CSI: CREATING STRATEGIC IMPROVEMENTS

Fresno County Department of Children and Family Services

Family to Family Self-Evaluation Task Force

Reducing the number of children served in institutional and group care:
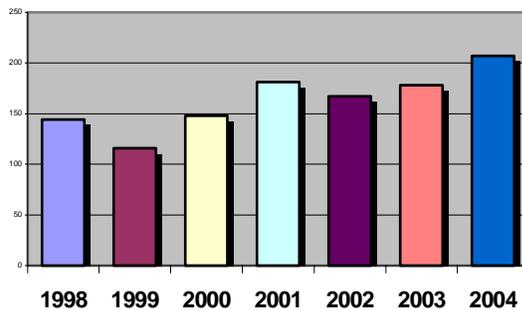**(Family to Family Outcome #3)**

What is this Outcome Indicator?

1998-2004 July 1 Caseload Children in Child Welfare Supervised Foster Care by Placement Type (Group Home)

http://cssr.berkeley.edu/CWSCMSreports/Pointintime/fostercare/childwel/data/CWf_P0_jul9804_10.html

Where in CWS/CMS does the information come from?

- This is "Point in Time" information that looks at the placement type in the placement notebook for active placements on July 1st in the specified year.

How are we doing?

Fresno
Group Home Placements
1998 to 2004
(Point In Time/July 1st)

1998	1999	2000	2001
144	116	148	181

2002	2003	2004
167	178	207

How do we improve?

- Recruitment, Training and Support (RTS) will recruit foster homes prepared to meet the needs of adolescents

- Assessment of relatives and Non-Relative Extended Family Members for placement by the Home Assessment Unit

- Utilizing the Team Decision Making (TDM) process, when it is in the child's best interest, to make placements in the lowest level of care possible for that child

- Utilize SB163 services for children who would otherwise be in higher level Group Homes to enable them to maintain in a family home setting, preferably their birth family or a relative.

Data Integrity

- **The data extracted is only as good as the data that is put in to the system. It is up to each one of us to correctly and accurately put the proper information into the system for this and every outcome**