

Understanding the Looking After Children Ontario Provincial Report (Year Seven)

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Year Seven Report

- Incorporates data from all four age groups into one report
- Is designed around priorities rather than dimensions of the AAR
- Answers specific questions
 - Who?
 - What?
 - How?
- Is a starting point for your agency

Tables

Sections of a table - example

Table 2.1: Measures of temporal stability by placement setting and overall.

Age Group		Agency				Ontario			
		0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20	0-4	5-9	10-15	16-20
Average years in placement Actual overall range: 0.1 – 15.8 years	Foster home*							4.0	
	Foster home**							3.3	
	Group home**							1.9	
	Kinship care							3.3	
	Group home*							1.1	
	Overall							3.4	
Average changes in main caregiver since birth Actual overall range: 1-27 caregivers	Foster home*							4.2	
	Foster home**							5.0	
	Group home**							5.5	
	Kinship care							4.0	
	Group home*							5.9	
	Overall							4.6	
Average changes in place of residence since birth Actual overall range: 1-70 residences	Foster home*							6.2	
	Foster home**							6.5	
	Group home**							6.8	
	Kinship care							6.7	
	Group home*							7.0	
	Overall							6.4	

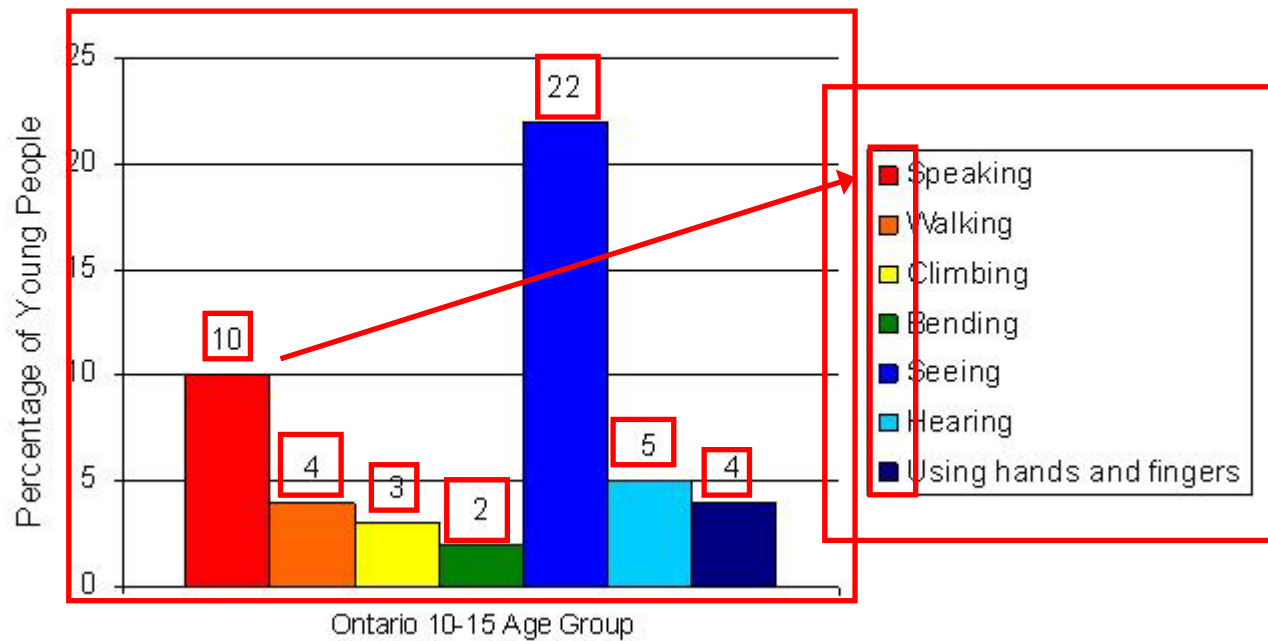
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Graphs

Sections of a graph - example

Figure 4.2: Percentage of young people who have problems in one or more areas of physical ability.



Statistics

Percentages

- A percentage is a number between 0 and 100 that represents a proportion of the whole.
- Some examples from our data:
 - 39% of the overall 10-15 age group population have a diagnosed learning disorder (page 22, Figure 4.3).
 - When prompted “I do things to make my problem better” 74% of kids in kinship care settings say they do this “most of the time” or “often” compared to only 44% of young people in outside purchased care group home settings (page 28, Table 5.3).

Statistics

Scales

- A scale is a number of items (questions) that are added together to measure a specific construct.
- Single items can be valuable but scales are designed to be statistically **reliable**.

Statistics

Scales

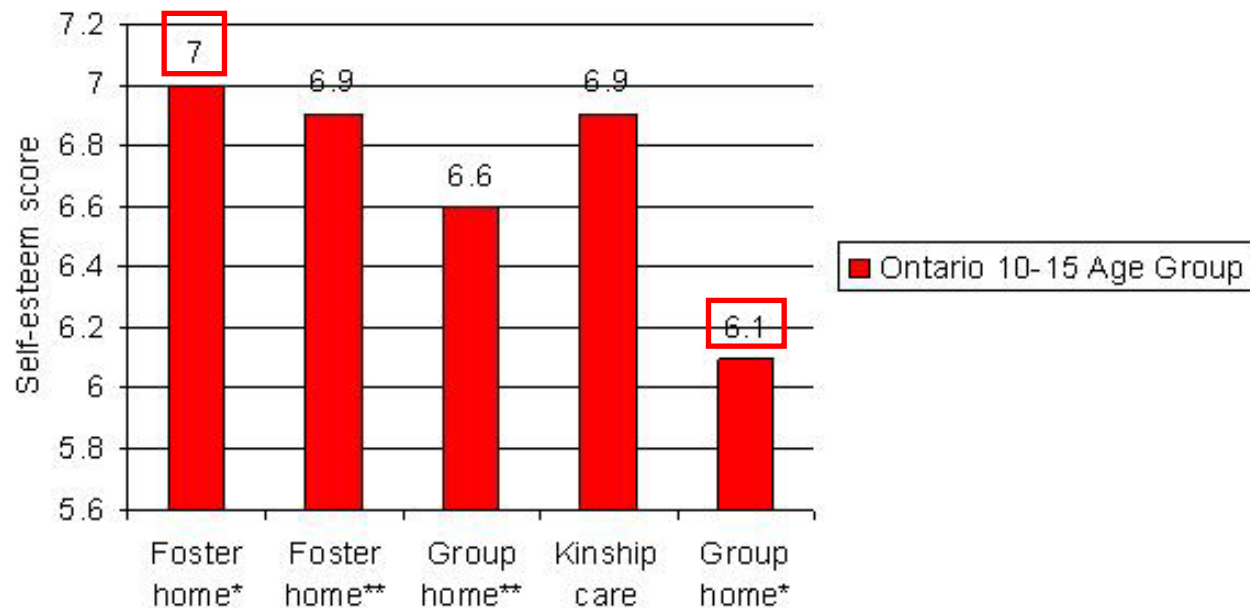
- **Reliability:** refers to the consistency of different measurements of the same thing.
- Reliability is measured with **Cronbach's α** .

The scales included in the AAR-C2-2006 meet the standards for reliability (see User Manual).

Statistics

Scales - example

Figure 5.1: General self-esteem scores by placement setting.



Note: The General Self-Esteem scale is a four-item, three-point scale, reported by the young person. A sample question from the scale is: "A lot of things about me are good" and response choices are True or mostly true scored 2, Sometimes false/sometimes true scored 1, and False or mostly false scored 0. The possible range of scores is from 0 to 8, with a higher score indicating a greater degree of positive general self-image.

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Scales

- Placement Satisfaction
- Feelings Toward Caregiver (male and female)
- Positive Parenting
- Nurturing Parenting
- Ineffective Parenting
- School Performance
- General self-esteem
- Physical self-esteem
- Friendship
- Happiness
- Hope
- Active Coping
- Strengths and Difficulties

Questions?