

*Child and Family Services Division
FTE Distribution - Central Office & Regional Offices
FY 2011*

Total HB 2 FTE = 380.45



<input type="checkbox"/> Central Office Staff 12.05%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Centralized Intake Staff 4.73%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Office Staff 83.22%	

SUMMARY OF MAJOR FUNCTIONS

The Child and Family Services Division provides services to children and families for the public purpose of improving safety, permanency, and well-being outcomes for the children and families served. To achieve improved outcomes, the **Child Protective Services Continuum** is comprised of three major functions: Intake/Investigation; Out-of-Home Placement; and Permanency.

1. PROVISION OF INTAKE/INVESTIGATORY SERVICES:

Citizens of Montana who suspect a child is being abused, neglected, or abandoned may call Centralized Intake Specialists who provide statewide coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Mandatory reporters (those required by Montana statute to report) and discretionary reporters provide information to Centralized Intake Specialists describing the suspected child maltreatment. Centralized Intake Specialists assess the information provided to determine the appropriate level of response to the report and refer the report to the appropriate CFSD office for necessary action.

If the report requires an investigation, CFSD staff (located throughout Montana) conduct an investigation to determine the child's safety and whether child abuse/neglect occurred according to Montana statute. If the report does not require an investigation, CFSD field staff may provide a referral for services to community providers.

In SFY 2010, Montana citizens called Centralized Intake **25,374 times**; **13,882 of the calls were entered** into the CFSD automated system. Of the 13,882 calls entered into the automated system, **8,083 required investigation** and **3,882 contained additional information** on open reports being investigated. The remainder of the calls entered into the system were either requests for services referrals or information only.

Centralized Intake

FY 2010

Total All Calls Received	25,374
---------------------------------	---------------

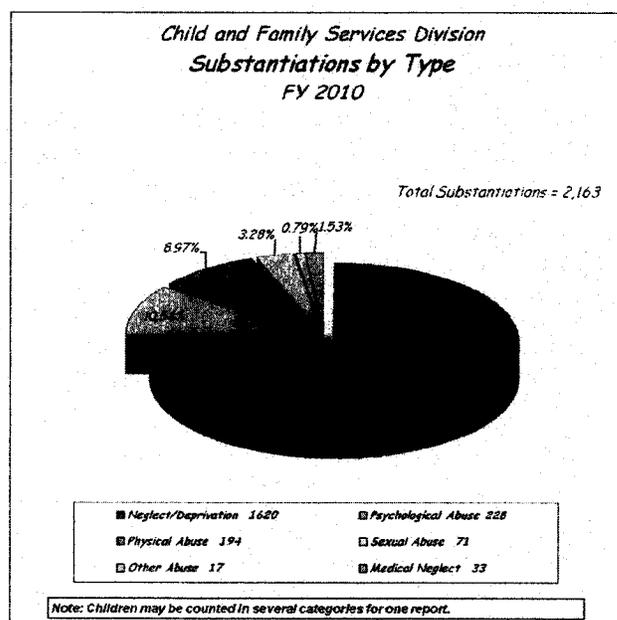
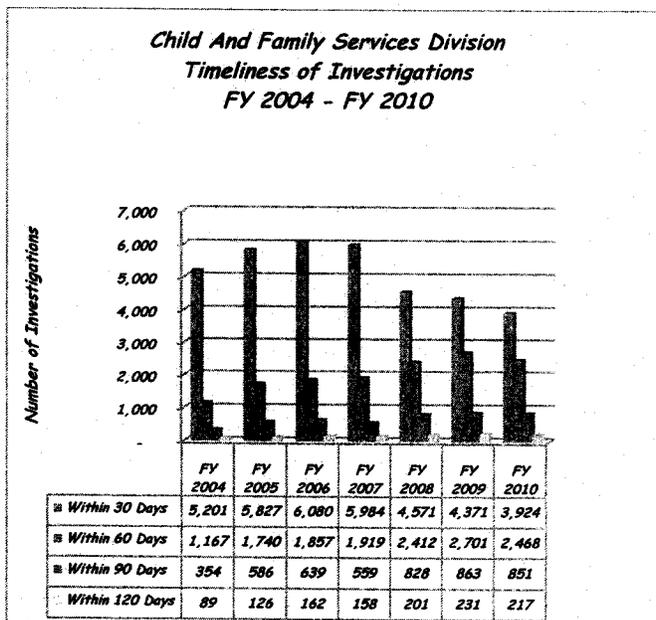
Total Reports Entered	13,882
------------------------------	---------------

Total Investigations	8,083
-----------------------------	--------------

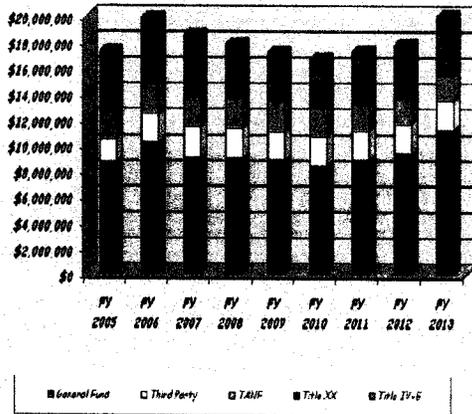
Total Placements	1,061
-------------------------	--------------

11,240 Children involved in Investigations
3,882 Reports containing additional information added to open investigations

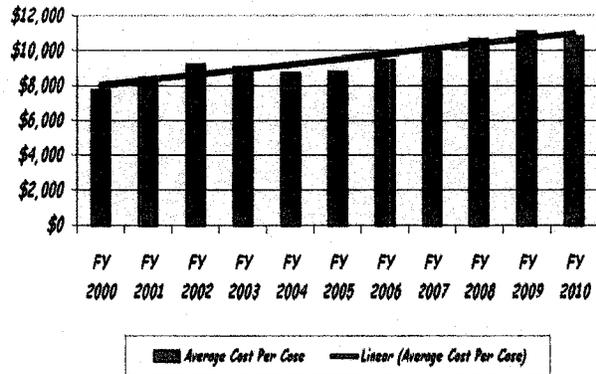
Children and families receive direct child protective services border-to-border from CFSD staff located in five Regional Offices and 39 county offices. CFSD field staff investigates the reports of suspected child abuse, neglect, and abandonment referred by the Centralized Intake Specialists. The investigation must determine whether the child may be safely maintained in his/her home and whether the suspected child maltreatment actually occurred. During SFY 2010, CFSD Child Protection Specialists **completed 7,577 investigations**. Child neglect constitutes the most prevalent type of child maltreatment substantiated in Montana.



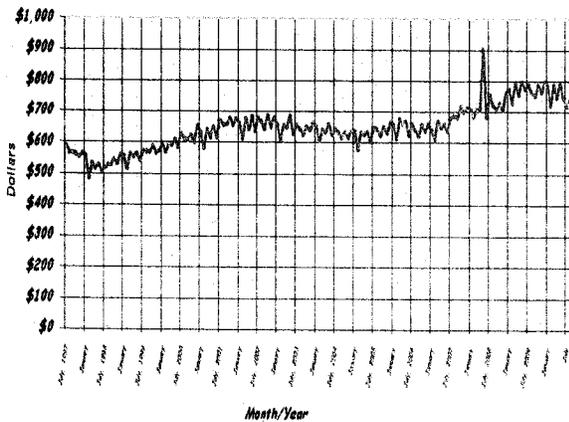
Child and Family Services Division
Foster Care Expenditures FY 2005 - FY 2013



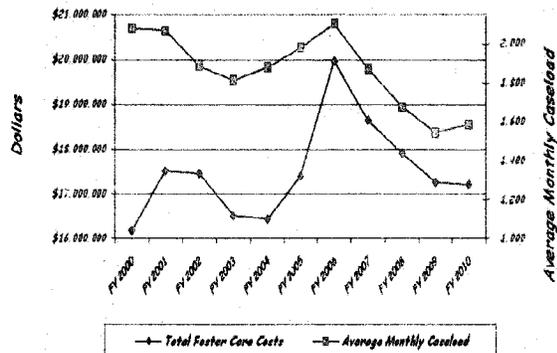
Child and Family Services Division
Foster Care - Average Cost Per Case
FY 2000 - FY 2010



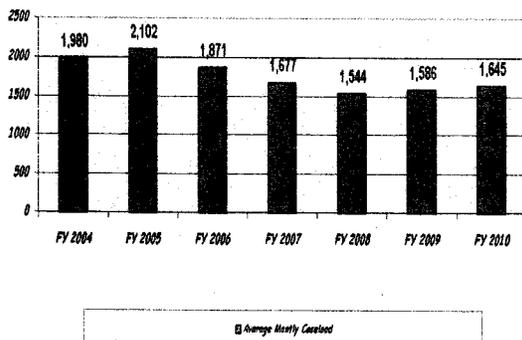
Child and Family Services Division
Monthly Cost Per Recipient - All Foster Care Placements
FY 1998 Through FY 2011 (As of 8/31/2010)



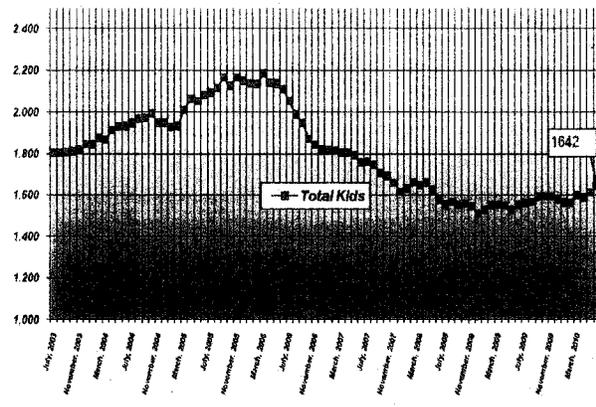
Child and Family Services Division
Foster Care Costs and Average Caseload
FY 2000 - FY 2010



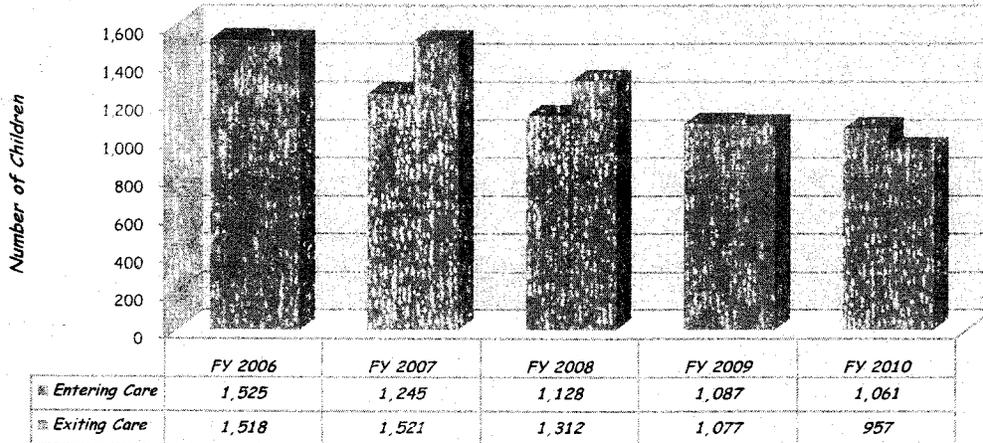
Child and Family Services Division
Foster Care - Average Monthly Caseload
FY 2004 - FY 2010



Total Kids In Care
July, 2003 to June, 2010

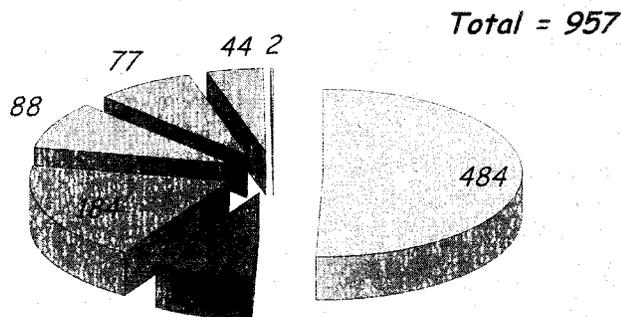


**Child and Family Services Division
Children Entering & Exiting Care
FY 2006 Through FY 2010**



3. PERMANENCY

**Child and Family Services Division
Children Exiting the System
FY 2010**



- Returned Home 50.57%
- Adopted 19.23%
- Aged Out 8.05%
- Emancipated 0.21%
- Placed With Other Relative 8.15%
- Placed With Other Parent 9.2%
- Placed With Guardian 4.6%

Upon a child's placement in out-of-home care, the Child Protection Specialist must identify a permanency goal for the child. The most optimum permanency goal for a child is reunification with the parent from whom the child was removed. If the child cannot be reunited with that parent, the second most optimum goal is placement with the non-custodial parent. Of the **957 children who achieved permanency** in SFY 2010, almost **70% of the children remained with relatives** with 50.52% returning home, 9.2% placed with their noncustodial parent, and 8.1% placed with kin.

Adoption represents the next most optimum permanency goal. Of the children achieving permanency in SFY 2010, **19.3%** were placed with an adoptive family. Children who are available for adoption were removed from their birth families because of abuse, neglect or abandonment and cannot be safely reunited with their birth parents. The legal rights of their parents have been terminated so the children