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Subject: RE: Study Committee on Adoption Disruption and Dissolution

Good Evening,

I apologize for sending this at this late hour, with our meeting tomorrow, but we just received this data from a survey on adoption that was put out to members of WAFCA. A small group of us worked with Kathy at WAFCA to identify some stats related to how many children are in care with adoption histories, ages and such. There will be copies available at the meeting tomorrow also.

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> Ori and I can expand more tomorrow if you like. I Caution that this is preliminary data and has not been cross referenced or reviewed due to timing.
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We have received responses from 26 programs. Three have been extracted from the data set at this point, because there is a need to follow up with these agencies to better understand how they are interpreting the survey.

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> • 14 of the responding programs are OHC programs (6 residential, 6 GH, 3 TFC)
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> • The balance of the programs are outpatient mental health, alternative education, day treatment, family preservation, in-home and Wraparound REACH (some Wrap kids may be double counted in the placement data below, so I have noted their counts, but I don't think this significantly impacts the overall data)
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> Of the 23 programs:
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> • 1523 children and youth currently being served.
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> • 109 with known adoption history (17 are Wrap REACH).
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> • Nearly 50% of the programs document adoption history in their initial intake/assessment and almost 40% document adoption history in the child's record when then history is learned.
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> • 74 of the 109 children with a known adoption history are in OHC placement (38 RCC, 13 GH, 22 TFC, 1 FC) (3 are Wrap REACH)
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> • Ages of children in services with an adoption history:
> 0-5
> 1%
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- > 6-10
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- > 13%
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- > 11-15
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- > 49%
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- > 16-20
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- > 37%
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- > • Adopted through:
- > International adoption
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- > 9%
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- > Domestic adoption facilitated by a private agency
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- > 9%
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- > Adoption facilitated by the public child welfare system
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- > 53%
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- > Unknown
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- > 28%
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- > • 61 of the 109 children with an adoption history are at risk of not returning to their adoptive home. (3 Wrap REACH)
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- > We are hoping to get some more responses in. We haven't received information from about 17 of our OHC members.
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- > We might also want to follow up to find out how many of the children in OHC (especially residential) are private pay and/or out-of-state kids. I think it is important to differentiate those children who are coming through our systems from those coming from elsewhere.
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Members, please find attached a cover memo containing details about the upcoming meeting of the Study Committee on Adoption Disruption and Dissolution. The materials for this meeting have been posted to the committee's web page at <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/misc/lc/study/2014/1189>. Please bring these materials with you to the October 23th meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Margit Kelley of the Legislative Council staff.