Facts About Children in Foster Care in Pennsylvania

Total Population: 20,925 children were in the foster care system in Pennsylvania on September 30, 2005. Most children are placed temporarily in foster care due to parental abuse or neglect.

Age:
- Average Age: 11.0 years
- 9% < 1 year
- 18% 1-5 years
- 14% 6-10 years
- 34% 11-15 years
- 20% 16-18 years
- 6% ≥19 years

Gender:
- Male: 53%
- Female: 48%

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>48%</td>
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<td>White (non-Hispanic)</td>
<td>47%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
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Length of Stay: The average length of stay for children in care on September 30, 2005 was 15 months.

Reunified: 60% of the young people leaving the system in FY 2005 were reunified with their birth parents or primary caregivers.

Foster Homes: On September 30, 2005, 20% of youth living in out-of-home care were residing with their relatives.

Adoption: Of children with state agency involvement adopted in FY 2005, 56% were adopted by their non-relative foster parents and 12% were adopted by relatives.

To find out how to become a foster parent in Pennsylvania, please visit http://www.adoptpakids.org/paeFosterParenting.asp

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 2005, 10/1/04 through 9/30/05.