

# Office of Children's Services Children Out of Home

Data extracted Friday December 16, 2016 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	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016
Anchorage	1,244	1,240	1,244	1,252	1,242	1,235	1,248	1,257	1,286	1,256	1,237	1,250
Northern	484	507	508	515	532	541	530	533	542	548	545	533
Southcentral	752	778	775	786	795	824	836	844	842	869	875	908
Southeast	204	199	197	197	194	194	194	193	194	196	188	187
Western	186	166	187	188	184	189	200	198	198	202	199	223
Alaska, unique count (includes children in Trial Home Visits)	2,870	2,890	2,911	2,938	2,947	2,983	3,008	3,025	3,062	3,071	3,044	3,101
Count in Trial Home Visits during period*	405	392	369	384	398	386	370	401	417	408	398	368
Percent in Trial Home Visits during period*	14.1 %	13.6 %	12.7 %	13.1 %	13.5 %	12.9 %	12.3 %	13.3 %	13.6 %	13.3 %	13.1 %	11.9 %
Removals during the period	101	122	89	130	103	141	127	107	124	114	90	153
Discharges * during the period	101	70	104	93	102	102	92	82	112	121	93	83

\* 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	Dec 2015	Jan 2016	Feb 2016	Mar 2016	Apr 2016	May 2016	Jun 2016	Jul 2016	Aug 2016	Sep 2016	Oct 2016	Nov 2016
Anchorage	706	709	708	717	717	714	716	714	727	719	709	723
Northern	270	275	278	282	283	289	281	281	284	283	285	280
Southcentral	449	447	450	455	460	478	478	478	482	490	495	502
Southeast	131	126	126	131	128	126	125	124	122	127	122	122
Western	89	84	90	88	83	84	86	85	84	84	84	91
Alaska, unique count	1,645	1,641	1,652	1,673	1,671	1,691	1,686	1,681	1,699	1,703	1,695	1,717

**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
Nov 2016	Native Child	718	623	72	1,408
	Non-native Child	56	882	80	1,018
	<b>Nov 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>1,505</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>2,426</b>
Oct 2016	Native Child	677	582	62	1,321
	Non-native Child	58	857	71	986
	<b>Oct 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>1,439</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>2,307</b>
Sep 2016	Native Child	661	582	61	1,304
	Non-native Child	63	867	66	996
	<b>Sep 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>2,300</b>
Aug 2016	Native Child	650	587	57	1,294
	Non-native Child	60	844	66	970
	<b>Aug 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>1,431</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>2,264</b>
Jul 2016	Native Child	647	568	46	1,261
	Non-native Child	59	817	67	943
	<b>Jul 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>2,204</b>
Jun 2016	Native Child	645	551	45	1,241
	Non-native Child	60	794	58	912
	Child Race Unknown	0	3	0	3
	<b>Jun 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2,156</b>
May 2016	Native Child	618	557	46	1,221
	Non-native Child	64	775	54	893
	Child Race Unknown	0	2	0	2
	<b>May 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>1,334</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,116</b>
Apr 2016	Native Child	583	542	52	1,177
	Non-native Child	55	761	53	869
	Child Race Unknown	2	2	0	4
	<b>Apr 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>2,050</b>
Mar 2016	Native Child	585	536	52	1,173
	Non-native Child	57	759	40	856
	Child Race Unknown	2	5	0	7
	<b>Mar 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>2,036</b>
Feb 2016	Native Child	572	535	46	1,153
	Non-native Child	54	749	38	841
	Child Race Unknown	2	3	0	5
	<b>Feb 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1,999</b>
Jan 2016	Native Child	553	518	38	1,109
	Non-native Child	58	735	38	831
	Child Race Unknown	2	3	0	5
	<b>Jan 2016 Provider Total:</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1,945</b>
Dec 2015	Native Child	534	508	38	1,080
	Non-native Child	55	741	40	836
	Child Race Unknown	3	4	0	7
	<b>Dec 2015 Provider Total:</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>1,253</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1,923</b>

## OCS Children Out of Home during November 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,955
OOH children last day of the month	3,027
OOH children during month	3,101
OOH cases during month	1,717
Children removed during month	153
Children discharged during month	83

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	18
Custody Released to Relative	1
Guardianship	3
Reunification	57
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	4

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	68
Institution	116
Non-Relative Home	1,063
Other	29
Pending Discharge	97
Pre-Adoptive	73
Relative Home	1,232
Runaway	17
Supervised Independent Living	3
Trial Home Visit	329

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,544
Female Child	1,483
Child Age 0-2	657
Child Age 3-5	646
Child Age 6-8	550
Child Age 9-11	464
Child Age 12-14	321
Child Age 15+	389
Native Child	1,749
Non-native Child	1,277
Child Race Unknown	1

## OCS Children Out of Home during October 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,956
OOH children last day of the month	2,960
OOH children during month	3,044
OOH cases during month	1,695
Children removed during month	90
Children discharged during month	93

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	23
Child Aged Out	5
Guardianship	1
Reunification	61
Runaway - Custody Released	2
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	1

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	62
Institution	116
Non-Relative Home	1,033
Other	21
Pending Discharge	72
Pre-Adoptive	80
Relative Home	1,201
Runaway	17
Supervised Independent Living	4
Trial Home Visit	354

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,503
Female Child	1,457
Child Age 0-2	648
Child Age 3-5	612
Child Age 6-8	543
Child Age 9-11	456
Child Age 12-14	317
Child Age 15+	384
Native Child	1,694
Non-native Child	1,265
Child Race Unknown	1

## OCS Children Out of Home during September 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,964
OOH children last day of the month	2,953
OOH children during month	3,071
OOH cases during month	1,703
Children removed during month	114
Children discharged during month	121

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	53
Child Aged Out	2
Custody Released to Relative	2
Guardianship	3
Reunification	55
Runaway - Custody Released	3
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	3

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	60
Institution	107
Non-Relative Home	1,054
Other	21
Pending Discharge	59
Pre-Adoptive	84
Relative Home	1,178
Runaway	20
Supervised Independent Living	6
Trial Home Visit	364

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,510
Female Child	1,443
Child Age 0-2	643
Child Age 3-5	606
Child Age 6-8	548
Child Age 9-11	455
Child Age 12-14	326
Child Age 15+	375
Native Child	1,682
Non-native Child	1,271

## OCS Children Out of Home during August 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,946
OOH children last day of the month	2,961
OOH children during month	3,062
OOH cases during month	1,699
Children removed during month	124
Children discharged during month	112

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	39
Child Aged Out	4
Custody Released to Relative	1
Guardianship	5
Released Self/Emancipation	1
Reunification	52
Runaway - Custody Released	4
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	6

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	67
Institution	95
Non-Relative Home	1,041
Other	22
Pending Discharge	90
Pre-Adoptive	87
Relative Home	1,171
Runaway	13
Supervised Independent Living	2
Trial Home Visit	373

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,500
Female Child	1,461
Child Age 0-2	651
Child Age 3-5	630
Child Age 6-8	540
Child Age 9-11	448
Child Age 12-14	319
Child Age 15+	373
Native Child	1,687
Non-native Child	1,274

## OCS Children Out of Home during July 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,925
OOH children last day of the month	2,943
OOH children during month	3,025
OOH cases during month	1,681
Children removed during month	107
Children discharged during month	82

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	26
Child Aged Out	2
Custody Released to Relative	4
Guardianship	1
Reunification	46
Runaway - Custody Released	1
Transfer to DJJ	1
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	1

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	71
Independent Living	1
Institution	90
Non-Relative Home	1,040
Other	35
Pending Discharge	83
Pre-Adoptive	86
Relative Home	1,153
Runaway	21
Supervised Independent Living	1
Trial Home Visit	362

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,489
Female Child	1,454
Child Age 0-2	639
Child Age 3-5	629
Child Age 6-8	527
Child Age 9-11	446
Child Age 12-14	324
Child Age 15+	378
Native Child	1,667
Non-native Child	1,276

## OCS Children Out of Home during June 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,886
OOH children last day of the month	2,918
OOH children during month	3,008
OOH cases during month	1,686
Children removed during month	127
Children discharged during month	92

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	27
Child Aged Out	4
Custody Released to Relative	1
Death Of Child	1
Reunification	53
Runaway - Custody Released	1
Transfer to DJJ	1
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	4

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	71
Institution	87
Non-Relative Home	1,067
Other	30
Pending Discharge	61
Pre-Adoptive	91
Relative Home	1,169
Runaway	17
Supervised Independent Living	1
Trial Home Visit	324

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,482
Female Child	1,436
Child Age 0-2	628
Child Age 3-5	627
Child Age 6-8	529
Child Age 9-11	436
Child Age 12-14	319
Child Age 15+	379
Native Child	1,664
Non-native Child	1,253
Child Race Unknown	1

## OCS Children Out of Home during May 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,846
OOH children last day of the month	2,888
OOH children during month	2,983
OOH cases during month	1,691
Children removed during month	141
Children discharged during month	102

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	19
Child Aged Out	5
Guardianship	3
Reunification	61
Runaway - Custody Released	4
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	10

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	79
Institution	99
Non-Relative Home	1,058
Other	20
Pending Discharge	47
Pre-Adoptive	82
Relative Home	1,148
Runaway	18
Supervised Independent Living	2
Trial Home Visit	335

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,469
Female Child	1,419
Child Age 0-2	630
Child Age 3-5	619
Child Age 6-8	517
Child Age 9-11	418
Child Age 12-14	319
Child Age 15+	385
Native Child	1,646
Non-native Child	1,235
Child Race Unknown	7

## OCS Children Out of Home during April 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,844
OOH children last day of the month	2,846
OOH children during month	2,947
OOH cases during month	1,671
Children removed during month	103
Children discharged during month	102

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	20
Child Aged Out	5
Custody Released to Relative	4
Guardianship	1
Reunification	67
Runaway - Custody Released	1
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	4

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	83
Institution	87
Non-Relative Home	1,067
Other	16
Pending Discharge	45
Pre-Adoptive	79
Relative Home	1,115
Runaway	19
Supervised Independent Living	1
Trial Home Visit	334

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,451
Female Child	1,395
Child Age 0-2	622
Child Age 3-5	598
Child Age 6-8	519
Child Age 9-11	410
Child Age 12-14	314
Child Age 15+	383
Native Child	1,610
Non-native Child	1,228
Child Race Unknown	8

## OCS Children Out of Home during March 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,814
OOH children last day of the month	2,851
OOH children during month	2,938
OOH cases during month	1,673
Children removed during month	130
Children discharged during month	93

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	27
Child Aged Out	3
Custody Released to Relative	5
Guardianship	5
Released Self/Emancipation	1
Reunification	49
Transfer To Another Agency	1
Transfer to DJJ	1
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	1

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	78
Institution	92
Non-Relative Home	1,071
Other	37
Pending Discharge	50
Pre-Adoptive	70
Relative Home	1,094
Runaway	14
Supervised Independent Living	2
Trial Home Visit	343

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,453
Female Child	1,398
Child Age 0-2	630
Child Age 3-5	602
Child Age 6-8	529
Child Age 9-11	406
Child Age 12-14	302
Child Age 15+	382
Native Child	1,606
Non-native Child	1,230
Child Race Unknown	15

## OCS Children Out of Home during February 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,827
OOH children last day of the month	2,813
OOH children during month	2,911
OOH cases during month	1,652
Children removed during month	89
Children discharged during month	104

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	22
Child Aged Out	2
Custody Released to Relative	2
Guardianship	3
Reunification	69
Runaway - Custody Released	3
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	3

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	85
Institution	97
Non-Relative Home	1,077
Other	22
Pending Discharge	53
Pre-Adoptive	64
Relative Home	1,089
Runaway	15
Supervised Independent Living	1
Trial Home Visit	310

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,441
Female Child	1,372
Child Age 0-2	618
Child Age 3-5	594
Child Age 6-8	523
Child Age 9-11	406
Child Age 12-14	302
Child Age 15+	370
Native Child	1,574
Non-native Child	1,222
Child Race Unknown	17

## OCS Children Out of Home during January 2016

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,772
OOH children last day of the month	2,821
OOH children during month	2,890
OOH cases during month	1,641
Children removed during month	122
Children discharged during month	70

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	5
Child Aged Out	2
Guardianship	5
Reunification	56
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	2

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	81
Institution	97
Non-Relative Home	1,082
Other	32
Pending Discharge	51
Pre-Adoptive	65
Relative Home	1,063
Runaway	16
Supervised Independent Living	1
Trial Home Visit	333

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,443
Female Child	1,378
Child Age 0-2	627
Child Age 3-5	600
Child Age 6-8	525
Child Age 9-11	386
Child Age 12-14	311
Child Age 15+	372
Native Child	1,571
Non-native Child	1,232
Child Race Unknown	18

## OCS Children Out of Home during December 2015

Unique OOH Counts for the Month	
OOH children first day of the month	2,781
OOH children last day of the month	2,773
OOH children during month	2,870
OOH cases during month	1,645
Children removed during month	101
Children discharged during month	101

Reason for Discharges during the Month	
Adoption	32
Child Aged Out	5
Custody Released to Relative	6
Guardianship	4
Reunification	43
Runaway - Custody Released	2
Tribe Assumed Jurisdiction	9

OOH Placement Setting on Last Day of the Month	
Group Home	80
Institution	90
Non-Relative Home	1,077
Other	19
Pending Discharge	33
Pre-Adoptive	66
Relative Home	1,032
Runaway	13
Supervised Independent Living	1
Trial Home Visit	362

OOH Demographics for Last Day of the Month	
Male Child	1,407
Female Child	1,366
Child Age 0-2	636
Child Age 3-5	590
Child Age 6-8	501
Child Age 9-11	381
Child Age 12-14	307
Child Age 15+	358
Native Child	1,523
Non-native Child	1,229
Child Race Unknown	21

## 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

**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.