



A PROFILE OF YOUTH WITH HARD-TO-SERVE AND HARD-TO-PLACE NEEDS

The following information is based on record reviews of a sample of youth referred to the Council on Children and Families during 2007 through February 2010. A total of 85 cases were reviewed.

What is the profile of youth?

- Ages range from 3 to 35 years, with the median age being 16.3 years (mean=16.2; mode=15.0).
- About three in five are males (63.5%).
- Approximately half (52%) of the records reviewed included information regarding the individual's race/ethnicity. This information indicates youth referred tend to be identified in the following race/ethnicity categories:

Race/Ethnicity	%
White	65.9
African American	15.9
American Indian/Pacific Islander	2.3
Asian	0
Latino	15.9
Two or more races/ethnicities	0.0

- IQ scores were available for 67% of the records reviewed. Of the information available, most are categorized as low average or mild retardation.

IQ Score	%
Average – 90 through 109	21.1
Low average – 80 through 89	26.3
Borderline – 70 through 79	12.3
Mild retardation – 55 through 69	26.3
Moderate retardation – 40 through 54	14.0

- The types of diagnoses reported tend to be categorized as follows:

Diagnosis	%
Mental health	54.8
Mental retardation/developmental disability	30.5
Other (e.g., medical, special needs)	14.7

- Of those children with diagnoses, 29 percent are dually diagnosed with a mental health and mental retardation/developmental disability diagnosis.
- About four in ten youth (42.6%) referred to the Council are in the custody of the LDSS or OCFS (37.0% and 5.6% respectively).
- Of those children in DSS custody, half (50%) were placed *voluntarily*, often in an effort to secure services.

What are the behavioral problems of youth referred to the Council?

- Six in ten of the children’s cases reviewed (60%) identified physical aggression as a behavioral problem.
 - Academic difficulties were present in 44 percent of the children’s cases reviewed.
 - Police contact was present in 36 percent of the cases reviewed.
 - Alcohol or substance abuse was identified as a problem in 15 percent of the cases reviewed.

What are the referral sources?

- Most cases (87.3%) were referred to the Council by a service coordinator (34.2%), social worker (34.2%) or a parent (18.9%).
- Staff who refer youth to the Council represent the county (60.0%), regional (22.2%) or state (11.1%) level as well as private agency representatives (6.7%).

What are the dispositions of youth served?

- About one in seven (14.3%) dispositions is for community services provided by OMH, OMR or SED and another six in seven dispositions (85.7%) are to residential services.

Residential placements by system in NY	61.2%
DSS	10.2%
OCFS	2.0%
OMH	10.2%
OMRDD	10.2%
Local school district	24.5%
Jail/prison	4.1%
Residential placements out of state	24.5%
DSS	8.2%
Local school district	16.3%

What is the originating county of residence for youth?

County	N=	%									
Albany	3	4.8	Erie	2	3.2	Oswego	1	1.6	Schoharie	2	3.2
Allegany	1	1.6	Fulton	1	1.6	Putnam	7	11.3	St. Lawrence	3	4.8
Bronx	3	4.8	Jefferson	2	3.2	Queens	1	1.6	Steuben	1	1.6
Broome	3	4.8	Nassau	1	1.6	Rensselaer	2	3.2	Tompkins	1	1.6
Clinton	5	8.1	New York	2	3.2	Rockland	3	4.8	Ulster	1	1.6
Delaware	1	1.6	Oneida	3	4.8	Saratoga	4	6.5	Warren	1	1.6
Dutchess	3	4.8	Ontario	1	1.6	Schenectady	1	1.6	Wayne	2	3.2
									Westchester	1	1.6