Child Welfare System SFY 2007 Data
Cook North

- Population (Census Data for Children):
  - Caucasian: 67%
  - African American: 39%
  - Hispanic: 4%
  - Other Ethnicity: 1%

- Indicated Reports:
  - Caucasian: 42%
  - African American: 24%
  - Hispanic: 25%
  - Other Ethnicity: 1%

- Substitute Care Entries:
  - Caucasian: 37%
  - African American: 17%
  - Hispanic: 45%
  - Other Ethnicity: 1%

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Children in Substitute Care

- 92% AA in '01, 90% in '07
- 82% AA in '01, 74% in '07
- 62% AA in '01, 54% in '07
In Cook, over the past seven years, approximately 15% of African American children attain permanence within a year, compared to 30% of White children.
In Cook, over the past seven years, approximately 45% of African American children attain permanence within 3 years, compared to 65% of White children.
Median Length of Stay (Months)

Cook County: 1999 - 2005
Data is provided for each of the three Cook Regions, and is broken down within each region.

**Cook North**
--Skokie Site  
--Bradley Site  
--1911 Indiana Site

**Cook South**
--Suburban LANS 53 & 56 (Harvey & Tinley Park)  
--City LANS 82, 86, & 87 (Emerald & Harvey)  
--City LANS 77, 79, 84, & 85 (Emerald)

**Cook Central**
--3518 Site  
--4909 Site  
--Maywood Site
Child Welfare System SFY 2007 Data
Skokie

- Population (Census Data for Children):
  - African American: 25%
  - Hispanic: 6%
  - Caucasian: 70%
  - Other Ethnicity: 3%

- Indicated Reports:
  - African American: 20%
  - Hispanic: 23%
  - Caucasian: 50%
  - Other Ethnicity: 8%

- Substitute Care Entries:
  - African American: 23%
  - Hispanic: 15%
  - Caucasian: 59%
  - Other Ethnicity: 3%
Child Welfare System SFY 2007 Data
Indiana

Population (Census Data for Children): 85%
Indicated Reports: 96%
Substitute Care Entries: 94%
Child Welfare System SFY 2007 Data
4909 Site

- Population (Census Data for Children): 6%
  - African American: 6%
  - Hispanic: 94%
  - Other Ethnicity: 0%
  - Caucasian: 0%
- Indicated Reports: 30%
  - African American: 10%
  - Hispanic: 53%
  - Other Ethnicity: 6%
  - Caucasian: 0%
- Substitute Care Entries: 12%
  - African American: 12%
  - Hispanic: 67%
  - Other Ethnicity: 10%
  - Caucasian: 0%

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Maywood

Population (Census Data for Children):
- Caucasian: 52%
- African American: 61%
- Hispanic: 16%
- Other Ethnicity: 4%

Indicated Reports:
- Caucasian: 46%
- African American: 22%
- Hispanic: 29%
- Other Ethnicity: 4%

Substitute Care Entries:
- Caucasian: 38%
- African American: 15%
- Hispanic: 40%
- Other Ethnicity: 8%
Child Welfare System SFY 2007 Data
Suburban LANS 53 & 56 (Harvey & Tinley Park)

Population (Census Data for Children):
- African American: 47%
- Hispanic: 14%
- Other Ethnicity: 3%
- Caucasian: 3%

Indicated Reports:
- African American: 63%
- Hispanic: 63%
- Other Ethnicity: 3%
- Caucasian: 3%

Substitute Care Entries:
- African American: 66%
- Hispanic: 66%
- Other Ethnicity: 3%
- Caucasian: 3%
Child Welfare System SFY 2007 Data
City LANS 77, 79, 84 & 85 (Emerald)

- Population (Census Data for Children):
  - African American: 44%
  - Hispanic: 55%
  - Other Ethnicity: 28%
  - Caucasian: 6%

- Indicated Reports:
  - African American: 63%
  - Hispanic: 20%
  - Other Ethnicity: 13%
  - Caucasian: 4%

- Substitute Care Entries:
  - African American: 83%
  - Hispanic: 10%
  - Other Ethnicity: 6%
  - Caucasian: 0%
In Cook County, African American children make up 32% of the child population yet they make up:
  - 55% of the indicated reports
  - 74% of entries into foster care
At each step into substitute care, disparity increases

In addition, African American children are reunited with their families at half the rate of White children (1 year).

Once in care, African American children stay longer than other children.
National research shows that White families are just as likely to abuse their children as African American families but are far less likely to be reported to child welfare departments.

Research in Illinois shows that the biggest disparity exists at the point of reporting maltreatment, and is amplified at each subsequent point of contact with the child welfare system.

Research in Illinois also tells us that African American children are less likely to attain permanence, and that this disparity is greater in Cook than in the other regions of the state. This is particularly true for reunification.
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Click on ‘Outcome Monitoring Data’

View data by LAN, Chicago Community Area, County or DCFS Region (all broken out by race, age and gender)