Our foster care program is specialized for children in State (DCFS) custody who experience a diagnosed developmental disability (intellectual disability, seizure disorder, cerebral palsy, autism) or some condition that might cause a similar impairment in daily functioning.

There were 5,129 children in foster care at the end of the second quarter of FY 2017.

Age Breakdown of Children in Foster Care

- 0-1: 19%
- 2-5: 24%
- 6-9: 20%
- 10-13: 16%
- 14-17: 17%
- 18+: 4%

Race Breakdown of Children in Foster Care

- White: 65%
- Black: 18%
- Hispanic: 11%
- Native American: 5%
- Other: 1%

Children ages two to five make up the largest group of children involved in in-home foster care this quarter.

Reasons for Children’s Entry

- Substance abuse: 57% (532 entries)
- Neglect: 53% (500 entries)
- Parent incarceration: 19% (179 entries)

Number of Children Available for Adoption at the End of the Quarter

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The national standard length of time from entry into foster care to finalization of adoption is 27.3 months or less.

- The good news? Arkansas exceeds the national average of children either going home, to a relative, or to an adoptive home after foster care.

The bad news? The ratio of licensed foster home beds to children who has less than one (0.70) at the end of the quarter. This means that not every child had his or her own bed.

All of these numbers mean that we need your help to care for Arkansas’ foster children.

If you would like to learn more about our foster services at Integrity, or are considering fostering a child, contact us today.

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