

### ***Placement Statistics for the month of August, 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.

#### ***Removal Statistics of children in Out-of-home placement for the month of August, 2009.***

	Male	Female	Statewide
<i>Count</i>	32	21	<b>53</b>
<i>Youngest</i>	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>Oldest</i>	16	17	<b>17</b>
<i>Mean Age</i>	4.4	4.4	<b>4.4</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	3.5	2.0	<b>3.0</b>

#### ***Discharge Statistics of children in Out-of-home placement for the month of August, 2009.***

	Male	Female	Statewide
<i>Count</i>	10	14	<b>24</b>
<i>Mean Age</i>	11.5	7.6	<b>9.2</b>
<i>Median Age</i>	11.0	8.0	<b>10.0</b>
<i>Minimum Placements</i>	1	1	<b>1</b>
<i>Maximum Placements</i>	21	21	<b>21</b>
<i>Mean Placements</i>	7.4	6.0	<b>6.6</b>
<i>Median Placements</i>	6.5	3.0	<b>4.0</b>
<i>Minimum Time</i>	0	0	<b>0</b>
<i>Maximum Time</i>	2,593	3,891	<b>3,891</b>
<i>Mean Time</i>	1,156.0	1,177.3	<b>1,168.4</b>
<i>Median Time</i>	1,035.0	1,171.5	<b>1,116.0</b>

*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 September 1, 2009. Subsequent reports with the same date parameter will contain up-dated statistics.

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