

# Office of Children's Services Children Out of Home

Data extracted Tuesday August 15, 2017 from Alaska's ORCARPT database.

Field definitions and information about the data in this report follow the tables below.

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## Count of Children in Out-of-Home Placement during each Reporting Period

Region	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017
Anchorage	1,287	1,257	1,240	1,251	1,257	1,255	1,248	1,266	1,261	1,245	1,247	1,260
Northern	543	548	546	534	542	553	554	581	597	593	589	601
Southcentral	842	869	867	897	901	880	864	868	873	869	851	845
Southeast	194	195	187	187	193	190	184	181	180	179	183	188
Western	198	201	198	222	217	207	207	216	216	211	207	204
Alaska, unique count (includes children in Trial Home Visits)	3,064	3,070	3,038	3,091	3,110	3,085	3,057	3,112	3,127	3,097	3,077	3,098
Count in Trial Home Visits during period*	418	412	401	375	370	372	348	349	353	409	402	451
Percent in Trial Home Visits during period*	13.6 %	13.4 %	13.2 %	12.1 %	11.9 %	12.1 %	11.4 %	11.2 %	11.3 %	13.2 %	13.1 %	14.6 %
Removals during the period	124	116	95	157	116	122	91	125	136	91	110	102
Discharges * during the period	117	128	106	98	143	125	78	118	125	130	82	90

\* Due to administrative processing, there may be a significant lag for entry of discharge data into ORCA, which may affect reporting accuracy for recent periods. All data will be refreshed in subsequent reports. Future documentation of discharges may increase reporting for Discharges while decreasing reporting for Out-Of-Home and Trial Home Visit.

## OCS Out-of-Home Cases during each Reporting Period

Region	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017
Anchorage	728	720	710	723	727	721	712	729	724	721	722	727
Northern	285	283	286	281	292	300	299	314	323	326	322	324
Southcentral	483	490	494	500	503	489	479	485	487	485	469	467
Southeast	122	127	122	122	122	121	117	113	112	112	115	116
Western	84	83	83	88	86	82	84	89	91	93	91	88
Alaska, unique count	1,702	1,703	1,695	1,713	1,730	1,713	1,691	1,730	1,737	1,737	1,719	1,722

**Children OOH end of Period not on THV, not in a relative placement, not in a pre-adoptive setting, and not in a facility with a facility preference. By Child Native Status and by Home Provider Native Status (most recent period first)**

Period	Child Native Status	Native_Provider	Non-native_Provider	Undetermined	Child Race Total
<b>Jul 2017</b>	Native Child	663	579	69	1,311
	Non-native Child	51	806	86	943
	Child Race Unknown	2	1	0	3
	<b>Jul 2017 Provider Total:</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>2,257</b>
<b>Jun 2017</b>	Native Child	650	568	64	1,282
	Non-native Child	53	802	86	941
	Child Race Unknown	1	0	0	1
	<b>Jun 2017 Provider Total:</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>1,370</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>2,224</b>
<b>May 2017</b>	Native Child	652	556	60	1,268
	Non-native Child	58	786	88	932
	<b>May 2017 Provider Total:</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>1,342</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>Apr 2017</b>	Native Child	645	554	53	1,252
	Non-native Child	57	790	87	934
	<b>Apr 2017 Provider Total:</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>2,186</b>
<b>Mar 2017</b>	Native Child	619	567	57	1,243
	Non-native Child	52	792	78	922
	<b>Mar 2017 Provider Total:</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>2,165</b>
<b>Feb 2017</b>	Native Child	606	549	58	1,213
	Non-native Child	54	770	70	894
	Child Race Unknown	1	0	0	1
	<b>Feb 2017 Provider Total:</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>2,108</b>
<b>Jan 2017</b>	Native Child	613	557	58	1,228
	Non-native Child	52	757	67	876
	<b>Jan 2017 Provider Total:</b>	<b>665</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>2,104</b>
<b>Dec 2016</b>	Native Child	614	569	57	1,240
	Non-native Child	49	767	69	885
	<b>Dec 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>2,125</b>
<b>Nov 2016</b>	Native Child	600	571	50	1,221
	Non-native Child	48	759	56	863
	<b>Nov 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>2,084</b>
<b>Oct 2016</b>	Native Child	565	532	49	1,146
	Non-native Child	49	750	50	849
	<b>Oct 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1,995</b>
<b>Sep 2016</b>	Native Child	573	533	48	1,154
	Non-native Child	56	767	47	870
	<b>Sep 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2,024</b>
<b>Aug 2016</b>	Native Child	580	550	45	1,175
	Non-native Child	52	752	47	851
	<b>Aug 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2,026</b>

## OCS Children Out of Home during July 2017

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,998
OOH children last day of the month	3,012
OOH children during month	3,098
OOH cases during month	1,722
Children removed during month	102
Children discharged during month	90

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	19
Child Aged Out	6
Custody Released to Relative	5
Guardianship	2
Reunification	49
Runaway - Custody Released	3
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	6

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	107
Institution	97
Non-Relative Home	929
Other	21
Pending Discharge	80
Pre-Adoptive	120
Relative Home	1,201
Runaway	32
Supervised Independent Living	6
Trial Home Visit	419

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,509
Female Child	1,503
Child Age 0-2	654
Child Age 3-5	609
Child Age 6-8	529
Child Age 9-11	450
Child Age 12-14	363
Child Age 15+	407
Native Child	1,780
Non-native Child	1,231
Child Race Unknown	1

## OCS Children Out of Home during June 2017

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,972
OOH children last day of the month	2,997
OOH children during month	3,077
OOH cases during month	1,719
Children removed during month	110
Children discharged during month	82

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	20
Child Aged Out	4
Custody Released to Relative	6
Death Of Child	1
Guardianship	2
Reunification	45
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	4

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	107
Institution	94
Non-Relative Home	949
Other	21
Pending Discharge	81
Pre-Adoptive	116
Relative Home	1,216
Runaway	31
Supervised Independent Living	5
Trial Home Visit	377

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,503
Female Child	1,494
Child Age 0-2	642
Child Age 3-5	622
Child Age 6-8	530
Child Age 9-11	447
Child Age 12-14	351
Child Age 15+	405
Native Child	1,750
Non-native Child	1,246
Child Race Unknown	1

## OCS Children Out of Home during May 2017

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	3,010
OOH children last day of the month	2,973
OOH children during month	3,097
OOH cases during month	1,737
Children removed during month	91
Children discharged during month	130

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	34
Child Aged Out	13
Custody Released to Relative	6
Death Of Child	1
Guardianship	3
Reunification	60
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	13

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	106
Institution	94
Non-Relative Home	957
Other	26
Pending Discharge	74
Pre-Adoptive	106
Relative Home	1,211
Runaway	33
Supervised Independent Living	3
Trial Home Visit	363

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,489
Female Child	1,484
Child Age 0-2	630
Child Age 3-5	631
Child Age 6-8	514
Child Age 9-11	447
Child Age 12-14	348
Child Age 15+	403
Native Child	1,733
Non-native Child	1,239
Child Race Unknown	1

## OCS Children Out of Home during April 2017

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,995
OOH children last day of the month	3,010
OOH children during month	3,127
OOH cases during month	1,737
Children removed during month	136
Children discharged during month	125

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	21
Child Aged Out	3
Custody Released to Relative	6
Guardianship	10
Reunification	68
Runaway - Custody Released	3
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	14

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	107
Institution	103
Non-Relative Home	1,013
Other	28
Pending Discharge	62
Pre-Adoptive	107
Relative Home	1,247
Runaway	23
Supervised Independent Living	7
Trial Home Visit	313

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,518
Female Child	1,492
Child Age 0-2	646
Child Age 3-5	627
Child Age 6-8	519
Child Age 9-11	459
Child Age 12-14	358
Child Age 15+	401
Native Child	1,745
Non-native Child	1,264
Child Race Unknown	1

## OCS Children Out of Home during March 2017

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,991
OOH children last day of the month	3,000
OOH children during month	3,112
OOH cases during month	1,730
Children removed during month	125
Children discharged during month	118

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	42
Child Aged Out	2
Custody Released to Relative	1
Guardianship	2
Reunification	58
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	13

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	101
Institution	102
Non-Relative Home	1,031
Other	13
Pending Discharge	73
Pre-Adoptive	100
Relative Home	1,253
Runaway	18
Supervised Independent Living	7
Trial Home Visit	302

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,519
Female Child	1,481
Child Age 0-2	641
Child Age 3-5	631
Child Age 6-8	531
Child Age 9-11	446
Child Age 12-14	362
Child Age 15+	389
Native Child	1,740
Non-native Child	1,259
Child Race Unknown	1

## OCS Children Out of Home during February 2017

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,970
OOH children last day of the month	2,983
OOH children during month	3,057
OOH cases during month	1,691
Children removed during month	91
Children discharged during month	78

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	13
Child Aged Out	4
Death Of Child	1
Guardianship	4
Reunification	53
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	3

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	91
Institution	99
Non-Relative Home	1,043
Other	15
Pending Discharge	89
Pre-Adoptive	94
Relative Home	1,217
Runaway	21
Supervised Independent Living	7
Trial Home Visit	307

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,514
Female Child	1,469
Child Age 0-2	636
Child Age 3-5	626
Child Age 6-8	540
Child Age 9-11	444
Child Age 12-14	353
Child Age 15+	384
Native Child	1,737
Non-native Child	1,243
Child Race Unknown	3



## OCS Children Out of Home during January 2017

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,968
OOH children last day of the month	2,971
OOH children during month	3,085
OOH cases during month	1,713
Children removed during month	122
Children discharged during month	125

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	27
Child Aged Out	3
Custody Released to Relative	8
Death Of Child	1
Guardianship	1
Reunification	74
Runaway - Custody Released	2
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	9

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	79
Institution	104
Non-Relative Home	1,037
Other	19
Pending Discharge	67
Pre-Adoptive	103
Relative Home	1,226
Runaway	19
Supervised Independent Living	5
Trial Home Visit	312

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,519
Female Child	1,452
Child Age 0-2	643
Child Age 3-5	614
Child Age 6-8	541
Child Age 9-11	443
Child Age 12-14	338
Child Age 15+	392
Native Child	1,738
Non-native Child	1,231
Child Race Unknown	2

## OCS Children Out of Home during December 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,997
OOH children last day of the month	2,967
OOH children during month	3,110
OOH cases during month	1,730
Children removed during month	116
Children discharged during month	143

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	66
Child Aged Out	2
Death Of Child	1
Guardianship	7
Reunification	64
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	3

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	67
Institution	104
Non-Relative Home	1,055
Other	17
Pending Discharge	57
Pre-Adoptive	102
Relative Home	1,215
Runaway	22
Supervised Independent Living	4
Trial Home Visit	324

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,510
Female Child	1,457
Child Age 0-2	643
Child Age 3-5	633
Child Age 6-8	531
Child Age 9-11	452
Child Age 12-14	319
Child Age 15+	389
Native Child	1,733
Non-native Child	1,232
Child Race Unknown	2

## OCS Children Out of Home during November 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,936
OOH children last day of the month	2,998
OOH children during month	3,091
OOH cases during month	1,713
Children removed during month	157
Children discharged during month	98

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	19
Custody Released to Relative	1
Death Of Child	1
Guardianship	3
Reunification	69
Runaway - Custody Released	1
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	4

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	65
Institution	121
Non-Relative Home	1,051
Other	15
Pending Discharge	98
Pre-Adoptive	87
Relative Home	1,214
Runaway	20
Supervised Independent Living	3
Trial Home Visit	324

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,520
Female Child	1,478
Child Age 0-2	658
Child Age 3-5	641
Child Age 6-8	544
Child Age 9-11	459
Child Age 12-14	314
Child Age 15+	382
Native Child	1,744
Non-native Child	1,252
Child Race Unknown	2

## OCS Children Out of Home during October 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,945
OOH children last day of the month	2,942
OOH children during month	3,038
OOH cases during month	1,695
Children removed during month	95
Children discharged during month	106

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	23
Child Aged Out	5
Custody Released to Relative	3
Death Of Child	1
Guardianship	4
Reunification	67
Runaway - Custody Released	2
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	1

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	59
Institution	116
Non-Relative Home	1,034
Other	20
Pending Discharge	63
Pre-Adoptive	95
Relative Home	1,182
Runaway	19
Supervised Independent Living	4
Trial Home Visit	350

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,488
Female Child	1,454
Child Age 0-2	645
Child Age 3-5	613
Child Age 6-8	537
Child Age 9-11	454
Child Age 12-14	313
Child Age 15+	380
Native Child	1,689
Non-native Child	1,251
Child Race Unknown	2

## OCS Children Out of Home during September 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,961
OOH children last day of the month	2,945
OOH children during month	3,070
OOH cases during month	1,703
Children removed during month	116
Children discharged during month	128

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	53
Child Aged Out	2
Custody Released to Relative	2
Guardianship	3
Reunification	62
Runaway - Custody Released	3
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	3

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	56
Institution	107
Non-Relative Home	1,059
Other	21
Pending Discharge	56
Pre-Adoptive	98
Relative Home	1,161
Runaway	21
Supervised Independent Living	6
Trial Home Visit	360

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,504
Female Child	1,441
Child Age 0-2	640
Child Age 3-5	608
Child Age 6-8	546
Child Age 9-11	453
Child Age 12-14	324
Child Age 15+	374
Native Child	1,682
Non-native Child	1,261
Child Race Unknown	2

## OCS Children Out of Home during August 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,948
OOH children last day of the month	2,960
OOH children during month	3,064
OOH cases during month	1,702
Children removed during month	124
Children discharged during month	117

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	40
Child Aged Out	4
Custody Released to Relative	1
Guardianship	5
Released Self/Emancipation	1
Reunification	56
Runaway - Custody Released	4
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	6

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	63
Institution	95
Non-Relative Home	1,041
Other	26
Pending Discharge	88
Pre-Adoptive	97
Relative Home	1,163
Runaway	14
Supervised Independent Living	2
Trial Home Visit	371

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,499
Female Child	1,461
Child Age 0-2	648
Child Age 3-5	633
Child Age 6-8	539
Child Age 9-11	448
Child Age 12-14	320
Child Age 15+	372
Native Child	1,691
Non-native Child	1,267
Child Race Unknown	2

## About the data in this report

This report summarizes statistics for children who were in Alaska's Office of Children's Services (OCS) Out of Home (OOH) removals during all or part of each period being reported.

Removal for OOH placement is the last option considered when reasonable efforts to protect a child in his or her own home have been exhausted by OCS. The first preference considered in all out-of-home placements for a child or youth is a relative's home. When it is not possible to place a child with a relative it is necessary to place the child in a licensed foster home. Residential care facilities may offer short-term emergency shelter as well as more long-term residential treatment.

"Unique count" indicates that each child (or case, for case counts) is counted only once per reported category. However, some out of home individuals may have moved between regions during the reporting period. Therefore, regional demographic counts may not add to statewide Alaska totals.

Children removed on the first day of reporting period are included in counts for OOH on the first day of the period. Children discharged on the last day of reporting period are included in counts and demographics for OOH on the last day of the period. Therefore, last day counts will not equal the sum of first day counts plus removals and minus discharges during the period.

Child age is calculated based on discharge date if the child was discharged during the reporting period, otherwise child age calculation is based on the end of the reporting period.

Native Status is determined by reported race of either Alaskan Native or Native American.

To protect the privacy of individuals in low-count groups, regional breakouts are not included for monthly reports and for some yearly summary tables.

Subsequent reports covering the same reporting periods will contain updated statistics.

## OCS Out of Home Web Report Field Definitions

**Adoption** – Transfer of the legal relation of parent to a person not related to the child by birth, with the same mutual rights and obligations that existed between the child and his or her birth parents.

**Case** - A household unit included in one or more Initial Assessment.

**Day** - For purposes of Foster Care a day is midnight to midnight. This report counts a child as Out of Home on the day of Removal but not on the day of Discharge. Therefore, children discharged on the first day of the reporting period will not be included in counts for the start of that reporting period.

**Discharge** - The point in time when a child is no longer in Out of Home Care.

**Guardianship** - A person outside of the child's household fulfills some of the responsibilities of a legal parent while the courts or birthparents may continue to hold other legal responsibilities for the child. Guardianship is subject to ongoing supervision by the court and ends by court order or when the child reaches the age of majority. Guardianship may be used as an alternative to Adoption in some kinship care situations in which a child's relative is assuming a parental role but prefers not to adopt. Guardians may be entitled to the same benefits as Foster or Adoptive parents.

**Native Child** - Any mention of Alaska Native or American Indian race.

**Office of Children's Services (OCS)** - A division of Alaska's Department of Health and Social Services.

**ORCA** - Online Resources for the Children of Alaska, OCS's main database.

**Out-of-Home Placement (OOH or OOHP) / Removal:** Placing the child in the physical care of someone other than the child's Caregiver. Removal may include situations in which the child is living in the same residence as the Caregiver, but the Caregiver's ability to exercise physical care and control of the child. Only includes children who remained out of home for at least one night.

**Placement** - The physical setting in which a child resides after Removal; that is, the resultant Foster Care setting. A new Placement setting results when the Foster Care setting changes, for example, when a child moves from one Foster family home to another or to a Group Home or Institution.

**Region, as used in this Out of Home report** - One of areas of five Alaska, based on the office of the primary OCS worker responsible for the Case at Discharge or, if not Discharged during the period, at the end of the reporting period.

**Removal** - The physical act of a child being taken from his or her normal place of residence, by court order or a voluntary placement agreement, and placed in a substitute care setting, or the removal of Custody from the parent or relative Guardian pursuant to a court order or voluntary placement agreement which permits the child to remain in a substitute care setting.

**Reporting Period** – Complete month or calendar year, as specified in the report. Owing to Unique Counts, data reported on a monthly basis will not necessarily sum to annual figures.

**Unique Count** – An unduplicated count within the Reporting Period; that is, each person, ID, or combination of person or ID with other factors is counted only once regardless of the number of times represented within the reported group during the reporting period. For example, a child out of home in two regions during a reporting period will be counted once for each region where region is being reported, but only once where count for all of Alaska is being reported. Therefore total of all regions may not equal statewide count.



### Discharge Reasons:

- **Adoption** - Termination of all legal relationships between the adopted person and the natural parents and other relatives of the adopted person, so that the adopted person thereafter is a stranger to the former relatives for all purposes; to create the relationship of parent and child between petitioner and the adopted person, as if the adopted person were a legitimate blood descendant of the petitioner, for all purposes.
- **Child Aged Out** – Child between 18-21 exited OCS custody based on their age. Child may enter an independent living arrangement. .
- **Custody Released to Relative** - Legal responsibility for care and maintenance of a child has been transferred to a relative of the child.
- **Death of Child** – The child has died, not necessarily as a result of maltreatment.
- **Guardianship** - A legal arrangement where a person or institution is appointed as a guardian to make decisions for an incapacitated person - decisions about housing, medical care, legal issues, and services.
- **Reunification** - Discharge from Out of Home Placement to reunite child and family.
- **THV Expired - Custody Retained** – A trial home visit exceeded six months or a time period ordered by a court. If a trial home visit exceeds this time limit, or if a child is placed at home and custody lapses and the child is placed in out-of-home care again, it is considered a second removal from home,
- **Transfer to another Agency** – Transfer of child Legal responsibility for care and maintenance of a child to a tribe or other non-OCS entity.
- **Transfer to DJJ** – Transfer of Legal responsibility for care and maintenance of a child to Alaska's Department of Juvenile Justice, an agency is in the same Department as OCS. DJJ has a different database of record, but OCS is responsible for paying Foster Care for these children.
- **Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction** - Legal responsibility for care and maintenance of a child was transferred to a Native tribe.

### Placement Settings:

- **Foster Home** - An OCS approved home in which an adult head of the household provides 24-hour care on a continuing basis to one or more children who are apart from their principal Caregiver. The adult may be a Relative or Non-Relative. Non-relative Foster Homes must be licensed by OCS.
- **Group Home** - A home that cares for more than three, but no more than eight, children unrelated to the Foster parent.
- **Institution** - A child care facility operated by a public or private agency and providing 24-hour care and/or treatment for children who require separation from their own homes and group living experience. These facilities may include: child care institutions, residential treatment facilities, maternity homes, nursing homes, hospitals, etc.
- **Missing Documentation** – A placement was ended but insufficient information was entered into ORCA to determine subsequent placement setting.
- **Pending Discharge** - Foster Care placement has ended for reasons such as Adoption, Guardianship, Aging-Out, Emancipation, Death of Child, or other reason to release State legal responsibility for care and maintenance of a child, but Discharge paperwork had not been completed at the end of the Reporting Period.
- **Pre-Adoptive** - A home in which a child is placed with a family with the understanding that the family plans to adopt the child.
- **Runaway** – A child who left the Provider he/she was placed with, whose whereabouts are either currently unknown or who is staying in an unapproved setting, and for whom the State retains legal responsibility for care and maintenance of a child.
- **Supervised Independent Living** – A type of voluntary extended Foster Care placement where young adults can live on their own, while still getting casework and support services to help them become independent and self-sufficient.
- **Trial Home Visit (THV)** – The child has been in a Foster Care placement, but, under continuing OCS supervision, is returned to the child's principal Caregiver for a limited period of time. If the THV is successful legal responsibility for care and maintenance of a child may be returned to the principal Caregiver.