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DCYF Use of Hotels and Offices as Placement

2019 Reporting Year Data Report

OFCO tracks the Department of Children, Youth, and Families' (DCYF) use of hotels and/or Department offices as emergency placements for children under DCYF care. These are also referred to as "placement exceptions".

The source of this data is notifications from DCYF's Administrative Incident Reporting System (AIRS).

The OFCO 2019 Reporting Year runs September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2019.

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Count of Placement Exceptions	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Annual Total
2019 Reporting Year	83	66	89	113	125	95							571
2018 Reporting Year	63	59	82	74	70	38	104	145	187	62	139	67	1090
2017 Reporting Year	31	27	4	3	24	4	1	19	144	164	167	236	824

This data summarizes placement exceptions from September 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019. There have been 129 number of children over this period who have spent at least one night in a hotel or office.

Placement Exceptions By DCYF Region ¹	Count	Percent
Region 1	18	3.2%
Region 2	0	0.0%
Region 3	143	25.0%
Region 4	405	70.9%
Region 5	1	0.2%
Region 6	4	0.7%

¹ For a map of DCYF Regions, see <https://dcyf.wa.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/DCYFMap-offices.pdf>

Child Gender/Sex	Count	Percent
Female	48	37.2%
Male	81	62.8%

Child Age	Count	Percent	Percent of Children in State Care ²
0-4 years	18	14.0%	43%
5-9 years	45	34.9%	26%
10-14 years	42	32.6%	19%
15-17 years	23	17.8%	12%
Unknown	1	0.8%	--

² Partners for Our Children Data Portal Team. (2019). Children in Out-of-Home Care (Count).

Number of Placement Exceptions Per Child	Count	Percent
Only 1	51	39.5%
2 to 5	49	38.0%
6 to 9	14	10.9%
10 to 19	11	8.5%
20 or more	4	3.1%

Child Race and Ethnicity	Count	Percent	Percent of Children in State Care ²
African American or Black	21	16.4%	8.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	6	4.7%	4.3%
Asian or Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	5	3.9%	2.4%
Caucasian	74	57.8%	64.9%
Multi-Racial	22	17.2%	19.6%
Hispanic	18	14.1%	19.4%

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