

Foster Care in Alaska

On any given day, the Office of Children's Services:

- ◆ **Will have about 2,100 children in state custody.**
 - Of the 2,100 children in the custody of OCS, about 1,300 will be Native. Or, about 62% of the total foster care population
 - ◆ **Will review over 36 Protective Services Reports containing allegations of abuse or neglect against children of Alaska.**
 - These Protective Services reports will contain, on average, 2.3 allegations of abuse or neglect.
 - The most common allegation is Neglect and accounts for 66.7% of all screened in allegations.
 - ◆ **Will remove between 2 and 3 children from their home and place them into State custody.**
 - Of the children removed from their home, 1 in 4 will be initially placed with a relative.
 - Of all children currently in OOH, about 1 in 3 are placed with a relative.
 - ◆ **Will discharge between 2 and 3 children from State custody.**
 - At least one child discharged from State Custody will be reunified with their family.
 - ◆ **Will have a child adopted almost every day.**
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During State Fiscal year 2009 (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009), the Office of Children's Services:

- ◆ Reviewed 13,441 Protective Services Reports. This is up 1,987 (17.3%) PSRs compared to SFY 2008.
- ◆ Screened 6,294 Protective Services Reports in for investigation. This is up 193 (3.2%) PSRs compared to SFY 2008.
- ◆ Made screening decisions on 30,799 total allegations of abuse or neglect. 17,534 (56.9%) were screened in for further review.
- ◆ Investigated 11,309 unique children as being alleged victims of abuse or neglect.
- ◆ Substantiated 6,464 allegations of abuse or neglect perpetrated on 3,933 unique children
- ◆ Determined that 864 children were not safe in their homes and required removal.