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Dear Legislative Research Commission:

The Administrative Office of the Courts shares your concern for society's most vulnerable citizens – our children in foster care. I am pleased to present a copy of the 2018 CFCRB Annual Report, which provides a comprehensive look at the Kentucky foster care system.

The AOC oversees the Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board, a statewide program that depends on volunteers to review the cases of all children in the custody of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services due to dependency, neglect and abuse.

In Fiscal Year 2018, 739 CFCRB volunteers conducted 21,562 reviews of 12,493 children in out-of-home care. These dedicated volunteers serve judges throughout Kentucky by monitoring the cases of children in care and providing findings and recommendations to the court on every child reviewed by the local boards. CFCRB volunteers spend countless hours advocating on behalf of Kentucky's children.

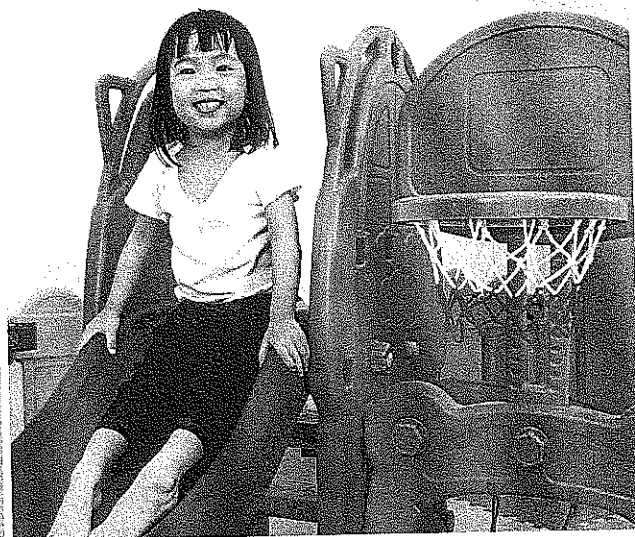
The CFCRB operates under the authority of KRS 620.190 and is required to make annual recommendations to the Supreme Court, the governor and the legislature regarding the laws, practices, policies and procedures that affect permanent placement for children in out-of-home care. The CFCRB must also produce an annual report.

I will also be sharing this report with the leadership of the House and Senate. I look forward to the Judicial Branch's ongoing collaboration with the Legislative Branch as we continue to make a difference in the lives of Kentucky children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie K. Dudgeon".

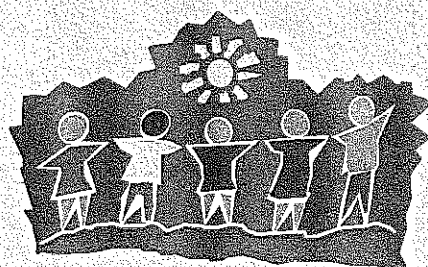
Laurie K. Dudgeon, Director
Administrative Office of the Courts



Working for Kentucky's Future ... Our Children

Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board

2018 Annual Report



CFCRB volunteers are meeting demands of number of children who have entered out-of-home care

With the 2018 peak in the number of children in out-of-home care, volunteers for the Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board have stepped up to meet the demand. They review the case of each child in care due to dependency, neglect and abuse, and make recommendations to a judge with the goal of obtaining a safe and permanent home.



*John D. Minton Jr.
Chief Justice of
Kentucky*

In Fiscal Year 2018, 739 CFCRB volunteers conducted a record 21,562 reviews of the 12,493 children in the custody of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

CFCRB volunteers are also on the front lines of new legislation aimed at improving Kentucky's foster care

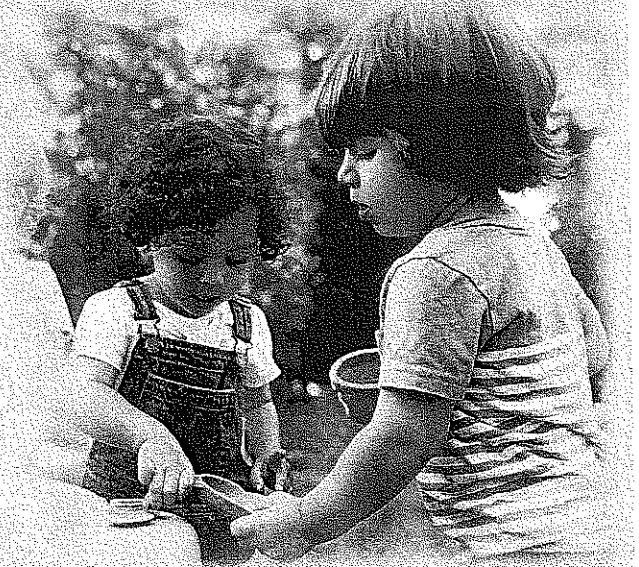
system. The most recent was House Bill 1, passed in 2018, which requires volunteers to take part in community forums that seek public input on how to overcome barriers to meeting the needs of children in out-of-home care.

The Department of Family & Juvenile Services of the Administrative of the Courts provides support services to the CFCRB program and I join them in expressing appreciation to our dedicated volunteers.

The 2018 CFCRB Annual Report provides an update on the review boards and children in care, and I hope you will take time to learn more about the important work being done on behalf of Kentucky's children.

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Progress Report on Kentucky Children in Foster Care

Executive Summary for Fiscal Year 2018: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

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Volunteers for the Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board play a critical role in helping to attain permanency in a timely manner for children placed in out-of-home care.

CFCRB volunteers monitor children placed in out-of-home care, and provide findings and recommendations to the court on every child reviewed by the local boards. They also submit recommendations for legislative and policy reform in an effort to improve services for these children.

The 2018 Kentucky General Assembly took steps to reform Kentucky's foster care system through the passage of House Bill 1, which makes the needs of children the top priority.

HB 1 focused on removing barriers that prevent children from obtaining permanent homes. The legislation also added a section to KRS 620.270, which mandates that local review boards participate at least twice annually in

regional community forums where the public can discuss concerns regarding the foster care system and identify barriers to timely permanency, well-being and safety for children in out-of-home care. Findings from the forums will be reported to the CFCRB State Board and will be included in the CFCRB's annual recommendations to the Supreme Court, governor and legislature.

Federal policies, such as the Adoption and Safe Families Act and the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act, have emphasized more timely permanency for children in the child welfare system. Some of these factors include reducing the timelines for making decisions about permanency and clarifying when reasonable efforts to reunify a child with birth parents is not required.

These policies provide a strong foundation for the work of our dedicated CFCRB volunteers. I am impressed and inspired by their tireless advocacy and proud to showcase their efforts in this annual report.

Snapshot of the Kentucky Foster Care System

Children in Care. In Fiscal Year 2018, 739 CFCRB volunteers conducted 12,530 paper reviews and 9,032 interested party reviews for a total of 21,562 reviews of 12,493 children. This represents 3,716 volunteer hours on case file reviews and 12,293 volunteer hours on interested party reviews.

Length of Stay. The average length of stay for children in care was 17.9 months, a slight decrease from 18.6 months in FY 2017.

Reunification. Of the children reviewed by the CFCRB, 37 percent were released through reunification with parents or primary caregivers in FY 2018. Another 30 percent were released through placement with relatives. These numbers remain consistent with FY 2017.

Exiting Care. Eleven percent of youth aged out of care in FY 2018, which was consistent with FY 2017.

Ages of Children Served. Of the children reviewed by the CFCRB, those ages 5 and younger remain the largest age group at 33 percent. The next largest age groups were ages 16 to 20 at 23 percent and ages 6 to 10 at 22 percent.

Number of Placements. Children experienced an average of 2.07 placements per commitment, a slight increase from the 1.59 placements per commitment in FY 2017. This figure is very close to the federal expectation of no more than 2 placements until a child achieves permanency.

Finalized Adoption. Twenty-one percent of children achieved adoption in FY 2018, a slight decrease from 24 percent in FY 2017. Children with a finalized adoption spent 37 months in care, consistent with FY 2017.

Interested Party Reviews. CFCRB volunteers conducted 9,032 IPRs in FY 2018, a 24 percent increase over FY 2017. The IPRs focused on 5,974 children, a 29 percent increase over last year. The number of review boards statewide that use IPR as the standard for reviewing all cases grew to 71 percent, up from 69 percent in FY 2017.

CFCRB Meetings. CFCRB volunteers conducted a record number of meetings – 2,763 – in FY 2018. The additional board meetings were due to the growing number of children in out-of-home care and the increase in interested party reviews.

Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board

2018 Recommendations for Legislative & Policy Reform

The Kentucky Citizen Foster Care Review Board is required by Kentucky Revised Statute 620.320(5) to evaluate and make annual recommendations to the Supreme Court of Kentucky, the governor and the Legislative Research Commission regarding state law and the practices, policies and procedures within the commonwealth that affect permanence for children in out-of-home placement.

The CFCRB State Board approved the following legislative recommendations for 2018. These changes are intended to improve outcomes for children by focusing the review form on barriers to permanency.

KRS 620.290 Board's Findings and Recommendations — Report on Children Frequently Moved

Revise KRS 620.290(1) to require that the findings and recommendations for each child under review provide the number of moves during the child's placement in out-of-home care, including whether the child has moved three or more times in six months.

KRS 620.320 Duties of State Citizen Foster Care Review Board

Amend KRS 620.320(3), the annual written report requirement, to include barriers to permanency identified in reviews, the number of children moved more than three times within a six-month period, and local solutions reported to address identified barriers.

Support Statewide Expansion of Family Court

The CFCRB has historically regarded the statewide expansion of Family Court as a high priority due to the improved outcomes for families and children who have access to the expanded services provided by Family Court. To further this cause, the CFCRB would support a future judicial redistricting plan that brings Family Court to every county in the commonwealth.

CFCRB Mission

To ensure safe, permanent, timely placement of Kentucky's children in out-of-home care.

CFCRB Vision

With respect to children in care:

To ensure adequate and necessary services are provided to families and children with the utmost importance given to safety, well-being and permanency.

With respect to the judges we serve:

To provide timely, accurate and sufficiently detailed information about children in care so as to promote knowledgeable permanency decisions.

With respect to the CFCRB volunteers:

To promote awareness and understanding regarding children's issues through educational opportunities at local, regional and state levels.

With respect to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services:

To provide meaningful, respectful feedback regarding paths to permanency.



CFCRB Overview by the Numbers

Out-of-Home Care Demographics

What are the ages of children in foster care?

In FY 2018, the youngest child reviewed by CFCRB volunteers was 3 months old and the oldest was 23 years old (due to extended commitment). The average age remained constant at 10 years. Children ages 5 and younger were the largest age group (33 percent) to be reviewed. The next largest age groups were children ages 16 to 20 at 23 percent and children ages 6 to 10 at 22 percent.

The age analysis is based on children who were in out-of-home care on June 30, 2018, and includes children who were released from the custody of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services any time during the fiscal year.

What gender are children in out-of-home care?

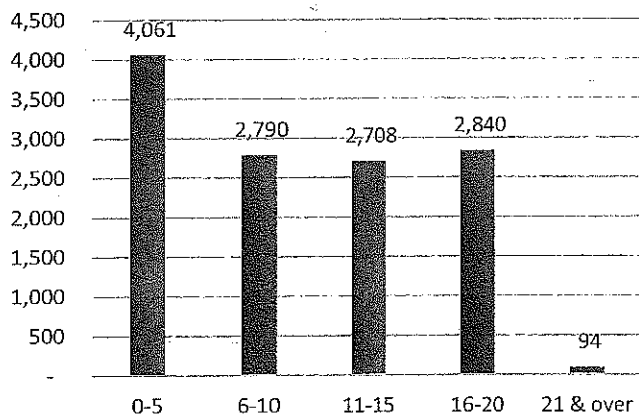
The gender of children in out-of-home care is almost evenly split, with 52 percent male and 48 percent female.

What race are children in foster care?

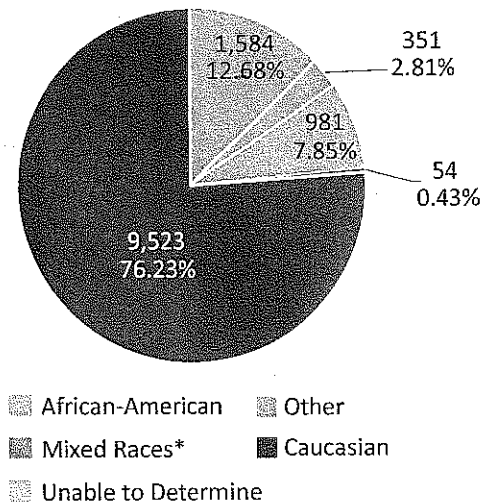
Of the children in foster care, 76 percent are Caucasian, 13 percent are African-American, 8 percent are unable to be determined, 3 percent are other and the remaining .5 percent are mixed races. The other races include American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander. In addition, 5 percent of the children in foster care have Hispanic ethnicity.

As of March 2018, the CATS system updated the race codes to allow for multiple selection of race types; however, these multiple selections only affect those children who have entered care since March 2018.

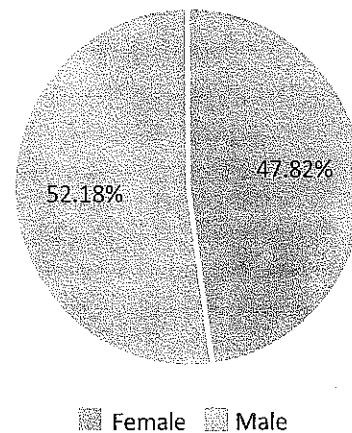
Foster Care Children by Age



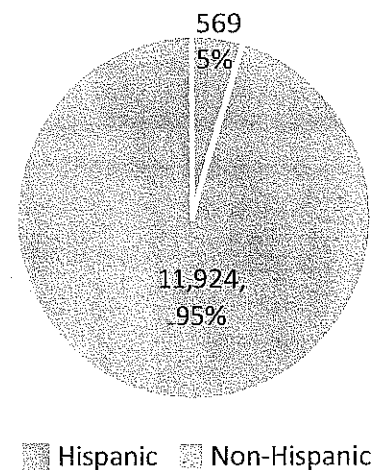
Foster Care Children by Race



Foster Care Children by Gender



Foster Care Children by Ethnicity



Time in Out-of-Home Care

What is the average length of stay by age group for children in out-of-home care?

Active children – children who were still in care at the end of FY 2018 – experienced an average length of stay of 20 months. Inactive children – children released at any time during the fiscal year – experienced an average stay of 15.5 months. The overall average length of stay for FY 2018 was 17.9 months, which represents a slight decrease from the average length of stay of 18.6 months reported for FY 2017.

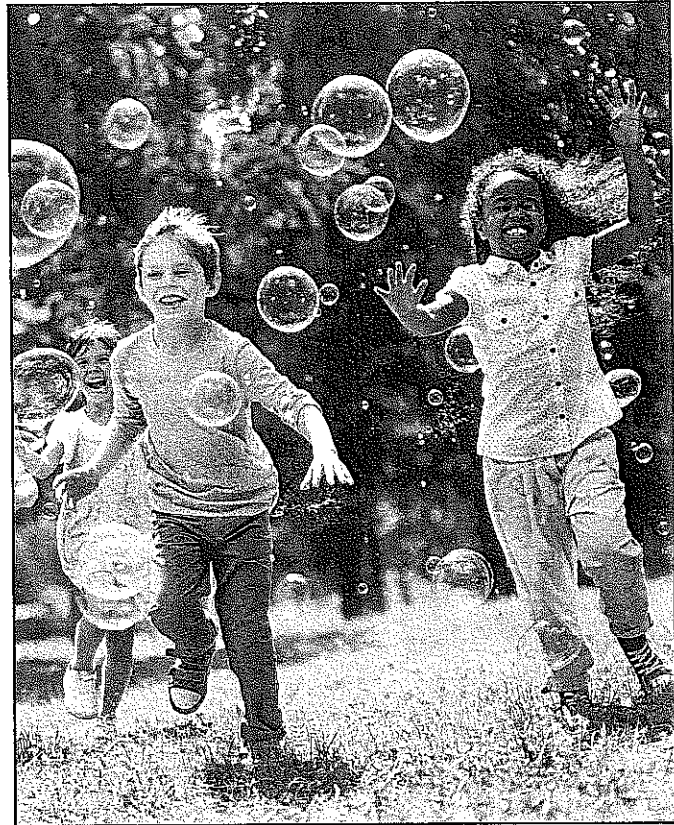
The chart illustrates the average length of stay for children by age. Children over age 15 continue to remain in care longer than younger children and are experiencing an average of 24 months in care compared with 14 months in care for children age 5 and younger.

It should be noted that in calculating the average length of stay, children who were in care fewer than 24 hours are counted as “zero” on the spectrum of length of time in care. These are children who may have been in the process of being removed from the home when a suitable relative assumed custody of the child. When taking into account these zeros, it may actually skew the average to the lower end of the spectrum.

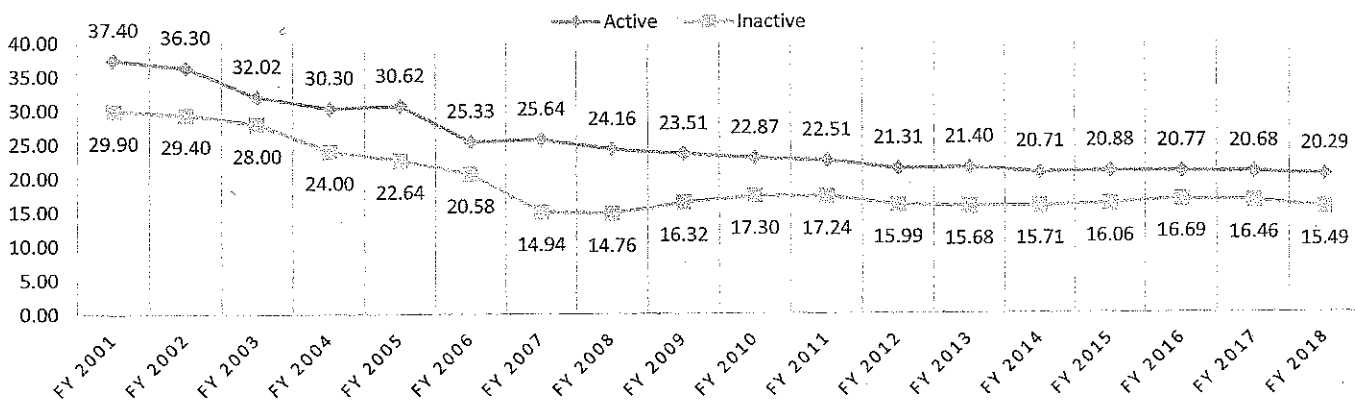
Note: Statistics captured in this chart represent all children whose cases were reviewed between July 1, 2017, and June 30, 2018. The term “active children” describes those whose cases were reviewed during the fiscal year and who were still in care on June 30, 2018. “Inactive children” describes those whose cases were reviewed during the fiscal year but were released prior to June 30, 2018.

Age in Years

Age in Years	Active	Inactive	All Children
0-05 Years	16.6	12.0	14.3
06-10 Years	19.5	15.6	17.7
11-15 Years	19.4	13.6	17.3
Over 15 Years	26.2	21.2	23.8
Overall	20.3	15.5	18.1



Average Length of Stay in Months



Exiting Out-of-Home Care

Why are children released from out-of-home care?

Thirty-seven percent of children were released from care through reunification with parents or primary guardians. The next largest group of children exiting care – 30 percent – was through placement with relatives. These percentages are consistent with FY 2017.

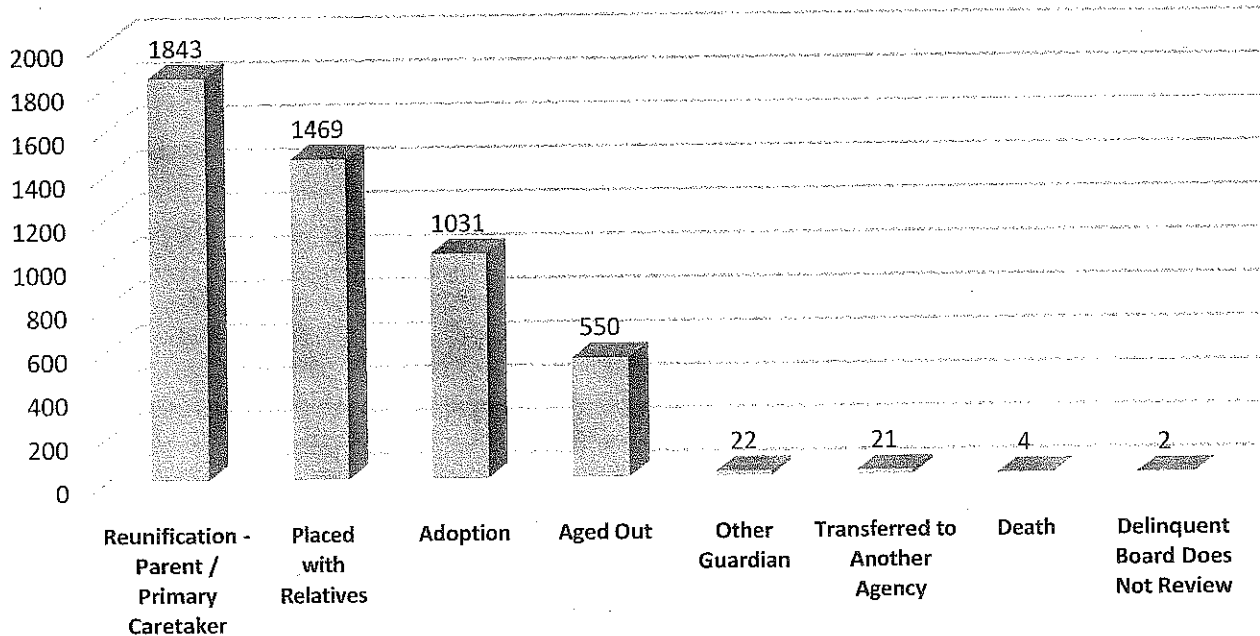
What percentage of children in out-of-home care were adopted?

Twenty-one percent of the children released from out-

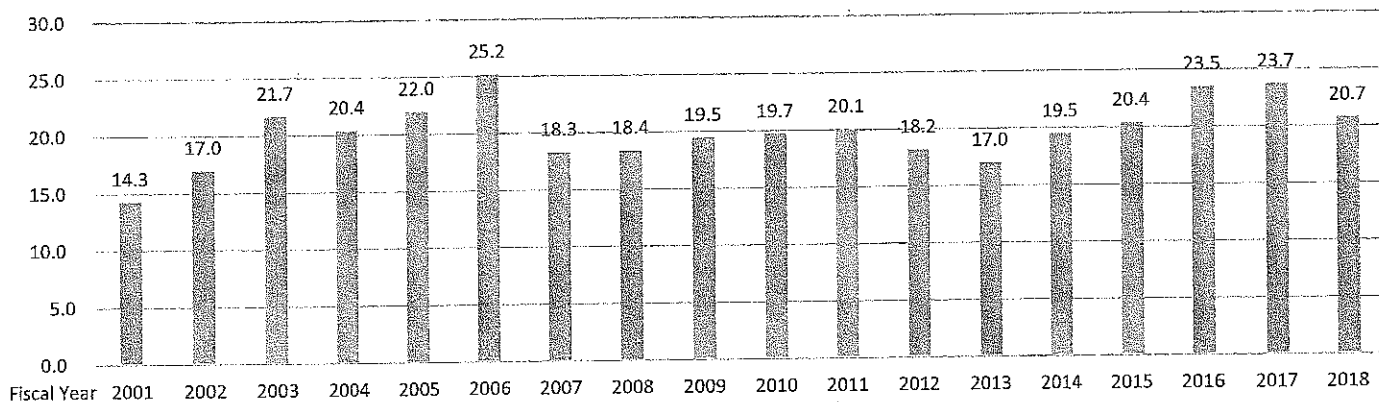
of-home care achieved permanency through adoption in FY 2018. Children who exited care because of a finalized adoption spent 37 months in care prior to adoption. The percentage of children achieving adoption decreased slightly from FY 2017, when 24 percent of children were released through adoption.

These two charts show the percentage of adoptions and average number of months to finalized adoptions.

Foster Care Children by Exit Type



Percentage of Adoptions Per Fiscal Year



Note: The variance in the statistical comparison between FY 2005 and FY 2006 may be due to the implementation of CATS, the Children's Automated Tracking System. In FY 2005, the reasons for release were gathered from individual CFCRB case reviews. With CATS in place, the release information is obtained primarily through downloads from TWIST, the data-tracking system for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Placement Stability

What do fewer out-of-home placements mean for children in foster care?

Fewer placements create stability and lessen the trauma for children in care. Children experienced an average of 2.07 placements per commitment in FY 2018. The average number of placements is an unexpected setback compared to the last three fiscal years, which reported 1.59 placements per commitment in FY 2017, 1.85 placements per commitment in FY 2016 and 2.02 placements per commitment in FY 2015. This number could improve but it still close to the federal expectation of 2 placements for a child in out-of-home care.

The number of placements per commitment for children still active as of June 30, 2018, has increased:

FY 2018 – 3.0 placements
 FY 2017 – 1.9 placements
 FY 2016 – 2.2 placement
 FY 2015 – 2.4 placements

The number of placements per commitment for children who were released from care decreased from the prior fiscal year:

FY 2018 – 1.1 placements
 FY 2017 – 1.3 placements
 FY 2016 – 1.5 placement
 FY 2015 – 1.6 placements

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services reports that 49.3 percent of the children in their custody in FY 2018 were placed in private child care arrangements, which is a slight decrease from the 54.3 percent reported in FY 2017. Children in foster care are in placements determined by the level of care necessary to meet their special needs. Level 5 is the level of care representing the most needs.

Of the children in private child care, 5.2 percent are in level 5 placements with an additional 3.2 percent placed in therapeutic foster care at level 5.¹

When determining placement for a child, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services considers the least restrictive and most appropriate placement. The CHFS may change the placement of a child for a variety of reasons such as safety concerns or the need for more intensive services.

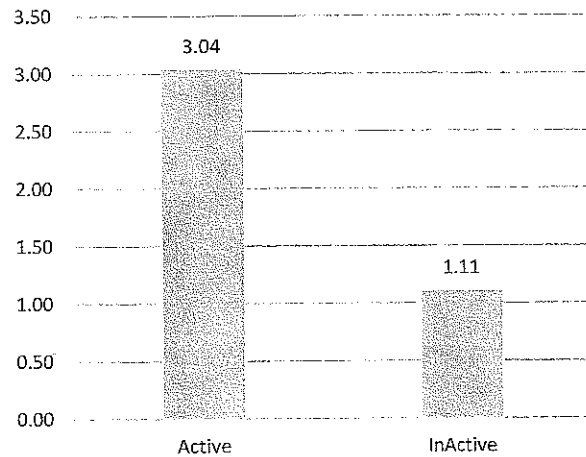
¹ Cabinet for Health and Family Services, TWS-058 SFY 2016, SFY 2017, SFY 2018; Foster Care Facts for July 2015, July 2016, July 2017, July 2018.

How many of these placements were out of state?

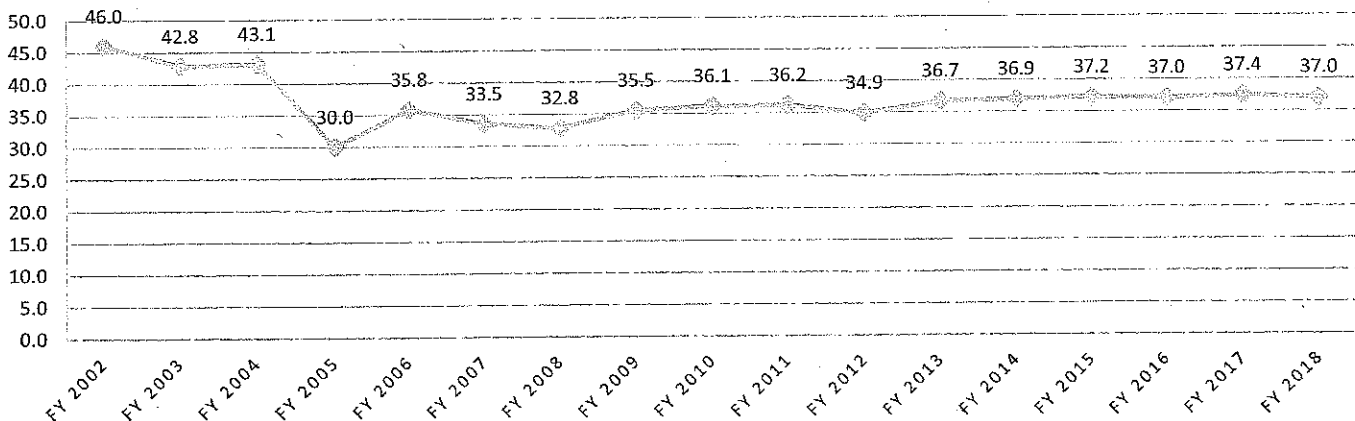
Based on information from the CHFS, 83 children were placed out of state in FY 2018. Children are often placed out of state when the CHFS locates a relative living outside of Kentucky who is willing to accept the child for placement.² Out-of-state placements are approved through the Interstate Compact process.

² Cabinet for Health and Family Services, TWS-058 SFY 2016, SFY 2017, SFY 2018; Foster Care Facts for July 2015, July 2016, July 2017, July 2018.

Average Placements Per Child for FY 2018



Average Months to Finalized Adoption



Establishing Permanency Goals

How is the permanency goal established and defined?

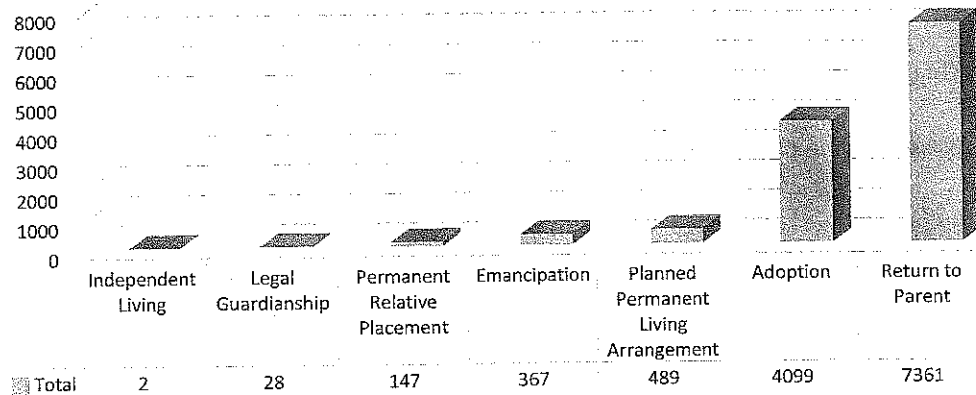
The Cabinet for Health and Family Services establishes a permanency plan for each child who enters foster care and his or her family. The plan is filed with the court and addresses the reason the child is in custody. The plan focuses on achieving objectives and completing tasks to ensure the child obtains a permanent home as quickly as possible.

The chart defines permanency goals that have been established for children. Return to parent and adoption remain the permanency goals for the majority of children reviewed by the CFCRB.

Per KRS 610.125, children who remain in the custody of the CHFS for 12 months

after initial placement are scheduled for a permanency hearing through the local court to determine their future status. At this hearing, the court addresses whether the child should be returned to the parents, placed for adoption, placed with a permanent custodian or provided with another type of permanent living arrangement.

Permanency Goals of Children in Foster Care



CFCRB Overview

What is the Citizen Foster Care Review Board?

The Kentucky General Assembly created the Citizen Foster Care Review Board in 1982 in response to federal legislation aimed at decreasing the amount of time children spend in foster care. Today 739 volunteers serve on 165 review boards throughout Kentucky.

CFCRB volunteers are appointed by their chief Family Court or District Court judge to review the cases of children placed in the custody of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services due to dependency, neglect or abuse.

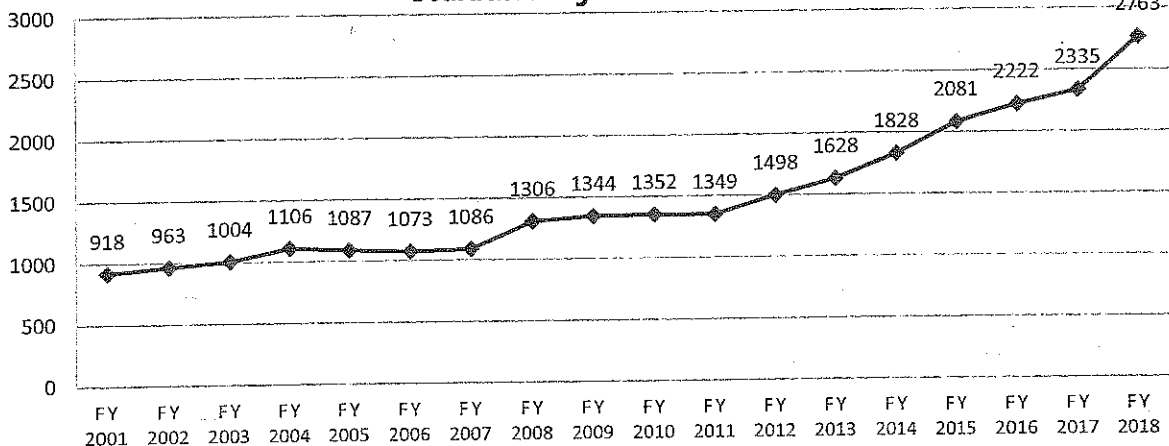
Volunteers regularly review each child's case with a particular focus on the out-of-home placement and the

permanency plan established by the CHFS. Based on information obtained from the reviews, the volunteer makes recommendations to the judge to ensure the child is placed in a safe and permanent home in a timely manner.

In FY 2018, the volunteers held 2,763 meetings and conducted 21,562 reviews on 12,493 children in out-of-home care. The growth in board meetings can be attributed in part to the increase in interested party reviews.

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Board Meetings Per Fiscal Year

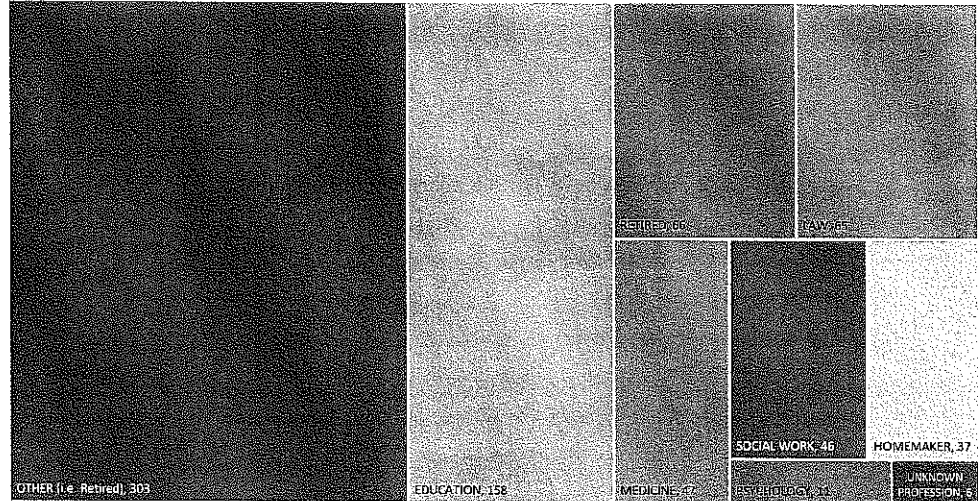


Who are CFCRB volunteers?

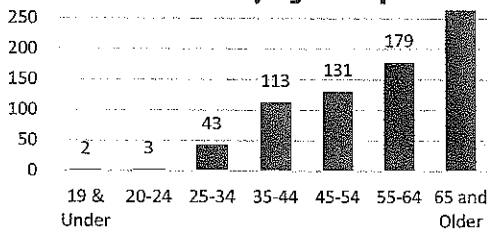
CFCRB volunteers come from a variety of educational and professional backgrounds, but all share a genuine concern for children and their welfare.

Of the 739 volunteers, 85 percent are female and 44 percent have backgrounds in education, medicine, law, social work and psychology. The volunteers range in age from 19 to 91, with an average age of 55. The average length of service is six years, which demonstrates their commitment to the children they serve.

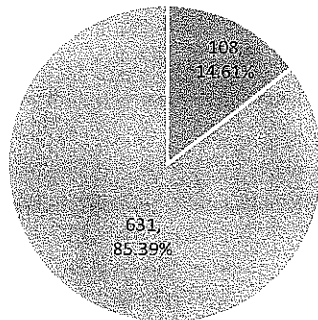
Volunteers by Profession



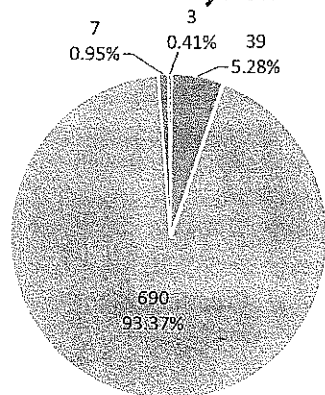
Volunteers by Age Group



Volunteers by Gender



Volunteers by Race



What are the requirements for becoming a CFCRB volunteer?

Those interested in volunteering must complete an initial six-hour training session and consent to a criminal record report from the Administrative Office of the Courts and a Central Registry Check from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

New volunteers are trained on the following topics:

- Cabinet for Health and Family Services procedures
- Department for Community Based Services procedures
- Family Engagement
- Dependency, neglect and abuse case forms
- Court processes
- Mental health needs of children in out-of-home care
- Process for conducting a review

Once a volunteer has provided the background checks and completed the initial training, a recommendation is made to the chief judge of the local Family Court or District Court for the volunteer to be appointed to the local board. Judges appoint volunteers for three-year terms. Volunteers are given a comprehensive handbook on the program and opportunities to earn six hours of continuing education, which is required each year.

What cases do CFCRB volunteers review?

Pursuant to KRS 620.270, CFCRB volunteers review the case of each child who is placed in the custody of the Cabinet by a court order for temporary custody or commitment. The reviews are conducted in the county or counties served by the local CFCRB board.

The cases include children whose commitments have been extended, children placed for adoptions that have not been finalized, children who

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have been returned home but remain committed and young adults whose out-of-home commitments have been extended. Children and young adults are also subject to review if they were originally committed as dependent, neglected or abused, but have been recommitted as status or public offenders, provided the commitment was not interrupted.

What resources are needed to conduct a review?

The CFCRB reviews the case of each child or young adult who is in temporary custody or is committed by the court. The reviews take place in the county or counties served by the local CFCRB board. The reviews are conducted through the case file or an interactive meeting called an interested party review.

Each review board has access to all pertinent information and records maintained by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services on the parents or person exercising custodial control or supervision for the child being reviewed. The review board also has access to all pertinent information and records of the court, the CHFS, and public and private child-care facilities for the child the CFCRB is reviewing. Information and records include, but are not limited to, case permanency plans, case progress reports and case records.

Pursuant to KRS 620.280, each local board may request in writing, with a notice of five work days, for employees of the CHFS and other agencies to appear at local board meetings.

How often are reviews conducted?

According to KRS 620.270(1), every child must be reviewed at least once every six months. However, CFCRB volunteers may review cases more often if deemed necessary by the board. The CFCRB reports its findings to the court and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Where are reviews conducted?

Reviews are conducted in every county in Kentucky. Larger counties may have multiple boards. Smaller counties in the same judicial circuit or district may join together for a combined board.

The chief judge of Family Court or District Court designates where the review will take place. Reviews are often conducted at the local office of the Department for Community Based Services. Many of the interested party reviews are conducted in local judicial centers.

Where are CFCRB reviews conducted if a child moves to another county?

Per KRS 620.270(1), if a child moves to another county due to a pre-adoptive placement or if the Cabinet for Health and Family Services has moved the child, the responsibility for reviewing cases remains with the local review board that serves the county of commitment/temporary custody.

When does the CFCRB stop conducting reviews?

Per KRS 620.270(1), reviews by a CFCRB shall cease when the child is no longer in the custody of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or an adoption has been finalized. The case record will document the release.

CFCRB Activity by Interested Party Review Board for Fiscal Year 2018

	IPR Reviews	Children Reviewed
ADAIR	49	32
ALLEN	89	54
BALLARD/CARLISLE	75	40
BOONE/GALLATIN	1	1
BOYD A IPR	30	24
BOYD IPR	13	12
BOYLE IPR	177	100
BREATHITT	35	27
BREATHITT/WOLFE IPR	12	12
BRECKINRIDGE	98	62
BULLITT	89	47
BULLITT B	105	63
BUTLER	34	33
CALDWELL/LLOYN	82	55
CALLOWAY	193	123
CAMPBELL 4 IPR	45	37
CARTER IPR	110	67
CASEY	24	17
CHRISTIAN	216	144
CHRISTIAN B IPR	156	101
CLARK	6	5
CLARK IPR	117	72
CLAY IPR	81	55
CLINTON	19	15
CRITTENDEN	55	30
DAVISS A	85	56
DAVISS B	85	51
DAVISS C	91	55
EDMONSON	71	49
ELLIOTT/MORGAN IPR	49	41
ESTILL IPR	91	61
FAYETTE 1 IPR	98	56
FAYETTE 2 IPR	41	39
FAYETTE 4 IPR	82	55
FAYETTE B IPR	4	4
FAYETTE E IPR	105	65
FAYETTE G IPR	89	56
FAYETTE I IPR	88	57
FAYETTE J	1	1
FLOYD	40	35
FULTON/HICKMAN	43	28
GARRARD IPR	82	50
GRAVES	180	117
GREEN	18	10
GREENUP/LEWIS IPR	77	51
HANCOCK	3	3
HARDIN A	149	107
HARDIN B	165	127
HARDIN C	127	82
HARDIN D	157	144
HARLAN IPR	5	5
HARRISON IPR	155	105
HART	34	24
HENDERSON	81	47
HENRY IPR	30	22
HOPKINS	128	71
IPR Fayette G	15	15
JACKSON IPR	39	25
JEFFERSON 1	5	6
JEFFERSON 1/3 IPR	48	41
JEFFERSON 10 IPR	70	46
JEFFERSON 5	122	72
JEFFERSON 5A	95	68
JEFFERSON 6	4	3
JEFFERSON 7	62	45
JEFFERSON 7A	82	43
JEFFERSON 8	5	5
JEFFERSON 8 IPR	75	46
JESSAMINE IPR	80	72
JOHNSON IPR	63	40
KENTON 1 IPR	46	28
KENTON 4 IPR	75	52
KENTON 5 IPR	59	46
KENTON 8 IPR	57	38
KENTON STATUS IPR	43	29
KNOTT/PERRY IPR	40	28
KNOX IPR	74	49
LARUE	41	23
LAUREL IPR	105	73
LAWRENCE IPR	52	29
LEE/OWSLEY IPR	36	25
LESLIE	10	8
LETCHER	23	18
LINCOLN IPR	201	67
LIVINGSTON	29	20
LOGAN	109	74
MADISON A IPR	81	41
MAGOFFIN IPR	17	11
MARION/WASHINGTON IPR	65	34
MARSHALL	171	109
Marshall B	79	51
MARTIN IPR	49	32
MCCRACKEN A IPR	11	10
MCCRACKEN B	113	72
MCCREARY	138	73
MCLEAN	61	39
MEADE	184	124
MERCER IPR	85	69
METCALFE	34	22
MONROE/KUMBERLAND	39	27
MONTGOMERY IPR	142	91
MUHLENBERG	93	63
NELSON	60	42
NICHOLAS IPR	15	15
OHIO	185	111
OLDHAM IPR	53	37
PENDLETON IPR	26	17
PERRY	1	1
PIKE	34	31
POWELL IPR	55	32
PULASKI IPR	138	82
ROCKCASTLE IPR	103	67
ROWAN A IPR	53	45
ROWAN B IPR	77	47
RUSSELL	81	45
SHELBY IPR	20	12
SIMPSON	52	40
SPENCER IPR	35	26
TAYLOR	62	30
TODD	78	49
TRIGG	85	40
TRIMBLE IPR	44	26
UNION	88	44
WARREN A IPR	57	37
WARREN B	73	42
WARREN C IPR	37	25
WAYNE	37	24
WEBSTER	33	19
WHITLEY IPR	143	87
WOLFE	13	11
STATEWIDE	9,032	5,974

CFCRB Activity by Case Review Board for Fiscal Year 2018

	Reviews	Children Reviewed		Reviews	Children Reviewed
ADAIR	17	17	JEFFERSON 5	13	13
ALLEN	37	37	JEFFERSON 5A	3	3
ANDERSON	173	92	JEFFERSON 6	228	124
BARREN	241	160	JEFFERSON 7	16	15
BATH/MENIFEE	98	66	JEFFERSON 7A	5	5
BELL	75	51	JEFFERSON 8	172	108
BOONE/GALLATIN	402	160	JEFFERSON 8 IPR	2	2
BOURBON	114	62	JEFFERSON 9	194	121
BOYD	381	257	JESSAMINE IPR	74	64
BOYD A IPR	16	16	JOHNSON IPR	16	13
BOYD IPR	12	10	KENTON 1 IPR	22	19
BOYLE IPR	1	1	KENTON 2	298	177
BREATHITT	11	10	KENTON 3-Campbell	219	109
BREATHITT/WOLFE IPR	14	14	KENTON 4 IPR	12	11
BRECKINRIDGE	50	49	KENTON 5 IPR	13	13
BULLITT	38	38	KENTON 6	287	167
BULLITT B	8	8	KENTON 7-Campbell	203	149
BÜTLER	87	62	KENTON 8 IPR	31	29
CALLOWAY	18	18	KENTON STATUS IPR	22	19
CAMPBELL 1	309	158	KNOTT/PERRY IPR	30	26
CAMPBELL 2	251	152	KNOX IPR	105	80
CAMPBELL 4 IPR	12	12	LARUE	17	17
CARROLL	99	62	LAUREL IPR	78	70
CARTER IPR	29	19	LAWRENCE IPR	5	5
CASEY	10	9	LEE/OWSLEY IPR	35	31
CLARK	213	136	LESLIE	18	16
CLARK IPR	24	24	LETCHER	28	25
CLAY IPR	97	94	LINCOLN IPR	34	30
CLINTON	8	8	LOGAN	1	1
CRITTENDEN	4	4	MADISON A IPR	9	9
DAVISS A	21	18	MADISON B	175	103
DAVISS B	3	3	MADISON C	158	93
DAVISS C	30	29	MAGOFFIN IPR	14	8
EDMONSON	40	40	MARION/WASHINGTON IPR	7	7
ELLIOTT/MORGAN IPR	20	18	MARTIN IPR	16	15
FAYETTE 1 IPR	1	1	MASON/BRACKEN	210	135
FAYETTE 2 IPR	10	10	MCCRACKEN A IPR	225	86
FAYETTE 4 IPR	8	8	MCCRACKEN B	4	4
FAYETTE A	105	59	MCCREARY	54	52
FAYETTE B	169	74	MCLEAN	4	3
FAYETTE B IPR	1	1	MEADE	86	86
FAYETTE C	120	72	MERCER IPR	16	16
FAYETTE D	153	79	METCALFE	18	18
FAYETTE E IPR	9	9	MONROE/CUMBERLAND	24	23
FAYETTE F	114	60	MONTGOMERY IPR	31	23
FAYETTE G IPR	16	16	MUHLENBERG	25	25
FAYETTE H	140	73	NELSON	27	26
FAYETTE I	30	27	NICHOLAS IPR	11	11
FAYETTE I IPR	28	27	OHIO	57	53
FAYETTE J	187	79	OLDHAM IPR	29	24
FAYETTE K	117	71	OWEN	81	34
FAYETTE L	154	84	PENDLETON IPR	13	12
FLEMING/ROBERTSON	55	31	PERRY	143	83
FLOYD	104	76	PIKE	104	79
FRANKLIN	358	165	POWELL IPR	29	26
GARRARD IPR	31	31	PULASKI IPR	72	70
GRANT	151	80	ROCKCASTLE IPR	31	31
GRAVES	2	2	ROWAN A IPR	6	5
GRAYSON	285	187	ROWAN B IPR	13	12
GREEN	10	10	RUSSELL	30	29
GREENUP/LEWIS IPR	14	14	SCOTT	182	83
HANCOCK	10	7	SHELBY	190	116
HARDIN A	69	69	SHELBY IPR	13	13
HARDIN B	46	46	SIMPSON	46	39
HARDIN C	75	70	SPENCER IPR	43	30
HARDIN D	97	95	TAYLOR	24	23
HARLAN IPR	53	32	TRIMBLE IPR	17	16
HARRISON IPR	30	28	UNION	1	1
HART	28	21	WARREN A	386	255
HENDERSON	11	11	WARREN A IPR	43	41
HENRY IPR	15	14	WARREN B	26	26
HOPKINS	5	4	WARREN C	300	203
IPR Favette G	1	1	WARREN C IPR	18	17
JACKSON IPR	46	37	WARREN D IPR	1	1
JEFFERSON 1	318	138	WAYNE	20	19
JEFFERSON 10	143	89	WHITLEY	93	74
JEFFERSON 10 IPR	9	9	WHITLEY IPR	64	52
JEFFERSON 2	299	161	WOLFE	9	7
JEFFERSON 3	226	95	WOODFORD	61	35
JEFFERSON 4	293	160	STATEWIDE	12,530	8,042

CFCRB Highlights for 2018

CFCRB volunteers improve their review, leadership skills at regional trainings

The Administrative Office of the Courts offered a variety of beneficial trainings statewide in FY 2018, which accounted for 479 CFCRB volunteers receiving 2,671 hours of initial and continuing education.

These trainings included:

- CFCRB regional trainings
- Initial and interested party review dual-track trainings
- Chair/vice chair trainings
- Legal trainings for dependency, neglect and abuse cases
- Local conferences and trainings devoted to children's issues and approved by local chairs, such as the Kids Are Worth It Conference
- Online trainings

The specialized regional training in the fall of 2017 provided the following topics:

CFCRB Updates. This session reviewed Kentucky legislative updates for FY 2018 that affect child welfare, such as the Cabinet for Health and Family Services being able to recommend fictive kin as a placement for children entering out-of-home care, the process for a committed youth to

obtain a driver's license, and the creation of the legislative Adoption Task Force to study how Kentucky's foster care and adoption processes can be improved.

Enhanced Resource Guidelines. Participants were given a scenario-based overview of the Enhanced Resource Guidelines, which were developed by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges to help improve the child abuse and neglect processes. The attendees also gained an understanding of best or promising practices and how to apply those in child welfare-related cases.

Implicit Bias. This session outlined the current research regarding implicit bias and its effect on continuing institutional racism and disparate discipline practices with youth and families of color. Participants also discussed the importance of cultural awareness for decision-makers and how cultural awareness may play a role in reducing disproportionate minority contact/disparities within our youth-serving systems.

These regional trainings gave CFCRB volunteers their six hours of mandatory annual continuing education. The trainings also helped volunteers gain an understanding of how to apply best practices in child welfare cases and how cultural awareness can help mitigate disparities within systems that serve our youth.

CFCRB volunteers advocate for children at Capitol

A group of Citizen Foster Care Review Board volunteers travel to Frankfort each year to take part in Children's Advocacy Day. This annual event allows hundreds of concerned citizens to bring the needs of children and proposed solutions to the attention of state legislators.

The CFCRB was one of the sponsors of the 2018 Children's Advocacy Day, which took place at the Capitol on Jan. 18.

While in Frankfort, CFCRB volunteers provided copies of their legislative recommendations for 2018. The recommendations focused on supporting a future judicial redistricting plan that would bring Family Court to every county in the commonwealth.

Children's Advocacy Day began in 2004 as a way to unite advocates throughout Kentucky to speak on behalf of the safety, health, education and economic well-being of families.



Children's Automated Tracking System compiles information on children in care

The Administrative Office of the Courts uses the Children's Automated Tracking System to track case information for children in out-of-home care. CATS houses all reviews conducted by Citizen Foster Care Review Board volunteers and its data is used by the AOC, judges, the CFCRB and the Department for Community Based Services.

CATS receives weekly downloads from The Worker Information System. TWIST is the statewide automated child welfare information system operated by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. These downloads ensure a timely review by notifying CFCRB volunteers when new children have entered care.

CATS also supplies the review forms that CFCRB volunteers use for their paper reviews and interested party reviews. CATS tracks and records removal and placement information, sibling visitation, permanency and case planning. The system also maintains the number of prior entries in foster care and the number of moves.

The information that volunteers report on the CFCRB Findings and Recommendations form during reviews is recorded into CATS as a permanent record.

In addition, identifying information is also recorded on the CFCRB Findings and Recommendations form and, ultimately, in CATS. This includes the child's name, date of birth, race, sex, court case number, DCBS case number, judge, social services worker, family services office supervisor, guardian ad litem, and the court appointed special advocate, if applicable.

CATS also tracks volunteer hours, both training hours and hours spent at board meetings, as well as the parties notified of an interested party review.

Data housed in CATS fulfills the CFCRB's statutorily mandated requirements to compile the CFCRB annual report, which is made available to the public and provided to volunteers, the DCBS, judges, the Supreme Court, governor and legislators.

Reviews done by interested party review jump 24 percent

An interested party review is an interactive review that focuses on case plans for the parents and their child and the progress being made to secure permanency for the child.

Those involved include Citizen Foster Care Review Board volunteers, parents, care providers, service providers, Department for Community Based Services personnel, Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteers and the attorneys for the children and their parents. Once the mandatory IPR has been completed, the family services coordinator submits a comprehensive report with findings and recommendations to the judge responsible for the case review.

In Fiscal Year 2018, CFCRB volunteers conducted 9,032 IPRs for an 24 percent increase over FY 2017. There were 5,974 children who received this intensive review, which is a 29 percent increase over the previous fiscal year.

Since the CFCRB adopted IPR in 2008, the number of boards using this interactive review has grown quickly:

FY 2018 – 71 percent	FY 2014 – 53 percent
FY 2017 – 69 percent	FY 2013 – 37 percent
FY 2016 – 65 percent	FY 2012 – 29 percent
FY 2015 – 59 percent	FY 2011 – 24 percent

Interested Party Review Boards by County

Adair, Allen, Ballard/Carlisle, Boyd, Boyle, Breathitt, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Bullitt B, Butler, Caldwell/Lyon, Calloway, Campbell 4, Carter, Casey, Christian, Christian B, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Crittenden, Daviess A, Daviess B, Daviess C, Edmonson, Elliott/Morgan, Estill, Fayette 1, Fayette 2, Fayette 4, Fayette B, Fayette E, Fayette G, Fayette I, Floyd, Fulton/Hickman, Garrard, Graves, Green, Greenup/Lewis, Hancock, Hardin A, Hardin B, Hardin C, Hardin D, Harlan, Harrison, Hart, Henderson, Henry, Hopkins, Jackson, Jefferson 1/3 IPR, Jefferson 5A, Jefferson 5B, Jefferson 7A, Jefferson 7B, Jefferson 8 IPR, Jefferson 10 IPR, Jessamine, Johnson, Kenton 1, Kenton 4, Kenton 5, Kenton 8, Kenton Status, Knott/Perry, Knox, LaRue, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee/Owsley, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Livingston, Logan, Madison A, Magoffin, Marion/Washington, Marshall, Marshall B, Martin, McCracken A, McCracken B, McCreary, McLean, Meade, Mercer, Metcalfe, Monroe/Cumberland, Montgomery, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Ohio, Oldham, Pendleton, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan A, Rowan B, Russell, Shelby IPR, Simpson, Spencer, Taylor, Todd, Trigg, Trimble, Union, Warren A, Warren B, Warren C, Warren D, Wayne, Webster, Whitley, Wolfe

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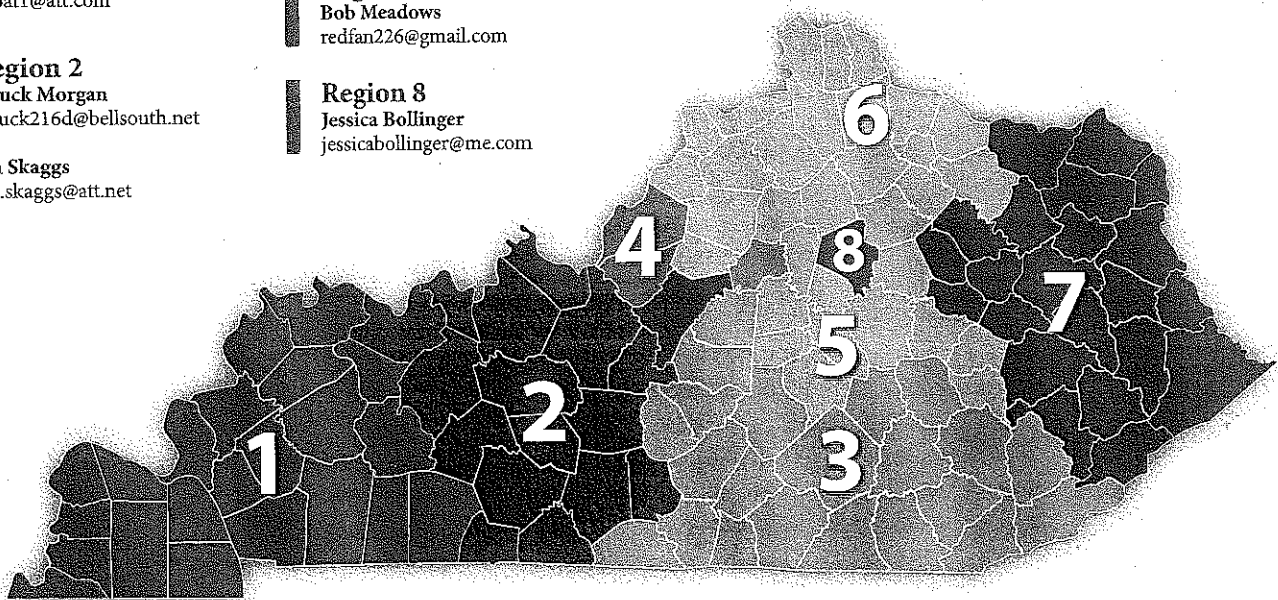
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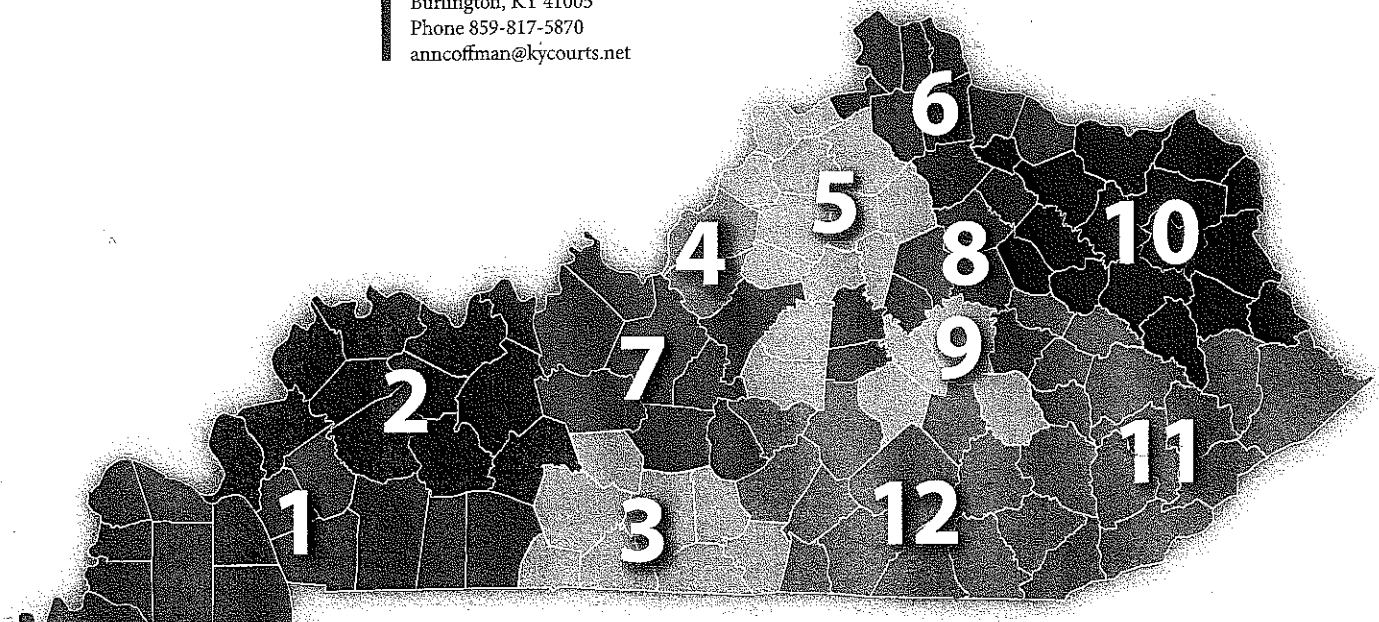
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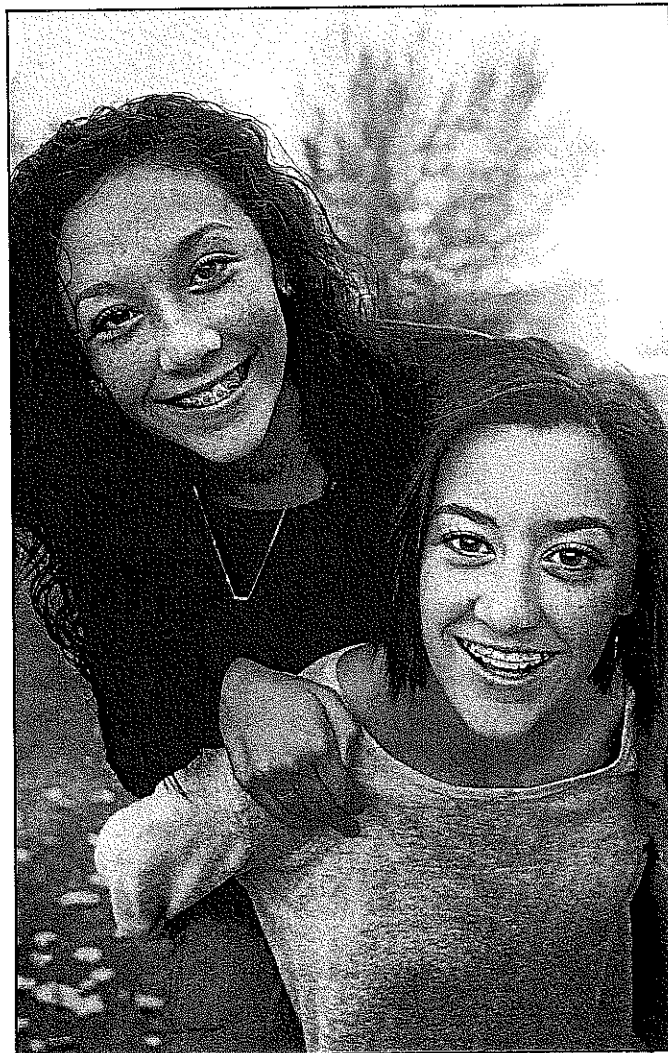
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