LOS ANGELES COUNTY

DEPT OF CHILDREN & FAMILIES

FIRST YEAR 2012 EXTENDED FOSTER CARE

LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARTICIPANT NUMBERS

January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013

EFC Group	Eligible	Open	Closed
18 in 2012	1108	936	172
		(84.5%)	(15.5%)
19 in 2012	812	524	288
		(64.5%)	(35.5%)
Totals	1920	1460 (76.0%)	460 (24.0%)

EFC CRITERIA FOR YOUTH STAYING UNDER FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT

ECF Program Criteria	18	19	Totals
High School completion	617 (65.9%)	257 (49.0%)	874 (59.9%)
Post Secondary Education	220 (23.5%)	184 (35.1%)	404 (27.7%)
Medical disability	32 (3.4%)	32 (6.1%)	64 (4.4%)
Employment activities	29 (3.1%)	26 (5.0%)	55 (3.8%)
Employed (80 hrs. monthly)	25 (2.7%)	25 (4.8%)	50 (3.4%)
Info not available	13 (1.4%)	0 (0%)	13 (.09%)
TOTALS	936	524	1460

REASONS YOUTH ARE OPTING OUT

Reasons For Leaving	Number
Voluntarily Wanted to Leave	201 (59.9%)
AWOL	30 (8.9%)
Refused Services	28 (8.3%)
Ineligible	23 (6.8%)
Returned Home (HOP)	12 (3.6%)
Incarcerated	5 (1.5%)
Military	3 (0.9%)
Other (misc.)	36 (10.7%)

WHERE YOUTH ARE RESIDING

EFC Placement	18	19	Total
Relative home	253 (27.0%)	133 (25.4)	386 (26.4%)
FFA/Foster Homes	219 (23.4%)	124 (23.7%)	343 (23.5%)
SILPs	141 (15.1%)	129 (24.6%)	270 (18.5%)
Legal Guardianships	152 (16.2%)	84 (16.0%)	236 (16.2%)
Group Homes	101 (10.8%)	23 (4.4%)	124 (8.5%)
Other	70 (7.5%)	31 (5.9%)	101 (6.9%)
Total	936	524	1460

42 youths (2.9%) are in approved out-of-state placements. 129 youth (8.8%) are in approved out-of-county placements. Data is representative of all 1,460 EFC participants as of December 31, 2012.

STEPPING DOWN INTO SILPS

Readiness Assessment Is Required Before a SILP is Considered

Prior Placement to SILP	18	19	Totals
Relative homes	51 (40.2%)	37 (28.7%)	88 (34.4%)
FFA/Foster Homes	49 (38.6%)	46 (35.7%)	95 (37.1)
Group Homes	19 (15.0%)	13 (10.1%)	32 (12.5%)
Legal Guardianships	7 (5.6%)	33 (25.6%)	40 (15.6%)
TOTAL	127*	129	256

^{*14} youth started their EFC program in SILPs

RE-ENTRY TRENDS FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY

YOUTH RE-ENTRIES INITIATED THROUGH 24 HOUR CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE - COMMAND POST HANDLES AFTER HOURS HOMELESS EMERGENCIES

Calls	Eligible	Not Eligible	Immediate	Next Day
Received			Response	Response
113	87 (77.0%)	26 (23.0%)	26 (29.9%)	61 (70.1%)

- 87 eligible re-entry youth constitute 6% of the entire EFC census of 1,460 youth
- 26 youth (23%) determined ineligible for EFC re-entry were referred to Youth Development Services to connect them to services, resources and supports available to them.

NOTABLE TAY/NMD SUPPORTS

- Board of Supervisors add Youth Self-Sufficiency as a County objective in 2011 for all departments
- Use of 24 hour Hotline Abuse Hotline for NMD re-entries
- AB12 EFC and TILP Training for All Levels of Staff
- Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) free TAP bus passes
- Credit Clearances for All Foster Youth before they turn 18 years of age
- Subsidized employment preparation/job experience program investments
- Creation of NMD specialized caseloads and units (by December 2013)

CURRENT CHALLENGES

- Impact on post emancipation Transitional Housing programs
- Placements for disruptions and for re-entry youth
- Reductions in federal ILP Chafee allocation
- Reductions in Chafee Education Training Voucher (EVT) allocation
- Initial SILP supports (rent, utilities, food, etc)