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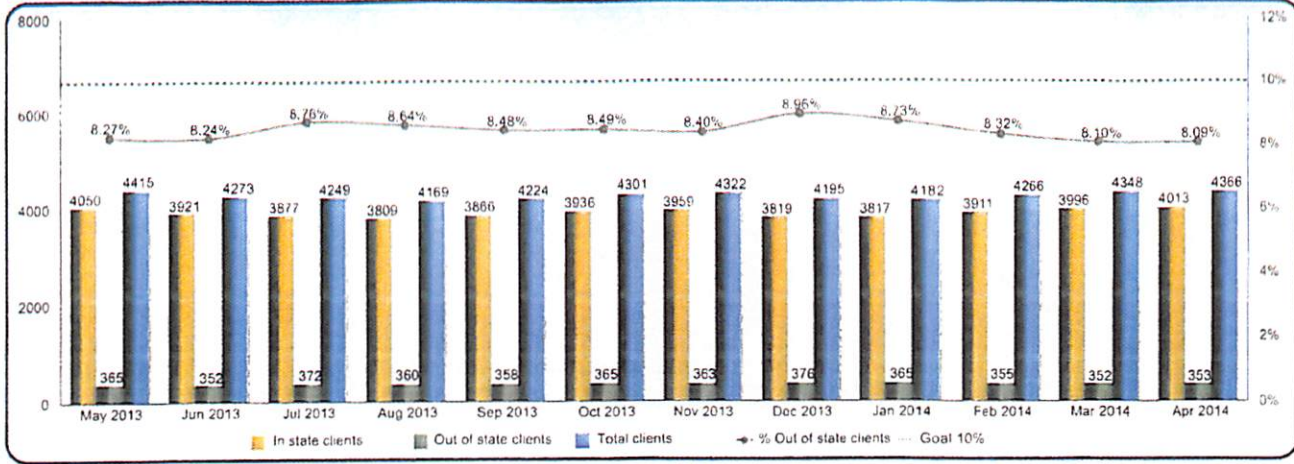
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	May 2013	Jun 2013	Jul 2013	Aug 2013	Sep 2013	Oct 2013	Nov 2013	Dec 2013	Jan 2014	Feb 2014	Mar 2014	Apr 2014
In state clients	4050	3921	3877	3809	3866	3936	3959	3819	3817	3911	3996	4013
Out of state clients	365	352	372	360	358	365	363	376	365	355	352	353
Total clients	4415	4273	4249	4169	4224	4301	4322	4195	4182	4266	4348	4366
% Out of state clients	8.27%	8.24%	8.76%	8.64%	8.48%	8.49%	8.40%	8.96%	8.73%	8.32%	8.10%	8.09%

In state and Out of state clients by Provider type for the month of Apr 2014

Provider Type	In state clients	Out of state clients	Total clients	% Out of state clients
Agency Emergency Shelter	168	0	168	0.00%
Agency Foster Family Care	1083	40	1123	3.56%
Department Adoptive Home	172	26	198	13.13%
Detention Centers	21	0	21	0.00%
Group Residential Care	715	151	906	21.08%
Kinship/Relative	730	9	739	1.22%
Medical Hospital	0	2	2	100.00%
Psychiatric Facilities (Long Term)	65	69	134	51.49%
Psychiatric Hospital (Short Term)	24	1	25	4.00%
School For Children with Special Needs	2	0	2	0.00%
Specialized Family Care (Medley)	9	0	9	0.00%
Specialized Family Care Home (Medley)	12	0	12	0.00%
Therapeutic Foster Care	955	14	969	1.44%
Transitional Living Client	58	1	59	1.69%
Summary	4014	353	4367	8.09%

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

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.