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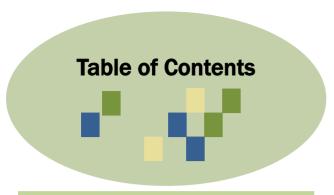




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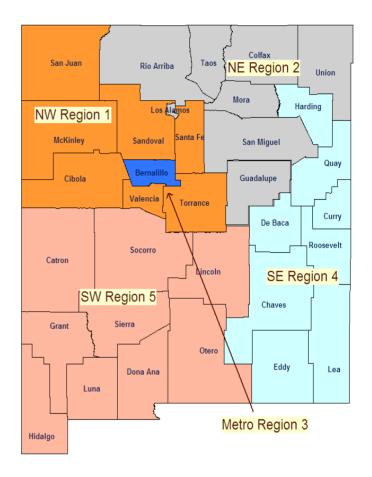
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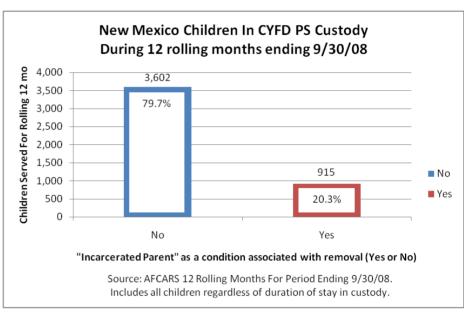
Angela Adams, Director of Children, Youth and Families, Protective Services Division retired in February, 2009. Angela has served children and families in many capacities across her career, including as a Child Protective Services worker in Texas, as a New Mexico Children's Court Attorney, and as Division Director of Protective Services. She and her husband have further contributed to New Mexico's child welfare system through adopting two children. Among many professional achievements, Angela provided both support and inspiration for the development of this document, the 360 Degrees County Profiles. She has led New Mexico CYFD's Protective Services utilize data to support all activities, to better target and improve child welfare programs for New Mexico's children and families.

Thank you, Angela!

Incarcerated Parents and the Child Welfare System

Children in state custody with incarcerated parents represent a unique and understudied subpopulation of the child welfare system. Unfortunately, there is limited research to shed light on the characteristics of this special population. Furthermore, on a national level, there is no agreement on the percentage of children with incarcerated parents in states'

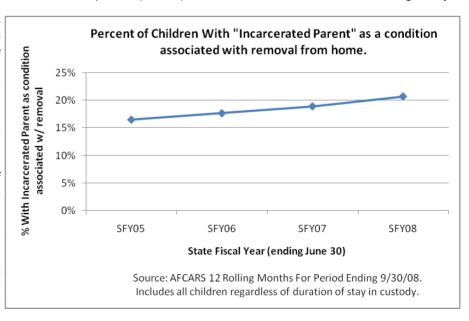
custody. For example, national estimates for the percent of children in foster care with an incarcerated parent range from 6% (Hayward, 2007) to 30% (Seymour, 2001). The Children, Youth & Families Department's Research/Evaluation and FACTS Bureau was therefore motivated to examine data for children in state custody with incarcerated parents. Using data from the Adoption and Foster Care Administrative Reporting System (AFCARS) rolling 12 month file for the period ending September 30, 2008, it was found that approximately 20.3% of children in the custody of New Mexico's child welfare agency had "incarcerated parent(s)" as a condition associated with removal from home during the period (see chart above).



Many measurements of state performance associated with the deployment of the federal Round II Child and Family Services Review include only children who were in care for eight days or more. For New Mexico, a higher percentage of children in care eight days or more have an incarcerated parent (21.0%) than do children in care less than eight days

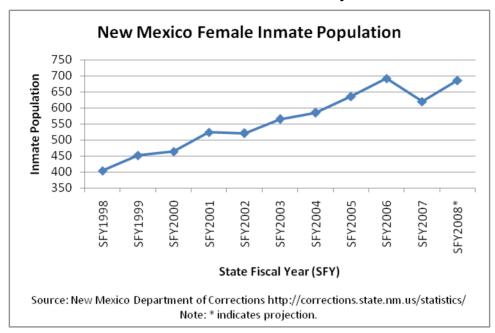
(17.6%). Looking across the last four state fiscal years (SFY), for children in custody eight days or more, it is clear that in New Mexico there is a rise in the proportion of children in state custody with incarcerated parent as a condition associated with removal (see chart).

The rise reflects the increasing challenges the child welfare system is presented with, and also infers a growth in prison populations. According to the US Department of Justice, between 2000 and 2006 there was a 12.9% increase in the national prison population, and over the same time period there was a 24.3% increase in the New Mexico prison population (Sabol, Couture, & Harrison, 2007). Over the last 10 years the New Mexico Corrections Department has seen an average 3% increase per year of total inmate population



in New Mexico. Even more striking is the average 5.1% increase per year over the last 10 years in inmate population for females (see chart below). This increase in incarcerated females is especially relevant for the child welfare system, as single females make up the largest proportion of caretaker family structure for children in state custody.

Incarcerated Parents and the Child Welfare System



The increase of prison populations and proportion of children in the Child Welfare Agency with incarcerated parents is compelling, as researchers have suggested that incarceration of a parent is related to higher rates of parental substance abuse (Phillips, Burns, Wagner, & Barth, 2004), along with unstable living arrangements for the family (Johnston, 1995). These notions are supported by data from New Mexico, as having an incarcerated parent is significantly correlated with other conditions associated with removal including: a) "substance abuse of parent" (alcohol and drug) and b) "inadequate housing". Unfortunately, both substance abuse and inadequate housing have been identified by other researchers as potential roadblocks for reunification between children in the child welfare system and their parents. (Wulczyn, 2004).

Other research implies the potential for continuing risks associated with children experiencing entry into the child welfare system when the incarceration of a parent is a condition of removal from home. Specifically, authors have attempted to link the incarceration of a parent with potential negative impacts on a child, including but not limited to increased risk for juvenile delinquency and post traumatic stress disorder (Gabel & Johnston, 1995). Unfortunately, the information which could define and analyze such risks is not captured in the child welfare data presently collected. Further, a number of factors beyond the incarceration of a parent must be considered when gauging the potential risks for children in the child welfare system.

In summary, children with "incarcerated parents" as a condition associated with removal made up approximately 1/5th of the children served by CYFD Protective Services for the 12 month period ending September 30, 2008. It should be noted that many children of incarcerated parents in state custody do have positive outcomes. Rather than stigmatize children with incarcerated parents one should recognize that these children often present related unique characteristics, case complexities and associated challenges such as parental substance abuse and inadequate housing. The particular characteristics and challenges of children with incarcerated parents would benefit both from further research and perhaps targeted child welfare practice.

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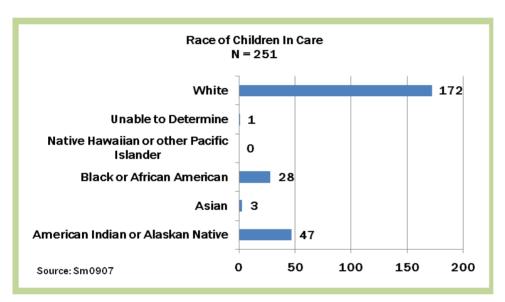
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BERNALILLO EAST (BRENNA DOTSON COUNTY MANAGER)



Age of Children in Care Qtr 1 SFY 09 July - September											
Age Range	Bernalillo East County	Region Total	County % of Region Totals for Age Range								
0 - 1 Yr	17	35	48.6%								
1 - 5 Yrs	104	180	57.8%								
6 - 10 Yrs	40	136	51.5%								
11 - 15 Yrs	39	92	42.4%								
16 - 17 Yrs	21	43	48.8%								
Total	251	486	51.6%								

Source: Sm0907



There were 144,124 children in the county in 2005: this represents 28.2% of the state's total children under 18. While the county accounts for 28.2% of the state's total children under 18, Bernalillo had 23.1% of the state's total children "in care" as of September 30, 2008, which is less than expected, based on population alone.

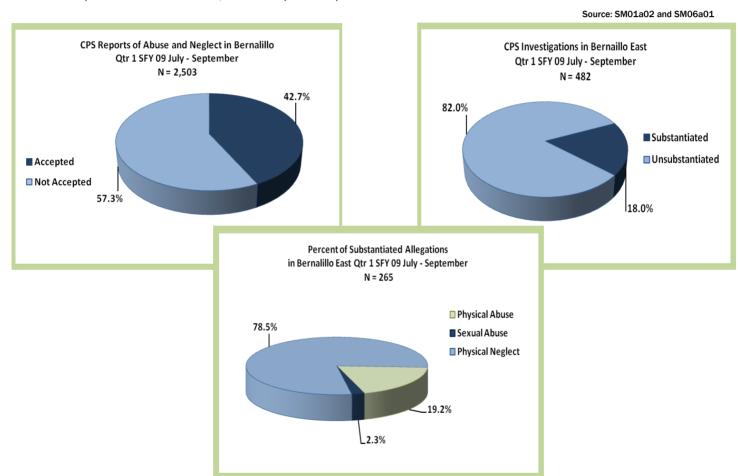
RACE AND ETHNICITY OF ALL CHILDREN									
	Ber	nalillo 1	Total Po	pulation ²					
	Children Under 19 yrs	Children Under 19 yrs of Hispanic Origin	Bernalillo	New Mexico					
Total Population	162,306	87,329	592,570	1,854,938					
White	84.6%	93.6%	72.5%	66.8%					
Black	3.8%	2.0%	2.8%	1.9%					
American Indian or Alaskan Native	6.2%	2.1%	4.3%	9.5%					
Asian	1.9%	0.5%	2.0%	1.1%					
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%	20.0%	0.1%					
Some other Race	3.3%	1.7%	14.9%	17.0%					
Hispanic or Latino			44.3%	42.1%					
Under 18 yrs			144,124	511,768					
% of Families Living under the poverty Level			10.0%	14.5%					

- Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division\Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Univ. of New Mexico. 1. 2.
- Source: U.S. Census Bureau\State and County QuickFACTS

PROTECTIVE SERVICES REPORTS AND INVESTIGATIONS - QUARTER 1 SFY 09: July - SEPTEMBER 2008												
			Investigations									
County	Accepted Reports	Subst	antiated	Unsubstantiated		Total Investigations	County % of State Total Investigations ¹	Number of Children Victims	Victim Rate per 1,000 Children ²			
Bernalillo East		87	18.0%	395	82.0%	482	14.6%	147	7.4			
Region Total	1,069	170	18.1%	769	81.9%	939	28.4%	268	7.4			
State Total	3,332	883	26.7%	2,418	73.3%	3,301	100.0%	1,399	10.9			

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	CPS ALLEGATION TYPES OF CHILD MALTREATMENT - QUARTER 1 SFY 2009: JULY - SEPTEMBER 2008														
		Pl	hysical A	buse		Sexual Abuse				Physical Neglect					
County	Total	Subst	antiated	Unsubs	tantiated	Total	Subs	stantiated	Unsubs	stantiated	Total	Substa	antiated	Unsubst	antiated
Bernalillo East	353	51	14.4%	302	85.6%	37	6	16.2%	31	83.8%	913	208	22.8%	705	77.2%
Region Total	682	88	12.9%	594	87.1%	105	12	11.4%	93	88.6%	1,664	345	20.7%	1,319	79.3%
State Total	2,506	540	21.5%	1,966	78.5%	316	64	20.3%	252	79.7%	6,486	1,738	26.8%	4,748	73.2%

Note: In every investigation there may be multiple allegations of maltreatment for one or more children. In counties with small populations, very small numbers in any category may render suspect any data collected during the period under review.

Source: SM06a01



CHILDREN IN AN OUT OF HOME PLACEMENT FOR MORE THAN TEN DAYS WITH AN INITIAL EPSDT ¹ EXAMINATION 1st Quarter SFY 09											
County	Children with EPSDT within a Percentage Children in O	30 days and of Eligible ut of Home	Children \ Completed EP During Entire Report	SDT Exam	Total Children in Out of Home Placement Greater Than 10 Days ²						
Bernalillo	#	%	#	%	#						
bernanno	43	61.4%	49	70.0%	70						
Region Total 43		61.4%	49	70.0%	70						
State Total	150	47.1%	158	50.9%	310						

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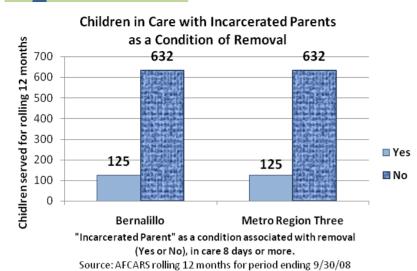
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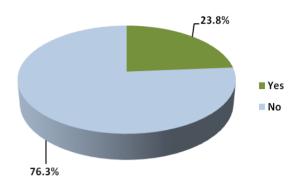
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Average Months in Care								
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Source: AFCARS 12 rolling months

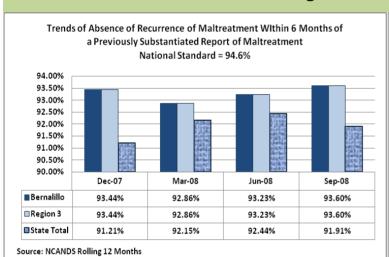
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POINT IN TIME MEASURES: SEPTEMBER 30, 2008											
Number of Children in Care End (smo907)	251	468	23.1%								
NUMBER OF FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS (PM02a01)	223	223	100.0%								
NUMBER OF ADOPTION PROVIDERS (PM02a01)	511	511	100.0%								
Measures for Quarter 1 SFY 2	Measures for Quarter 1 SFY 2009										
NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PLAN OF ADOPTION (Sm0904)	130	211	61.6%								
Number Children Freed and Waiting (RP08-12)	106	106	100.0%								
Number of Children Freed and Waiting (With Resources) (Sm10a26)	45	45	100.0%								
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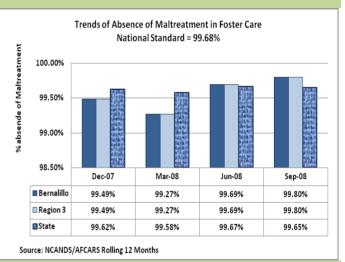


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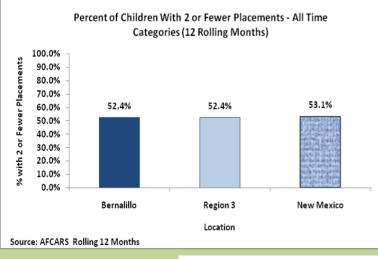


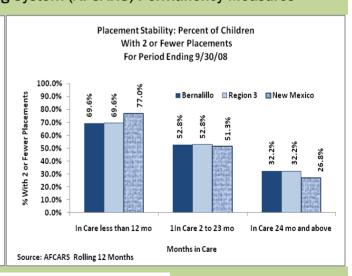
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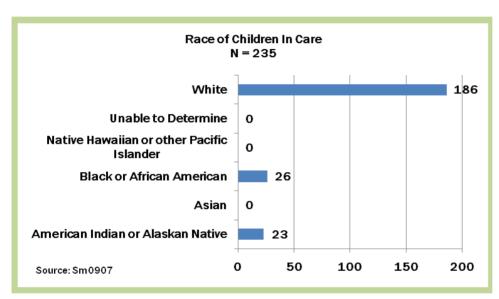
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BERNALILLO WEST (ANGELINA UNALE-HALE COUNTY MANAGER)



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0 - 1 Yr	18	35	51.4%							
1 - 5 Yrs	78	180	42.2%							
6 - 10 Yrs	66	136	48.5%							
11 - 15 Yrs	53	92	57.6%							
16 - 17 Yrs	22	43	51.2%							
Total	235	486	48.4%							

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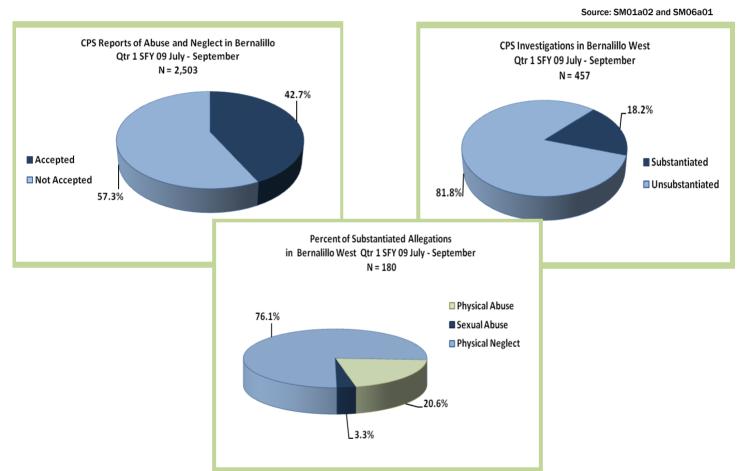
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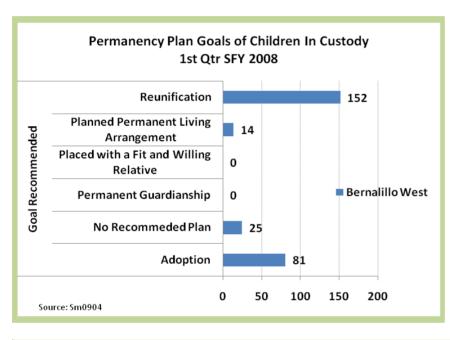
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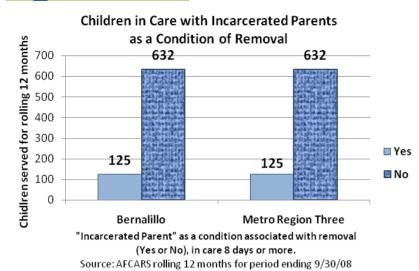
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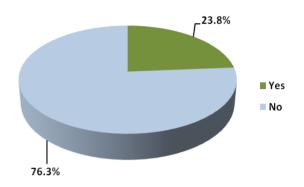
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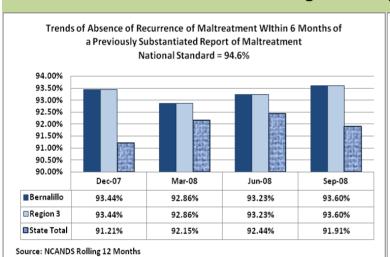
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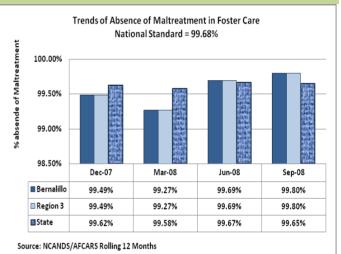


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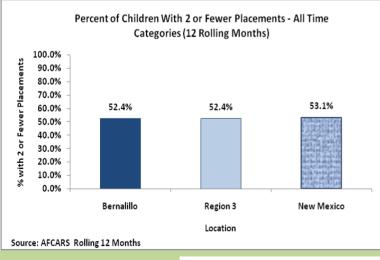


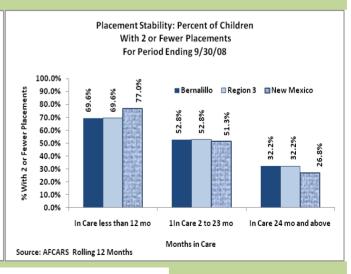
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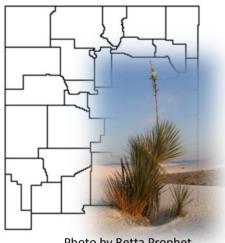


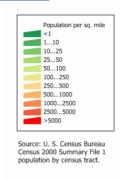


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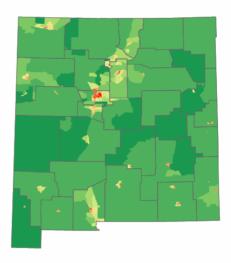
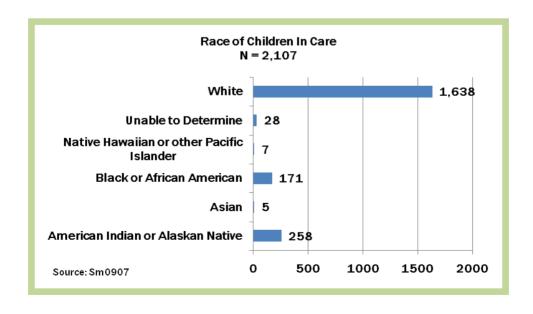


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Age Range	Out of State	Region One	Region Two	Region Three	Region Four	Region Five	State Totals	Age Range as % of State Total		
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1 - 5 Yrs	7	162	108	180	190	140	787	37.4%		
6 - 10 Yrs	4	129	64	136	111	120	264	26.8%		
11 - 15 Yrs	4	96	43	92	104	92	431	20.5%		
16 - 17 Yrs	2	36	20	43	56	50	207	9.8%		
Total	18	479	248	486	492	414	2,107	100.0%		

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NE Region 2	379	77	24.1%	242	75.9%	319	9.7%	107	6.1				
Metro Region 3	1,069	170	18.1%	769	81.9%	939	28.4%	268	7.4				
SE Region 4	562	234	40.7%	341	59.3%	575	17.4%	378	21.2				
SW Region 5	686	220	25.6%	641	74.4%	861	26.1%	349	13.9				
State Total ²	3,332	883	26.7%	2,418	73.3%	3,301	100.0%	1,399	10.9				

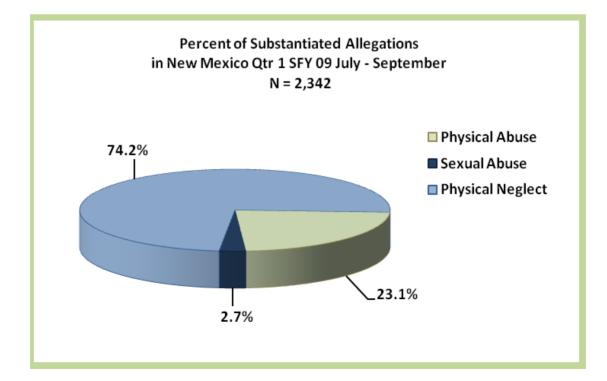
Note: Not all "accepted reports" result in investigations completed during the period under review.

- 1. Both County and Regional data are calculated as a % of the State's total investigations for the period under review.
- 2. Unknown reports are included in the State Total.

Source: SM01a02 and SM06a01

CPS ALLEGATION TYPES OF CHILD MALTREATMENT - QUARTER 1 SFY 2009: JULY - SEPTEMBER 2008										
Substantiated Unsubstantiated Total										
	#	%	#	%	#	%				
Physical Abuse	540	23.1%	1,966	57.1%	2,506	43.3%				
Sexual Abuse	64	2.7%	252	7.3%	316	5.5%				
Physical Neglect	1,738	74.2%	1,223	35.5%	2,961	51.2%				
Totals	2,342	100.0%	3,441	100%	5,783	100.0%				







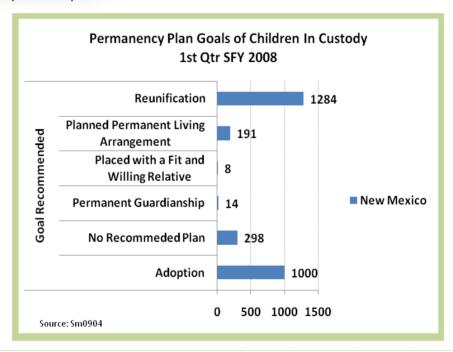
New Mexico Performance.



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New Mexico	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	State Total					
POINT IN TIME MEASURES: SEPTEMBER 30, 2008											
Number of Children in Care End (SM0907)	21.3%	11.8%	23.1%	23.4%	19.6%	2,107					
NUMBER OF FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS (PM02a01)	21.6%	19.7%	20.3%	16.9%	19.9%	1,098					
NUMBER OF ADOPTION PROVIDERS (PM02a01)	18.0%	16.7%	24.5%	14.0%	14.0%	2,089					
Measures for Quarter	1 SFY 2	009									
NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH A PLAN OF ADOPTION (Sm0904)	26.2%	13.4%	21.1%	17.0%	21.6%	1,000					
Number Children Freed and Waiting (RP08-12)	22.4%	15.1%	18.9%	20.1%	22.8%	562					
Number of Children Freed and Waiting (With Resources) (Sm10a26)	24.2%	7.4%	20.9%	19.1%	26.5%	215					
Number of Children Freed and Waiting (Without Resources) (Sm904)	21.3%	19.9%	17.6%	20.7%	20.5%	347					

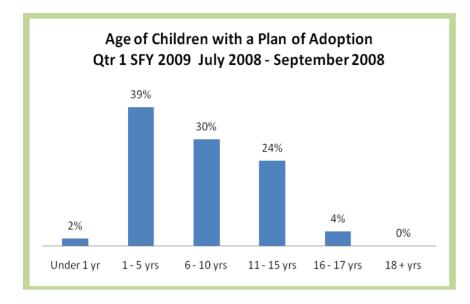
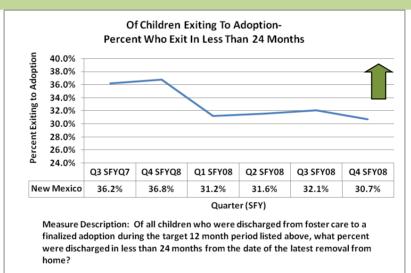
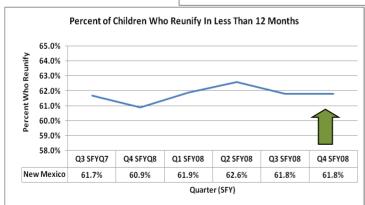




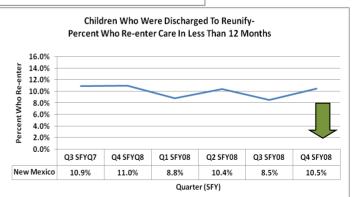
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Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) Permanency Measures





Measure Description: Of all children in foster care for 8 days or longer who were discharged to reunification in the target 12 month period above, what percent were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the latest removal from home?



Measure Description: Of all children in foster care for 8 days or longer who were discharged to reunification in the 12 month period prior to the target 12 month period listed above, what percent re-entered foster care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?