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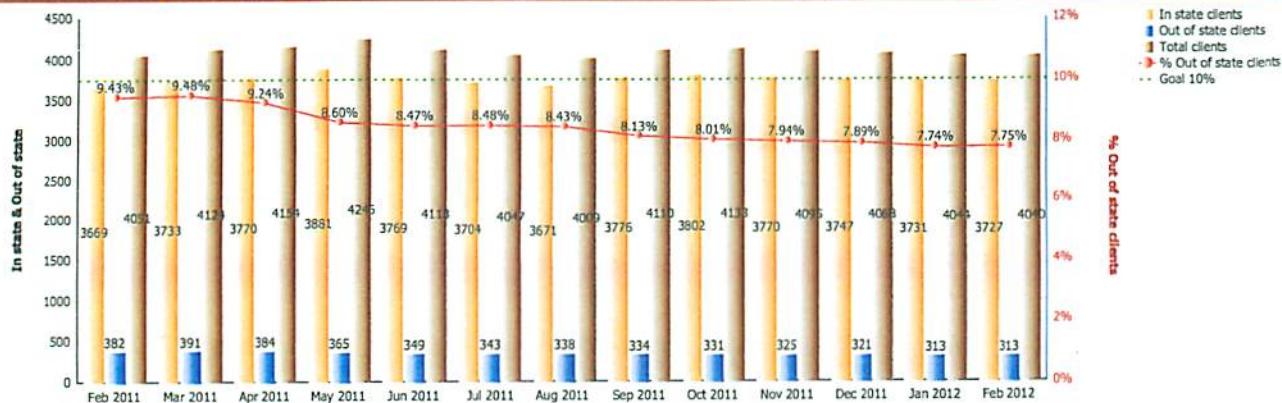
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	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011	Aug 2011	Sep 2011	Oct 2011	Nov 2011	Dec 2011	Jan 2012	Feb 2012
<b>In state clients</b>	3669	3733	3770	3881	3769	3704	3671	3776	3802	3770	3747	3731	3727
<b>Out of state clients</b>	382	391	384	365	349	343	338	334	331	325	321	313	313
<b>Total clients</b>	4051	4124	4154	4246	4118	4047	4009	4110	4133	4095	4068	4044	4040
<b>% Out of state clients</b>	9.43%	9.48%	9.24%	8.60%	8.47%	8.48%	8.43%	8.13%	8.01%	7.94%	7.89%	7.74%	7.75%

### In state and Out of state clients by Provider type for the month of Feb 2012

Provider Type	In state clients	Out of state clients	Total clients	% Out of state clients
Agency Emergency Shelter	139	0	139	0.00%
Agency Foster Family Care	1049	31	1080	2.87%
Department Adoptive Home	180	12	192	6.25%
Detention Centers	34	0	34	0.00%
Group Residential Care	698	163	861	18.93%
Kinship/Relative	568	19	587	3.24%
Medical Hospital	1	3	4	75.00%
Psychiatric Facilities (Long Term)	64	76	140	54.29%
Psychiatric Hospital (Short Term)	22	1	23	4.35%
Specialized Family Care (Medley)	45	0	45	0.00%
Specialized Family Care Home (Medley)	10	0	10	0.00%
Therapeutic Foster Care	880	8	888	0.90%
Transitional Living Client	37	0	37	0.00%
<b>Summary</b>	<b>3727</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>4040</b>	<b>7.75%</b>

## Terminology

1. **Agency Emergency Shelter Care**: provide short-term placement during a crisis situation. The purpose is to provide a supportive environment designed to minimize stress and emotional instability.
2. **Department Adoptive Home**: a home that the Department of Health and Human Resources' (DHHR) Bureau for Children and Families has recruited, trained and certified as a potential adoptive placement. These homes serve children who are in the custody of DHHR and whose parent(s)' parental rights have been terminated.
3. **Detention Centers**: Secure residential facility designed to physically restrict the movements and activities of juveniles held in lawful custody.
4. **Agency Foster Family Care**: a family placement designed for children with few problems who can best be served in a family setting pending the development of a permanent living arrangement.
5. **Group Residential Care**: a structured 24-hour group care setting that targets youth with needs that range from adjustment difficulties in school, home, and/or community to those in need of a highly structured program with formalized behavioral programs and therapeutic interventions. These types of settings are referred to in West Virginia as Level I, Level II and Level III Group Residential Care; where Level I serves children with mild behavioral/mental health issues, Level II serves children with moderate issues, and Level III serves children with severe health issues.
6. **Kinship/Relative**: Services provided by any person related to the child by blood or marriage including cousins and in-laws. Persons who the child considers a relative, such as a godparent or significant others whom the child claims as kin may also be considered as a placement resource.
7. **Psychiatric Facility (Long-Term)**: a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) provides for children and adolescents under the age of 21 a medically supervised interdisciplinary program of behavior health treatment which addresses the psychiatric needs of each individual and his/her family.
8. **Psychiatric Hospital (Short-Term)**: acute psychiatric inpatient hospitalization lasting 30 days or less and providing intensive, 24-hour psychiatric care, including crisis stabilization and diagnostic assessment.
9. **School For Children With Special Needs**: WV School for the Deaf & Blind in Romney, WV.
10. **Specialized Family Care and Specialized Family Care Home (Medley)**: 24-hour daily care, support, training and supervision (within a family setting) of individuals of all ages, including children with developmental disabilities. The focus of specialized foster care is long-term placement, making it critical to carefully match placements.
11. **Therapeutic Foster Care**: a family placement designed for children with significant treatment needs due to emotional and/or physical problems. Foster parents are professionally trained and supported to aid children in overcoming problems while preparing them for return home or to a less intensive out-of-home setting.
12. **Transitional Living Client**: older youth (17-20 years of age) who are assisted in moving from a foster home or group residential setting to their own community where they establish a household while continuing educational/vocational goals or entering the workforce. A private agency that DHHR has an agreement with provides assistance in career planning, development of employment/job maintenance skills, face-to-face contact and social casework services.