

## St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

2021

### Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Foster Home Data Packet

This FFPSA Foster Homes Data Packet is designed to support LDSS and voluntary agency efforts to analyze the current foster boarding home population to inform foster home recruitment and retention strategies.

#### Parent Agency Data Packet:

The foster home data contained in this packet includes all foster homes associated with your agency. These foster homes are supported by your agency.

**Note:** An Excel file with a list of all of the homes referenced in this data packet is available upon request. Contact ([Christine.Jones@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:Christine.Jones@ocfs.ny.gov))

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OCFS has prepared data packets for every NYS OCFS region, LDSS, and Voluntary Agency with ten or more foster homes that were open on 12/31/2021.

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Unless otherwise noted, the data source is the OCFS Foster Home Spell File, a longitudinal foster home file prepared by Chapin Hall Center for Child Welfare Data.

Data was extracted from CONNECTIONS on 7/7/22.

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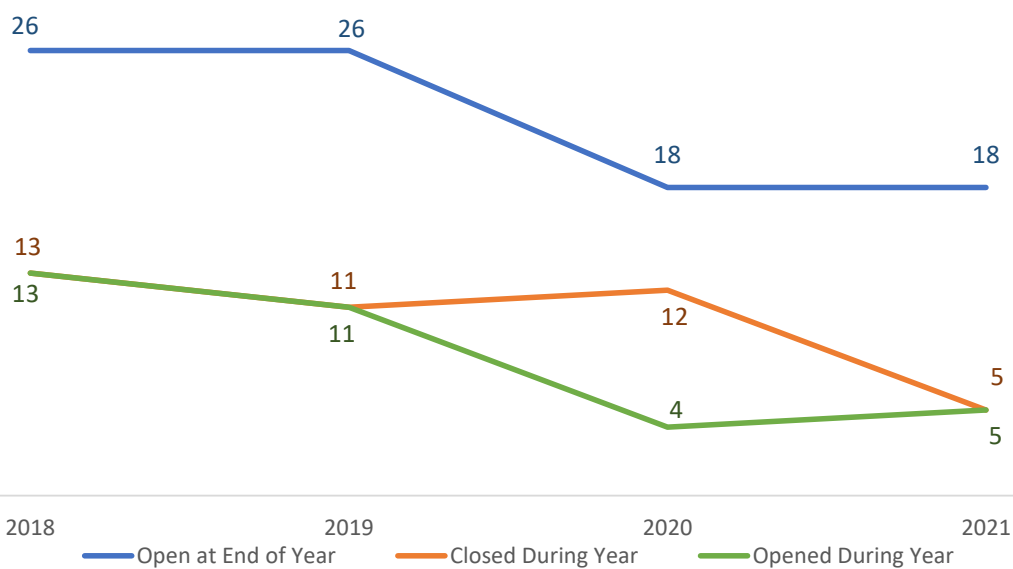
Family First Goal: The primary goal of FFPSA is to keep children safely at home with their families and, when that is not possible, to utilize the least restrictive placement appropriate for the needs of the child.

**Targets: OCFS has established a statewide goal that by September 30, 2021:**  
**A maximum of 12% of children in foster care will be in institution/group care and**  
**A minimum of 50% of children in foster care will be in kinship foster care**

Statewide, on June 30, 2022:  
**13.9%** of the children were placed in an institution/group care and  
**46.1%** of the children in foster care were placed with kin.

#### Foster Home Trends: Represents Any Foster Home Certified/Approved by your Organization.

Foster Home  
 Openings, Closings and Open at End of Year

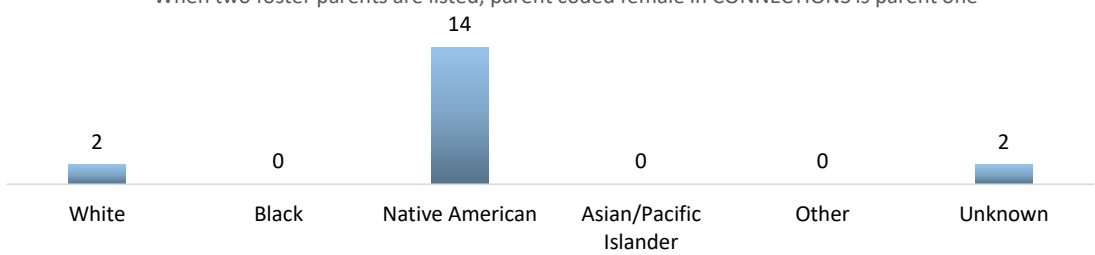
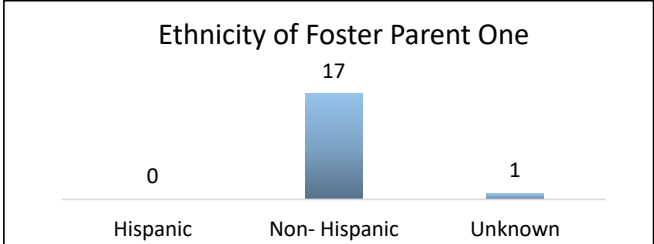
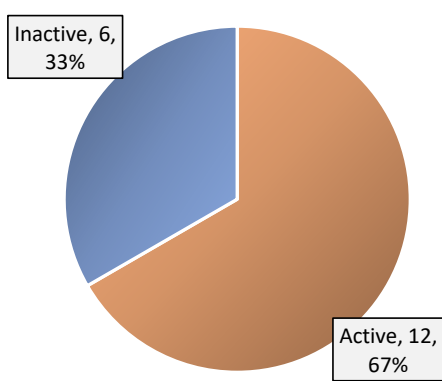


Are the total number of your foster homes increasing or decreasing over time?  
 Is your net gain/loss due to more foster home openings or more foster home closures?  
 Do you have a sufficient number of foster homes to meet the need?

A district-level performance report can be found on the NYS OCFS website's FFPSA Data and Resources page. Look for the FFPSA Outcome Monitoring Report at:

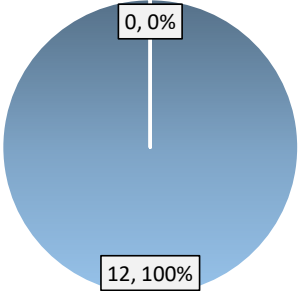
<https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/sppd/family-first-data.php#h3-goal-monitoring>

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<b>Families (Family/Sibling Groups) In Foster Care on 12/31/21</b> Sibling groups are identified by a shared case ID.													
<p><b>One Family, One Home</b> is about placing children from one family together in one foster home with no other unrelated foster children. This is a component of NYC Administration for Children's Services "Home Away From Home" initiative. "The One Family, One Home approach has many advantages: keeping siblings together, reducing stress on children and caregivers, improving placement stability, and other child welfare outcomes. One Family, One Home requires maintaining a family foster care pool of relative and nonrelative caregivers that is large enough to accommodate the number of family groups in foster care." (Ross, T., PhD, Gerer, L.,MA, &amp; Pang, Y. C., PhD. 2019. Home Away From Home. Lessons Learned for Building a One Family, One Home Foster Care System. p.4.)</p>													
<p><b>Note:</b> The LDSS Foster Home Data Packet (distributed to every LDSS) includes the number of children and family groups in care. If your organization is a Voluntary Agency, it is encouraged that you reach out to your primary local district(s) to have a conversation about the number of <u>families</u> they had in foster care on 12/31/2021. This information is useful in projecting the number of needed foster homes. When estimating the number of homes needed, consider the NYS targets. Children in institutional/group care are often from a family of one, or one child from the family is in foster care. When estimating the number of foster homes needed, consider how many family groups are expected to utilize foster homes.</p>													
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<p>Statewide, 83% of foster homes occupied on 12/31/2021 were fostering one family group.</p>													
<p><b>In the past three years, what percent of your foster homes were occupied by one family group on 12/31?</b></p>													
<p><b>Several factors impact one family/one home, such as placement decisions.</b></p>													
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<p><b>Does the race and ethnicity of foster parents align with the children entering and in foster care?</b> Note: The race and ethnicity for children in foster care in your agency is available in a predefined report in the OCFS Data Warehouse. The "Children In Care by Status" report is located in the "Family First" folder, which is in the "Child Welfare Services" folder. If you need assistance locating the report, contact your OCFS regional office.</p>															
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<p><b>Active Foster Home:</b> A foster home is considered "active" if the parent(s) have fostered within the last six months of 2021 (the data in this packet is as of 12/31/21.) (Inactive homes did not foster any children between 7/1/21-12/31/21.)</p>															
<p><b>18</b> Foster Homes were open at the end of 2021. Of those homes, how many were active? Note: Statewide, 78% of foster homes are active.</p>															
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<p><b>Where are your <u>Active/Inactive</u> Foster Homes Located?</b></p> <p>The table (below) provides the districts where your foster homes are located.</p> <p>Note: The table provides the county associated with the location of your foster homes. CONNECTIONS allows for an override, therefore, some homes may be associated with one district and located in a different one.</p>
<p>Review the location of your foster homes.</p> <p>Are they located primarily in the districts where the children are from?</p>

Location of Foster Home (County associated with Homes in Connections)	Active	Inactive	Total
Franklin	9	5	14
St. Lawrence	2	1	3
Unknown	1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>

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Active Therapeutic Foster Homes Associated with Agency	
<p><b>12</b> Foster Homes, that were open on 12/31/21 are considered "Active". This may represent a more accurate count of <i>available</i> foster homes.</p> <p>Of those active homes, how many were <b>therapeutic</b>?</p> <p>Note: Statewide, <b>31%</b> of active homes are therapeutic.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Active Foster Homes on 12/31/21 by Therapeutic Designation</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"> <span style="color: blue;">■</span> Active &amp; Not Therapeutic                         <span style="color: orange;">■</span> Active &amp; Therapeutic                 </p>	<p><b>What are the outcomes for those homes?</b> (To answer these questions, use the foster home level file.)</p> <p>Do children leave therapeutic foster homes to permanency more often than to moves (lateral or step up)?</p> <p>Do therapeutic foster homes have a longer or shorter length of service?</p> <p>What are the characteristics of children placed in therapeutic foster homes?</p>
In which districts are your <u>Active/Therapeutic</u> Foster Homes located?	
<p>Table (below) provides the district associated with your foster homes.</p>	
<p>Review the location of your foster homes. Are they located primarily in the districts where the children are from?</p>	
<p>Note: A foster home is listed as therapeutic if it was therapeutic at any time during this current foster home episode. Foster homes may transfer from one parent agency to another within their foster home episode.</p>	

Location of Foster Home (County associated with Homes in Connections)	Active/Non Therapeutic	Active/ Therapeutic	Total
Franklin	9		9
St. Lawrence	2		2
Unknown	1		1
Total	12		12

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<b>Median Length of Service</b>		
The median length of service gives us information about how long foster parents serve. It is a calculation that represents the time it takes for half of the foster parents to leave foster parenthood. For example, if 100 new foster parents were certified in 2020, and half of them (50) left service in 18 months, then the 2020 median length of service is 18 months.		
What is your agency's median length of service? How does it compare to NYS's foster home median length of service? Does the median length of service differ based on foster parent characteristics and experiences?		
<b>Median Length of Service in Months</b>		
<b>Median Length of Service for all foster homes opened between 1/1/18 and 12/31/20</b>		
Foster Home Characteristic	St. Regis Mohawk Tribe	New York State
All Foster Homes	14.8	17.3
All Therapeutic Foster Homes		19.4
Foster Homes that fostered teens two or more times	22.2	24.7
Note: If you are interested in the median length of service for other cohorts, this can be calculated using the individual foster home file.		
If you have varying lengths of service, what are some questions you might ask? <b>Examples:</b> Are those with shorter lengths of service, relative homes with the intention of fostering once?  Statewide, foster parents who foster teens repeatedly tend to have a longer length of service, why? Are there additional supports we provide to those parents that could be replicated with other foster parents?		
Note: The length of service observes the foster home's Resource Identification Number through closure, regardless of certifying agency. A Foster home is certified/approved on an annual basis, and due to various reasons, some homes may have a certification lag. In order to adjust for this, if a home has a lag of less than three months, then, for purposes of this data packet, the certification/approval is "bridged", allowing for a length of service calculation that is more representative of the foster parent's practical length of service.		

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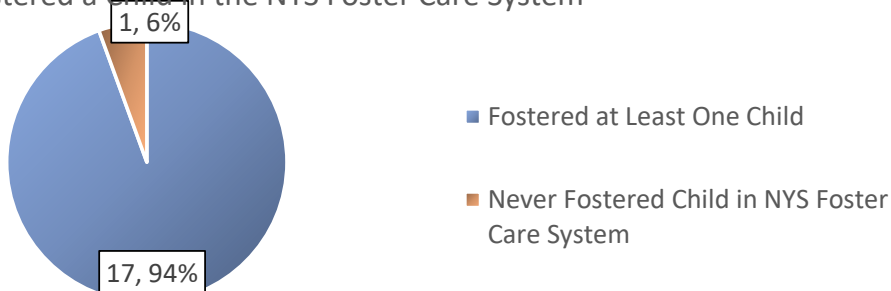
#### Foster Home Utilization

What percent of foster homes ever fostered a child in NYS's foster care system?

#### Experience Fostering Children (any age) in NYS Foster Care System

Number of Homes Open on 12/31/2021 in this agency: 18

Of All Homes Open on 12/31/21, the number/percentage that have ever Fostered a Child in the NYS Foster Care System



Statewide, 89% of all homes open on 12/31/21 had fostered a child (any age) at least once. How do you compare? What might be some reasons your percent is higher/lower than the NYS rate?

#### Foster Homes where Teens were Placed

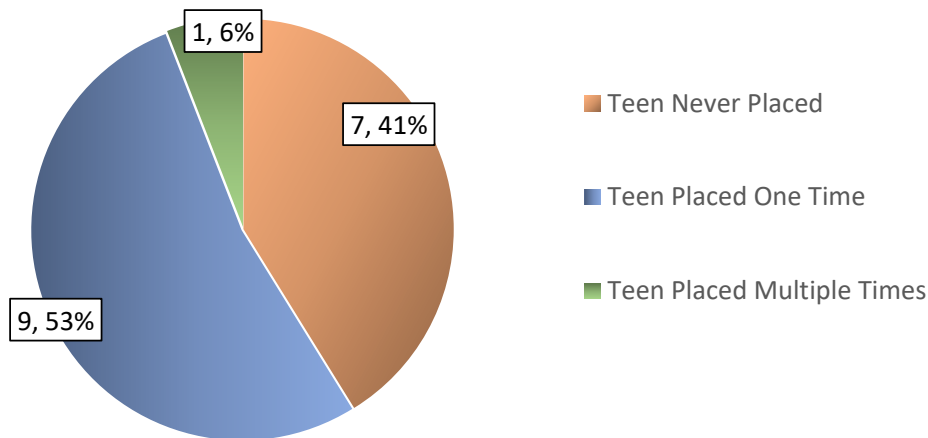
When analyzing your agency's data, consider if there are a sufficient number of new and existing foster homes to meet the anticipated demand, post FFPSA implementation.

#### Homes Open on 12/31/2021: Number and Percent of Homes that Accepted a Teen Placement

What percent of homes accepted a teen placement?

On how many occasions did those homes accept a teen placement?

Of All Homes Open on 12/31/21, that have fostered a child, the Number/Percentage that Accepted a Teen Placement in the NYS Foster Care System



Statewide, 39% of all homes open on 12/31/21 had fostered a teen one or more times.

How does your agency compare? What might be some reasons your percent is higher/lower than the NYS rate?



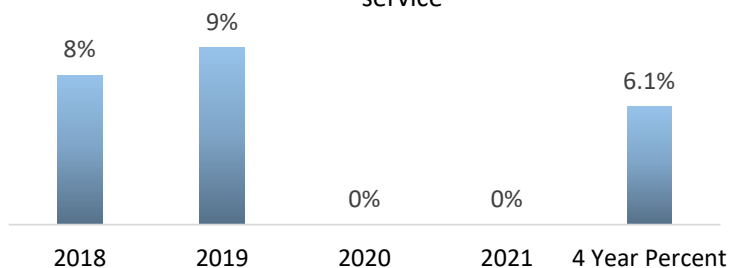
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#### Foster Homes that were Ever Open: Experience with Teen Placements

The number of homes open on 12/31/21 do not represent all foster homes *ever* open; some homes that were open, have closed before 12/31/21.

For recruitment purposes, an agency might ask: "Of all the homes that we opened during a time period, how many of them accepted teen placements?". The graph below shows the percent of foster homes that opened during the year, that accepted a teen placement on more than one occasion during their foster parenthood experience.

Of all foster homes that opened each year, percent that accepted a teen placement on two or more occasions during their entire foster parenthood service



	# homes that opened during year	# homes that accepted teen placements 2+ times, this spell
2018	13	1
2019	11	1
2020	4	0
2021	5	0
4 Yr. Total	33	2
4 Yr. Rate	<b>6.1%</b>	

Note: This represents foster homes that accepted teen placements on two or more occasions during the foster home episode that began during the year. Some homes may have fostered more teens during other foster home episodes. Refer to the foster home level file for additional information.

**Statewide, the 4-year rate is 7.9%.**  
 (Note: The four year rate is the # of homes that opened during the year divided by the # of homes that accepted a teen placement 2+ times, this spell.)

**Critical Thinking:** You may notice that fewer homes that opened in 2021 have accepted teen placements. Research shows that foster parents who successfully foster teens generally have more fostering experience prior to their first teen fostering experience, therefore, we are less likely to see new foster parents taking teens. (Ross, T., PHD, Gerber, L., MA, & Pang, Y. C., PHD. (2019). Home Away From Home. Lessons for Building a One Family, One Home Foster Care System.)

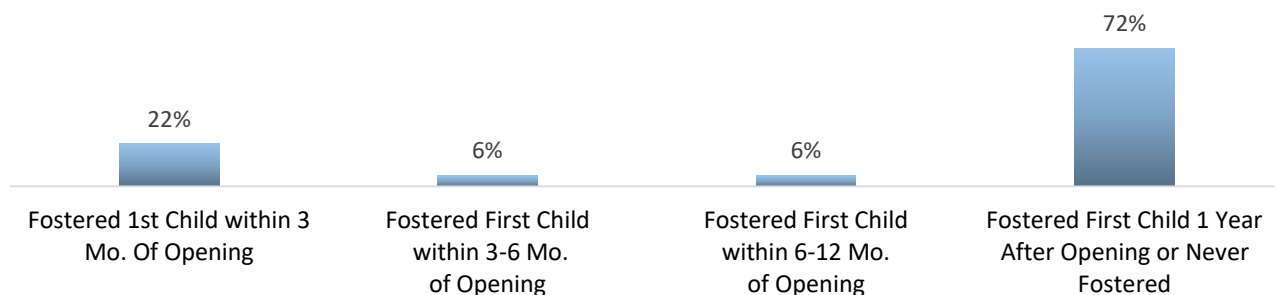
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### Utilization of New Foster Homes

The first three months of certification is an important time. If a foster home does not foster a child within their initial three months of certification, they are much less likely to ever foster a child.

Statewide, approximately 42% of foster homes are fostering a child within the first three months of certification/approval.

Time Between Foster Home Opening and First Child Placed  
(All Homes Open on 12/31/21)



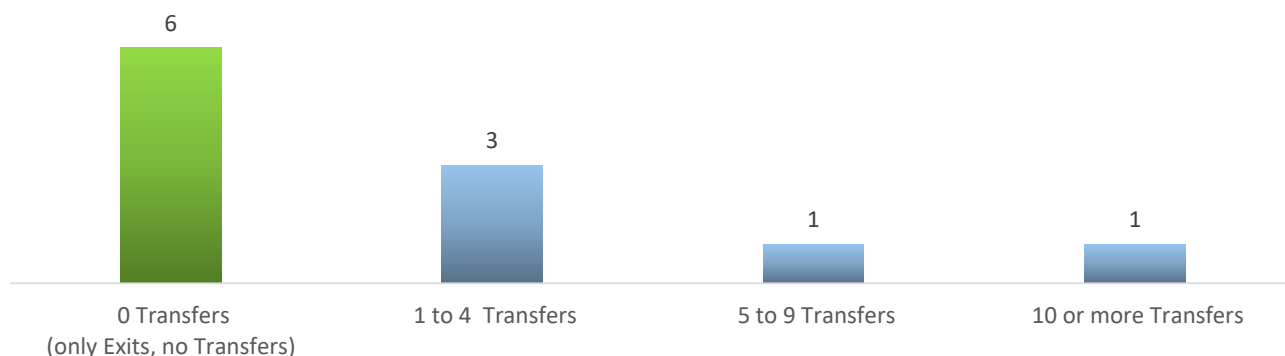
### Transfers From Foster Homes

"Children need consistency, predictability, and attachment to a caring adult to thrive. Multiple placements have been found to lead to delayed permanency outcomes, academic difficulties, and struggles to develop meaningful attachments." (Rutter, M., & Sroufe, L. A. (2000). Developmental psychopathology: Concepts and challenges. Development and Psychopathology, 12(3), 265-296.)

Note: Statewide, **50%** of homes open on 12/31/21 had at least one transfer from the home to another placement type. The predominate transfer type statewide is a **lateral** move from one foster home to another. A breakdown of the type of transfers can be found in the individual foster home file.

If many foster homes have multiple transfers, it points towards a potential systemic issue (i.e.: placement decisions, foster home training or support). If the transfers are from only a few foster homes, it may be indicative of home-specific issues. Which is the case in your agency?

Number of Foster Homes with Transfers to Another Placement Type, Grouped  
by Number of Transfers  
(for homes open on 12/31/21 that fostered children)



What is the process for matching children to foster homes?  
 Are there any common characteristics for homes that have more stability? (What is working well?)  
 What is the level of support for these homes?