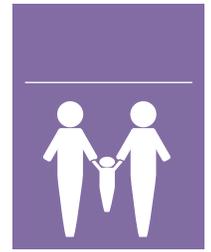# ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES Gladys Carrión, Commissioner

WHAT WE DO

The Administration for Children's Services (ACS) is responsible for protecting the safety and promoting the well-being of New York City's children and strengthening their families by providing child welfare, juvenile justice, child care and early education services. In child welfare, ACS contracts with private nonprofit organizations to support and stabilize families at risk of a crisis through preventive services and with foster care agencies for children not able to safely remain at home. Each year, the agency's Division of Child Protection conducts more than 50,000 investigations of suspected child abuse or neglect. In youth and family justice, ACS manages and funds services including detention and placement, intensive community-based alternatives for youth and support services for families. In the Division of Early Care and Education, ACS coordinates and funds programs and vouchers for close to 100,000 children eligible for subsidized care. Across all of its programs, ACS promotes child well-being, family stability and quality integrated services.

FOCUS ON EQUITY

The Administration for Children's Services is responsible for serving children and families of every race and ethnicity in New York City. ACS aims to secure safe and nurturing family environments and strong communities for all of New York City's children as it strives over the long term to counter the disproportionately damaging impact of poverty and chronic stress on the City's children of color. ACS is deeply committed to an equitable and fair approach to providing child care, early education and family supports and to ensuring that interventions—including child protection, family court services, foster care and juvenile detention—are performed in a manner that is respectful of the racial, cultural and economic character of each family involved. Through the agency's early education programs, community-building and family support services, ACS is helping families create a stable foundation of opportunity on which children will thrive throughout their lives.

OUR SERVICES AND GOALS

SERVICE 1 **Protect children from child abuse.**

Goal 1a Respond quickly to every allegation of abuse and neglect and perform thorough assessments of safety and risk.

Goal 1b Reduce the risk of child maltreatment occurring in at-risk families through the provision of high-quality preventive services.

Goal 1c Provide safe and stable foster care placements for children who cannot remain safely at home.

Goal 1d Encourage and support family-based foster care.

Goal 1e Reduce time to reunification and/or adoption and maintain strong family connections for children.

SERVICE 2 **Ensure access to quality early child care and education services in all communities.**

Goal 2a Ensure access to quality early child care services in communities of need and achieve maximum capacity enrollment at all participating centers.

SERVICE 3 **Provide custody and care of youth in secure and safe detention and placement facilities while providing casework services.**

Goal 3a Assure that detention facilities are safe and secure.

Goal 3b Provide youth in detention and placement with appropriate health and mental health services.

Goal 3c Provide services to prevent youth from returning to the juvenile justice system.

HOW WE PERFORMED

- Investigations of child abuse and/or neglect continued the downward trend that began in Fiscal 2015. During the first four months of Fiscal 2016 the number of investigations declined by three percent to 15,778 from 16,300 and the percent of children with repeat substantiated investigations declined from 15.8 to 14.5 percent, but still exceeded the target of 14 percent. To support additional and sustainable decreases, ACS continues to prioritize the professional development of front line staff in order to improve their investigational assessments and decision-making. In addition, ACS is developing data-driven tools to assist in the identification of families most likely to be involved in repeat investigations. These families will be provided with targeted services to reduce risks and promote child safety and well-being.

- As of October 2015, the average child protective specialist caseload decreased by 8.6 percent, compared to Fiscal 2015, from 9.3 to 8.5 cases per child protective specialist. The hiring of additional child protective specialists in Fiscal 2015 in order to promote improved casework and better supervision contributed to this decrease. The reduction in the number of abuse/neglect investigations during this period is also a factor.

- ACS provides a wide range of voluntary preventive family support services, many that are evidence based, through contract providers. During the first four months of Fiscal 2016 the number of families entering preventive services declined by 8 percent, from 3,955 to 3,638 compared to the same period in Fiscal 2015. The number of families entering specialized teen services declined by 4.9 percent, from 513 to 488. The recent reduction is in line with the declining number of substantiated investigations of child maltreatment during this same period, but is seasonal and likely to be temporary. To increase enrollment in preventive services, child protection caseworkers are offering these services to more at-risk families even when allegations of abuse and/or neglect investigations are unsubstantiated. ACS is developing strategies to increase referrals to voluntary family support services from the community, including from clinics, schools and other social services.

- The number of children entering foster care and the total number of children in foster care both declined, continuing a six-year trend. Compared to the same period in Fiscal 2015, during the first four months of Fiscal 2016 the number of children entering foster care fell by 8.8 percent from 1,379 during to 1,257; and the number of children in foster care declined by 6.7 percent, from 11,156 to 10,408. In addition, the number of total days all children spent in foster care declined 4.7 percent, from 1,616,786 to 1,540,852 during the first four months of Fiscal 2016.

- During the first four months of Fiscal 2016, the percentage of children placed in foster care within their community increased by 3.2 percentage points from 33.3 percent to 36.5 percent. For children placed in foster care, the number of moves from one foster home or facility to another per 1,000 care days declined from 1.6 to 1.5 moves per 1,000 care days. This improvement can be attributed to ACS' accountability and monitoring system and a focus among foster care providers on placement stability as part of a larger effort to support child and family well-being.

- One of ACS' core goals is to provide children who cannot remain safely at home with a safe and stable foster care environment. One measure of foster care safety is the number of children in family foster care, per 100,000 care days, for whom a child protective investigation finds credible evidence that abuse or neglect may have occurred in the foster home. The rate of maltreatment in care increased from 4.2 per 100,000 care days during the first four months of Fiscal 2015 to 6.2 per 100,000 care days during the first four months of Fiscal 2016, reflecting both an increase in the number of incidents and a decrease in the total number of care days in family foster care. ACS continues its work to reduce maltreatment in care by providing more intensive monitoring, training and technical assistance to foster care providers as well as developing new methods for foster and adoptive parent recruitment, retention and support.

- The overall number of children who achieved permanency remained stable during the first four months of Fiscal 2016 compared to the same period of Fiscal 2015, even as the foster care census declined. While the number of adoptions decreased by 4.5 percent from 266 to 254 adoptions and the number of children who achieved permanency through the Kinship Guardianship Assistance (KinGap) program declined 8.4 percent from 95 to 87 KinGap finalizations, the number of children reunified with their families rose 2.2 percent from 801 to 819 reunifications. In 2015, ACS streamlined administrative processes in order to speed adoptions and expanded the use of KinGap as a permanency option for children living with relatives. The percent of children who achieved permanency but later re-entered foster care declined substantially from 10.2 percent to 9.5 percent.

- During the first four months of Fiscal 2016, compared to the same period in Fiscal 2015, the average EarlyLearn NYC contract enrollment rose by 1.2 percent from 28,281 to 28,629. While center-based enrollment remained stable at approximately 21,700, family childcare enrollment increased by 4.4 percent from 6,609 to 6,899. Childcare voucher enrollment rose by 3.2 percent, from 66,086 to 68,195. Center-based childcare utilization remained stable at 77 percent while family childcare utilization rose from 76.9 to 80.2 percent. These trends reflect ACS's ongoing work to promote enrollment at the EarlyLearn centers and with family care providers by sharing weekly enrollment data with referral agencies.

- The number of abuse and/or neglect reports for children in child care increased by 13.7 percent from 168 during the first four months of Fiscal 2015 to 191 for the same period in Fiscal 2016, but the indication rate declined by 10.9 percentage points from 31.6 to 20.7 percent, leading to a reduction in the number of indicated reports, from 53 to 40. A new, more rigorous approach to training and technical assistance around the awareness and prevention of child abuse and maltreatment has contributed to the increase in allegations.

- Since Fiscal 2009, the average daily population in detention has decreased steadily. During the first four months of Fiscal 2016 this trend continued as the average daily population decreased by 12.9 percent from 181.2 during the first four months of Fiscal 2015 to 157.9 at the end of October 2015. This decline was the result of reductions in juvenile arrests across the city, in the number of admissions to detention and in the length of stay of youth admitted. Admissions to detention fell by 7.7 percent, from 958 in Fiscal 2015 to 884 in Fiscal 2016 and the average length of stay in detention decreased by 16.7 percent, from 24 to 20 days.

- Comparing the first four months of Fiscal 2016 with the same period in Fiscal 2015, the rate of youth-on-youth assaults and altercations with injury in detention rose by 18.8 percent, from 0.32 to 0.38 incidents per 100 average daily population; and the youth-on-staff assault with injury rate declined by 12.5 percent, from 0.08 to 0.07. The increase in the rate of youth-on-youth assault and altercation was driven by incidents at one detention facility during the month of September. The issues driving this increase were stabilized and incidents in the facility declined in the following two months. Additionally, the rate of absconds from non-secure detention rose from 0.01 to 0.02, reflecting an increase by a single abscond.

- The implementation of comprehensive clinical assessment tools and the increased presence of psychiatric, psychological and clinical staff in detention continue to influence the number of youth who are referred to and receive mental health services. The percent referred during Fiscal 2016 increased by 4 percentage points from 50 percent in during the first four months of Fiscal 2015 to 54 percent during the same period in Fiscal 2016 and the percent who received mental health services rose from 46 to 56 percent.

- Consistent with the overall decrease in youth arrests and the corresponding reduction in referrals from court, the number of admissions to non-secure placement declined by 12.5 percent from 88 in during the first four months of Fiscal 2015 to 77 during the same period in Fiscal 2016. The number of youth in non-secure placement fell 22.7 percent, from 190 in Fiscal 2015 to 147 in Fiscal 2016. There were also decreases in the number of young people released to aftercare and discharged from the program during this period. The number of young people released to aftercare in their communities fell 23 percent from 87 to 67 and the number successfully discharged from the program declined by 29.7 percent from 111 to 78. The average aftercare census increased by 13.2 percent from 121.5 to 137.5, driven by increases in the number of youth placed for felony offenses and increases in the number of extensions of placements made in Fiscal 2015.

- During the first four months of Fiscal 2016 the rates of youth-on-youth assault and altercation and AWOL in non-secure placement fell, but the youth-on-staff assault rate rose. The youth-on-youth assault and altercation rate fell from 0.7 in Fiscal 2015 to 0.5 incidents per 100 care days in Fiscal 2016 and the AWOL rate dropped from 0.5 to 0.3 per 100 care days, while the youth-on-staff assault rate increased from 0.2 to 0.3 per 100 care days. The decreases in AWOLs and youth-on-youth assaults can be attributed to better supervision by provider staff and implementation of a core training program that has youth preventing and working out issues in group settings. The use of Investigative Consultants to assist in the return of AWOL youth to facilities has contributed to the decline in AWOLs. The increase in the youth-on-staff assault rate is driven by the decreased census and higher staff to youth ratios which allow staff to address more youth behaviors and verbalizations leading to increased opportunities for conflict.

SERVICE 1   Protect children from child abuse.

Goal 1a   Respond quickly to every allegation of abuse and neglect and perform thorough assessments of safety and risk.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
★Number of State Central Register consolidated investigations	54,039	55,529	54,926	*	*	16,300	15,778
★Abuse and/or neglect reports responded to within 24 hours of receipt from the State Central Register (%)	92.9%	98.8%	98.8%	100.0%	100.0%	98.9%	98.5%
Substantiation rate	39.8%	39.5%	38.7%	*	*	39.0%	36.7%
Children in complete investigations with repeat investigations within a year (%)	24.3%	24.2%	24.4%	*	*	24.0%	23.9%
★Children in substantiated investigations with repeat substantiated investigations within a year (%)(preliminary)	15.7%	16.2%	16.0%	14.0%	14.0%	15.8%	14.5%
★Average child protective specialist caseload	8.2	9.8	10.5	12.0	12.0	9.3	8.5

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Goal 1b   Reduce the risk of child maltreatment occurring in at-risk families through the provision of high-quality preventive services.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
★Families entering purchased preventive services	10,830	11,969	12,438	12,500	12,500	3,955	3,638
Families entering specialized teen preventive services	NA	1,572	1,570	*	*	513	488
Children receiving contract preventive services (daily average)	25,413	24,933	25,514	*	*	24,881	24,428
Children who received contract preventive services during the year (annual total)	43,455	44,456	47,001	*	*	NA	NA

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Goal 1c   Provide safe and stable foster care placements for children who cannot remain safely at home.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
All children entering foster care (preliminary)	4,779	4,501	4,134	*	*	1,379	1,257
★Children placed in foster care in their community	33.4%	33.3%	36.9%	37.0%	37.0%	33.3%	36.5%
★Children in foster care (average)	12,958	11,750	11,098	*	*	11,156	10,408
- Children in foster kinship homes	4,461	3,929	3,636	*	*	3,736	3,392
- Children in nonrelative foster boarding homes	7,398	6,915	6,533	*	*	6,500	6,118
- Children in residential care	1,099	923	929	*	*	920	898
★Children who re-enter foster care within a year of discharge to family (%) (preliminary)	10.2%	10.8%	10.6%	10.0%	10.0%	10.2%	9.5%
School Attendance Rate - Children in Foster Care (%)	NA	82.1%	82.5%	*	*	84.4%	84.6%
Total days all children spent in foster care	5,575,859	5,012,730	4,741,982	*	*	1,616,786	1,540,852
★Number of moves in foster care per 1,000 care days	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.5
★Children maltreated during family foster care placement per 100,000 care days	3.8	3.2	4.0	4.2	4.0	4.2	6.2

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Encourage and support family-based foster care.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
Siblings placed simultaneously in the same foster home (%)(preliminary)	87.9%	88.2%	88.9%	*	*	89.0%	89.7%
★Children entering foster care who are placed with relatives (%)(preliminary)	26.6%	25.7%	28.0%	30.0%	30.0%	26.7%	27.2%

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Goal 1e

Reduce time to reunification and/or adoption and maintain strong family connections for children.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
★Children discharged to permanency within a year of placement (%)	36%	35%	31%	34%	37%	NA	NA
★Children in care 12-23 months discharged to permanency (%)	18.8%	21.9%	20.3%	21.0%	23.0%	NA	NA
★Children in care 24 or more months discharged to permanency (%)	20.2%	24.4%	23.5%	25.0%	27.0%	NA	NA
Median length of stay for children entering foster care for the first time who are returned to parent (months)	6.8	7.5	6.6	6.0	6.0	NA	NA
Children returned to parent(s) within 12 months (%)(preliminary)	59.8%	57.9%	59.7%	60.0%	60.0%	60.1%	60.4%
Median length of stay in foster care before child is adopted (months)	54.1	55.1	53.3	50.0	50.0	NA	NA
Children adopted	1,310	1,101	1,004	*	*	266	254
Children eligible for adoption (average)	1,446	1,248	1,092	*	*	1,109	989
Kinship Guardianship Assistance discharges	119	251	275	*	*	95	87
Children returned to parents (reunifications)	3,393	2,940	2,506	*	*	801	819

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SERVICE 2 Ensure access to quality early child care and education services in all communities.

Ensure access to quality early child care services in communities of need and achieve maximum capacity enrollment at all participating centers.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
★Average EarlyLearn contract enrollment	30,096	30,422	30,079	33,472	33,472	28,281	28,629
★EarlyLearn - Average center-based enrollment	25,548	24,068	23,077	25,311	25,311	21,672	21,730
★EarlyLearn - Average family child care enrollment	4,549	6,354	7,002	8,161	8,161	6,609	6,899
★Average EarlyLearn Utilization (%)	71.4%	82.1%	81.8%	85.0%	85.0%	76.9%	77.9%
★Average EarlyLearn Utilization - Center-based (%)	76.2%	84.6%	82.0%	85.0%	85.0%	77.0%	77.2%
★Average EarlyLearn Utilization - Family child care (%)	52.9%	73.9%	81.4%	85.0%	85.0%	76.9%	80.2%
Average child care voucher enrollment	71,756	67,541	66,801	*	*	66,086	68,195
★Average mandated children voucher enrollment	56,649	54,852	55,000	*	*	54,534	55,537
★Average other eligible children voucher enrollment	15,107	12,689	11,801	*	*	11,553	12,335
★Average center-based child care voucher enrollment	27,552	26,401	27,052	*	*	26,648	27,464
★Average family child care voucher enrollment	21,503	21,507	22,177	*	*	21,431	23,272
★Average informal (home-based) child care voucher enrollment	22,700	19,633	17,572	*	*	18,007	16,558
EarlyLearn - Fiscal year spending per child based on average enrollment in Contract Family Child Care	$9,084	$8,629	$8,577	*	*	NA	NA
EarlyLearn - Budget per slot in contract family child care	$9,329	$9,340	$9,347	*	*	NA	NA
EarlyLearn - Fiscal Year Spending per Child based on Average Enrollment in Contract Centers	$14,568	$14,302	$14,896	*	*	NA	NA
Fiscal year spending per child - Center-based child care vouchers	$8,478	$8,524	$8,936	*	*	NA	NA
Fiscal year spending per child - Family child care vouchers	$7,385	$7,500	$7,575	*	*	NA	NA
Fiscal year spending per child - Legally exempt (informal child care) vouchers	$4,169	$4,144	$4,119	*	*	NA	NA
Abuse and/or neglect reports for children in child care	357	413	492	*	*	168	191
Abuse and/or neglect reports for children in child care that are substantiated (%)	23.5%	21.8%	27.6%	*	*	31.6%	20.7%

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SERVICE 3 Provide custody and care of youth in secure and safe detention and placement facilities while providing casework services.

Assure that detention facilities are safe and secure.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
★Total admissions to detention	3,419	3,126	2,755	*	*	958	884
★Average daily population (ADP), detention	266.0	234.1	169.9	*	*	181.2	157.9
Secure detention - ADP	150.1	130.2	94.7	*	*	98.9	92.6
Non-secure detention - ADP	115.9	103.5	74.4	*	*	81.8	65.3
★Average length of stay, detention (days)	29	29	23	*	*	24	20
★Escapes from secure detention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
★Abscond rate in non-secure detention (average per 100 total ADP in non-secure)	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.02
★Youth on youth assaults and altercations with injury rate (per 100 total ADP), detention	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.32	0.38
★Youth on staff assault w/injury rate (per 100 total ADP), detention	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.07
★Weapon recovery rate (average per 100 total ADP), detention	0.02	0.04	0.08	*	*	0.04	0.03
★Illegal substance/prescription or OTC medication recovery rate (average per 100 total ADP), detention	0.04	0.07	0.09	*	*	0.05	0.05

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
★Child abuse and/or neglect allegation rate (internal) (average per 100 total ADP), detention	0.11	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.08
Child abuse/neglect allegations cases (internal) reported as substantiated, detention	17.0	22.0	20.0	*	*	4.0	1.0
★Average daily cost per youth per day, detention ($)	$729	$773	$1,065	*	*	NA	NA
Admissions to non-secure placement	NA	348	258	*	*	88	77
★Number in non-secure placement	NA	195	176	*	*	190	147
Youth on youth assault and altercation rate, non-secure placement	NA	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.5
Youth on staff assault rate, non-secure placement	NA	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
AWOL rate, non-secure placement	NA	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.3
Discharges from non-secure placement (dispositional order complete)	NA	222.0	260.0	*	*	111.0	78.0

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Goal 3b   Provide youth in detention and placement with appropriate health and mental health services.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
★In-care youth who were referred for mental health services, detention (%)	51%	48%	61%	*	*	50%	54%
★In-Care Youth who received mental health services (%)	58%	57%	50%	*	*	46%	56%
★Residents seen within 24 hours of sick call report (%)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
★General health care cost per youth per day, detention ($)	$60	$62	$80	*	*	NA	NA

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Goal 3c   Provide services to prevent youth from returning to the juvenile justice system.

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
★Youth admitted to detention with previous admission(s) to detention (%)	60.5%	60.9%	63.3%	*	*	NA	NA
Number of releases to Close to Home aftercare	NA	274	283	*	*	87	67
★Number in Close to Home aftercare (average)	NA	92.8	122.1	*	*	121.5	137.5

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AGENCY-WIDE MANAGEMENT

Performance Indicators	Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
Collisions involving City vehicles	16	35	46	*	*	14	13
Workplace injuries reported	191	217	184	*	*	67	84

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AGENCY CUSTOMER SERVICE

Performance Indicators		Actual			Target		4-Month Actual	
Customer Experience		FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY15	FY16
Completed requests for interpretation		66,577	63,351	79,347	*	*	23,481	25,705
Letters responded to in 14 days (%)		92.3%	87.4%	85.4%	*	*	82.3%	100.0%
E-mails responded to in 14 days (%)		95.6%	92.6%	89.7%	*	*	84.2%	99.4%

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AGENCY RESOURCES

Resource Indicators		Actual			Sept. 2015 MMR Plan	Updated Plan	Plan	4-Month Actual	
		FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY16[1]	FY17[1]	FY15	FY16
Expenditures ($000,000)[2]		$2,805.0	$2,785.5	$2,826.7	$2,948.9	$2,996.3	$2,968.8	$1,537.1	$1,504.9
Revenues ($000,000)		$3.4	$3.1	$3.9	$3.4	$3.4	$3.4	$0.8	$0.9
Personnel		6,082	5,923	5,972	7,302	7,293	7,355	5,925	5,882
Overtime paid ($000,000)		$20.6	$25.2	30,1	$17.4	$17.4	$17.5	$7.4	$9.4
Capital commitments ($000,000)		$11.1	$10.2	$5.8	$26.9	$37.7	$40.8	$3.3	$2.7
Human services contract budget ($000,000)		$1,630.0	$1,629.5	$1,647.8	$1,693.6	$1,729.6	$1,708.2	$564.0	$554.4
Work Experience Program (WEP) participants assigned		73	110	30	*	*	*	68	64

[1]January 2016 Financial Plan   [2]Expenditures include all funds   "NA" - Not Available in this report

NOTEWORTHY CHANGES, ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS ✎

- ACS added nine new indicators related to preventive services and foster care. They are: 'Families entering specialized teen preventive services', 'Children who received contract preventive services during the year (annual total)', 'Number of moves in foster care per 1,000 care days', 'Total days all children spent in foster care', 'Children maltreated during family foster care placement per 100,000 care days', 'Children returned to parent(s) (reunifications)', 'Children discharged to permanency within a year of placement', 'Children in care 12-23 months discharged to permanency' and 'Children in care 24 or more months discharged to permanency'.

- Five indicators were deleted and will no longer appear in the Mayor's Management Report. They are: 'Children in foster care who had one or fewer transfers from one facility to another (%)', 'Abuse and/or neglect reports for children in foster care', 'Abuse and/or neglect reports for children in foster care that are substantiated (%)', 'Children eligible for adoption who are adopted (%)' and 'Average time to complete adoption (years)'.

- ACS established Fiscal 2016 and 2017 targets for five new indicators: 'Number of moves in foster care per 1,000 care days', 'Children maltreated during foster care placement per 100,000 care days', 'Children discharged to permanency within a year of placement', 'Children in care 12-23 months discharged to permanency' and 'Children in care 24 or more months discharged to permanency.'

- ACS revised Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2017 targets for the following indicators: 'Abscond rate in non-secure detention (average per 100 total ADP in non-secure)' and 'Youth on staff assault rate, non-secure placement.'

- Previously published data has been revised for the following indicators: 'Substantiation rate', 'Children in complete investigations with repeat investigations within a year (%)', 'Children in substantiated investigations with repeat substantiated investigations within a year (%)(preliminary)', 'All children entering foster care (preliminary)', 'Children placed in foster care in their community', 'Children in foster care (average)', '- Children in foster kinship homes', '- Children in nonrelative foster boarding homes', '- Children in residential care', 'Children entering foster care who are

placed with relatives (%)(preliminary)', 'Children returned to parent(s) within 12 months (%)(preliminary)', 'Children eligible for adoption (average)', 'Kinship Guardianship Assistance discharges', 'Abuse and/or neglect reports for children in child care that are substantiated (%)', 'Weapon recovery rate (average per 100 total ADP), detention', 'Illegal substance/prescription or OTC medication recovery rate (average per 100 total ADP), detention', 'Child abuse/neglect allegations cases (internal) reported by the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) as Substantiated, detention', 'In-care youth who were referred for mental health services, detention (%)', 'In-Care Youth who received mental health services (%)' and 'Completed requests for interpretation.'

• Beginning with the Fiscal 2016 Mayor's Management Report, the agency resources indicator 'Work Experience Program (WEP) participants assigned' will be replaced with 'Work Experience Program (WEP) Enrollment' to better reflect actual program participation.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional information go to:

• Statistics:
http://www1.nyc.gov/site/acs/about/data-policy.page

• Monthly flash report:
http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/acs/pdf/data-analysis/Flash_December_2015.pdf

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