

**Legislative Oversight Commission on Health  
And Human Resources Accountability**

**December 2013**

**Department of Health and Human Resources**

**Bureau for Children and Families**

**Foster Care Placements  
as of November 30, 2013**

APPENDIX A

LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES ACCOUNTABILITY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

The attached report represents those children who are in foster care on the last full business day of each month.

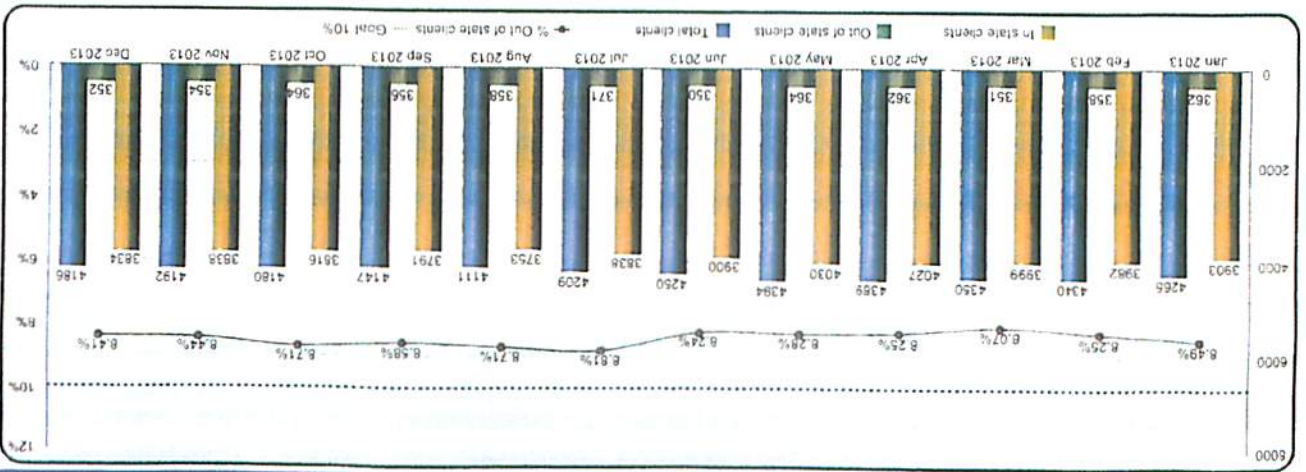
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Please note: The discrepancy in numbers of foster care youth placed in state is due to a field data entry issue.

Provider Type	In state clients	Out of state clients	Total clients	% Out of state clients
Agency Emergency Shelter	148	0	148	0.00%
Agency Foster Family Care	889	32	921	3.13%
Department Adoptive Home	181	27	218	12.38%
Detention Centers	18	0	18	0.00%
Group Residential Care	708	195	903	21.59%
Kinship/Relative	683	13	696	1.87%
Medical Hospital	0	4	4	100.00%
Psychiatric Facilities (Long Term)	67	73	140	52.14%
Psychiatric Hospital (Short Term)	24	0	24	0.00%
School For Children with Special Needs	1	0	1	0.00%
Specialized Family Care (Madley)	13	0	13	0.00%
Specialized Family Care Home (Madley)	13	0	13	0.00%
Therapeutic Foster Care	909	8	917	0.87%
Transitional Living Client	73	0	73	0.00%
<b>Summary</b>	<b>3935</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>4187</b>	<b>8.41%</b>

In state and Out of state clients by Provider type for the month of Dec 2013

Month	In state clients	Out of state clients	Total clients	% Out of state clients
Jan 2013	3903	382	4285	8.49%
Feb 2013	3982	358	4340	8.25%
Mar 2013	3999	351	4350	8.07%
Apr 2013	4027	362	4389	8.25%
May 2013	4030	364	4394	8.28%
Jun 2013	3900	350	4250	8.24%
Jul 2013	3838	371	4209	8.81%
Aug 2013	3753	358	4111	8.71%
Sep 2013	3791	356	4147	8.58%
Oct 2013	3816	364	4180	8.71%
Nov 2013	3838	354	4192	8.44%
Dec 2013	3834	352	4186	8.41%



## 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.