



FEDERATION OF PROTESTANT WELFARE AGENCIES

Key Facts on Child Welfare

New York State

Statewide, there were approximately 157,407 reports of child abuse and/or neglect made to the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment in 2006. Of the reports, 67 percent or 100,957 were determined unfounded.¹

In 2006, there were more than 43,000 mandated preventive services openings.²

There were roughly 27,000 children in the foster care system statewide in 2006 and nearly 2,700 children were adopted.³

New York City

The City of New York received more than 64,000 reports of abuse and/or neglect to children in Fiscal Year 2009. The number of abuse and/or neglect has remained fairly steady the last three years. However, the percentage of substantiated reports increased in FY 2009 to 42.0%, up from around 40% the previous two years.⁴

Approximately 32,000 children received preventive services from non-profit service providers under contract with the City in FY 2009. There are about 16,500 children in foster care through 38 foster care agencies.⁵ The number of youth in foster care has continued to decline, as there were 28,215 youth in foster care in FY 2002 to 16,500 in FY 2009, a 40% decrease⁶.

In FY 2009, the median length of stay for children who entered the foster care system for the first time and returned home was 8.3 months in the City of New York.⁷ The percentage of children in the City of New York in the foster care system who were transferred two or more times to different placements while in care was 40.8 percent.⁸

The percentage of children entering the foster care system in the City of New York who were placed with relatives increased from 21.4% in FY 2005 to 24.5% in FY 2009.⁹ The

¹ 2006 Monitoring and Analysis Profiles with Selected Trend Data: 2002 – 2006; Child Protective Services, Preventive Services, Foster Care, and Adoption, New York State Office of Children and Family Services, p. 2.

² Ibid., p. 6.

³ Ibid, p. 12 & p. 22.

⁴ The Mayor's Management Report, Fiscal 2009, p. 29

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Ibid

⁷ Ibid, p. 31.

⁸ Ibid, p. 30.

⁹ Ibid.

number of children adopted in the City of New York in FY 2009 was 1,344, down from 2,364 in FY 2005.¹⁰

The percentage of children placed in their borough has declined from 76.8% in FY 2005 to 57.8% in FY 2009. In addition, the percentage of children placed in their community has also decreased from 43.4% to 32.7% from FY 2005 to FY 2009.¹¹

The average daily cost of foster boarding home services is approximately \$67 per child. The average daily cost of congregate care services is approximately \$213 per child for Level 1 services, \$225 per child for Level 2 services, and \$294 per child for Level 3 services.¹²

¹⁰ Ibid. p. 31.

¹¹ Ibid, p. 30.

¹² Ibid., p. 31.