



# Iowa Department of Human Services

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December 27, 2011

Michael Marshall  
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Dear Mr. Marshall and Mr. Smithson:

Enclosed please find the Independent Living Services Annual Report.

This report was prepared pursuant to Iowa Code Section 234.35(4).

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<http://www.dhs.iowa.gov/Partners/Reports/LegislativeReports/LegisReports.html>.

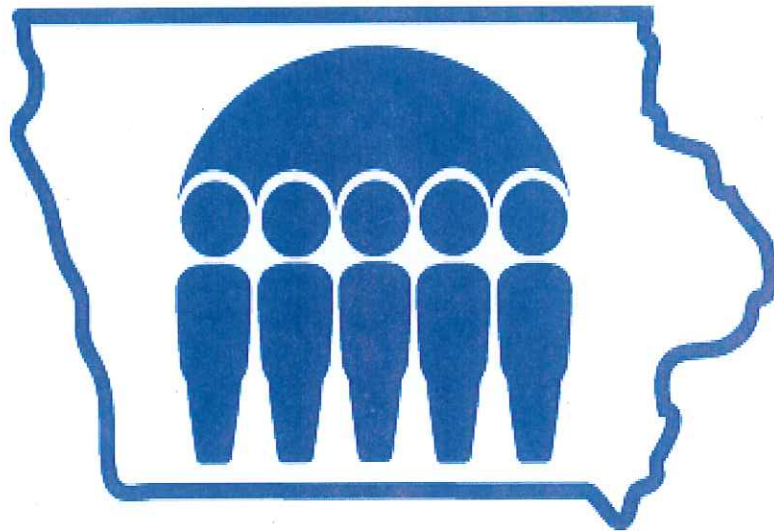
Sincerely,

Jennifer Davis Harbison  
Policy Advisor

Enclosure

cc: Governor Terry E. Branstad  
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# Iowa Department of Human Services



## *Independent Living Services Annual report*

December 2011

## Executive Summary

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There are two types of SAL living arrangements, scattered-site and cluster. Youth placed in a scattered-site setting live in an apartment unit within the community with services and supports centered on supervision and development of life skills to assist the youth in preparation for self-sufficiency; youth have access to SAL staff 24/7 (typically by phone) but live on their own. Cluster site settings are those in which four to six youth reside in apartments located in one building and are supervised by one agency, with staff on site at any time that more than one youth is present in the cluster setting. The total number of unduplicated youth for whom the state paid for SAL services during state fiscal year (SFY)'11 was 144.

During SFY '11, a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) was released for agencies to provide SAL services, including living arrangements. Seven agencies were awarded a contract effective 07/01/11.

The RFP changed several key components of the SAL program designed to improve the overall program, with the goal of ultimately improving the short-range and long-range outcomes of youth in a SAL foster care placement. Changes included

- Increasing the minimum age for placement into the program from 16 years of age to 16 ½ years of age for cluster site settings and 17 years of age for scattered site settings
- Greater emphasis is placed on school attendance and progress
- The new contracts are performance based, aligning with the Child and Family Service Review outcomes of safety, permanency, and well-being
- The monthly maintenance stipend the youth or their payee receives is set at \$750.00 per month effective 07/01/11.

The Department believes the changes made to the contracts in the new procurement will continue to assist transitioning youth to remain in school through graduation, to increase self sufficiency skill building and youth connection to their communities, and will continue to increase provider capacity to meaningfully engage youth aging out of the foster care system in a manner beneficial to the youth and to the State.

# SFY 2011 Independent Living Services Annual Report

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During SFY '11, a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) was released for agencies to provide SAL services, including living arrangements. Prior to the RFP, there was an open panel for child welfare agencies to apply to become a SAL provider. The Department of Human Services (DHS) received a total of 9 proposals; after a thorough evaluation on several levels, 7 proposals were awarded a contract effective 07/01/11. The SAL contractors are: Florence Crittenton Home of Sioux City; Hillcrest Family Services; Lutheran Services of Iowa, Inc.; Quakerdale; Woodward Youth Corporation; Youth Homes of Mid-America; and Youth and Shelter Services, Inc. There are two types of SAL living arrangements, scattered-site and cluster. SAL services can be provided directly by the worker or contracted out; the vast majority of cases are contracted out. Youth placed in a scattered site setting live in an apartment unit within the community with services and supports centered on supervision and development of life skills to assist the youth in preparation for self-sufficiency; youth have access to SAL staff 24/7 (typically by phone) but live on their own. Cluster site settings are those in which four to six youth reside in apartments located in one building and are supervised by one agency, with staff on site at any time that more than one youth is present in the cluster setting.

The RFP changed several key components of the SAL program designed to improve the overall program, with the goal of ultimately improving the short-range and long-range outcomes of youth in a SAL foster care placement. The minimum age for placement into a SAL program has been raised from 16 years of age to 16 ½ years of age for cluster site settings and 17 years of age for scattered site settings. Increasing the minimum age is expected to increase the appropriateness/maturity of youth placed in SAL in addition to allowing a youth to live in a cluster site setting with basically 24/7 staffing prior to moving to a scattered site setting, in which the youth live on their own in an apartment unit. The RFP also required programs to place great emphasis on education, removing the old requirement that youth in SAL both attend school and work part-time. Youth are expected to be attending school to obtain their high school diploma (or only where deemed more appropriate, their GED) and are not required to work part-time, unless doing so would not comprise their education. If youth are under 18 years of age and no longer attending high school, they may attend post-secondary school or instead choose to work, at least an average of 80 hours per month. Another big change for the SAL program is the monthly maintenance stipend the youth receive (much like the maintenance a foster family receives for a foster child in their care, however in SAL, the maintenance stipend goes directly to the youth or a payee such as the SAL agency caseworker (for purposes of teaching money management skills and budgeting) went

up from \$573.90 per month to \$750.00 per month effective 07/01/11. The previous amount was well below poverty guidelines and contributed to youth renting in rundown neighborhoods that were often infested with drug activity in addition to forcing youth to drop out of school and work whatever jobs they could get to pay bills, such as rent, utilities, food, clothing, and transportation. The increase in the minimum age of youth placed in SAL (fewer youth eligible for SAL) factored into an increase in the budget necessary for increasing the maintenance stipend.

Prior to 07/01/11, there were only 2 providers in the state that had an active SAL cluster program. Since then, 4 out of the 7 SAL contractors offer cluster site settings; additionally, all 7 of the contractors are active providers, whereas in the past, even though there were 13 child welfare agencies that had a SAL contract with DHS, only 3 to 4 were actively serving youth. The number of agencies offering cluster settings has increased due to DHS now paying agencies to staff (basically 24/7) cluster settings. Services for youth in SAL are authorized by the referring worker (DHS or JCS) and by number of units of service per month, with a unit being one billable hour. There are several service unit codes (e.g., individually versus group delivered services, scattered site services versus cluster site services) with each contractor having their own costs established for each type of service. SAL foster care is 100% state funded (both maintenance and service payments).

Effective 07/01/11 (SFY 2012), SAL contracts are outcome based, lining up with the Child and Family Service Review outcomes of safety, permanency, and well-being, with the following outcomes: 1) Safety Outcome Performance Measure – There will be no founded cases of abuse or neglect of the youth in the SAL contractor's care by the contractor or subcontractor or by other youth in the contractor's SAL foster care program; 2) Permanency Outcome 1 Performance Measure – The contractor will ensure that permanent connections are maintained or secured through active connections with the youth's family members and/or other persons important in the youth's life, with 60% of youth served during year one (of the contract) maintaining at least twice a month contact with the youth's positive support system and likewise 70% of youth served during year two (of the contract); 3) Permanency Outcome 2 Performance Measure – The contractor will ensure youth engagement within the community, with 60% of youth served during year one (of the contract) regularly participating (at least weekly) in organized community activity (including extra-curricular school activities, faith based activities, community clubs, volunteer work) and likewise 70% of youth served during year two (of the contract); 4) Well-Being Outcome Performance Measure – Increased educational achievement for youth, with 70% of youth served during year one (of the contract) complying with satisfactory school attendance leading to a high school diploma or GED and likewise 75% of youth served during year two (of the contract). SFY 2012 performance measures will be included in next year's (SFY 2012) report.

DHS staff meets with SAL contractors on a quarterly basis, with the primary goal of continual improvement of the program; discussion centers on what's working and what needs attention along with contractors networking with each other on specific youth issues that arise and how handled. The quarterly meetings are proving to be very

effective in quick problem solving and contractors learning from one another. After the most recent quarterly meeting, training was conducted, via a conference call, to any SAL staff (while seated at their computers) on how best to utilize a particular online life skills training program, per request of the contractors.

The total number of unduplicated youth for whom the state paid for SAL services during state fiscal year (SFY)'11 was 144; down from 189 for SFY '10. Attached is a spreadsheet detailing the number of youth served: by county; under the responsibility of either the Department or Juvenile Court Services; by legal status; discharged from such services and the reasons for discharge (see attached SAL Summary FY'2011). The decrease for the past SFY can be primarily attributed to: only two to three SAL contractors (prior to 07/01/11) actively receiving referrals of youth for their SAL program; fewer caseworkers referring youth to a SAL placement, due to the lack of such placements and the lack of cluster site settings needed for youth prior to being in their own apartment in a scattered site setting; and the number of youth who have been unsuccessfully discharged from the program in the past due to several reasons, of which the RFP, new SAL policies, and contracts effective 07/01/11 are attempting to eradicate (e.g., increased minimum age, specific outcomes for youth, increased emphasis on education, and increased monthly stipend to meet the youth's costs of living).

Clearly the largest percent of youth receiving SAL services, 35% were from Polk County, and Woodbury County (10%) coming in next, amounting to two out of Iowa's ninety-nine counties representing 45% of all youth served in the program, with no youth represented from 58 counties (as opposed to 50 counties for SFY '10). This over and under representation for this particular foster care placement is not surprising when compared to overall representation of youth in foster care by county. Out of the 13 child placing agencies that the Department contracted with during SFY '11 to provide SAL services, the majority provided services in Iowa's more urban areas, primarily due to availability of apartment units and landlords willing to rent to youth under the age of eighteen. Moreover, only a handful of the 13 providers DHS contracted with during SFY '11 had active SAL programs, with over half of providers only occasionally serving youth in this type of placement. The over represented counties are those counties in which there were stronger SAL programs.

For SFY'11, there were approximately 4% of youth in the SAL program on a voluntary basis (placement status for youth 18 through 19 years of age still working on their high school education). In order for youth to continue to be served past their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, the youth must agree to stay in care in addition to completing their high school education. Additionally, funding must be available for the services. While funding is always an issue, it is not uncommon for youth who could remain in foster care past 18 years of age to choose not to. The SAL foster care program is Iowa's only foster care program that allows for a youth who has left foster care at age 18 (regardless of level of placement, i.e., family foster care, group care, SAL) to voluntarily return to a SAL foster care placement prior to their 20<sup>th</sup> birthday in order to complete their high school education or obtain a general equivalency diploma without going through an exception

to policy request; this is an important option for those youth who could elect to stay past their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in order to complete their education but choose not to, oftentimes wanting to be “free” from “the system” and believing they can do better on their own, only to find out otherwise several months down the road. There were 109 youth discharged from this particular program during SFY '11. Of those discharged, 74% “aged out” of care (left care because they have attained 18 years of age or older), with another 6% being discharged to return home, 9% had a change in placement or level of care (typically to a more restrictive placement due to behavior issues, often due to substance abuse and/or mental illness), and 4% ran away from placement (see attached Exit Reason chart).

Not surprisingly, African American youth were over-represented in this particular foster care placement, as is the case in all foster care placement types, comprising 18% of youth placed; white youth comprised 71% placed (see attached SAL by Race chart).

## Evaluation of SAL Services

Eligibility for SAL placement is based, among other things, on a comprehensive assessment of the youth that reviews available information on the youth, especially as it pertains to the youth’s ability to live independently, participate in services and activities to achieve self-sufficiency, and in following the provisions of their case plan (see attached “Pre-placement Screening for Supervised Apartment Living Foster Care” form, which must be completed by the caseworker prior to placing a youth in SAL).

Additionally, a transition plan must be completed and updated at each case review for youth in foster care who are 16 years of age and older; the plan reviews strengths and needs of youth particularly around life skills along with the possible need for disability services as an adult, significant information needed for appropriate placement into the SAL program. Caseworkers contract with SAL providers for a certain number of units of service per month, with current minimum requirements of weekly face-to-face provider contacts with youth under 18 years of age and biweekly (once every two weeks) face-to-face contacts with youth over age 18. DHS staff can always contract for more units than the minimum requirement (and usually do) depending on the needs of the specific youth and budget constraints. Caseworkers need to be specific with providers on use of units and expected outcomes to best meet the needs and goals of the youth.

Contracted staff are expected to provide guidance, oversight, behavior monitoring and services and supports for development of life skills to prepare them as much as possible for self-sufficiency.

Research indicates that adolescents in foster care are very often behind their peers in life skills, including employment skills, attendance/performance at school, money management, and skills leading to a healthy lifestyle and relationships. This lack of preparation is no less for those youth placed into SAL. Additionally, youth in this placement have often lacked a positive support system even more so than other youth in care, experience loneliness, and are apt to be prey for others to take advantage of (e.g., moving in with them, couch surfing in their apartments, illegal behaviors). At

times, there has been a push in the past to put a youth in SAL that is ill prepared to be in such an unrestrictive placement setting and for which another type of foster care setting may be more appropriate but is not viable. This is due to the lack of foster families willing to take teen-agers, high-cost of group care, youth not needing a treatment setting (but still requiring more structure than living in their own apartment), and sometimes due to the fact that this is the last placement option for a youth (that is, they cannot function or be placed in a family setting due to behaviors/mental health issues) and they have "burned their bridges" with group care placements. Youth released from the state training schools have even been placed directly into the SAL program; which is going from a very structured setting to the least structured setting in Iowa's foster care placement types. It has not been uncommon for youth to get evicted from their apartment, run into money management issues (even with the provider often being the payee for the monthly maintenance checks), not attend school or fail to keep the working requirements.

It is expected that with the SFY '12 "new" contracting process, including contracted deliverables and outcomes, that the scenario painted above will much less the case and that the SAL foster care program will continue to be strengthened with youth exiting more self-sufficient and better prepared for young adulthood. DHS staff held meetings and conference calls with SAL providers during calendar years 2009 and 2010 prior to writing the RFP. Most notable from those meetings and calls, in addition to youth input, was that a one size fits all in this type of setting does not work; providers were strong in their beliefs that many youth needed the option to live in a cluster type SAL setting, with other peers and 24 hour staffing prior to being moved to their own apartment with minimal staffing and that the maintenance payment youth received needed to be more than what a foster family receives for a teen, due to economies of scale. The RFP and likewise the finalized SAL policy and contracts addressed these and other issues as noted above to make this a program in which youth can thrive and exit the foster care system with the necessary skills and tools to successfully transition to healthy and productive young adults.



SAL SUMMARY -- FY2011

County	County Number	Total Served FY2011	Remaining in SAL as of 6/30/2011	Placement		Voluntary	Legal Status				Exit Reason						
				DHS	JCS		CINA	Delinquent	TPR	Custody Transferred	Total	Return Home	Aged Out	Change in Placement	Change in Level of Care	Runaway	Total
Adair	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adams	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Allamakee	3	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Appanoose	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Audubon	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benton	6	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Black Hawk	7	6	3	5	1	0	4	0	1	1	6	0	0	3	0	0	3
Boone	8	2	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
Bremer	9	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buchanan	10	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buena Vista	11	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2
Butler	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calhoun	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cass	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cedar	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cerro Gordo	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cherokee	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chickasaw	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clarke	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clay	21	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clayton	22	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Clinton	23	3	2	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1
Crawford	24	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Dallas	25	4	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	4
Davis	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decatur	27	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1

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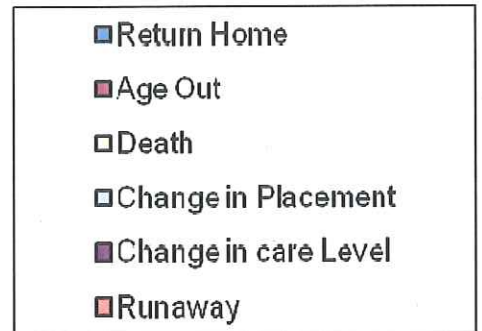
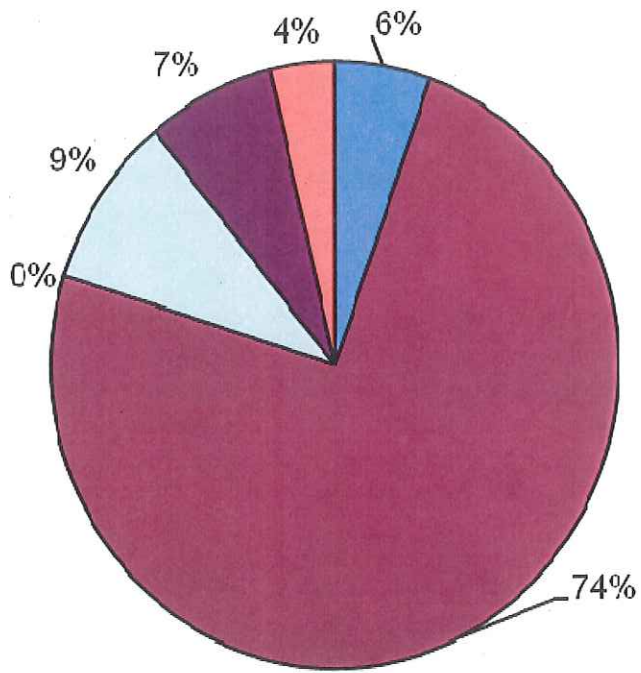
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Delaware	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Des Moines	29	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	2
Dickinson	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dubuque	31	2	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
Emmet	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fayette	33	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Floyd	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fremont	36	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greene	37	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grundy	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Guthrie	39	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Hamilton	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hancock	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hardin	42	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1
Harrison	43	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Henry	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Howard	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humboldt	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ida	47	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jasper	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson	51	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Johnson	52	3	2	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	1
Jones	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Keokuk	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kossuth	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



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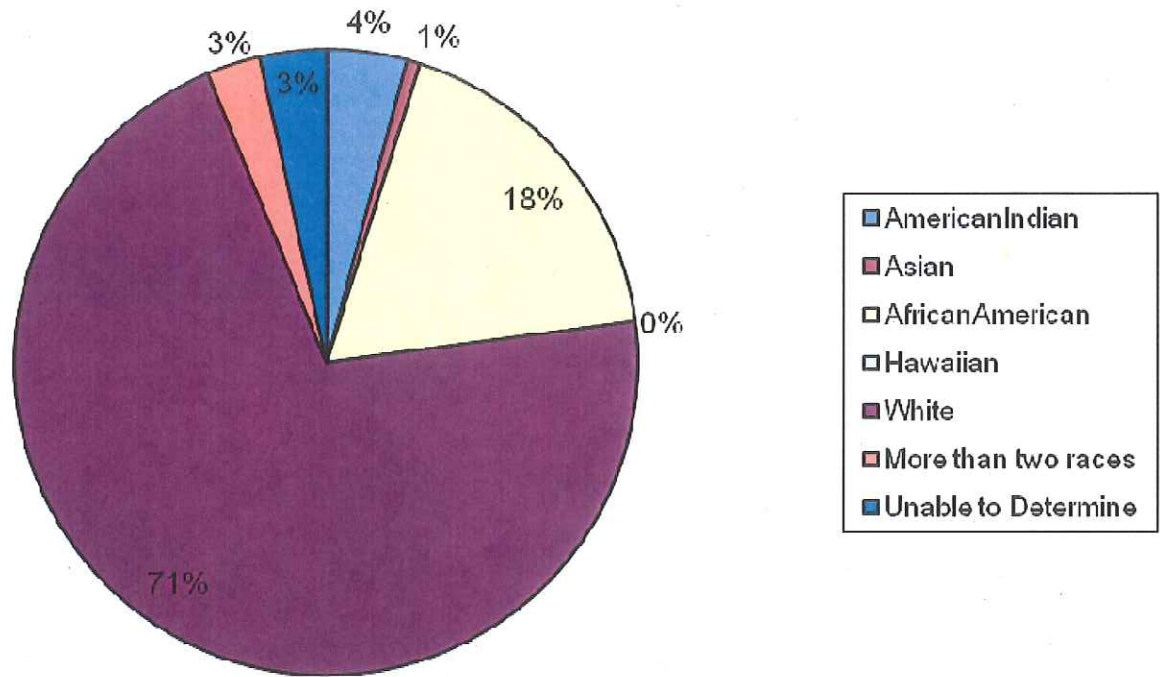
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Sioux	84	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Story	85	5	2	4	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	5	0	2	0	1	
Tama	86	3	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	
Taylor	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Union	88	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Van Buren	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wapello	90	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Warren	91	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	
Washington	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wayne	93	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Webster	94	5	0	4	1	0	4	1	0	0	5	2	2	1	1	1	
Winnebago	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Winneshieck	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Woodbury	97	14	1	12	2	0	7	2	5	0	14	0	10	3	0	13	
Worth	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wright	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>144</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>109</b>

## Exit Reason



Exit Reason		
Return Home	6	6%
Age Out	81	74%
Death	0	0%
Change in Placement	10	9%
Change in care Level	8	7%
Runaway	4	4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Supervised Apartment Living By Race



Race	Counts	Percent
American Indian	6	4%
Asian	1	1%
African American	26	18%
Hawaiian	0	0%
White	102	71%
More than two races	4	3%
Unable to Determine	5	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100%</b>

**PREPLACEMENT SCREENING FOR SUPERVISED APARTMENT LIVING FOSTER CARE**

Date:

Client Name	Date of Birth	FACS ID	County
Current Living Arrangement			Legal Status: <input type="checkbox"/> CINA <input type="checkbox"/> Delinquent <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary
Date Life Skill Assessment was completed: <i>(Attach a copy of the results to this assessment.)</i>			

**School and Work History**

**Currently enrolled in school or GED**

Grade	School	IEP? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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- Performing at appropriate level in school
- Mild to moderate problems at school including underachievement or discipline problems
- Serious school difficulties including suspensions, frequent truancy, significant discipline problems or failing

**Not currently enrolled in school**

Last School Attended	Last Grade Completed
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**Currently employed**

- Full-time
- Part-time

**Not currently employed**

Date Last Worked
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- Has held a job for at least six months with few to no problems
- Has held a job for at least one month or has mild attendance or disciplinary problems
- Serious difficulties finding or maintaining employment
- No work history
- No opportunity to work

**Medical or Mental Health Issues (Including Pregnancy)**

Diagnosis:

Medications:

Is the youth able to manage own medication?  
 Yes       No       N/A

## Substance Abuse

- No notable substance use difficulties currently or in recovery for at least one year
- Mild to moderate substance use problems that occasionally present problems of living or in recovery for less than one year
- Moderate to serious substance abuse problem that requires treatment and exacerbates current problems and conditions

Describe current substance abuse treatment:

## Parenting

Does the youth have any children?

- Yes. If yes, how many?
- No

Does the youth have custody of the children?

- Yes
- No

Does the youth's child have any health concerns or special needs?

- Yes. If yes, please describe:
- No

## Cooperation/Compliance at Current Placement

- Generally compliant and cooperative
- Occasionally noncompliant to some rules or adult instructions
- Frequently noncompliant to rules and adult instructions

## History of Delinquency

- Yes. If yes, describe:
- No

Date and degree of most recent charge:

Currently on probation?

- Yes. If yes, describe youth's compliance with terms of probation:
- No

## History of Violence Toward Self, Others, or Property

- Yes. If yes, describe:
- No

Current (within past three months) violent/aggressive behavior:

- Yes. If yes, describe:
- No



**List names of team members consulted in making the recommendations for SAL placement:**

**Other comments:**

**List the plan of services and resources available to address the identified needs of the youth in SAL placement (i.e., positive connections, economic, community programs):**

**Number of hours of supervision that will be authorized:**

**Overall assessment of suitability for Supervised Apartment Living Foster Care:**

- Appropriate for SAL-scattered site
- Appropriate for SAL-cluster site
- Not appropriate for SAL

**What is the plan if SAL placement is not approved or if SAL services are terminated:**

Case Manager/JCO

Date