


Memorandum

To: Representative Pugh and Members of the Child Protection Oversight Committee
From: Ken Schatz, Commissioner of the Department for Children & Families (DCF) 
Date: September 26, 2016
Subject: Additional Information to DCF Monthly Report

Please see the additional information below requested at the July 27th convening of the Child Protection Oversight Committee:

What are the foster care rates?

Foster care rate determination is based on a number of factors: training level, experience, and the age of the child.

- Pre-School Age Rates (0-5): \$17.42-\$22.77/day
- Young Children (6-12): \$19.36-\$25.24/day
- Teens (13-18): \$21.38-\$27.59/day

For children who are medically fragile, the rate is determined by what the foster parents will be providing. This daily rate can range from \$34.60 - \$75.00/day. For children requiring 24-hour specialized care and supervision, a rate can be approved for up to \$100/day by the Deputy Commissioner.

On the monthly report, please define: 'del no custody.'

This label refers to cases where there has been a charge filed against a juvenile in a delinquency proceeding but the child has not yet been adjudicated. Our social workers may provide support to children who have very high needs before they are adjudicated.

Where are kids who are 18 and still under supervision represented in our report?

These children fall under the custody numbers, if they were in custody before their 18th birthday and we continue to pay for their placement/care. Attached to this memo is a chart showing how many over 18's we have been working with (a bit dated but the trend has been consistent over time).

Does the substance abuse assessment tool have a check-box specific to opiates or whether it is more general like "substance abuse"?

Attached is an addendum to the Standardized Abuse Screening Tool that is used by the Department. Please note that it does include specific questions about type of substance abuse.



Addendum to Standardized Substance Abuse Screening Tool

1. Is the family at imminent risk of losing custody of a child, had a child removed from their care, or have a short-term family safety plan in place which includes accessing treatment quickly? YES NO
2. Is the individual involved with the Department of Corrections? YES NO
3. In the last 14 days has the individual been discharged from a hospital, residential program, opiate treatment program or medication-assisted treatment? YES NO
4. Are other family members opiate users? YES NO
5. Does the individual's recovery environment/family supports include opiate users? YES NO
6. Is the individual a survivor of domestic violence, human trafficking, sexual abuse and other trauma? YES NO
7. Does the individual use opiates to manage chronic pain? YES NO
8. Does the individual have a history of suicide attempts or overdose? YES NO
9. Is the individual homeless or at risk of becoming homeless? YES NO
10. Does the individual have co-occurring mental health and substance abuse conditions? YES NO
11. Is the individual an IV drug user? YES NO
12. Is the individual pregnant? YES NO

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