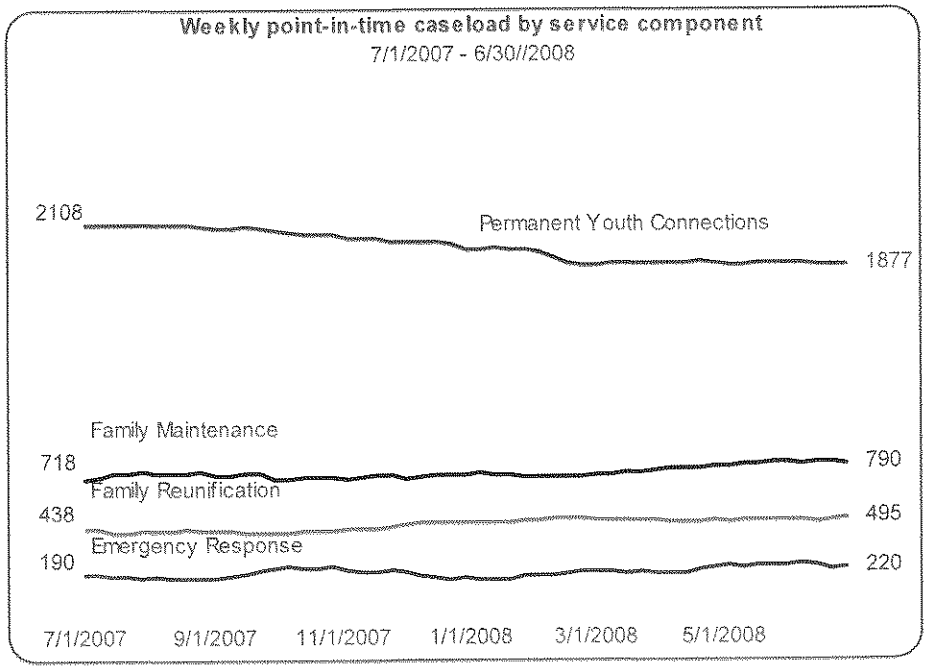
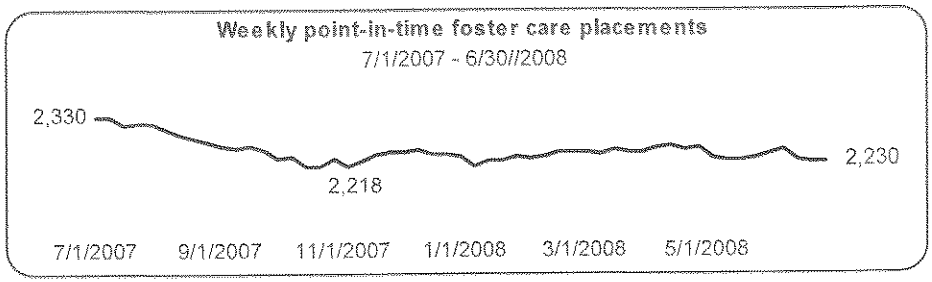
Alameda County: Active Foster Care Cases and Placements

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

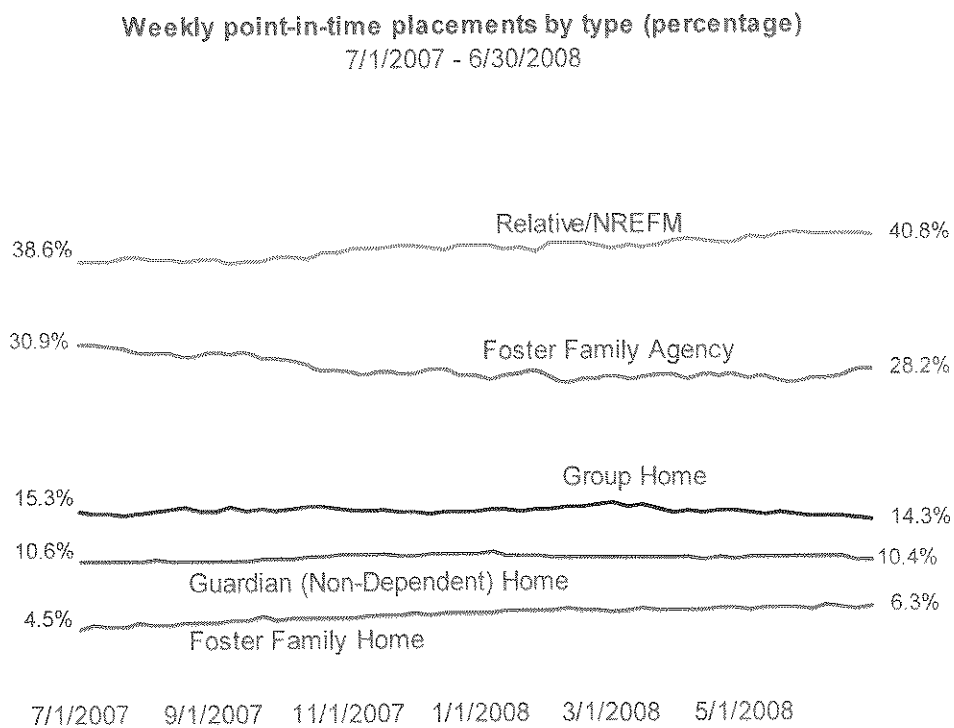




- 2.1% decline in the number of children with child welfare cases
- 4.3% decline in the number of children in out-of-home placements
  - 11% decline in number of children with Permanent Youth Connection cases
  - 10% increase in number of children with Family Maintenance service cases
  - 15.8% increase in number of children with Emergency Response service cases
  - 13% increase in number of children with Family Reunification Service cases

Alameda County: Foster Care Placement Types

July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

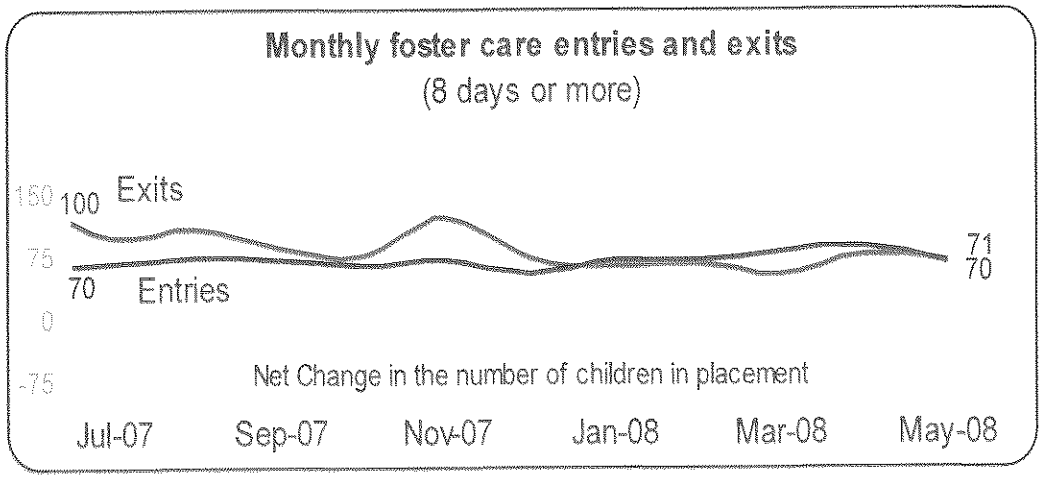


Goal: Increase percentage of children in relative placements by 25%
Goal: Decrease the percentage of children in group home placements by 50%

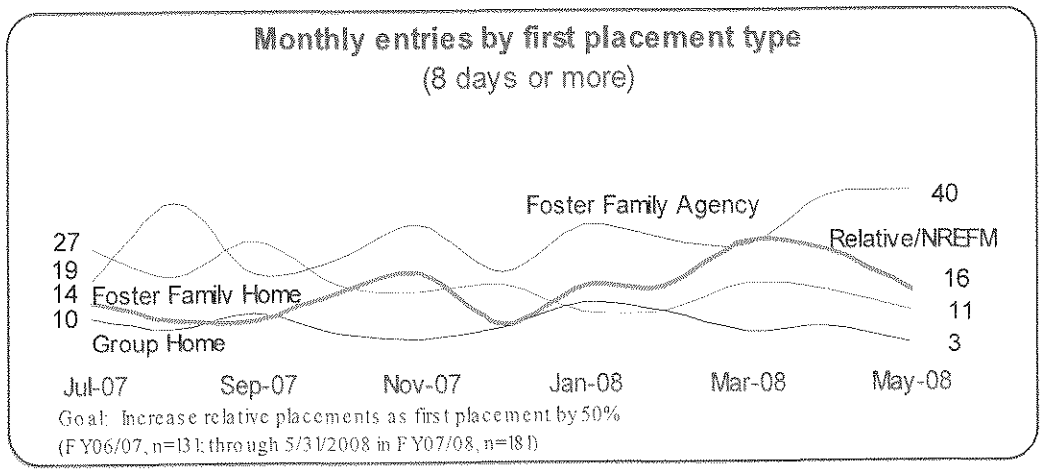
- 5.7% increase in the percentage of children placed with relatives
- 8.7% decrease in the percentage of children placed in Foster Family Agency foster homes
- 6.5% decrease in the percentage of children placed in group homes
- 40% increase in the percentage of children placed in county foster homes

Alameda County: Monthly Entries and Exits from Foster Care

July 1, 2007 – May 31, 2008



- Overall, the number of children exiting foster care has exceeded the number of children entering. Consistent with historical seasonal trends, foster care exits have slowed in the first half of 2008.



- 181 children were placed with relatives as their first placement
  - 38% higher than in FY 05/06

Alameda County: Exits from Foster Care Placement

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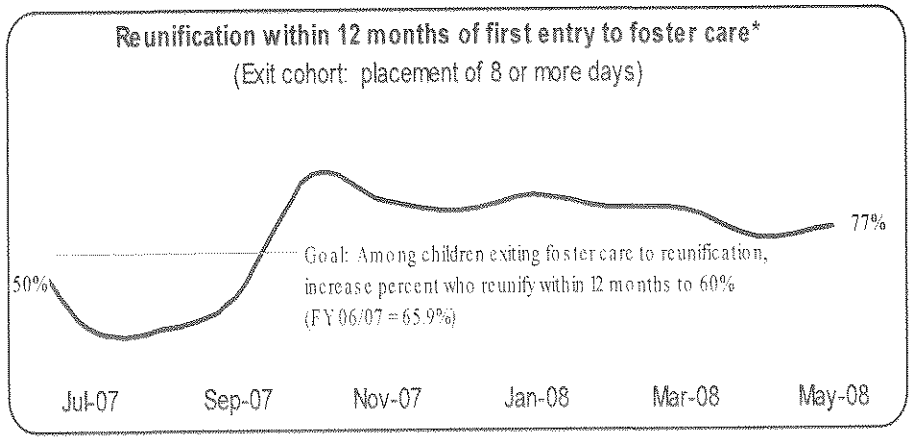
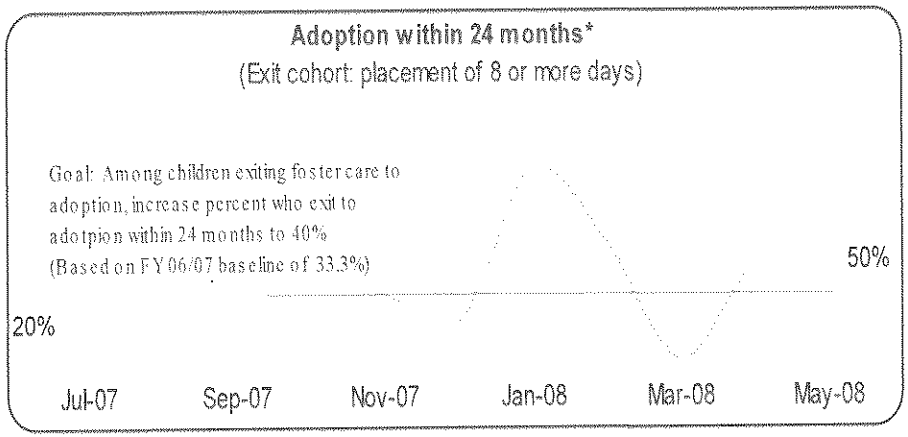


- Among children who exited to reunification, 70.8% reunified within 12 months
  - 7.4% increase from FY 05/06



- Among children who exited to adoption, 33.3% were adopted within 24 months
  - No change from FY 0506

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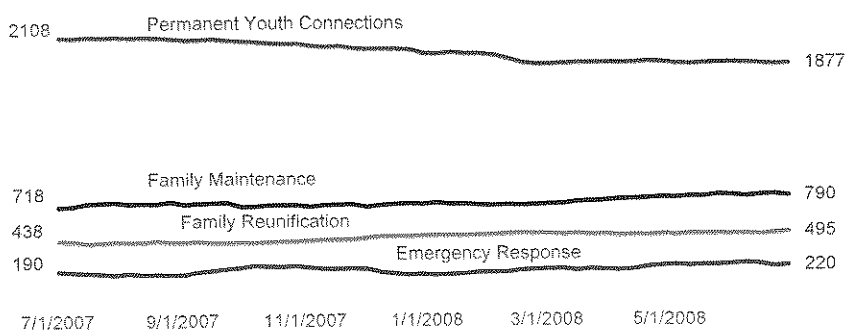
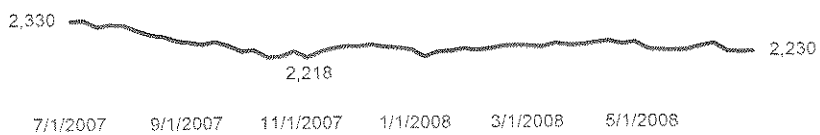
Foster Care Caseload and Placement Dynamics
Updated July 14, 2008

Weekly point-in-time caseload by service component
7/1/2007 - 6/30//2008

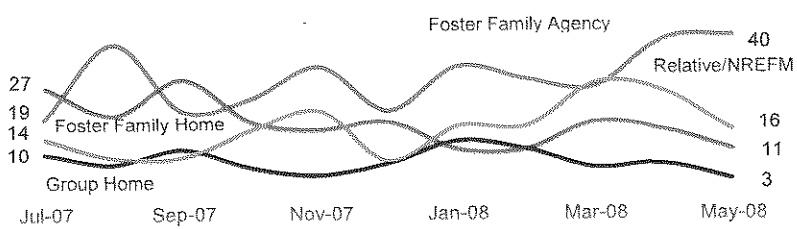


Weekly point-in-time foster care placements
7/1/2007 - 6/30//2008



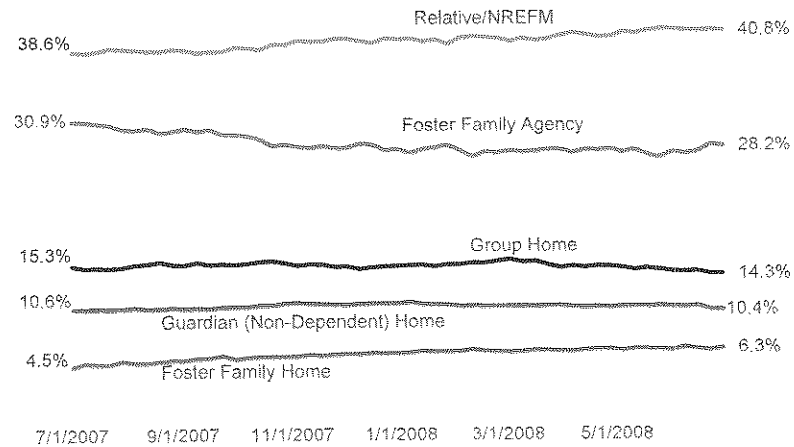
Goal: Reduce new entries to foster care by 25%

Monthly entries by first placement type
(8 days or more)



Goal: Increase relative placements as first placement by 50%
(FY06/07, n=131; through 5/31/2008 in FY07/08, n=181)

Weekly point-in-time placements by type (percentage)
7/1/2007 - 6/30/2008



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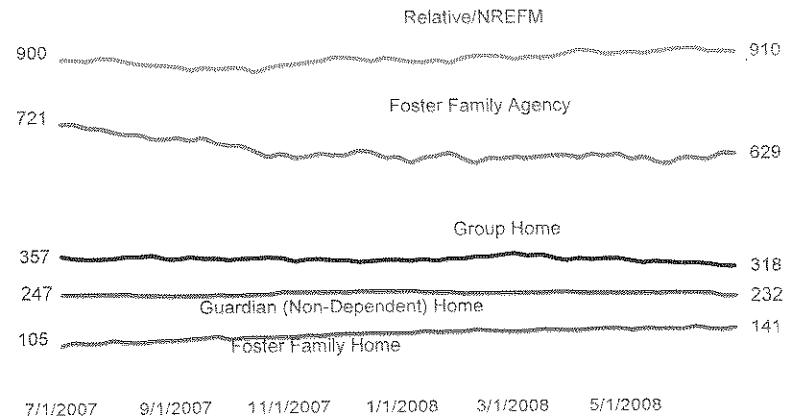

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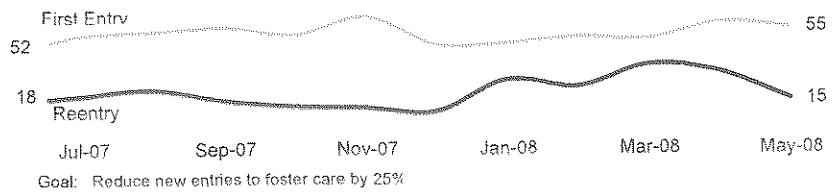
Entries and Exits
Updated July 14, 2008

Foster care entries by first entry/reentry
(8 days or more)



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Monthly foster care entries and exits
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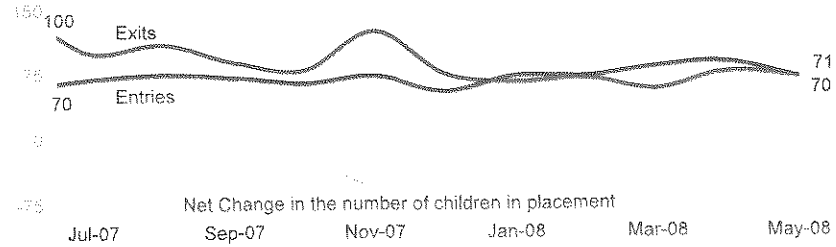
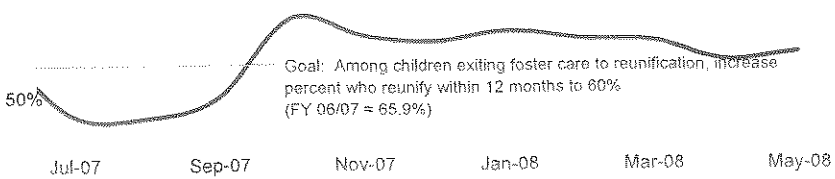
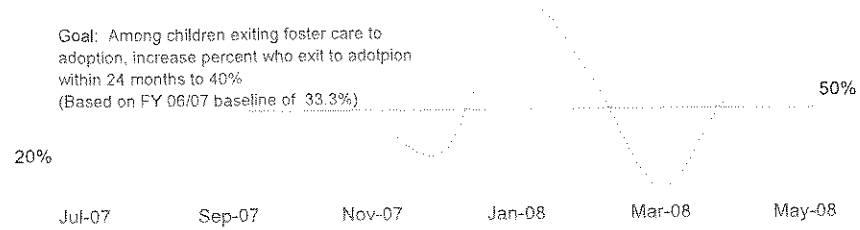


Reunification within 12 months of first entry to foster care*
(Exit cohort: placement of 8 or more days)



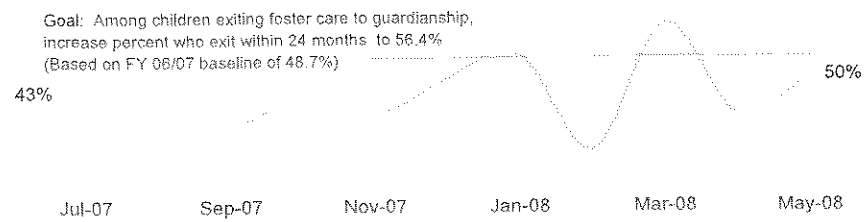
Adoption within 24 months*
(Exit cohort: placement of 8 or more days)



Reentries into foster care after reunification*
(Quarterly exit cohorts: all children reunified, placements of 8+ days, reentries through 7/11/2008)

Goal: Reduce reentry after reunification by 25%

Guardianship within 24 months*
(Exit cohort: placement of 8 or more days)



* Entry and exit data, through May 2008 as of 7/11/2008 CWS/CMS extract

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Commentary
Updated July 14, 2008

Waiver Dashboard Commentary
The trends in a number of key measures are critical for judging progress on the Title IV-E Waiver goals, including:
* Reducing or stabilizing the number of children in foster care.
* Changing the mix of placement types with fewer children placed in Group Homes or FFA homes and more placed with kin or in county foster homes.
* Providing services to more children and families in their own homes, safely and successfully.

These measures are being tracked and reported regularly in this Dashboard.

Foster Care totals & placement types
· In the past fiscal year, the total number of children in foster care placement has declined by 4.3%;
· This decline in the number of foster children has been primarily a result of exits from the PYC service program area;
· The number of children placed in county foster homes increased by 34.3% ;
· The number of children placed in FFA foster homes declined by 12.8% and the percentage of children placed in FFA foster homes has declined by 8.7%;
· The number of children placed in group homes has declined by 10.9% and the percentage of children placed in group homes has declined by 6.5%;
. The number of children placed with relatives has increased by 1.1% and the percentage of children placed with relatives has increased by 5.7%;
. The number of children placed with relatives as their first placement through May 2008 is 38% higher than in FY05/06.

Cases by Service Program trends
· Decline of 11.0% in PYC service cases;
· Increase of 10.0% in FM service cases;
· Increase of 13.0% in FR service cases;
· Increase of 15.8% in ER service cases.

Children entering and exiting foster care
· In the past fiscal year, the total number of foster youth exiting care exceeded foster care entries, however, since January 2008, the number of children exiting foster care has slowed and foster care entries began exceeding the number of exits for the first time in recent years.