

Who are the children and youth currently in your care?

1. Using your agency data, describe your current population of children in care.

- How many children/youth total in out-of-home care? _____
- Dividing your data by age group, approximately what number and percent would fall into each category:

	Number	Percent of total children in care
Birth-1	_____	_____
2-5	_____	_____
6-12	_____	_____
13-15	_____	_____
16 and older	_____	_____

2. Next, use the three tables below to further refine the number and percent of children and youth in each age group by race/ethnicity; sibling status; placement type & location; and other needs and considerations.

Child/youth gender and race/ethnicity—use number and percent (as of date: _____)

	Female	Male	Hispanic	Native American	African American	White	Other	2 or more races
Birth-1								
2-5								
6-12								
13-15								
16+								

*Add an additional table to specify tribes

Sibling status—use number and percent (as of date: _____)

	Siblings in care	Sibling group of 2	Sibling group of 3 or more
Birth-1			
2-5			
6-12			
13-15			
16+			

Current placement type for children—use number and percent (as of date: _____)

	Kin/relative	Foster home	Specialized foster home	Shelter/group home	Residential treatment
Birth-1					
2-5					
6-12					
13-15					
16+					

3. Answer a few more questions to consider the trends that may affect the need for resource families now and in the near future.
- Is the use of kinship care placements likely to increase, decrease, or stay about the same?
 - Is kinship care used more commonly for specific groups of children/youth, depending on their age or other characteristics? If so, which groups of children are more likely to need a non-kin placement?
 - Are the overall numbers of children/youth entering out-of-home care increasing or decreasing? Is one age-range entering more frequently than others?
 - Are children being placed near their home communities from which they entered foster care?
 - Are siblings in foster care being placed together? Does your data accurately track whether sibling groups are placed together?
 - How many children are in need of concurrent planning placement?
 - Does the data above for the children/youth in care accurately describe the characteristics of children and youth who are likely to enter over the next year, based on current trends? If not, what additional factors must be taken into account in recruitment planning to meet the needs of the children and youth you can expect to serve over the coming year?