Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)

Leadership Briefing

November 1, 2010
APPLA is 3rd Most Common Primary Goal

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<th>Primary Permanency Goal</th>
<th>Number of Children</th>
<th>Percentage (%)</th>
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<td>Reunification with parent(s)</td>
<td>7,920</td>
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<td>Adoption</td>
<td>4,266</td>
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<td><strong>Missing Data</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,394</strong></td>
<td><strong>13.2</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,433</strong></td>
<td><strong>7.9</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Goal Not Yet Established</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,084</strong></td>
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<td>Permanent Guardianship</td>
<td>457</td>
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<td>Maintain and Strengthen placement</td>
<td>443</td>
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<td>Permanent Placement with a fit and willing Relative</td>
<td>155</td>
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<td>Permanent Custody to Relative</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>18,157</strong></td>
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Note: Permanency goals are extracted from the FSFN Legal Module. Population is all children in Out-of-Home Care on July 12, 2010.
What Do We Know About APPLA?

• Who has APPLA as their primary goal?
  – African American children
  – Children removed from home as teens
  – Children in out-of-home care at older ages, regardless of age at removal

• What are their child welfare experiences like?
  – Have long and unstable care episodes
  – Are disproportionately in Group Homes / Congregate care rather than family-based care
  – 74% do not have parental rights terminated
Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care, by CBC, Who Have the Goal of APPLA

- Big Bend CBC West
- Kids Central
- Children’s Network of SW Florida
- Eckerd Youth Alternatives
- Hillsborough KIDS
- YMCA South
- Heartland for Children
- Big Bend CBC East
- Families First Network
- Partnership for Strong Families
- United for Families
- Statewide
- Family Services of Metro Orlando
- ChildNet
- CBC of Brevard
- Community Partnership for Children
- Family Matters of Nassau County
- Kids First of Florida
- Family Support Services
- Child and Family Connections
- CBC of Seminole
- Our Kids

0.0%  5.0%  10.0%  15.0%  20.0%
Family Safety will Produce an APPLA Monitoring Report

• **Purpose**: Provide DCF and CBC leadership with a report to track:
  - trends in the use of APPLA as a primary goal and
  - outcomes for children with the goal of APPLA

• Provide information at state and CBC level updated quarterly

• Report will track data from July 2009 forward

• **Format**: Excel Trend report
Monitoring Report: Selected Measures

• Trends in Use of APPLA:
  – Number of children with goal of APPLA
  – Percent of children in out-of-home care who have goal of APPLA
  – Number of children with goal of APPLA, by age group
  – Number of children with goal of APPLA newly established in the quarter
  – Percent of children with goal of APPLA newly established who have parental rights terminated
Monitoring Report: Selected Measures

- Outcomes for Children with Goal of APPLA:
  - Track a cohort of children with primary goal of APPLA on July 1, throughout the year to see percent who:
    - Are still in out-of-home care with the goal of APPLA
    - Are still in out-of-home care but had their goal changed from APPLA
    - Age-out
    - Achieved permanency
Supporting Charts

• The following provides additional details about:
  – Who has APPLA as their primary goal
  – What their child welfare experiences are like

• Charts compare children with the primary goal of APPLA on 7/12/2010 to children who do not have the goal of APPLA.
Children with the Goal of APPLA are Disproportionately Black

Race of Children in Out-of-Home Care

- **Not APPLA**:
  - White: 60%
  - Other/Multiple: 34%
  - Black: 6%
  - Unknown: 3%

- **APPLA**:
  - White: 44%
  - Other/Multiple: 53%
  - Black: 3%
  - Unknown: 0%
...And Older

Current Age for Children in Out-of-Home Care

- Not APPLA:
  - 0-11: 11.4%
  - 12-14: 4.2%
  - 15: 4.3%
  - 16: 76.2%

- APPLA:
  - 17: 3.6%
  - 18: 25.8%
  - 19: 13.0%
  - 20-24: 47.7%
  - 25+: 10.7%

- Ages not shown: 0-11 and 17-24
Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care, by Current Age, Who Have the Goal of APPLA
However, many APPLA children entered young & stayed in care.
Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care, by Age at Removal, Who Have the Goal of APPLA
Children with Goal of APPLA Often have Unstable Care Episodes

Number of Placements in the Child’s Current Removal Episode

- Not APPLA
- APPLA

Placement Count:
- 5+
- 4
- 3
- 2
- 1
...And Long Care Episodes

Years in Out-of-Home Care in Current Removal Episode

- 11 - 17 years
- 6 - 10 years
- 5 - 6 Years
- 4 - 5 Years
- 3 - 4 Years
- 2 - 3 Years
- 1 - 2 Years
- Less than 1 Year

Not APPLA

APPLA
Children In Care Longer Are Likely to Have the Goal of APPLA

Percent of Children in Out-of-Home Care, by Years in Care, Who Have the Goal of APPLA

- Less than 1 Year: N=9761
- 1 - 2 Years: N=4076
- 2 - 3 Years: N=1710
- 3 - 4 Years: N=905
- 4 - 5 Years: N=528
- 5 - 6 Years: N=301
- 6 - 10 years: N=666
- 11 - 17 years: N=201

"N" represents the number of children in each category.
Children with Goal of APPLA Are Less Likely to be in Family-based Care, Especially Relative Care

Comparison of Placements of Children with the Goal of APPLA and those who do not have the Goal of APPLA
...Even When Compared to Non-APPLA Youth of the Same Age

Comparison of Type of Care for Children with the Goal of APPLA to Same Age Children Who Do Not Have the Goal of APPLA

- **Age 12 - 15:**
  - Not APPLA: 67% Missing Child/Other, 30% Group Care, 3% Family-based Care
  - APPLA: 50% Missing Child/Other, 44% Group Care, 6% Family-based Care

- **Age 16 - 17:**
  - Not APPLA: 50% Missing Child/Other, 43% Group Care, 8% Family-based Care
  - APPLA: 37% Missing Child/Other, 52% Group Care, 11% Family-based Care
In Addition to Adoption, Establishing Family Connections Should Be Pursued

Population is all children in Out-of-Home Care on August 5, 2010.