years
- 6% < 1 year
- 19% 11-15 years
- 39% 1-5 years
- 11% 16-18 years
- 24% 6-10 years
- 1% ≥ 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>22%</td>
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<td>White (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>56%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>17%</td>
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<td>Asian/Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic)</td>
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<td>2 or More Races (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>7%</td>
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**Length of Stay:**
The average length of stay for children in care during FY2006 was 16 months.

**Reunified:**
62% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2006 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

**Foster Homes:**
On September 30, 2006, there were a total of 1,178 licensed kinship and non-relative foster homes in Nevada.
On September 30, 2006, 30% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.

**Adoption:**
Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2006, 61% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 28% were adopted by relatives.

To find out how to become a foster parent in Nevada, please call or email:
- in Washoe County (Reno) (775) 337-4470 FosterCare@washoecounty.us
- in Clark County (Las Vegas): (702) 455-0181 or 1-888-4AFAMLY (423-2659)
- in rural Nevada: (775) 687-4943

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 2006, 10/1/05 through 9/30/06, supplied by Nevada Division of Child and Family Services