

Department of Children & Families

FY'20 Assembly Budget Committee Follow-up Questions

Assemblywoman Pintor Marin:

The department conducts annual unannounced inspections of licensed child care centers. For each of the last three fiscal years, please provide the number of child care centers that had their licenses suspended or revoked as a result of the findings of an inspection. Does the department anticipate the need to expand the number of child care center inspections and, if so, would the department need additional funding to increase the number of inspectors?

DCF Response: In the past three years, DCF sent a total of 15 revocations, suspensions, and refusal to renew notices to centers. Because the abrupt termination of a child care center's operations inevitably has significant impact on client families and their communities, DCF takes a very proactive approach to addressing problems in licensed centers.

The initial licensing process and subsequent inspections are thorough, with a goal of ensuring that problems are identified and mitigated before they escalate into matters that would force the closure of a center. While it is rare for a center to have a perfect inspection, it is also very rare that a center needs to be closed. The department, at this time, does not anticipate the need for additional inspectors, or an increase in the number of inspections required annually.

Assemblywoman Murphy:

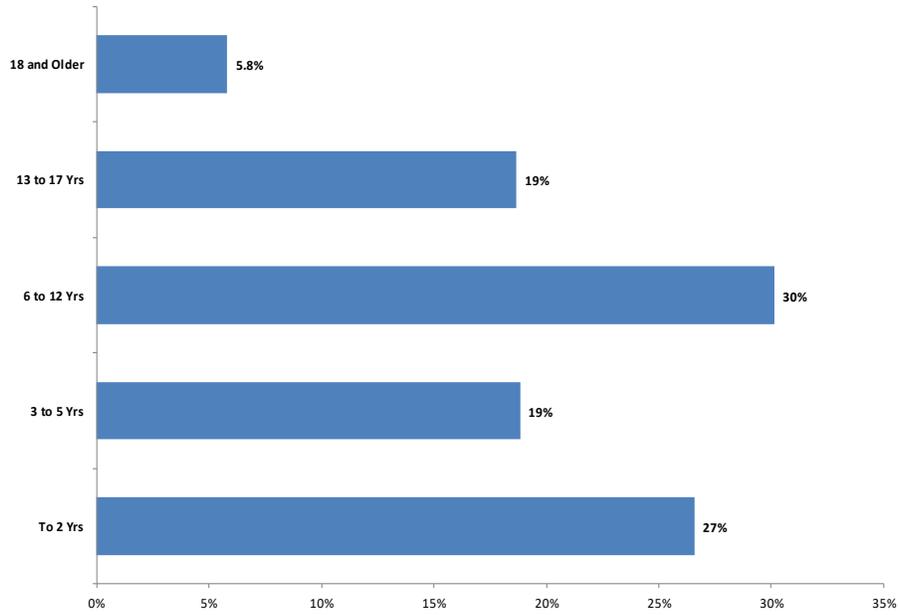
According to the Commissioner's testimony, approximately 5,600 children in the State currently reside in out-of-home placements. Please provide a breakdown of the 5,600 children by age, gender, race, and placement type.

DCF Response: See charts below for a breakdown of children in out-of-home placement by age, gender, race and placement type.



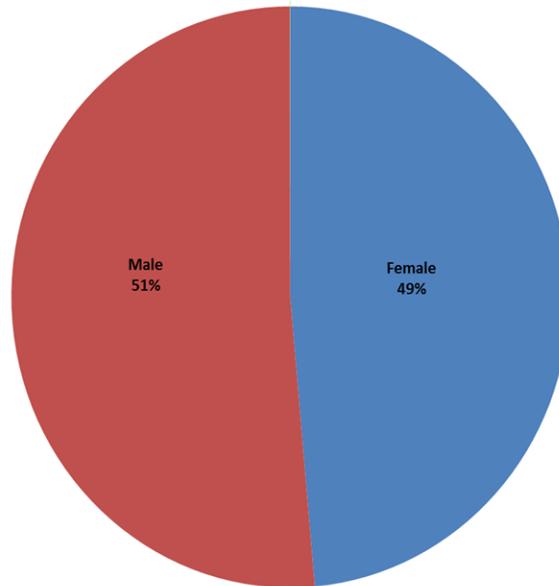
Children in CP&P Out-of-Home Placement
(Total = 5,573 as of January 31, 2019, point in time)

Note: Totals include active children under 21 years old.



Gender of Children in CP&P Out-of-Home Placement
(Total = 5,573 as of January 31, 2019, point in time)

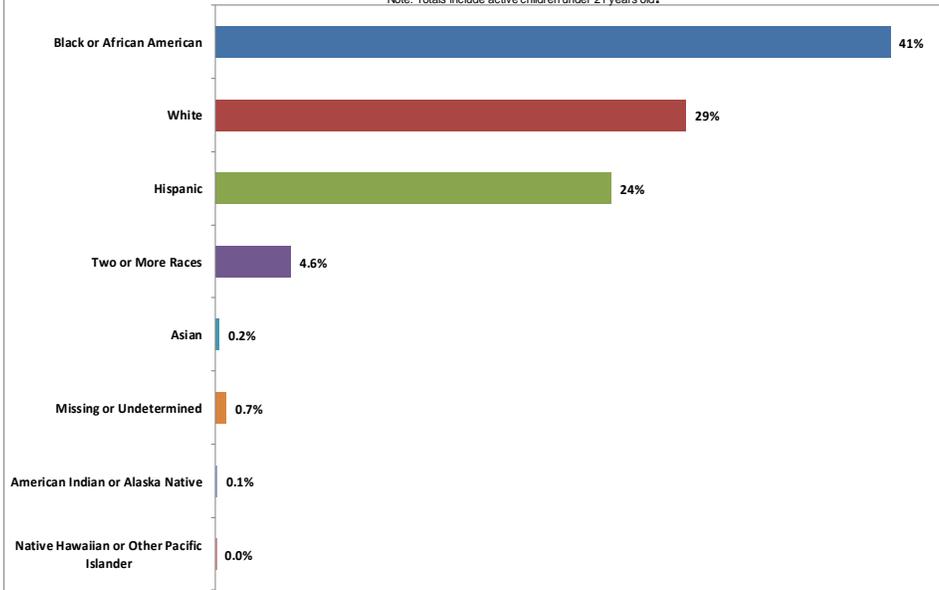
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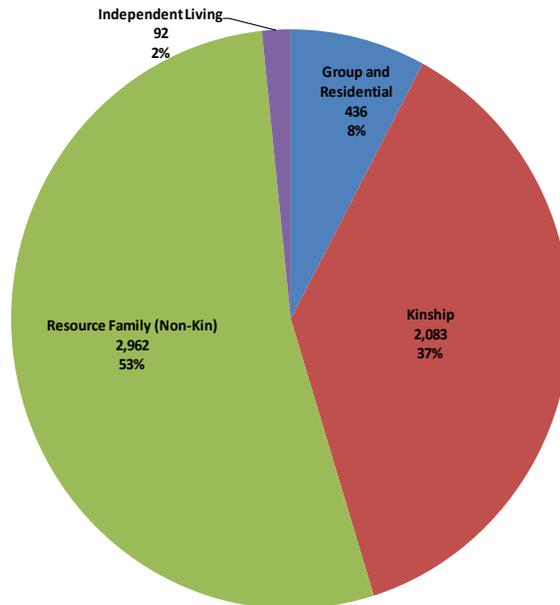
Race / Ethnicity of Children in CP&P Out-of-Home Placement (Total = 5,573 as of January 31, 2019, point in time)

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Children in CP&P Out-of-Home Placement by Type of Placement (Total = 5,573 as of January 31, 2019, point in time)

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Assemblywoman Munoz:

Evaluation Data on page D-37 of the Governor’s FY 2020 Budget show that the number of domestic violence prevention programs funded through the Division on Women is expected to increase from 41 programs in FY 2019 to 44 programs in FY 2020, while total program costs remain unchanged at \$16.0 million. For each of FY 2019 and FY 2020, please provide the detailed allocation of Division on Women grant funding to domestic violence prevention programs. Does the department have adequate resources to keep the FY 2020 grant amount at its FY 2019 level for each FY 2019 grant recipient?

DCF Response: The department anticipates adequate resources to keep the FY 2020 grant amount at the FY 2019 level for each of the FY 2019 grant recipients. A review of the evaluation data on page D-37 of the Governor’s FY 2020 Budget revealed an error in the FY 2019 column. The number of programs for FY 2019 is 44, the same as the number of programs planned for FY 2020. The program number changed from 41 in FY 2018 to 44 in FY 2019 when three (3) new Batterer’s Intervention Programs began.

Below is the list of domestic violence prevention programs funded by the Division on Women for FY 2019 and proposed for funding in FY 2020.

NJDCF Domestic Violence Prevention Programs FY 2019-2020

Program Name	# of Programs	FY19 Total	FY20 Total
Batterer's Intervention Programs (BIP)	6	\$809,405	\$809,405
Culturally Specific Program	1	\$156,888	\$156,888
Domestic Violence Coalition/Training TA	1	\$337,754	\$337,754
Hotlines	2	\$70,295	\$70,295
Legal Services	2	\$146,539	\$146,539
Peace, A Learned Solution (PALS)	10	\$4,611,743	\$4,611,743
Shelters/Services	22	\$10,591,243	\$10,591,243
Total	44	\$16,723,867	\$16,723,867

Assemblywoman Egan Jones:

On March 1, 2019, the department issued a Request for Proposal to establish displaced homemaker programs in the five counties that currently do not have such a program: Camden, Cape May, Mercer, Salem, and Somerset. Camden County once had a displaced homemaker program. Please explain what happened to the previous Camden County program and indicate whether a reduction or elimination of State grant funding contributed to its cessation.

DCF Response: A review of a directory of Division on Women (DOW) programs for calendar year 2000 shows that Camden County did have a displaced homemaker center at that time, The Resource Center, YWCA of Camden County and vicinity. This specific center was not part of the program array that transitioned to DCF when the DOW moved to the Department of Children and Families in 2012.

When the programs transitioned to DCF, DOW had a contract with the YMCA of Burlington and Camden Counties for displaced homemaker services in both counties. There was no separate contract with a Camden YMCA or YWCA.

Approximately two years ago, The YMCA of Burlington and Camden Counties merged into the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA. Currently, the DCF/DOW continues to contract with the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA to provide services to residents of both counties.