DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES
Director's Report
DJJS/DFS Policy and Fiscal Affairs Board
August 1, 2013

The Department of Family Services (DFS) presents the following updates related to personnel and budgetary statuses, as well as activities related to current initiatives and programmatic activities:

Personnel/Budget:

- Budget projections show that DFS is running right at budget. The State legislature approved the continuation of the State block grant and also added funding to support increased adoption subsidy award expenses.

- DFS is currently recruiting to fill grant-funded positions attached to the Federal Adoption Incentive award as well as the general case management, Family Services Specialist (FSS), position. We anticipate 15 vacant front-line staff positions will be filled on August 12. This group of new hires will fill all remaining front-line vacancies. The FSS recruitment will be used to fill future vacancies. Training for new hires begins on August 19.

Major Program Efforts:

- **Federal Grant Application:** In partnership with the Department of Social Service, the SNRPC Regional Initiative Office, and 10 other major community partners, DFS applied for an Administration for Children and Families (ACF) planning grant aimed at reducing homelessness for at-risk youth, including current and former foster youth. The grant was successfully submitted on July 22. We were able to secure numerous letters of support for the grant, including letters from Senator Reid and Representative Horsford. If awarded, the grant would afford DFS and partners $1.3 million over a 2 year period to build a comprehensive plan for programming to meet the needs of these youth. At the end of the planning period, and if approved by ACF, the department would then be eligible for $5 million over a 5 year period to implement the plan and to fund necessary changes. Our application was well-rounded and included many critical community partners. We are hopeful we will be competitive in the selection and award process.

- **Building Connections Child Welfare Summit:** On August 7, 8, and 9 we will be hosting child welfare summit meetings for our many community partners. We currently have approximately 150 people registered to attend. The focus at each meeting will be to help educate our partners about the department's two major initiatives (the Safety Intervention and Permanency System and the Quality Parenting Initiative) and to solicit their feedback and on-going participation. Holding these summits allows DFS to meet a critical funding requirement of the State block grant award and Federal expectations in community collaboration as outlined in the Performance Improvement Plan.

- **Legislative Change Coordination and Implementation:** In partnership with the State and Washoe County, DFS has developed implementation plans for operational changes required to come into compliance with legislative and statute changes. The biggest changes will occur as a result of AB348 or changes made to the foster home/agency licensing statues. DFS will be scheduling meetings with providers at the end of August to discuss those changes.

The DFS Statistical Overview for June, 2013 is attached.

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DFS Statistical Overview Report for June 2013

All information in this report is from the DFS case management system as of Jul 14, 2013, unless otherwise noted.
Note: Data is dynamic and changes regularly. Different run dates will result in different totals.

Child Protective Services^

	June 2013 Total	2013 YTD Total	Monthly Average
Hotline Calls Answered - Community Line*	1,668	12,051	2,009
Hotline Calls Answered - Emergency Line*	1,034	6,409	1,068
Abuse and Neglect Referrals Received**	1,061	8,096	1,349
Differential Response Investigations	22	322	54
CPS Investigations	591	4,486	748
Substantiated CPS Investigations	95	1,211	202

^ The data above represents multiple children and families. Also, some children and families have multiple referrals or investigations during the year.

* Non-case management system data. Not all calls warrant the creation of a referral, differential response or an investigation.

** DFS receives information of child abuse and neglect by various methods: phone, fax, in-person, police reports, email and mail.

Receiving Team, Emergency Reception Center and Visitation Center^

	June 2013 Total	2013 YTD Total	Monthly Average
Emergency Reception Center Child Count	250	1,882	314
Receiving Team Child Count	328	2,294	382
Released to Parent, Relative, or Fictive Kin	63	565	94
Released to Foster Parent	121	871	145
Released to Other	2	21	4
Scheduled Visitation Center Visits	2,274	13,360	2,227
Visitors to Visitation Center	6,641	38,875	6,479

Child Haven Population in June 2013
Average Daily Population: 20.7
Average Length of Stay (Days): 11.1

^ All data items in this table, except for Child Haven Population averages, are from non-case management system sources.

Adoptions

	June 2013 Total	2013 YTD Total	Monthly Average
Finalized Adoptions	101	214	36
Children for whom DFS is actively seeking Adoptive Homes*	95	---	85

* Non-case management system data. YTD Total is not available at this time.

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Licensed Homes

	Jun 30, 2013 Total
Regular Foster Homes	642
Relative Foster Homes	353
Treatment Foster Homes	267
Treatment Group Homes	10

Placements

	Jun 30, 2013 Total
Children in Parental Care	975
Children in Relative Care♦	1,489
Children in Foster Care*	1,159
Children in HLOC**	389
Children in Clark Voluntary Jurisdiction	176
Children in Other Placement Types^	105

♦Unpaid and paid relative homes.
* In addition to regular foster care, this category includes Child Haven, shelter emergency homes, ICPC, non-relative and pre-adoptive homes.
** HLOC is Higher Level of Care. Examples include, mental health residential programs, psychological hospitals and treatment homes.
^ Other Placements Types include: runaway, absconder, detention, youth parole, nursing home, medical hospital and independent living.

Demographics of Children in Placement on Jun 30, 2013

Gender	Percent	Race	Percent	Ethnicity	Percent
Male	50.08%	African American	31.39%	Hispanic	26.28%
Female	49.92%	Asian	1.49%	Non-Hispanic	64.82%
Unknown	0.00%	Caucasian	56.58%	Unknown	8.90%
		Multi-Racial	8.67%		
		Native American	0.58%		
		Native Hawaiian	0.93%		
		Unknown	0.35%		

Contact the Quality Assurance and Improvement Data Analysis Team at DFSHelpDesk@ClarkCountyNV.gov.