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As required in Rider 37, Article II of The General Appropriations Act, 85th Texas Legislature, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) shall submit quarterly reports within 30 days of the end of the fiscal quarter of updated information regarding implementation of plans to ensure foster children are placed in the most appropriate service level.

Updated Fiscal Year 2018 and Year to Date Fiscal Year 2019

Update to Report

The Quarter 1 Fiscal Year 2019 Rider 37 Report reflects adjustments to data that better captures service level utilization. To ensure data can be compared over time, the Q1 FY 19 report reflects the adjustments for FY 19, and displays recalculated data for FY 18 using the revised methodology discussed below. As a result, FY 18 numbers in this report will not match previous FY 18 reports.

The original FY 18 reports all children in a placement including children in a kinship placement where the caregiver received funding through the Relative and Other Designated Caregiver (RODC) program. The FY 18 reports also identified children served through a Single Source Continuum Contractor (SSCC) and children served through a child specific contract as a Basic service level. Children served through an SSCC and all children in child specific contracts are identified as a "Basic" service level in the DFPS data regardless of the child's actual level of need due to systems limitations.

The following adjustments have been made:

- Children in kinship placement and the associated expenditures have been removed. This type of financial support is not considered synonymous with Paid Foster Care.
- Children in paid foster care served through a SSCC and children in child specific contracts are excluded from the following tables: Children in Paid Foster Care by Month; Paid Foster Care by Quarter; and Total Children in Paid Foster Care by Service Level.
- Separate tables identifying the number of children served through the SSCC and child specific contracts have been added.

Treatment Family Foster Care Services

Treatment Family Foster Care is a time-limited service through which providers will be held accountable for reducing the acuity of need and facilitating placements into a less restrictive, more family-like setting. As of this reporting period, DFPS has awarded three contracts for Treatment Foster Family Care Services to be provided across the state. The three contracts were effective September 1, 2018. As of December 21, 2018, nine children have been placed in a Treatment Foster Family Care placement.

Impact to Service Array

At this time, there is little impact to the service array resulting from the addition of Intense Plus and Treatment Family Foster Care. There are two RTCs contracted to provide Intense Plus Services, one of which has two children currently placed that meet the Intense Plus criteria for services. The other RTC became contracted to provide Intense Plus services on November 29, 2018 and currently there no children placed in that facility that meet the Intense Plus criteria for services. While there are three providers contracted to provide Treatment Family Foster Care, the service is still very new. As of December 21, 2018, there are twenty active homes among the three providers. All homes are in the process of reviewing children for placement. As the capacity in the Treatment Family Foster Care program grows and additional providers add Intense Plus Services to the array, DFPS should realize the impact of the additional service.

Utilization of Levels of Care

The Utilization of Levels of Care in Foster Care Report for this reporting period includes FY 18 (September 1, 2017- August 31, 2018) and FY 19 YTD (September 1, 2018- November 30, 2018) data. These data exclude child specific contracts and children placed in a Single Source Continuum Contract (SSCC) through Community Based Care. During the month of August 2018, there were 17,071 total children in paid foster care, costing a total of \$36,872,474.78. Over FY 18 there was a decrease in the number of children with service level waivers. During November 2018, there were 3,026 total children in paid foster care, costing a total of \$5,731,825.57. Data for this report is as of December 7, 2018. Data will fluctuate due to payments processing through the systems. As a result, the number of and payments for children in paid foster care for November will be much higher. DFPS anticipates a continued decrease in the number of special waivers and child specific contracts as more residential providers begin contracting to provide Intense Plus Services and more Treatment Family Foster Care homes become available.

Utilization of Levels of Care in Foster Care FY 18 (September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018)

Children in Paid Foster Care Excluding Child Specific Contracts and SSCC

Month	Children	Amount
201709	16,621	\$34,510,025.80
201710	16,938	\$36,153,011.97
201711	16,841	\$34,959,267.63
201712	16,463	\$35,914,573.94
201801	16,525	\$35,929,669.27
201802	16,544	\$32,767,776.77
201803	16,934	\$36,789,590.69
201804	17,065	\$36,180,136.48
201805	17,196	\$37,714,028.89
201806	17,175	\$36,013,360.89
201807	17,065	\$37,602,481.31
201808	17,071	\$36,872,474.78

Paid Foster Care by Quarter Excluding Child Specific Contracts and SSCC

Quarter	Children	Amount
1	19,480	\$105,622,305.40
2	19,035	\$104,612,019.98
3	19,846	\$110,683,756.06
4	20,005	\$110,488,316.98

Total Children in Paid Care by Service Level Excluding Child Specific Contracts and SSCC

Month	Quarter	Basic	Basic Amount	Moderate	Moderate Amount	Intense	Intense Amount	Specialized	Specialized Amount	Emergency	Emergency Amount	Psychiatric Transition	Psychiatric Transition Amount	SIL	SIL Amount
201709	1	10,910	\$13,138,172.68	2,254	\$5,402,987.97	509	\$3,422,017.18	2,177	\$9,177,152.47	1,034	\$2,667,810.24	72	\$593,841.98	99	\$108,043.28
201710	1	11,191	\$13,806,129.54	2,241	\$5,540,661.51	528	\$3,761,098.23	2,214	\$9,628,688.36	1,077	\$2,755,810.56	80	\$546,553.05	99	\$114,070.72
201711	1	11,103	\$13,307,751.20	2,217	\$5,275,072.76	523	\$3,613,936.11	2,255	\$9,507,780.02	1,009	\$2,673,156.12	65	\$472,056.39	97	\$109,515.03
201712	2	10,755	\$13,530,808.68	2,195	\$5,446,002.89	520	\$3,697,498.75	2,258	\$9,884,621.22	975	\$2,639,434.51	79	\$604,407.37	95	\$111,800.52
201801	2	10,794	\$13,462,892.42	2,191	\$5,346,483.46	550	\$3,889,896.34	2,269	\$9,923,041.07	1,042	\$2,564,001.26	76	\$635,248.26	98	\$108,106.46
201802	2	10,757	\$12,270,161.86	2,165	\$4,858,355.83	557	\$3,558,402.60	2,297	\$9,089,875.33	1,027	\$2,391,782.26	68	\$498,012.49	101	\$101,186.40
201803	3	10,956	\$13,603,440.14	2,228	\$5,535,658.00	547	\$3,851,598.64	2,345	\$10,224,814.68	1,119	\$2,792,425.40	81	\$661,663.99	102	\$119,989.84
201804	3	11,054	\$13,332,652.49	2,242	\$5,394,366.95	557	\$3,883,958.81	2,350	\$9,910,717.28	1,148	\$2,861,461.97	86	\$678,437.18	102	\$118,541.80
201805	3	11,166	\$13,907,799.24	2,260	\$5,636,281.33	544	\$3,888,642.64	2,380	\$10,402,530.69	1,144	\$3,137,770.17	79	\$619,552.39	105	\$121,452.43
201806	4	11,080	\$13,298,742.80	2,263	\$5,404,027.68	546	\$3,637,162.80	2,405	\$10,048,274.99	1,172	\$2,946,283.25	81	\$559,836.63	106	\$119,032.74
201807	4	10,949	\$13,659,229.26	2,293	\$5,673,452.79	554	\$3,928,413.72	2,373	\$10,235,095.53	1,203	\$3,359,090.64	76	\$628,369.64	99	\$118,829.73
201808	4	11,048	\$13,638,196.34	2,293	\$5,539,910.08	551	\$3,808,489.97	2,415	\$10,230,922.09	1,152	\$2,977,674.10	75	\$555,697.30	106	\$121,584.90

Children in SSCC Foster Care Excluding Child Specific Contracts

Month	Children	Amount
201709	1,456	\$3,582,758.96
201710	1,458	\$3,674,560.99
201711	1,442	\$3,475,863.36
201712	1,374	\$3,571,577.75
201801	1,381	\$3,481,964.09
201802	1,378	\$3,189,307.94
201803	1,388	\$3,526,193.62
201804	1,382	\$3,476,149.57
201805	1,406	\$3,653,387.31
201806	1,412	\$3,611,166.32
201807	1,408	\$3,790,235.16
201808	1,449	\$3,737,260.69

SSCC Foster Care by Quarter Excluding Child Specific Contracts

Quarter	Children	Amount
1	1,659	\$10,733,183.31
2	1,543	\$10,242,849.78
3	1,573	\$10,655,730.50
4	1,635	\$11,138,662.17

Children in SSCC Foster Care by Level of Care Excluding Child Specific Contracts

Month	Quarter	SSCC Blended Children	SSCC Blended Rate Amount	SSCC Exceptional Children	SSCC Exceptional Amount Paid	SSCC SIL Children	SSCC SIL Amount
201709	1	1,413	\$3,179,365.70	35	\$378,102.36	24	\$25,290.90
201710	1	1,416	\$3,267,899.74	36	\$376,357.54	26	\$30,303.71
201711	1	1,390	\$3,061,298.44	35	\$385,144.10	26	\$29,420.82
201712	2	1,325	\$3,142,360.55	30	\$405,443.20	24	\$23,774.00
201801	2	1,342	\$3,105,349.05	28	\$352,542.50	20	\$24,072.54
201802	2	1,336	\$2,801,503.72	34	\$367,431.40	19	\$20,372.82
201803	3	1,338	\$3,088,648.04	36	\$413,534.40	23	\$24,011.18
201804	3	1,330	\$2,987,770.47	41	\$463,917.70	21	\$24,461.40
201805	3	1,349	\$3,091,170.29	44	\$537,689.60	21	\$24,527.42
201806	4	1,352	\$3,019,257.68	48	\$567,361.20	23	\$24,547.44
201807	4	1,345	\$3,152,123.24	50	\$613,369.40	23	\$24,742.52
201808	4	1,387	\$3,116,695.11	52	\$594,680.18	23	\$25,885.40

Children in Paid Specific Contracts

Month	Children	Amount
201709	237	\$2,329,312.66
201710	222	\$2,092,921.35
201711	219	\$2,138,240.02
201712	227	\$2,182,945.37
201801	236	\$2,302,684.79
201802	229	\$2,159,279.91
201803	224	\$2,096,088.91
201804	231	\$2,171,975.69
201805	265	\$2,653,782.35
201806	279	\$2,535,290.75
201807	260	\$2,624,967.15
201808	235	\$2,260,128.88

*RODC is excluded from all reports

Children in Paid Foster Care During Active Special Waiver

*These children not excluded from other counts

Month	Children	Amount
201709	384	\$2,330,486
201710	358	\$2,141,699
201711	310	\$1,808,421
201712	334	\$2,096,906
201801	294	\$1,880,634
201802	261	\$1,517,931
201803	261	\$1,699,122
201804	227	\$1,534,163
201805	219	\$1,489,235
201806	229	\$1,388,286
201807	220	\$1,539,615
201808	197	\$1,344,617

Utilization of Levels of Care in Foster Care FY19 YTD (September 1, 2018 – December 17, 2018)

Children in Paid Foster Care Excluding Child Specific Contracts and SSCC

Month	Children	Amount
201809	16,752	\$35,655,390.16
201810	16,806	\$36,946,652.70
201811	3,026	\$5,731,825.57

Paid Foster Care by Quarter Excluding Child Specific Contracts and SSCC

Quarter	Children	Amount
1	18,183	\$78,333,868.43

Total Children in Paid Care by Service Level Excluding Child Specific Contracts and SSCC

Month	Quarter	Basic	Basic Amount	Moderate	Moderate Amount	Intense	Intense Amount	Intense Plus	Intense Plus Amount	Specialized	Specialized Amount	Emergency	Emergency Amount	Psychiatric Transition	Psychiatric Transition Amount	Treatment Foster Care	Treatment Foster Care Amount	SIL	SIL Amount
201809	1	10,836	\$13,220,901.64	2,315	\$5,545,153.24	508	\$3,559,418.41	0		2,308	\$9,838,381.46	1,036	\$2,833,622.53	64	\$530,975.86	1	\$1,664.22	108	\$125,272.80
201810	1	10,933	\$13,771,034.57	2,323	\$5,807,397.47	517	\$3,751,976.67	2	\$11,620.88	2,301	\$10,039,444.81	1,000	\$2,789,679.54	78	\$634,293.44	1	\$8,598.47	108	\$132,606.85
201811	1	2,118	\$1,946,638.43	263	\$643,280.85	95	\$680,855.75	1	\$12,021.60	405	\$1,910,697.02	158	\$439,377.26	13	\$86,094.56	0		10	\$12,860.10

Children in SSCC Foster Care Excluding Child Specific Contracts

Month	Children	Amount
201809	1,394	\$3,310,000.89
201810	1,391	\$3,426,936.69

SSCC Foster Care by Quarter Excluding Child Specific Contracts

Quarter	Children	Amount
1	1,466	\$6,736,937.58

Children in SSCC Foster Care by Level of Care Excluding Child Specific Contracts

Month	Quarter	SSCC Blended Children	SSCC Blended Rate Amount	SSCC Exceptional Children	SSCC Exceptional Amount Paid	SSCC SIL Children	SSCC SIL Amount
201809	1	1,369	\$3,258,169.71	2	\$26,872.20	23	\$24,958.98
201810	1	1,372	\$3,378,273.35	2	\$27,792.94	18	\$20,870.40

Children in Paid Child Specific Contracts

Month	Children	Amount
201809	212	\$2,050,141.28
201810	188	\$1,984,877.18
201811	30	\$341,677.00

*RODC is excluded from all reports

Children in Paid Foster Care During Active Special Waiver

*These children not excluded from other counts

Month	Children	Amount
201809	174	\$1,156,905
201810	181	\$1,203,508
201811	33	\$201,943