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About This Report

This report is designed for use by child welfare organizations as a performance measurement system. The Assessment and Action Record (AAR) outcome data available in this report should assist child welfare organizations in the development of an internal evaluation program. The AAR findings are intended to help supervisors, program managers, executive directors and board members within child welfare organizations monitor children's outcomes on a regular basis by comparing children's and youths' developmental progress with intended goals. A second intended use of the AAR is to inform decision-makers as to possible means of improving the quality and relevance of services on an ongoing basis.

This report is also designed to provide policy-makers with accurate, up-to-date knowledge of system-wide outcomes thereby fulfilling an accountability function and a guiding function in identifying policies and practices that promote continuous improvements in child welfare policies and practices.

Note: The AAR findings presented in this report must be reviewed and interpreted carefully by child welfare organizations before new policies and services are implemented.

A double hyphen (- -) in this report indicates that there was no data collected on a specific variable for a specific group. Clarification is noted, where possible. Percentages are rounded.



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Background Information

The Background Information section of this report provides basic socio-demographic information on the young people in care who completed a 2021 Assessment and Action Record (AAR), their caregivers, and their child welfare workers.

Demographics: Young People in Care in Ontario

Table 1-1: Biological sex and age of young people in living in care who completed a 2021 AAR.

Age group <i>Total AAR sample</i>		0-5 <i>N = 790</i>	6-9 <i>N = 519</i>	10-15 <i>N = 1194</i>	16+ <i>N = 645</i>
Biological sex	<i>n =</i>	790	519	1194	645
	Male	55.2%	58.2%	58.5%	54.4%
	Female	44.7%	41.6%	41.5%	45.6%
	Intersex	0.1%	0.2%	0%	0%
Age	<i>n =</i>	790	519	1194	645
	Mean	2.6	7.6	12.9	16.6
	Median	2.0	8.0	13.0	17.0

Table 1-2: Legal status of young people living in care.

	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
<i>n =</i>	763	512	1155	621
Temporary care agreement	4.8%	2.6%	1.9%	1.1%
Interim care and custody	18.9%	10.0%	5.7%	2.1%
Interim Society Care	25.3%	18.5%	10.8%	5.8%
Customary care	16.9%	20.9%	9.6%	4.7%
Extended Society Care	31.5%	47.4%	71.5%	81.3%
Other	2.6%	0.6%	0.4%	1.6%
Continued Care and Support for Youth				3.4%

Table 1-3: Primary reason(s) for current admission to service.

	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Physical/Sexual Harm by Commission	7.7%	18.0%	19.5%	20.5%
Harm by Omission	25.4%	33.8%	28.3%	23.4%
Emotional Harm	16.5%	21.7%	29.2%	27.6%
Abandonment/Separation	9.9%	16.4%	19.8%	30.4%
Caregiver Capacity	80.3%	67.6%	60.7%	47.4%
Request for Adoption Services	1.1%	1.0%	0.4%	0%
Family Based Services	0.9%	0.4%	0.6%	0.2%
Volunteer Services	0.4%	0%	0.4%	0.3%
Request for Assistance	1.8%	2.3%	4.4%	5.4%
Request for Youth Services	0.3%	0.4%	0.9%	0.6%
Request for Counselling	0.1%	0.2%	0.6%	0.9%

Note: Respondents could select more than one option

Table 1-4 : Current placement.

	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
<i>n</i> =	775	501	1152	623
Kinship in care	9.7%	9.6%	8.9%	5.3%
Foster home operated by child welfare organization	60.1%	50.1%	39.5%	32.7%
Group home operated by child welfare organization	0.3%	0.4%	1.6%	5.3%
Foster home – outside placement resource	15.1%	18.2%	27.0%	21.3%
Group home – outside placement resource	0.5%	4.4%	14.0%	15.6%
Customary care	13.4%	15.6%	6.3%	1.3%
Children’s mental health residential facility	0%	0.4%	1.0%	0.2%
Psychiatric facility	0%	0%	0%	0%
With birth parent(s)	0.1%	0.2%	0.5%	1.4%
Adoption probation	0.3%	0%	0.1%	0%
With relatives				0.3%
Hospital	0%	0%	0%	0.2%
Whereabouts unknown			0%	0.3%
Whereabouts unapproved			0%	0.6%
Custody/Detention facility			0.1%	0.6%
Shelter			0%	0.3%
Independent living			0%	13.8%
Other	0.5%	1.2%	1.0%	3.9%

Demographics: Child Welfare Workers and Caregivers

Child Welfare Workers

Table 1-5: Basic demographic information about the child welfare worker.

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Gender	<i>n</i> =	771	499	1165	625
	Male	7.4%	6.8%	12.3%	14.4%
	Female	92.3%	93.0%	87.2%	85.1%
	Non-binary	0.1%	0%	0.3%	0.3%
	Trans	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Prefer not to answer	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Length of time working with this young person	<i>n</i> =	755	431	1137	609
	Mean years	1.3	1.6	2.5	3.0
	Median years	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
Length of time working in child welfare	<i>n</i> =	769	489	1164	616
	Mean years	13.6	13.8	15.7	16.2
	Median years	15.0	15.0	17.2	18.0

Table 1-6: Child welfare worker's highest level of education in any field (degree, certificate, or diploma).

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
	<i>n</i> =	770	501	1165	629
Less than a high school diploma		0%	0.4%	0%	0%
High school diploma		2.3%	3.4%	1.5%	1.7%
Trades certificate – Vocational school – Apprenticeship training		0.5%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
Non-university certificate or diploma from a community college, CEGEP, school of nursing, etc.		11.6%	18.0%	11.6%	11.4%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level		2.2%	1.8%	2.5%	2.5%
Bachelor degree		59.0%	54.1%	58.9%	54.8%
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level		6.4%	5.0%	4.4%	5.6%
Master's degree		17.9%	17.2%	20.9%	23.5%
Doctoral degree		0.1%	0%	0%	0.2%

Table 1-7: Child welfare worker's training in Looking After Children and use of the AAR in supervision.

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Child welfare worker has attended formal Looking After Children training	<i>n</i> =	722	458	1075	559
	Yes	79.8%	76.2%	84.7%	88.2%
	No	20.2%	23.8%	15.3%	11.8%
Frequency that information contained in the AAR is discussed in supervision	<i>n</i> =	770	501	1163	628
	Very often	25.6%	9.8%	25.0%	22.9%
	Sometimes	50.8%	55.9%	54.8%	58.9%
	Almost never	9.0%	23.4%	11.3%	11.8%
	Not applicable – first AAR	14.7%	11.0%	8.9%	6.4%

Caregivers

Table 1-8: Basic demographic information about the caregiver (for young people aged 0-17 years).

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
Gender	<i>n</i> =	765	494	1150	520
	Male	4.6%	6.9%	12.9%	16.0%
	Female	95.2%	93.1%	87.0%	83.5%
	Non-binary	0.1%	0%	0%	0%
	Trans	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Prefer not to answer	0.1%	0%	0.2%	0.6%
Length of time providing <i>foster care</i> (for foster placements)	<i>n</i> =	729	452	970	316
	Mean years	8.5	9.2	10.8	12.3
	Median years	5.0	6.0	9.0	10.0
Language(s) spoken in caregiver's home (<i>Note: respondents could select more than one option</i>)	English	96.8%	96.1%	95.6%	80.8%
	French	7.5%	5.7%	3.3%	3.4%
	First Nations or Inuit language	3.8%	3.5%	1.5%	0.8%
	Other	2.9%	2.1%	2.2%	1.9%
Ethnic/cultural background of caregiver and that of the young person is:	<i>n</i> =	771	489	1143	512
	The same	42.2%	43.1%	42.9%	38.5%
	Similar	39.7%	36.6%	37.9%	36.3%
Neither the same nor similar	18.2%	20.2%	19.2%	25.2%	

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Table 1-9: Caregiver's highest level of education in any field (degree, certificate, or diploma) (for young people aged 0-17 years).

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
	<i>n</i> =	734	458	1084	477
Less than a high school diploma		5.6%	8.3%	3.7%	3.1%
High school diploma		23.8%	22.3%	22.3%	20.5%
Trades certificate – Vocational school – Apprenticeship training		3.7%	3.3%	4.5%	5.9%
Non-university certificate or diploma from a community college, CEGEP, school of nursing, etc.		40.3%	39.3%	40.8%	44.2%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level		6.1%	5.9%	7.5%	4.8%
Bachelor degree		14.3%	15.9%	14.0%	15.7%
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level		2.9%	1.3%	3.7%	4.6%
Master's degree		3.1%	3.5%	3.0%	0.8%
Doctoral degree		0.1%	0.2%	0.6%	0.2%

Table 1-10: Caregiver's training in Looking After Children and other caregiver training programs (for young people aged 0-17 years).

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
	<i>n</i> =	725	467	1100	496
Caregiver has attended formal Looking After Children training	Yes	53.9%	49.7%	58.1%	55.4%
	No	46.1%	50.3%	41.9%	44.6%
Caregiver has completed/is currently attending caregiver training (<i>Note: respondents could select more than one option</i>)	PRIDE*	66.6%	56.4%	51.1%	38.0%
	Agency-specific training	50.1%	41.2%	43.3%	32.9%
	Foster parenting techniques	14.8%	14.3%	16.2%	12.4%
	Other program	30.1%	37.7%	43.7%	36.9%

*Parenting Resources for Information, Development, and Education program

Placement Stability

This section illustrates the stability associated with selected placement settings for each age group, and/or overall for each age group.

Table 2-1: Mean and median number of years the young person has been living in the current placement, by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 0-17 years).

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	73	46	77	30
	Mean	1.5	1.9	4.5	5.2
	Median	1.0	1.0	3.0	3.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	574	337	576	329
	Mean	1.4	2.3	3.5	3.7
	Median	1.0	1.9	2.0	2.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =	6	23	133	105
	Mean	1.3	1.8	2.1	2.1
	Median	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	103	75	64	8
	Mean	1.7	3.4	4.1	7.2
	Median	1.0	3.0	3.0	9.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			--	43
	Mean			--	1.5
	Median			--	0.8
Overall	<i>n</i> =	768	496	887	556
	Mean	1.5	2.4	3.3	3.2
	Median	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	Range	0.0 – 5.0	0.0 – 9.0	0.0 – 15.0	0.0 – 17.0

Table 2-2: Worker-reported continuity of care (for young people aged 0-17 years).

	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
<i>n</i> =	768	495	1156	602
Much continuity of care (no placement change in last 12 months)	81.3%	76.8%	73.5%	66.3%
Some disruptions (one change of placement in last 12 months)	16.0%	15.6%	17.9%	22.4%
Serious disruptions (two or more changes of placement in last 12 months)	2.7%	7.7%	8.6%	11.3%

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Table 2-3: Mean and median number of changes in caregiver the young person has experienced since birth, by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 0-17 years).

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	73	46	98	30
	Mean	1.8	3.5	3.2	4.4
	Median	2.0	3.5	3.0	4.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	578	337	747	327
	Mean	1.8	2.3	3.9	4.3
	Median	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =	6	23	175	102
	Mean	2.3	5.3	5.4	5.7
	Median	2.0	5.0	5.0	4.5
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	103	74	66	8
	Mean	1.7	2.3	3.3	2.6
	Median	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			--	64
	Mean			--	6.9
	Median			--	6.0
Overall	<i>n</i> =	772	495	1136	575
	Mean	1.8	3.2	4.2	5.0
	Median	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
	Range	0.0 – 8.0	0.0 – 13.0	0.0 – 20.0	0.0 – 22.0

Table 2-4: General permanency plan (for young people aged 0-17 years).

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
	<i>n</i> =	766	495	1149	603
Return home		14.4%	14.7%	10.9%	3.8%
Adoption		41.0%	35.2%	17.5%	3.5%
Kinship		6.5%	4.8%	6.3%	1.5%
Status change to legal custody		2.1%	0.8%	1.3%	0.2%
Customary care		9.5%	11.3%	5.3%	1.5%
Independent living		--	0.2%	3.8%	39.6%
Adult services		--	0.6%	7.7%	18.6%
Remain in current placement		7.3%	13.7%	32.2%	24.0%
Other		0.8%	1.4%	1.7%	1.7%
Permanency plan not yet determined		18.4%	17.2%	13.4%	5.6%

Table 2-5: Young person's stable relationship with at least one adult over a number of years (for young people aged 6-16+ years).

	6-9	10-15	16+
<i>n</i> =	492	1158	625
Stable relationship throughout life	53.7%	51.2%	48.5%
Fairly long-term relationship (i.e., more than three years)	21.1%	31.3%	32.3%
Short-term relationship (i.e., one to three years)	23.2%	14.2%	14.7%
No stable relationship	2.0%	3.3%	4.5%

Table 2-6: Frequency of contact between young person and birth/adoptive family.

	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
<i>n</i> =	767	502	1153	621
At least once a week	51.0%	47.8%	46.1%	44.1%
At least once a month	23.3%	30.1%	33.9%	34.8%
At least once a year	11.0%	12.4%	11.2%	11.4%
Less than once a year	4.2%	3.6%	2.7%	3.1%
Never	10.6%	6.2%	6.1%	6.6%

Table 2-7: Frequency of contact between young person and significant caring adults.

	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
<i>n</i> =	760	497	1146	618
At least once a week	72.2%	69.6%	65.1%	63.6%
At least once a month	15.7%	20.1%	25.7%	25.9%
At least once a year	4.6%	5.4%	5.2%	6.3%
Less than once a year	0.5%	1.2%	1.0%	0.3%
Never	7.0%	3.6%	2.9%	3.9%

Quality of Care

This section illustrates measures of quality of care experienced by young people by selected placement settings for each age group, and/or overall for each age group.

Table 3-1: Youth-reported placement satisfaction score by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 10-17 years).

		10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	91	28
	Mean score	11.2	11.6
	Median score	12.0	12.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	656	278
	Mean score	10.9	10.5
	Median score	12.0	12.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =	131	72
	Mean score	8.6	8.3
	Median score	9.0	9.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	60	7
	Mean score	11.4	11.1
	Median score	12.0	12.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	--	46
	Mean score	--	9.7
	Median score	--	11.0
Overall	<i>n</i> =	993	464
	Mean	10.6	10.1
	Median	12.0	12.0
	Possible range	0-12	

Table 3-2: Young person's understanding of his/her current situation (for young people aged 3-16+ years).

		3-5	6-9	10-15	16+
	<i>n</i> =	356	492	1151	616
Clear understanding		12.4%	28.3%	59.6%	70.8%
Some understanding		46.1%	55.7%	34.3%	24.0%
Little or no understanding		41.6%	16.1%	6.1%	5.2%

Parenting

Table 3-3: SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR 15: Youth-reported perceived quality of relationship with primary caregiver score by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 10-17 years).

			10-15	16-17
Kinship in care		<i>n</i> =	79	27
	Mean		6.9	7.2
	Median		8.0	8.0
Foster home		<i>n</i> =	653	276
	Mean		6.8	6.4
	Median		8.0	7.0
Group home		<i>n</i> =	127	68
	Mean		6.2	6.4
	Median		7.0	7.0
Customary care		<i>n</i> =	54	7
	Mean		7.2	7.3
	Median		8.0	8.0
Overall		<i>n</i> =	922	391
	Mean		6.7	6.5
	Median		7.9	7.0
	Possible range		0-8	

Table 3-4: Youth-reported positive parenting scores by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 10-17 years).

			10-15	16-17
Kinship in care		<i>n</i> =	90	27
	Mean		10.1	9.6
	Median		11.0	10.0
Foster home		<i>n</i> =	654	283
	Mean		10.2	9.8
	Median		11.0	11.0
Group home		<i>n</i> =	131	69
	Mean		10.0	10.0
	Median		11.0	11.0
Customary care		<i>n</i> =	61	7
	Mean		10.6	9.3
	Median		11.0	10.0
Overall		<i>n</i> =	946	401
	Mean		10.2	9.8
	Median		11.0	11.0
	Possible range		0-12	

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Table 3-5: Youth-reported inconsistent discipline scores by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 10-17 years).

			10-15	16-17
Kinship in care		<i>n</i> =	90	26
	Mean		3.8	3.2
	Median		3.0	3.5
Foster home		<i>n</i> =	646	280
	Mean		3.2	2.7
	Median		3.0	2.0
Group home		<i>n</i> =	126	67
	Mean		2.9	3.1
	Median		3.0	3.0
Customary care		<i>n</i> =	59	7
	Mean		3.5	3.3
	Median		4.0	4.0
Overall		<i>n</i> =	931	395
	Mean		3.2	2.9
	Median		3.0	3.0
	Possible range		0-12	

Table 3-6: Youth-reported poor supervision scores by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 10-17 years).

			10-15	16-17
Kinship in care		<i>n</i> =	88	28
	Mean		2.0	2.2
	Median		1.0	1.0
Foster home		<i>n</i> =	646	280
	Mean		1.5	1.9
	Median		0.0	1.0
Group home		<i>n</i> =	127	67
	Mean		1.6	3.0
	Median		0.0	2.0
Customary care		<i>n</i> =	58	7
	Mean		1.9	3.7
	Median		1.0	3.0
Overall		<i>n</i> =	930	397
	Mean		1.6	2.2
	Median		0.0	1.0
	Possible range		0-12	

Table 3-7: Caregiver-reported positive parenting score by selected placement type and overall (for children aged 0-9 years).

			0-5	6-9
Kinship in care		<i>n</i> =	71	45
	Mean		19.6	18.0
	Median		19.0	18.0
Foster home		<i>n</i> =	545	315
	Mean		20.7	17.8
	Median		21.0	18.0
Group home		<i>n</i> =	6	24
	Mean		22.0	17.7
	Median		22.0	18.0
Customary care		<i>n</i> =	98	71
	Mean		20.4	17.3
	Median		20.5	18.0
Overall		<i>n</i> =	738	473
	Mean		20.6	17.7
	Median		21.0	18.0
	Possible range		0-24	

First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Young People

While it is essential for those who are providing child welfare services in ethnically diverse communities to consider the unique traditions and heritage of all cultures, the Child, Youth and Family Services Act emphasizes the importance of paying particular attention to the provision of services to FNMI young people. This section illustrates various broad opportunities and experiences of FNMI young people related to their culture.

Table 3-8: Percentage of FNMI young people in the 2021 OnLAC sample.

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
	<i>n</i> =	276	167	225	89
FNMI young people		34.9%	32.6%	18.8%	13.8

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Table 3-9: Percentage of FNMI young people who report *often* or *yes* to having various experiences relating to their culture, by selected placement type.

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Kinship in care	Belongs to a clan or have a clan affiliation	21.7%	35.7%	35.7%	0%
	Visits or meets with people from his/her FNMI community often	17.4%	14.3%	13.3%	0%
	Has a relationship to the land or landmarks in his/her community	30.4%	30.8%	28.6%	0%
	Learns about traditional teachings, customs, or ceremonies often	25.0%	21.4%	20.0%	0%
	Participates in his/her FNMI community events, activities, traditional meals/foods, and ceremonies often	36.4%	0%	20.0%	0%
	Speaks his/her First Nations or Inuit language often or sometimes	17.4%	0%	0%	0%
	Has a personal connection with an Elder, Healer, and/or Cultural Teacher	43.5%	30.8%	13.3%	0%
	Has a native Spirit Name	8.7%	14.3%	26.7%	0%
Foster home	Belongs to a clan or have a clan affiliation	7.5%	18.4%	31.1%	31.1%
	Visits or meets with people from his/her FNMI community often	5.6%	6.6%	14.4%	11.4%
	Has a relationship to the land or landmarks in his/her community	12.8%	18.2%	23.5%	22.7%
	Learns about traditional teachings, customs, or ceremonies often	13.0%	14.3%	15.4%	15.6%
	Participates in his/her FNMI community events, activities, traditional meals/foods, and ceremonies often	5.6%	14.3%	7.7%	6.7%
	Speaks his/her First Nations or Inuit language often or sometimes	4.2%	1.3%	1.9%	2.2%
	Has a personal connection with an Elder, Healer, and/or Cultural Teacher	19.1%	18.2%	29.1%	27.9%
	Has a native Spirit Name	1.4%	3.9%	25.0%	20.5%
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		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Group home	Belongs to a clan or have a clan affiliation	0%	0%	20.0%	18.2%
	Visits or meets with people from his/her FNMI community often	0%	0%	12.0%	0%
	Has a relationship to the land or landmarks in his/her community	0%	0%	28.0%	36.4%
	Learns about traditional teachings, customs, or ceremonies often	0%	0%	25.0%	18.2%
	Participates in his/her FNMI community events, activities, traditional meals/foods, and ceremonies often	0%	0%	7.7%	0%
	Speaks his/her First Nations or Inuit language often or sometimes	0%	0%	0%	0%
	Has a personal connection with an Elder, Healer, and/or Cultural Teacher	50.0%	0%	23.1%	36.4%
	Has a native Spirit Name	0%	0%	7.7%	36.4%
Customary care	Belongs to a clan or have a clan affiliation	27.6%	37.9%	50.9%	71.4%
	Visits or meets with people from his/her FNMI community often	32.6%	36.4%	35.6%	71.4%
	Has a relationship to the land or landmarks in his/her community	25.6%	53.0%	50.0%	57.1%
	Learns about traditional teachings, customs, or ceremonies often	24.7%	24.6%	36.2%	42.9%
	Participates in his/her FNMI community events, activities, traditional meals/foods, and ceremonies often	19.5%	21.2%	21.4%	28.6%
	Speaks his/her First Nations or Inuit language often or sometimes	23.3%	4.5%	3.4%	0%
	Has a personal connection with an Elder, Healer, and/or Cultural Teacher	36.9%	39.1%	44.8%	42.9%
	Has a native Spirit Name	20.5%	36.9%	33.3%	85.7%

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Independent living	Belongs to a clan or have a clan affiliation			--	66.7%
	Visits or meets with people from his/her FNMI community often			--	11.1%
	Has a relationship to the land or landmarks in his/her community			--	62.5%
	Learns about traditional teachings, customs, or ceremonies often			--	11.1%
	Participates in his/her FNMI community events, activities, traditional meals/foods, and ceremonies often			--	0%
	Speaks his/her First Nations or Inuit language often or sometimes			--	11.1%
	Has a personal connection with an Elder, Healer, and/or Cultural Teacher			--	33.3%
	Has a native Spirit Name			--	44.4%
Overall	Belongs to a clan or have a clan affiliation	15.9%	27.3%	34.9%	35.7%
	Visits or meets with people from his/her FNMI community often	16.3%	19.3%	19.9%	14.5%
	Has a relationship to the land or landmarks in his/her community	18.6%	33.5%	31.7%	31.7%
	Learns about traditional teachings, customs, or ceremonies often	19.0%	19.9%	22.4%	16.7%
	Participates in his/her FNMI community events, activities, traditional meals/foods, and ceremonies often	12.8%	15.4%	12.6%	6.0%
	Speaks his/her First Nations or Inuit language often or sometimes	11.6%	2.5%	1.9%	2.4%
	Has a personal connection with an Elder, Healer, and/or Cultural Teacher	27.7%	28.9%	33.0%	31.7%
	Has a native Spirit Name	8.8%	19.4%	24.2%	31.3%

Developmental Asset Profile

SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR 14: The Search Institute has identified twenty external and internal assets as building blocks that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. External assets fall under the following categories: Support, Empowerment, and Boundaries and Expectations, and Constructive Use of Time. Internal assets fall under the following categories: Commitment to Learning, Positive Values, Social Competencies, and Positive Identity. Together, these make up the young person's Asset Profile.

Table 4-1: External assets by selected placement type and overall.

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	71	45	102	32	
	Mean score	18.2	16.3	13.7	12.3	
	Median score	19.0	17.0	14.0	13.0	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	570	334	754	329	
	Mean score	17.9	16.4	14.2	13.1	
	Median score	18.0	17.0	14.0	13.0	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	6	24	174	100	
	Mean score	17.0	14.9	12.3	11.5	
	Median score	17.5	14.5	12.0	11.0	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	96	72	66	8	
	Mean score	18.5	17.6	15.2	15.3	
	Median score	19.0	18.0	15.0	14.5	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			--	70	13
	Mean score			--	8.9	13.1
	Median score			--	9.0	13.0
Overall	<i>n</i> =	756	490	1156	590	24
	Mean	18.0	16.5	13.9	12.0	13.8
	Median	18.0	17.0	14.0	12.0	13.0
	Possible range			0-20		

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Table 4-2: Internal assets by selected placement type and overall.

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	71	45	102	32	
	Mean score	19.7	18.8	15.3	13.3	
	Median score	20.0	19.0	17.0	16.0	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	570	334	754	329	
	Mean score	19.5	18.1	14.7	13.7	
	Median score	20.0	20.0	16.0	15.0	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	6	24	174	100	
	Mean score	19.7	16.8	10.6	9.2	
	Median score	20.0	18.0	11.0	9.5	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	96	72	66	8	
	Mean score	19.4	18.6	16.3	16.1	
	Median score	20.0	20.0	18.0	17.5	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			--	70	13
	Mean score			--	10.1	15.6
	Median score			--	11.0	18.0
Overall	<i>n</i> =	756	490	1156	590	24
	Mean	19.5	18.1	14.2	12.1	16.3
	Median	20.0	20.0	15.0	13.0	18.0
	Possible range			0-20		

Table 4-3: SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR 14: Total developmental assets by selected placement type and overall.

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	71	45	102	32	
	Mean score	37.8	35.1	29.0	25.5	
	Median score	38.0	36.0	30.0	28.0	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	570	334	754	329	
	Mean score	37.4	34.5	29.0	26.9	
	Median score	38.0	36.0	30.0	28.0	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	6	24	174	100	
	Mean score	36.7	31.8	22.9	20.6	
	Median score	36.5	32.0	22.0	20.5	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	96	70	66	8	
	Mean score	37.9	36.2	31.5	31.4	
	Median score	39.0	38.0	32.0	31.5	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			--	70	13
	Mean score			--	19.0	28.7
	Median score			--	20.0	30.0
Overall	<i>n</i> =	756	490	1156	590	24
	Mean	37.5	34.5	28.1	24.2	30.0
	Median	38.0	36.0	30.0	26.0	30.5
	Possible range			0-40		

Table 4-4: Percentage of low, medium, and high asset youth by selected placement type and overall.

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	75	45	102	32	
	Low asset	0%	0%	13.7%	18.8%	
	Medium asset	0%	15.6%	41.2%	50.0%	
	High asset	100%	84.4%	45.1%	31.3%	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	570	334	754	329	
	Low asset	0.5%	2.7%	12.9%	20.1%	
	Medium asset	1.8%	11.7%	38.6%	45.0%	
	High asset	97.7%	85.6%	48.5%	35.0%	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	6	15	174	100	
	Low asset	0%	4.2%	40.2%	50.0%	
	Medium asset	0%	33.3%	40.2%	39.0%	
	High asset	100%	62.5%	19.5%	11.0%	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	96	72	66	8	
	Low asset	0%	1.4%	9.1%	12.5%	
	Medium asset	1.0%	9.7%	25.8%	12.5%	
	High asset	99.0%	88.9%	65.2%	75.0%	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			--	70	13
	Low asset			--	51.4%	15.4%
	Medium asset			--	35.7%	38.5%
	High asset			--	12.9%	46.2%
Overall	<i>n</i> =	756	490	1156	590	24
	Low asset	0.4%	2.9%	17.7%	31.9%	8.3%
	Medium asset	1.5%	12.9%	37.7%	41.5%	41.7%
	High asset	98.1%	84.3%	44.6%	26.6%	50.0%

Note: Low asset = 1-20 total developmental assets, medium asset = 21-30 total developmental assets, high asset = 31-40 total developmental assets.

Education

This section illustrates the education-related experiences of young people by selected placement settings for each age group, and/or overall for each age group.

Table 5-1: Caregiver-reported academic achievement (for young people aged 6-17 years).

		6-9	10-15	16-17
Reading and language arts	<i>n</i> =	462	1074	458
	Very well or well	21.6%	25.2%	32.3%
	Average	40.0%	51.3%	50.4%
	Poorly or very poorly	38.3%	23.5%	17.2%
Mathematics	<i>n</i> =	458	1062	450
	Very well or well	21.4%	23.2%	21.6%
	Average	46.3%	50.4%	52.9%
	Poorly or very poorly	32.3%	26.5%	25.6%
Science	<i>n</i> =	416	973	380
	Very well or well	19.0%	21.6%	24.5%
	Average	53.8%	58.5%	54.7%
	Poorly or very poorly	27.2%	19.9%	20.8%
Overall	<i>n</i> =	471	1101	487
	Very well or well	20.6%	23.7%	25.9%
	Average	51.4%	56.0%	53.6%
	Poorly or very poorly	28.0%	20.3%	20.5%
<i>Academic achievement score</i>	<i>n</i> =	411	951	367
	Mean	3.6	4.1	4.4
	Median	4.0	4.0	4.0
	Possible range		0-8	

Table 5-2: Young person's self-perceived success in school (for young people aged 10-17 years).

		10-15	16+
	<i>n</i> =	1013	479
Doing very well in school		37.6%	34.9%
Doing average in school		54.9%	52.0%
Doing poorly in school		7.5%	13.2%

Table 5-3: SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR 16: Worker-rated age-to-grade performance in school (for young people aged 6-17 years).

		6-9	10-15	16-17
Performance in school in reading	<i>n</i> =	491	1145	584
	Excellent	9.6%	12.7%	14.7%
	Good	32.0%	40.1%	41.4%
	Fair	32.8%	26.9%	24.1%
	Poor	25.7%	20.3%	19.7%
Performance in school in math	<i>n</i> =	492	1143	577
	Excellent	7.5%	7.3%	9.0%
	Good	41.1%	37.9%	35.2%
	Fair	29.9%	33.6%	31.2%
	Poor	21.5%	21.3%	24.6%

Table 5-4: Estimated number of school changes, other than through natural progression, since entering school by selected placement and overall (for young people aged 6-17 years)

		6-9	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	30	71	24
	Mean score	2.5	2.8	3.7
	Median score	2.0	2.0	3.5
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	239	594	241
	Mean score	2.3	3.5	3.8
	Median score	2.0	3.0	3.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =	19	147	87
	Mean score	3.3	4.3	4.7
	Median score	3.0	4.0	4.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	27	35	5
	Mean score	1.9	3.0	2.6
	Median score	2.0	2.0	2.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =		--	59
	Mean score		--	5.0
	Median score		--	5.0
Overall	<i>n</i> =	32	894	453
	Mean	2.3	3.6	4.1
	Median	2.0	3.0	4.0
	Range	0.0 – 9.0	0.0 – 18.0	0.0 – 19.0

Table 5-5: Caregiver-reported literacy promoting activities score by selected placement type and overall (for children aged 1-2 years).

		1-2
Kinship in care	Mean	29
	Median	31.2
Foster home	Mean	233
	Median	30.8
Group home	Mean	2
	Median	31.0
Customary care	Mean	40
	Median	30.3
Overall	Mean	311
	Median	30.8
	Possible range	31.0
		0-40

Table 5-6: Caregiver-reported literacy promoting activities score by selected placement type and overall (for children aged 3-5 years).

		3-5
Kinship in care	Mean	33
	Median	46.2
Foster home	Mean	240
	Median	45.0
Group home	Mean	4
	Median	43.5
Customary care	Mean	49
	Median	44.8
Overall	Mean	335
	Median	45.2
	Possible range	47.0
		0-60

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Table 5-7: Caregiver-reported literacy promoting activities score by selected placement type and overall (for children aged 6-9 years).

		6-9
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	44
	Mean	20.0
Foster home	Median	22.0
	<i>n</i> =	315
Group home	Mean	21.8
	Median	23.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	21
	Mean	18.4
Overall	Median	22.0
	<i>n</i> =	70
	Mean	18.2
	Median	19.0
Overall	<i>n</i> =	467
	Mean	20.8
	Median	22.0
	Possible range	0-30

Table 5-9: Highest level of education completed (for young adults aged 18+ years).

	18+
<i>n</i> =	23
Less than grade 9	4.3%
Grade 9	0%
Grade 10	4.3%
Grade 11	39.1%
High school diploma or its equivalent	47.8%
Technical, trade, or vocational school (above high school level)	0%
Community college	0%
University degree	4.3%

Health

This section illustrates the health-related experiences of young people by selected placement settings for each age group, and/or overall for each age group.

Table 6-1: Health status by selected placement setting and overall.

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	73	47	97	29
	Excellent or very good	95.9%	95.7%	82.5%	79.3%
	Good	2.7%	4.3%	14.4%	17.2%
	Fair or poor	1.4%	0%	3.1%	3.4%
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	568	328	719	301
	Excellent or very good	87.8%	90.5%	82.2%	70.8%
	Good	11.3%	8.2%	15.3%	29.2%
	Fair or poor	0.9%	1.2%	2.5%	6.0%
Group home	<i>n</i> =	6	24	148	84
	Excellent or very good	66.7%	83.3%	73.6%	64.3%
	Good	33.3%	8.3%	21.6%	29.8%
	Fair or poor	0%	8.3%	4.7%	6.0%
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	103	72	66	7
	Excellent or very good	88.3%	86.1%	74.2%	71.5%
	Good	9.7%	12.5%	19.7%	28.6%
	Fair or poor	1.9%	1.4%	6.0%	0%
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			--	63
	Excellent or very good			--	44.4%
	Good			--	36.5%
	Fair or poor			--	19.0%
Overall	<i>n</i> =	768	489	1087	531
	Excellent or very good	88.4%	88.7%	80.2%	66.0%
	Good	10.4%	9.4%	16.7%	26.4%
	Fair or poor	1.2%	1.8%	3.2%	7.8%

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Table 6-2: Physical difficulties (for young people aged 6-17 years).

	6-9	10-15	16-17
No problems	59.0%	63.2%	58.6%
Speaking	25.8%	11.7%	5.4%
Walking	7.2%	4.5%	3.6%
Climbing	5.5%	3.8%	3.3%
Bending	3.7%	3.8%	3.6%
Seeing	14.3%	12.4%	15.5%
Hearing	2.3%	3.5%	3.7%
Using hands and fingers	8.6%	5.3%	2.8%

Table 6-3: Long-term conditions diagnosed by a health professional.

	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
None	58.3%	36.7%	21.3%	23.4%
Food or digestive allergies	5.4%	3.1%	2.7%	3.9%
Respiratory allergies	1.3%	0.8%	2.6%	2.3%
Other allergies	1.9%	2.0%	4.2%	3.1%
Asthma	3.9%	2.9%	4.4%	6.2%
Bronchitis	0%	0.2%	0.3%	2.9%
Heart condition or disease	3.0%	1.8%	1.4%	0.6%
Epilepsy	1.4%	2.0%	2.4%	2.5%
Diabetes	0%	0.2%	1.1%	0.8%
Cerebral palsy	2.0%	0.8%	2.0%	1.7%
Kidney condition or disease	0.9%	1.0%	0.8%	1.1%
Blood disorder	1.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%
Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder	2.2%	5.9%	8.3%	5.1%
Autism Spectrum Disorder	3.2%	6.3%	6.9%	7.6%
Developmental disability	9.7%	14.1%	19.8%	22.0%
Learning disability	2.8%	18.9%	36.8%	33.3%
Attention deficit disorder	2.2%	26.4%	37.9%	32.4%
Emotional, psychological, or nervous disorder	3.4%	15.2%	29.4%	32.1%
Any other long-term condition	12.7%	8.6%	10.8%	8.7%

Table 6-4: Health services received in the last year.

	0-2	3-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Traditional Healer (<i>FNMI young people</i>)	0.8%	6.3%	6.4%	9.3%	12.7%
Medical examination	98.3%	95.1%	94.6%	94.0%	88.2%
Dental examination	25.7%	87.9%	95.0%	96.7%	91.2%
Up-to-date immunizations	96.1%	95.9%	97.2%	96.9%	96.8%

Table 6-5: Soft drug use (tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana, for young people aged 10-18+ years).

		10-15	16-17	18+
Tobacco	<i>n</i> =	1031	497	23
	Not at all	86.8%	68.6%	52.2%
	Have tried it	8.5%	11.5%	13.0%
	Occasionally	2.9%	8.2%	13.0%
	Daily	1.7%	11.7%	21.7%
Alcohol	<i>n</i> =	1026	495	22
	Not at all	88.2%	65.1%	31.8%
	Have tried it	9.3%	16.8%	18.2%
	Occasionally	2.3%	17.0%	50.0%
	Daily	0.2%	1.2%	0%
Marijuana	<i>n</i> =	1028	501	22
	Not at all	87.0%	62.7%	45.5%
	Have tried it	6.9%	13.4%	18.2%
	Occasionally	4.4%	12.6%	27.3%
	Daily	1.8%	11.4%	9.1%

Table 6-6: Prescription or non-prescription medication use.

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Prescription or non-prescription	<i>n</i> =	765	493	1038	523
	Yes	19.5%	44.0%	59.2%	58.1%
	No	80.5%	56.0%	40.8%	41.9%
Psychotropic	<i>n</i> =	774	501	1146	597
	Yes	4.3%	32.5%	53.1%	49.2%
	No	95.6%	67.1%	46.9%	50.1%
	Uncertain	0.1%	0.4%	0%	0.7%
Support and monitoring of medication provided	<i>n</i> =	748	486	1157	620
	Yes	99.2%	99.8%	99.5%	97.3%
	No	0.8%	0.2%	0.5%	2.7%

Ages & Stages Questionnaires[®], Third Edition (ASQ-3[™])

The ASQ-3[™] are caregiver-completed/reported, age-appropriate tools used to screen babies and children in the following areas of development: communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving, and personal-social. When a child's score is *above* the cutoff, development appears to be on schedule. When a child's score is *near* the cutoff, the child should be provided with learning materials and monitored. When a child's score is *below* the cutoff, further assessment by a professional may be needed.

Table 7-1: ASQ-3[™] 10 Month Questionnaire for babies aged 9 months, 0 days through 10 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	10 months n = 12			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	22.87	0-60	48.33	83.3%	16.7%	0%
Gross Motor	30.07		42.92	58.3%	8.3%	33.3%
Fine Motor	37.97		51.25	58.3%	33.3%	8.3%
Problem Solving	32.51		46.67	50.0%	33.3%	16.7%
Personal-Social	27.25		45.83	75.0%	16.7%	8.3%

Table 7-2: ASQ-3[™] 12 Month Questionnaire for babies aged 11 months, 0 days through 12 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	12 months n = 106			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	15.64	0-60	43.40	87.7%	4.7%	7.5%
Gross Motor	21.49		38.54	58.5%	21.7%	19.8%
Fine Motor	34.50		48.30	76.4%	12.3%	11.3%
Problem Solving	27.32		40.47	65.1%	13.2%	21.7%
Personal-Social	21.73		38.11	60.4%	15.1%	24.5%

Table 7-3 ASQ-3™ 14 Month Questionnaire for babies aged 13 months, 0 days through 14 months, 30 days.

			14 months n = 20			
Area	Cutoff	Possible range	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	17.40	0-60	34.75	65.0%	15.0%	20.0%
Gross Motor	25.80		37.25	55.0%	10.0%	35.0%
Fine Motor	23.06		38.00	55.0%	35.0%	10.0%
Problem Solving	22.56		35.25	60.0%	15.0%	25.0%
Personal-Social	23.18		39.25	65.0%	10.0%	25.0%

Table 7-4: ASQ-3™ 16 Month Questionnaire for children aged 15 months, 0 days through 16 months, 30 days.

			16 months n = 13			
Area	Cutoff	Possible range	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	16.81	0-60	32.31	46.2%	30.8%	23.1%
Gross Motor	37.91		43.08	69.2%	0%	30.8%
Fine Motor	31.98		43.08	61.5%	23.1%	15.4%
Problem Solving	30.51		37.70	53.8%	15.4%	30.8%
Personal-Social	26.43		47.31	84.6%	0%	15.4%

Table 7-5: ASQ-3™ 18 Month Questionnaire for children aged 17 months, 0 days through 18 months, 30 days.

			18 months n = 12			
Area	Cutoff	Possible range	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	13.06	0-60	27.01	41.7%	33.3%	25.0%
Gross Motor	37.38		51.25	75.0%	8.3%	16.7%
Fine Motor	34.32		46.25	66.7%	16.7%	16.7%
Problem Solving	25.74		37.50	41.7%	16.7%	41.7%
Personal-Social	27.19		40.42	75.0%	0%	25.0%

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Table 7-6: ASQ-3™ 20 Month Questionnaire for children aged 19 months, 0 days through 20 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	20 months <i>n</i> = 8			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	20.50	0-60	46.23	75.0%	0%	25.0%
Gross Motor	39.89		51.88	75.0%	12.5%	12.5%
Fine Motor	36.05		49.38	87.5%	0%	12.5%
Problem Solving	28.84		43.13	75.0%	12.5%	12.5%
Personal-Social	33.36		47.50	87.5%	0%	12.5%

Table 7-7: ASQ-3™ 22 Month Questionnaire for children aged 21 months, 0 days through 22 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	22 months <i>n</i> = 10			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	13.04	0-60	27.00	40.0%	30.0%	30.0%
Gross Motor	27.75		39.50	70.0%	0%	30.0%
Fine Motor	29.61		40.50	70.0%	20.0%	10.0%
Problem Solving	29.30		33.50	40.0%	30.0%	30.0%
Personal-Social	30.07		37.00	60.0%	0%	40.0%

Table 7-8: ASQ-3™ 24 Month Questionnaire for children aged 23 months, 0 days through 25 months, 15 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	24 months <i>n</i> = 57			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	25.17	0-60	40.70	77.2%	7.0%	15.8%
Gross Motor	38.07		51.75	68.4%	8.8%	22.8%
Fine Motor	35.16		46.84	68.4%	8.8%	22.8%
Problem Solving	29.78		44.30	75.4%	10.5%	14.0%
Personal-Social	31.54		46.23	70.2%	12.3%	17.5%

Table 7-9: ASQ-3™ 27 Month Questionnaire for children aged 25 months, 16 days through 28 months, 15 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	27 months n = 20			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	24.02	0-60	38.75	60.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Gross Motor	28.01		42.50	75.0%	5.0%	20.0%
Fine Motor	18.42		33.50	60.0%	25.0%	15.0%
Problem Solving	27.62		42.75	70.0%	20.0%	10.0%
Personal-Social	25.31		40.50	65.0%	20.0%	15.0%

Table 7-10: ASQ-3™ 30 Month Questionnaire for children aged 28 months, 16 days through 31 months, 15 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	30 months n = 14			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	33.30	0-60	44.64	64.3%	21.4%	14.3%
Gross Motor	36.14		50.00	85.7%	7.1%	7.1%
Fine Motor	19.25		40.36	57.1%	35.7%	7.1%
Problem Solving	27.08		38.57	71.4%	0%	28.6%
Personal-Social	32.01		47.14	71.4%	7.1%	21.4%

Table 7-11: ASQ-3™ 33 Month Questionnaire for children aged 31 months, 16 days through 34 months, 15 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	33 months n = 18			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	25.36	0-60	38.89	72.2%	0%	27.8%
Gross Motor	34.80		50.0	83.3%	0%	16.7%
Fine Motor	12.28		32.2	66.7%	11.1%	22.2%
Problem Solving	26.92		39.17	66.7%	11.1%	22.2%
Personal-Social	28.96		42.50	61.1%	16.7%	22.2%

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Table 7-12: ASQ-3™ 36 Month Questionnaire for children aged 34 months, 16 days through 38 months, 30 days.

			36 months <i>n = 68</i>			
Area	Cutoff	Possible range	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	30.99	0-60	41.84	64.7%	14.7%	20.6%
Gross Motor	36.99		47.79	67.6%	11.8%	20.6%
Fine Motor	18.07		32.94	51.5%	26.5%	22.1%
Problem Solving	30.29		40.37	50.0%	16.2%	33.8%
Personal-Social	35.33		47.28	72.1%	10.3%	17.6%

Table 7-13: ASQ-3™ 42 Month Questionnaire for children aged 39 months, 0 days through 44 months, 30 days.

			42 months <i>n = 41</i>			
Area	Cutoff	Possible range	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	27.06	0-60	41.59	68.3%	12.2%	19.5%
Gross Motor	36.27		52.20	78.0%	9.8%	12.2%
Fine Motor	19.82		40.12	73.2%	7.3%	19.5%
Problem Solving	28.11		42.93	70.7%	9.8%	19.5%
Personal-Social	31.12		45.85	78.0%	7.3%	14.6%

Table 7-14: ASQ-3™ 48 Month Questionnaire for children aged 45 months, 0 days through 50 months, 30 days.

			48 months <i>n = 45</i>			
Area	Cutoff	Possible range	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	30.72	0-60	38.33	53.3%	13.3%	33.3%
Gross Motor	32.78		46.11	68.9%	13.3%	17.8%
Fine Motor	15.81		31.00	48.9%	24.4%	26.7%
Problem Solving	31.30		45.33	68.9%	8.9%	22.2%
Personal-Social	26.60		40.78	71.1%	4.4%	24.4%

Table 7-15: ASQ-3™ 54 Month Questionnaire for children aged 51 months, 0 days through 56 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	54 months n = 31			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	31.85	0-60	41.00	64.5%	3.2%	32.3%
Gross Motor	35.18		47.58	71.0%	3.2%	25.8%
Fine Motor	17.32		33.39	61.3%	3.2%	35.5%
Problem Solving	28.12		43.39	74.2%	3.2%	22.6%
Personal-Social	32.33		41.77	48.4%	25.8%	25.8%

Table 7-16: ASQ-3™ 60 Month Questionnaire for children aged 57 months, 0 days through 66 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	60 months n = 67			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	33.19	0-60	39.18	59.7%	10.4%	29.9%
Gross Motor	31.28		43.13	61.2%	17.9%	20.9%
Fine Motor	26.54		40.45	67.2%	10.4%	22.4%
Problem Solving	29.99		45.15	71.6%	11.9%	16.4%
Personal-Social	39.07		45.82	58.2%	20.9%	20.9%

Table 7-17: ASQ-3™ Questionnaire summaries by area (for children aged 0-5 years, OnLAC age groups).

Area		0-11 mos.	12-23 mos.	24-35 mos.	3-5 yrs.
Communication	<i>n</i> =	76	149	147	246
	% above cutoff	81.6%	67.8%	66.0%	61.0%
	% near cutoff	9.2%	12.1%	13.6%	10.6%
	% below cutoff	9.2%	20.1%	20.4%	28.5%
Gross Motor	<i>n</i> =	75	150	148	264
	% above cutoff	57.3%	62.7%	76.4%	68.6%
	% near cutoff	21.3%	10.0%	8.1%	11.7%
	% below cutoff	21.3%	27.3%	15.5%	19.7%
Fine Motor	<i>n</i> =	71	151	147	255
	% above cutoff	73.2%	68.2%	63.3%	60.4%
	% near cutoff	18.3%	15.2%	17.7%	13.3%
	% below cutoff	8.5%	16.6%	19.0%	26.3%
Problem Solving	<i>n</i> =	75	151	144	251
	% above cutoff	64.0%	57.6%	63.9%	67.7%
	% near cutoff	13.3%	16.6%	17.4%	9.2%
	% below cutoff	22.7%	25.8%	18.8%	23.1%
Personal-Social	<i>n</i> =	74	152	151	259
	% above cutoff	62.2%	67.1%	68.2%	63.3%
	% near cutoff	16.2%	9.9%	16.6%	14.3%
	% below cutoff	21.6%	23.0%	15.2%	22.4%

Emotional Health and Social Development

This section illustrates the well-being of young people by selected placement settings for each age group, and/or overall for each age group.

Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE)

The ASQ:SE are caregiver-completed/reported, age-appropriate questionnaires focused on the social and emotional development of babies and young children. When a child's score is *below* the cutoff, social and emotional development appear to be on schedule. When a child's score is *above* the cutoff, setting/time factors, development factors, health factors, and family/cultural factors must be considered, and referral for a mental health evaluation may be appropriate.

Table 8-1: ASQ:SE Questionnaire summaries (for children aged 3 to 65 months).

ASQ:SE Questionnaire	Cutoff	Possible range	n =	Mean total score	Median total score	% below cutoff
6 months (infants aged 3 to 8 months)	45	0-285	0	--	--	--
12 months (children aged 9 to 14 months)	48	0-330	136	13.3	10.0	97.8%
18 months (children aged 15 to 20 months)	50	0-390	35	24.1	10.0	88.6%
24 months (children aged 21 to 26 months)	50	0-390	90	23.3	20.0	92.2%
30 months (children aged 27 to 32 months)	57	0-435	37	40.1	35.0	75.7%
36 months (children aged 33 to 41 months)	59	0-465	105	59.9	35.0	64.8%
48 months (children aged 42 to 53 months)	70	0-495	94	63.2	52.5	66.0%
60 months (children ages 54 to 65 months)	70	0-495	93	77.2	60.0	57.0%

Table 8-2: Percentage of children below the ASQ:SE age-appropriate cutoff (social and emotional development appear to be on schedule) by OnLAC age group (for children aged 0-5 years).

	0-11 mos.	12-23 mos.	24-35 mos.	3-5 yrs.
n =	66	141	136	246
% below cutoff	100%	91.5%	79.4%	62.6%

Table 8-3: Youth-reported positive mental health score by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 10-17 years).

		10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	77	28
	Mean score	52.1	55.5
	Median score	54.0	57.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	583	261
	Mean score	54.9	53.0
	Median score	57.0	56.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =	121	64
	Mean score	48.3	49.2
	Median score	51.0	49.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	48	7
	Mean score	54.5	50.0
	Median score	56.0	60.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	--	47
	Mean score	--	46.0
	Median score	--	48.0
Overall	<i>n</i> =	876	442
	Mean	53.5	51.7
	Median	56.0	55.0
	Possible range	0-70	

Table 8-4: Youth-reported Kessler-6 distress scale score by current place of residence and overall (for young adults aged 18+ years).

		18+
With relatives	<i>n</i> =	2
	Mean score	18.5
	Median score	18.5
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	11
	Mean score	9.0
	Median score	8.0
Other	<i>n</i> =	5
	Mean score	5.2
	Median score	6.0
Overall	<i>n</i> =	22
	Mean	8.5
	Median	8.0
	Possible range	0-24

Table 8-5: Youth-reported coping strategies score by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 13-17 years).

		13-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	52	27
	Mean score	8.3	8.6
	Median score	8.0	9.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	367	283
	Mean score	7.3	8.1
	Median score	7.0	8.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =	99	73
	Mean score	6.1	6.8
	Median score	5.0	7.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	27	7
	Mean score	6.1	9.0
	Median score	5.0	11.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	--	50
	Mean score	--	7.9
	Median score	--	8.0
Overall	<i>n</i> =	573	474
	Mean	7.2	7.9
	Median	7.0	8.0
	Possible range	0-12	

Table 8-6: Youth-reported hope score by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 13-17 years).

		13-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	51	28
	Mean score	13.3	14.4
	Median score	14.0	15.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	357	283
	Mean score	12.7	13.5
	Median score	13.0	14.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =	98	76
	Mean score	11.2	11.5
	Median score	11.0	12.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	24	6
	Mean score	13.8	14.0
	Median score	14.0	15.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	--	50
	Mean score	--	12.4
	Median score	--	12.0
Overall	<i>n</i> =	556	477
	Mean	12.5	13.1
	Median	13.0	14.0
	Possible range	0-18	

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Table 8-7: Caregiver-reported mean Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) scores by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 6-17 years).

		6-9	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	Prosocial <i>n</i> =	46	98	30
	Prosocial	8.3	8.2	8.2
	Emotional Symptoms <i>n</i> =	45	98	30
	Emotional Symptoms	1.7	2.8	2.8
	Hyperactivity	6.3	4.6	4.3
	Conduct Problems	2.2	1.6	2.2
	Peer Problems	2.3	2.2	3.0
	Total Difficulties	12.4	11.2	12.3
Foster home	Prosocial <i>n</i> =	325	740	315
	Prosocial	7.6	7.5	7.5
	Emotional Symptoms <i>n</i> =	325	740	312
	Emotional Symptoms	2.4	2.9	3.1
	Hyperactivity	6.2	5.2	4.6
	Conduct Problems	3.1	2.5	2.0
	Peer Problems	2.2	2.7	3.0
	Total Difficulties	13.9	13.2	12.7
Group home	Prosocial <i>n</i> =	24	175	98
	Prosocial	6.9	6.1	6.0
	Emotional Symptoms <i>n</i> =	24	175	97
	Emotional Symptoms	2.2	3.4	2.6
	Hyperactivity	6.3	6.4	4.1
	Conduct Problems	2.5	3.2	1.4
	Peer Problems	2.9	4.0	2.8
	Total Difficulties	13.9	17.1	10.9
Customary care	Prosocial <i>n</i> =	73	63	7
	Prosocial	8.7	8.6	8.6
	Emotional Symptoms <i>n</i> =	73	63	7
	Emotional Symptoms	2.1	2.5	3.0
	Hyperactivity	4.9	4.0	4.7
	Conduct Problems	2.2	1.5	2.9
	Peer Problems	1.8	2.0	3.0
	Total Difficulties	11.0	10.0	13.6
Overall	Prosocial <i>n</i> =	485	1089	470
	Prosocial	7.7	7.4	7.3
	Possible range		0-10	
	Emotional Symptoms <i>n</i> =	484	1089	466
	Emotional Symptoms	2.3	2.9	3.0
	Hyperactivity	6.0	5.3	4.5
	Conduct Problems	2.8	2.5	2.0
	Peer Problems	2.2	2.8	2.9
	Total Difficulties	13.3	13.5	12.3
	Possible range		0-40	

Transition to Adulthood: Casey Life Skills

Casey Life Skills is a broad tool (youth-reported) that helps young people to assess skills, abilities, and supports they possess, that can help them to transition to adulthood in a healthy and positive way. The tool covers eight areas: permanency, daily living, self care, relationships and communication, housing and money management, work and study life, career and education planning, and looking forward.

Table 9-1: Average Casey Life Skills Permanency scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	28	
	Average score	4.8	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	282	
	Average score	4.5	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	71	
	Average score	4.3	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	7	
	Average score	4.5	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	47	12
	Average score	4.4	4.5
Overall	<i>n</i> =	469	469
	Average score	4.5	4.7
Possible range		1-5	

Table 9-2: Average Casey Life Skills Daily Living scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	28	
	Average score	4.4	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	282	
	Average score	4.3	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	71	
	Average score	3.9	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	7	
	Average score	4.5	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	47	12
	Average score	4.4	4.5
Overall	<i>n</i> =	469	23
	Average score	4.3	4.5
Possible range		1-5	

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Table 9-3: Average Casey Life Skills Self Care scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	28	
	Average score	4.3	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	282	
	Average score	4.1	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	71	
	Average score	3.7	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	7	
	Average score	4.3	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	47	12
	Average score	4.3	4.4
Overall	<i>n</i> =	469	23
	Average score	4.1	4.4
	Possible range	1-5	

Table 9-4: Average Casey Life Skills Relationships and Communication scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	28	
	Average score	4.6	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	282	
	Average score	4.5	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	71	
	Average score	4.1	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	7	
	Average score	4.5	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	47	12
	Average score	4.4	4.7
Overall	<i>n</i> =	469	23
	Average score	4.4	4.7
	Possible range	1-5	

Table 9-5: Average Casey Life Skills Housing and Money Management scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	28	
	Average score	3.2	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	282	
	Average score	3.1	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	71	
	Average score	2.4	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	7	
	Average score	2.8	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	47	12
	Average score	3.8	4.5
Overall	<i>n</i> =	469	23
	Average score	3.1	4.3
	Possible range	1-5	

Table 9-6: Average Casey Life Skills Work and Study Life scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	28	
	Average score	4.0	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	282	
	Average score	3.8	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	71	
	Average score	3.2	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	7	
	Average score	3.8	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	47	12
	Average score	4.2	4.4
Overall	<i>n</i> =	469	23
	Average score	3.8	4.4
	Possible range	1-5	

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Table 9-7: Average Casey Life Skills Career and Education Planning scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	28	
	Average score	3.6	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	282	
	Average score	3.5	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	71	
	Average score	2.8	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	7	
	Average score	3.3	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	47	12
	Average score	3.9	4.2
Overall	<i>n</i> =	469	23
	Average score	3.4	4.2
	Possible range	1-5	

Table 9-8: Average Casey Life Skills Looking Forward scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	28	
	Average score	4.4	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	282	
	Average score	4.2	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	71	
	Average score	3.9	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	7	
	Average score	3.8	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	47	12
	Average score	4.0	4.2
Overall	<i>n</i> =	469	23
	Average score	4.1	4.4
	Possible range	1-5	

Table 9-9: Average Casey Life Skills Total scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	28	
	Average score	4.2	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	282	
	Average score	4.0	
Group home	<i>n</i> =	71	
	Average score	3.5	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	7	
	Average score	3.9	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =	47	12
	Average score	4.2	4.5
Overall	<i>n</i> =	469	23
	Average score	3.9	4.5
	Possible range	1-5	

Time to Complete the AAR

This section illustrates the time taken to complete the AAR conversation.

Table 10-1: Total mean and median time (in hours) to complete the AAR by selected placement setting and overall.

		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	67	45	92	31
	Mean time	2.0	1.9	2.3	1.8
	Median time	1.8	1.5	2.0	2.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	542	328	716	321
	Mean time	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.4
	Median time	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =	6	24	169	103
	Mean time	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.3
	Median time	2.3	1.8	2.0	2.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	91	70	63	7
	Mean time	2.0	2.0	2.2	3.1
	Median time	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.5
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			--	83
	Mean time			--	1.9
	Median time			--	1.5
Overall	<i>n</i> =	720	482	1099	607
	Mean time	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.2
	Median time	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
	Range	0.0 – 14.5	0.5 – 24.0	0.0 – 13.0	0.0 – 40.0

Table 10-2: Total mean and median time (in hours) that the young person participated in completing the AAR, by placement setting and overall (for young people aged 6-16+ years).

		6-9	10-15	16+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =	41	88	30
	Mean time	0.5	1.0	1.1
	Median time	0.3	1.0	1.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =	306	706	318
	Mean time	0.3	1.1	1.2
	Median time	0.0	1.0	1.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =	21	165	100
	Mean time	0.3	1.2	1.3
	Median time	0.0	1.0	1.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =	62	62	7
	Mean time	0.5	1.0	2.2
	Median time	0.1	1.0	2.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =		--	80
	Mean time		--	1.2
	Median time		--	1.0
Overall	<i>n</i> =	444	1078	595
	Mean time	0.4	1.1	1.2
	Median time	0.0	1.0	1.0
	Range	0.0 – 4.5	0.0 – 10.0	0.0 – 20.0