Cross-Cutting Issues in Child Welfare, Mental Health, Juvenile Justice & Special Education

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Living Arrangements of Children, 2001
3.2 million under age 18

- Two parents: 71%
- One parent: 25%
- No parent: 4%
- Kinship Foster Care: 80,000 (50%)
- Other relative: 40,000 (25%)
- Grandparent: 7,000 (5%)
- Foster parent: 32,000 (20%)

Survey of Income and Program Participation

9,600 Pre-Adoptive Homes

1,900 Independent Living

2,300 Independent Living Runaway

1,800 Institution/Group Home
Reduction in Children in Foster Care

- **Home of Relative (HMR) Care**
- **Non-Relative and Group Care**


- 1965: 51,331
- 1997: 15,917

Thousands of children in care.
Downstate Caseload Dynamics

Southern (Moving 4-quarter totals)

Central (Moving 4-quarter totals)

Cross-sectional Snapshot

Entry Cohorts

Exit Cohorts
**Upstate Caseload Dynamics**

**Northern (Moving 4-quarter totals)**

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**Cook County (Moving 4-quarter totals)**

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Graphs showing caseload dynamics with moving 4-quarter totals for both Northern and Cook County.
Older Ward Population in Illinois

- In 1997, 24% of the population was 14 and older.
- The percentage increased to 31% in 2002.
- By 2005, it reached 30%.
- In 2007, it was 29%.
Children entering care

- Under 14
- 14 and Older
- Percent 14 & Older

- 12% in 1997
- 14% in 2002
- 15% in 2007

- 1997-2007
- 0-16,000
- 0-25%
Child Behavior Checklist

0   1   2   6. Can’t sit still or restless
0   1   2   13. Cries a lot.
0   1   2   14. Cruel to animals.
0   1   2   30. Easily jealous.

0 = Not True (as far as you know)
1 = Somewhat or Sometimes True
2 = Very True or Often True
51% of children aged 7-15 demonstrate clinical or borderline levels of total behavior problems.
  - In the general U.S. population, 17% of children exhibit “clinical” or “borderline” levels of total behavior problems.

35% of children aged 11-15 self-report clinical or borderline levels of internalizing behavior.

Based on 2004 survey of 287 foster caregivers & 158 children conducted between
# National & Illinois Comparisons

## Mental Health Indicators

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• NIU record review estimates that 43% of students in foster care were receiving special education services in 2003/2004 school years.

  – 35% of children less than 14 years old
  – 55% of children aged 14 years & older
Post-Permanency World in Illinois

* Foster Care

* Adoption & Guardianship

* As of September 30, 2007
Post-Permanency Needs

• 30% had mental health diagnosis

• 21% were receiving special education services

• Behavior Problem Index Mean Score = 10.9
  – National average mean score = 6.4

Based on telephone survey of 350 Illinois adoptive parents and legal guardians conducted Jan-Mar 2006.
Stability After Permanence

Children in Adoptive and Guardianship Homes

- Finalized 2 Years Ago
- Finalized 5 Years Ago
- Finalized 10 Years Ago

Percent Stable

FY97 FY98 FY99 FY00 FY01 FY02 FY03 FY04 FY05 FY06

- 98% Finalized 2 Years Ago
- 95% Finalized 5 Years Ago
- 85% Finalized 10 Years Ago
Ruptures Based on Computer Data

- Adoption: 3.8%
- SG: 7.6%
- Total: 4.3%
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Computer + Survey Data

- Adoption: 4.6%
- SG: 11.5%
- Total: 5.6%

Survey - Not in HH
Computer - Ruptures
Computer + Survey Brief Ruptures

Survey - Other ruptures
Survey - Not in HH
Computer - Ruptures

Adoption
10.6%

SG
15.3%

Total
5.7%
Post-Guardianship Services

- No Post-Permanency Contact: 82%
- Intact: 8%
- Dissolved: 5%
- Death: 2%
- Incapacity: 3%
- Post-Permanency Services: 8%

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