

What does it mean?

Summit for Youth Permanency – June 22, 2011

Western Service Area Summary

| | Service Area | Nebraska |
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| Number of children and youth in out-of-home care | 438 | 4380 |
| Number of youth age 14 and older currently in out-of-home care | 191 | 1884 |
| Number of youth who aged out of foster care, FY2010 | 11 | 224 |
| Number of youth age 14 and older with goals of reunification | 106 (55.5%) | 949 (50.37%) |
| Number of youth age 14 and older with goals of guardianship | 33 (17.28%) | 265 (14.07%) |
| Number of youth age 14 and older with goals of adoption | 2 (1.05%) | 92 (4.88%) |
| Number of youth age 14 and older who are living with a relative | 32 (16.75%) | 262 (13.91%) |
| Number of youth age 14 and older living in a non-family based setting (Group Home/Institution/Independent Living/Runaway) | 118 (61.78%) | 1241 (65.87%) |
| Number of siblings placed together | 39 (55.71%) | 430 (61.25%) |

Did you know...

- Youth over age 14 comprise 43% of total youth in foster care in Nebraska and 44% of youth in foster care in the Western Service Area
- In the Western Service Area, people who identify as African American, Latino, Native American or multi-racial make up 15.58% of the population, yet comprise 28.77% of youth in foster care
- Children and youth in the Western Service Area spend an average of 11.40 months in foster care, compared to a statewide average of 12.52 months