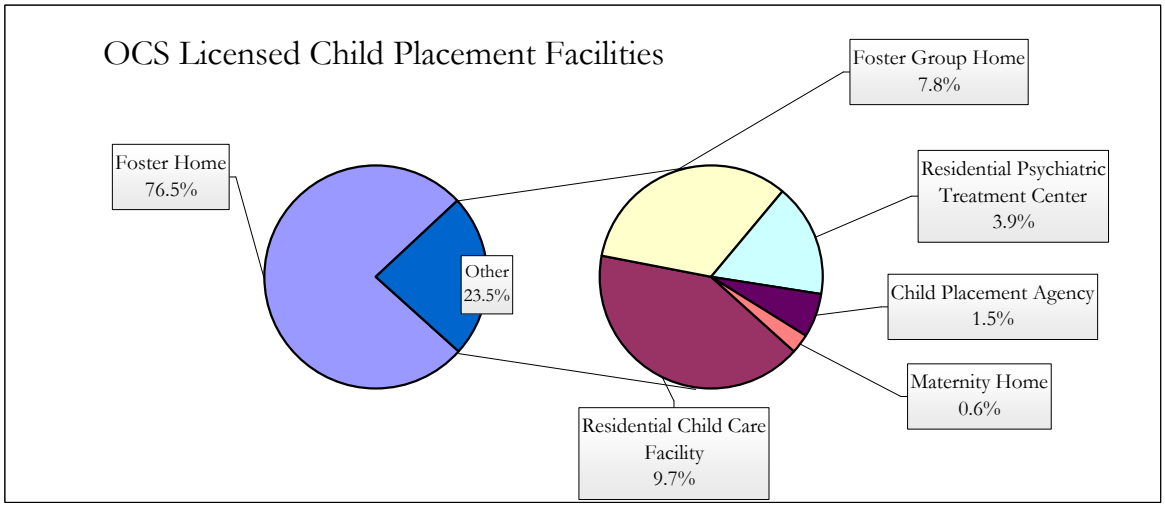
State of Alaska - Office of Children's Services



OCS Licensed Facilities, by facility type, for the month of November, 2006

Facility Type	Count	Percent
Child Placement Agency	7	*1.5%*
Foster Group Home	36	*7.8%*
Foster Home	355	*76.5%*
Maternity Home	3	*0.6%*
Residential Child Care Facility	45	*9.7%*
Residential Psychiatric Treatment Center	18	*3.9%*
Total	***464***	***100.0%***

The licensing of community care facilities helps prevent risks to the health, safety and well-being of children in out-of-home care. The licensing and monitoring process also provides support and quality control services to care providers. In some communities, OCS delegates licensing authority to a municipality or enters into an agreement with a local agency that inspects and evaluates community care facilities. The facility types are:

Foster Home: A home where the adult head of the household provides 24-hour care on a continuing basis to one or more children who are apart from their parents.

Foster Group Home: A home that cares for more than three, but no more than eight, children unrelated to the foster parent.

Residential Facility: A facility staffed by employees, where one or more children, who are apart from their parents, receive 24-hour care on a continuing basis. Includes residential childcare facilities and residential psychiatrictreatment centers.

Placement Agency: A person or organization that arranges for the placement of a child in a residential child care facility, foster home, or an adoptive home.

Maternity Home: A facility that provides care to pregnant individuals or provides care to mothers and their newborn infants.

The Division of Juvenile Justice may place delinquent youth in foster and group homes or residential facilities that have been licensed by the Office of Children's Services.

Data Source: ORCA. Program used to tabulate statistics: monthlyreport.sas.