

### **Placement Statistics for All Children in Alaska OCS Out-of-home placement on March 31, 2009.**

Out-of-home placement is the last option considered when reasonable efforts to protect a child in his or her own home have been exhausted by OCS. The first preference considered in all out-of-home placements for a child or youth is a relative's home. When it is not possible to place a child with a relative it is necessary to place the child in a licensed foster home. Residential care facilities may offer short-term emergency shelter as well as more long-term residential treatment.

**Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on March 31, 2009, by Region.**

	Anchorage	Northern	Southcentral	Southeast	Statewide
Count	834	334	665	199	2,032
Mean Age	6.9	7.7	8.8	9.4	7.9
Median Age	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	7.0
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1
Maximum Placements	43	28	39	24	43
Mean Placements	4.3	4.2	4.3	4.2	4.3
Median Placements	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Minimum Time in Care	2	25	11	4	2
Maximum Time in Care	4,960	4,120	5,049	4,262	5,049
Mean Time in Care	688.6	574.4	775.8	808.0	710.1
Median Time in Care	424.0	422.0	582.0	672.0	496.0

**Average Statistics of Children in Out-of-home placement on March 31, 2009, by Race.**

	Native <sup>1</sup>	White <sup>2</sup>	Other <sup>3</sup>	Und.	Statewide
Count	1,260	563	163	46	2,032
Mean Age	7.8	8.1	7.8	6.5	7.9
Median Age	7.0	8.0	7.0	5.0	7.0
Minimum Placements	1	1	1	1	1
Maximum Placements	43	28	35	14	43
Mean Placements	4.5	3.8	4.3	2.7	4.3
Median Placements	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.0	3.0
Minimum Time in Care	2	11	5	11	2
Maximum Time in Care	5,049	3,946	4,658	1,642	5,049
Mean Time in Care	713.6	725.9	734.5	333.9	710.1
Median Time in Care	490.5	543.0	582.0	288.0	496.0

<sup>1</sup> Native is any mention of Alaska Native or American Indian.  
<sup>2</sup> White is White only, excluding all other races.  
<sup>3</sup> Other includes any mention of Asian, Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander, or Black/ African American.

Mean is the arithmetic mean average, commonly referred to as the 'average'.

Median is the median average, containing the middle value. Half of the observations are less than this value, and half of the observations are greater than this value.

Placements are the number of times children in OCS Out of Home placement have changed homes.

Time in Care is measured in days.

Data Source: ORCA. Program used to tabulate statistics: monthly\_ooh\_web.sas.

Data in this report is as of April 2, 2009. Subsequent reports with the same date parameter will contain up-dated statistics.

If you have any questions regarding this data please forward your inquiry to ocs@alaska.gov.