



# Permanency Enhancement Project Annual Update

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## Southern Region Metropolis Action Team

*This report provides an update of all PEP activities of the **Metropolis Action Team** during Fiscal Year 2015. Information herein is based off of communication and correspondence with key Action Team members. These individuals potentially include action team lead contact persons, PEP regional staff, other division employees, area community members, and families involved in the PEP initiative in the related counties.*

### Overview

Due to a delay in the release of funds from the Department of Children and Family Services to the University Partner, SIUE, this fiscal year report does not capture Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 activities.

In Quarter 3, the Division worked with the University Partner (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville- SIUE) to retain faculty researchers and graduate students (who serve in the role of PEP Action Team Community Liaisons) to explore trends in racial disparity and disproportionality as it impacts permanency in the Southern Region of Illinois.

In the month of January, the division provided county level permanency data dating back to Quarter 1 (July 2014-September 2014) and Quarter 2 (October 2014 – December 2014) to SIUE, so that the University research team could analyze trends in permanencies, by age and race, over the periods in question. In the month of May, the division provided permanency data for Quarter 3 (January 2015 – March 2015). This data analysis is provided in a supplementary report including a narrative and Powerpoint Presentation.

In Quarter 4, the University Research Team continued to analyze trends in permanencies, by age and race. They also worked intimately with the action team to increase membership, monitor activities, and develop initiative to further enhance their works to reduce disparity and disproportionality within the child welfare system.

In addition to analyzing permanency data, the PEP Community Liaisons (University graduate assistants) contacted representatives who had been identified as leaders of the **Metropolis**

**Action Team** and explored PEP goal accomplishments and activities. Communication with the following individuals occurred on the following dates:

Name	Role in DCFS or PEP Action Team	Date(s) of Contact
Robert Cain	PEP Steering Committee Co-Chair	04/10/2015, 04/20/2015, 04/27/2015, 04/28/2015 05/07/2015 05/28/2015, 06/08/2015, 06/22/2015, 06/29/2015
Dock Connor	PEP Steering Committee Co-Chair	04/10/2015 05/07/2015
Trina Mayfield	DCFS Action Team Co-Chair	04/10/2015 05/07/2015 05/28/2015
Laura Lenickepugh	Member of Action team (referred by other member)	04/20/2015 05/07/2015

#### **Action Team Status**

**Explanation** Early interactions with the Metropolis Action Team revealed that it was inactive due to a recent high turn over rate where members have retired, or transferred to other agencies. Toward the end of the fiscal year there were aggressive attempts by division leaders to shift the Action Team to an active status. Although the team is inactive committee members have recognized that a key area of focus needs to be on addressing the issue of child sexual abuse which impacts the populations this team serves and has implications for disproportionality and disparity.

#### **Annual Action Team Activities**

Team meeting(s) held: September 2014

#### **Annual Action Team Goals**

1. Revitalize the Action Team
2. Explore ways to better address child sexual abuse

#### **Fiscal Year 2016 Intentions**

For the next fiscal year, the Action Team plans to pursue the following:

1. Revitalize the Action Team and determine the team's focus for fiscal year 2016
2. Review the State of Illinois annual plan to address child sexual abuse
3. Maintain contact with current and new Action Team members

The University Partner will continue to support these efforts by:

1. By helping the action team understand data trends
2. Maintain communication with action team members and division leaders
3. Provide guidance on the implementation of action team goals

# Permanency Enhancement Project: Metropolis Action Team Report FY 2015

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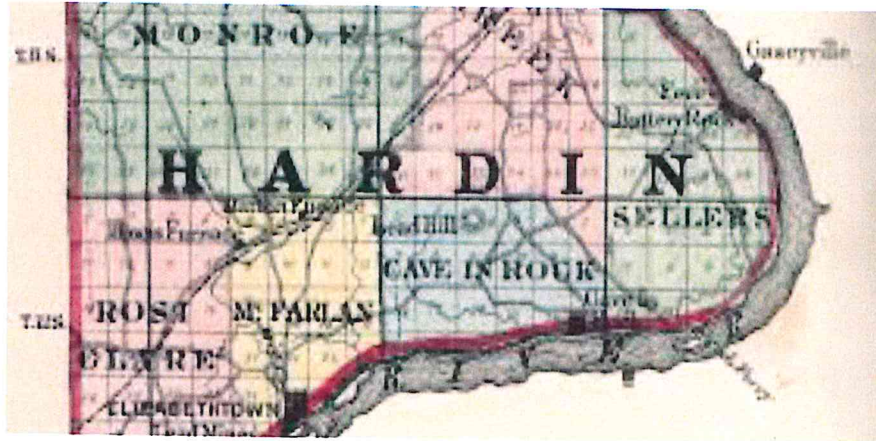
## Goals of Permanency Enhancement Project

1. Improve permanency
2. Reduce racial disproportionality
3. Reduce racial disparities
4. Reduce overrepresentation of African Americans in the child welfare system

# Sources of Indicated Reports

## Metropolis Action Team – Hardin County

FY 2015: Quarters 1 – 4



Q1: July – Sept. 2014, N = 1

Metropolis ~ Hardin  
Sources of Indicated Reports



Law Enforcement  
100%

- MEDICAL
- SCHOOL PERSONNEL
- DCFS PERSONNEL
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- LAW ENFORCEMENT
- CHILD CARE CENTERS

**Q2: Oct. – Dec. 2014, N = 1**

**Metropolis ~ Hardin  
Sources of Indicated Reports**

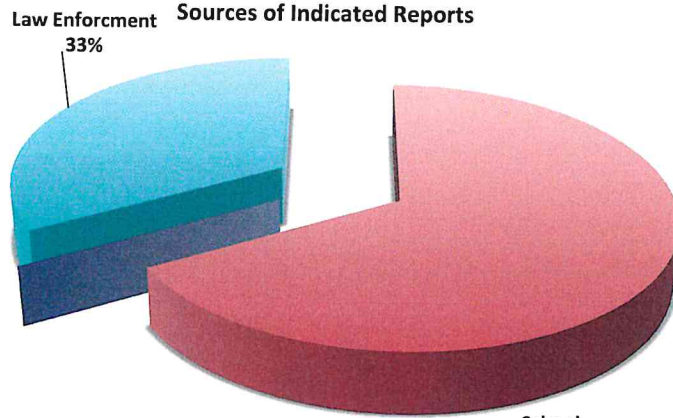


**Law Enforcement  
100%**

- MEDICAL
- SCHOOL PERSONNEL
- DCFS PERSONNEL
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**Q3: Jan. – Mar. 2015, N = 3**

**Metropolis ~ Hardin  
Sources of Indicated Reports**

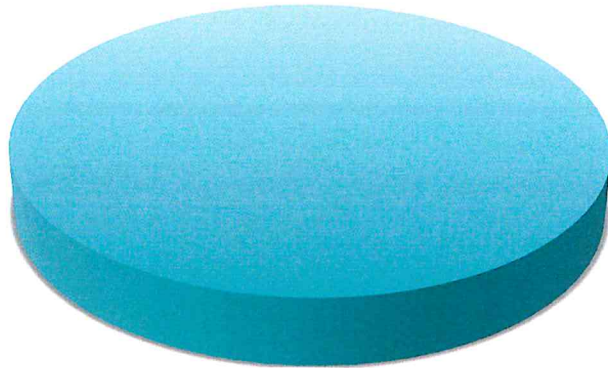


**Law Enforcement  
33%**

**School  
67%**

- MEDICAL
- SCHOOL PERSONNEL
- DCFS
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- LAW ENFORCEMENT
- CHILD CARE CENTERS

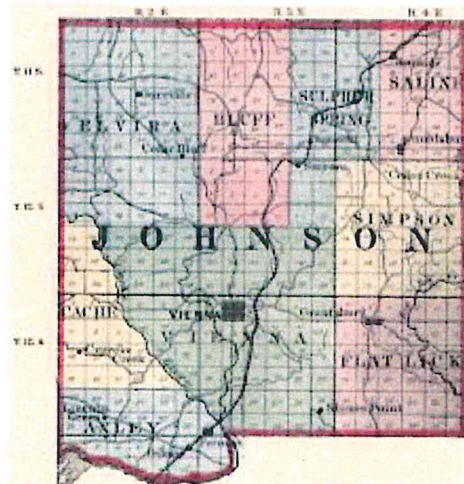
**Q4: Apr. – Jul. 2015, N = 1**  
**Metropolis ~ Hardin**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**



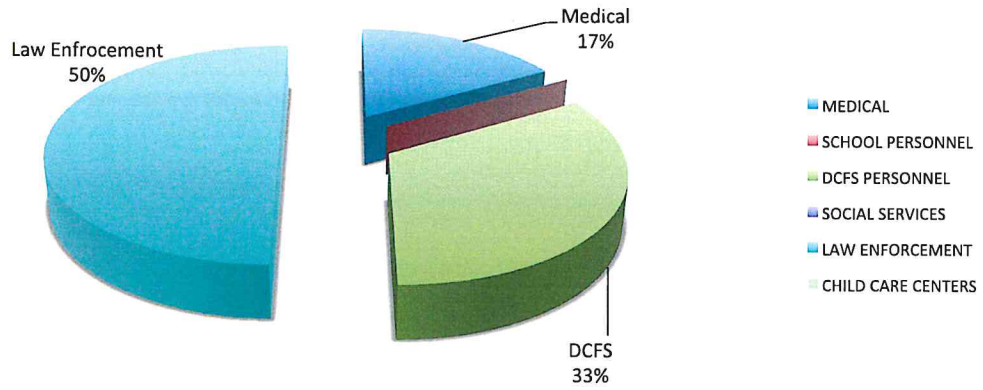
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**Law Enforcement**  
**100%**

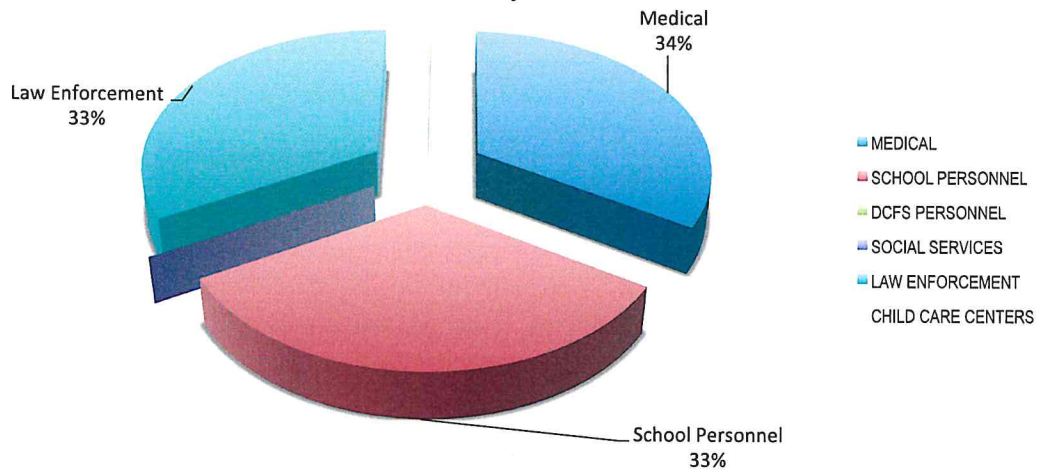
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**Metropolis Action Team – Johnson County**  
**FY 2015: Quarters 1 - 4**



**Q1: July – Sept. 2014, N = 6**  
**Metropolis ~ Johnson**  
**Sources of indicated Reports**

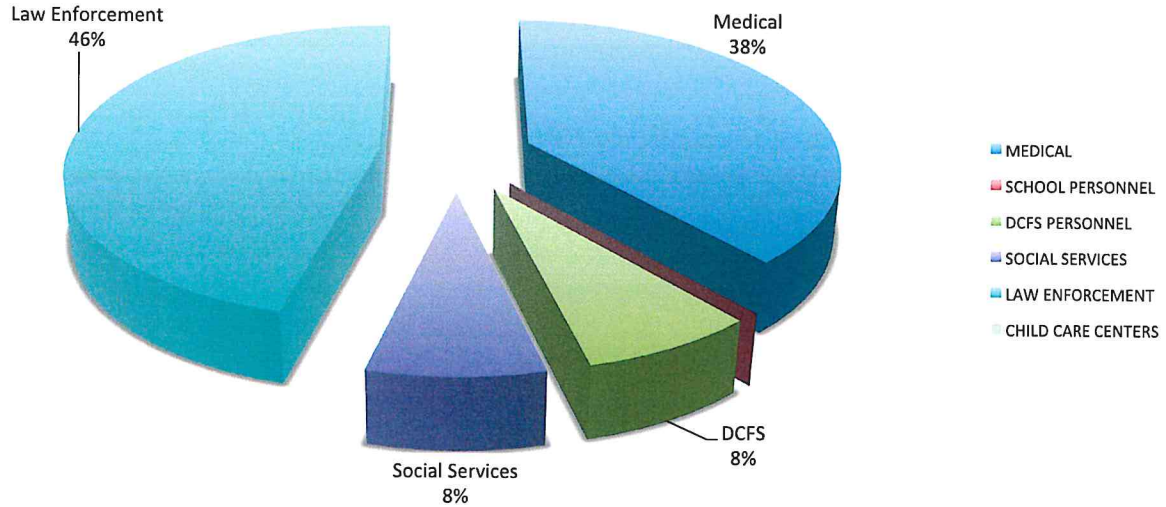


**Q2: Oct. – Dec. 2014, N =3**  
**Metropolis ~ Johnson**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**





**Q3: Jan. – Mar. 2015, N = 13**  
**Metropolis ~ Johnson**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**



**Q4: Apr. Jul. 2015, N = 0**  
**Metropolis ~ Johnson**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**

**There were no indicated reports  
for this region in this quarter**

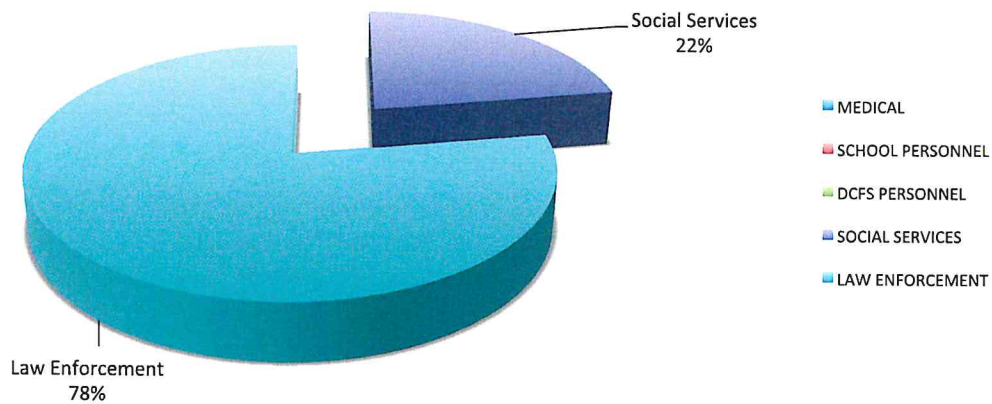
# Sources of Indicated Reports

## Metropolis Action Team – Massac County

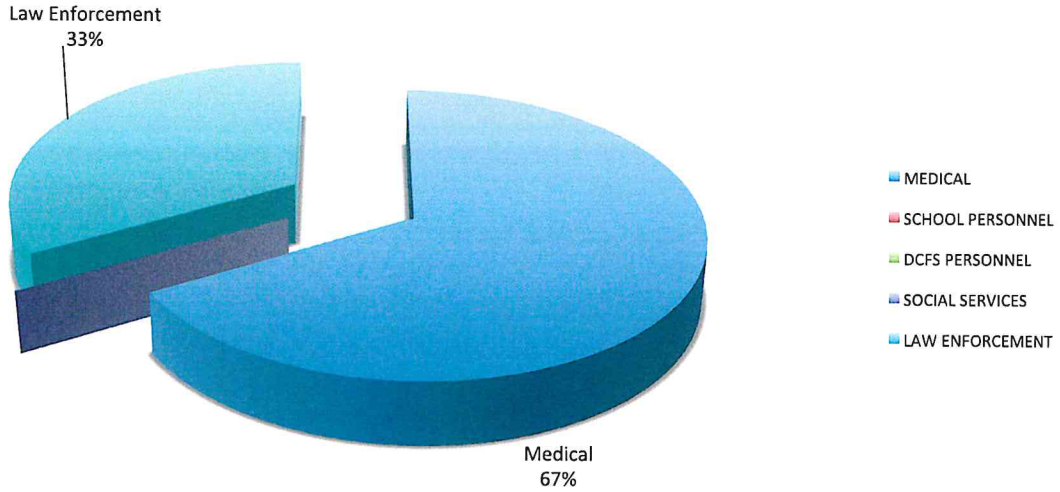
### FY 2015: Quarters 1 – 4



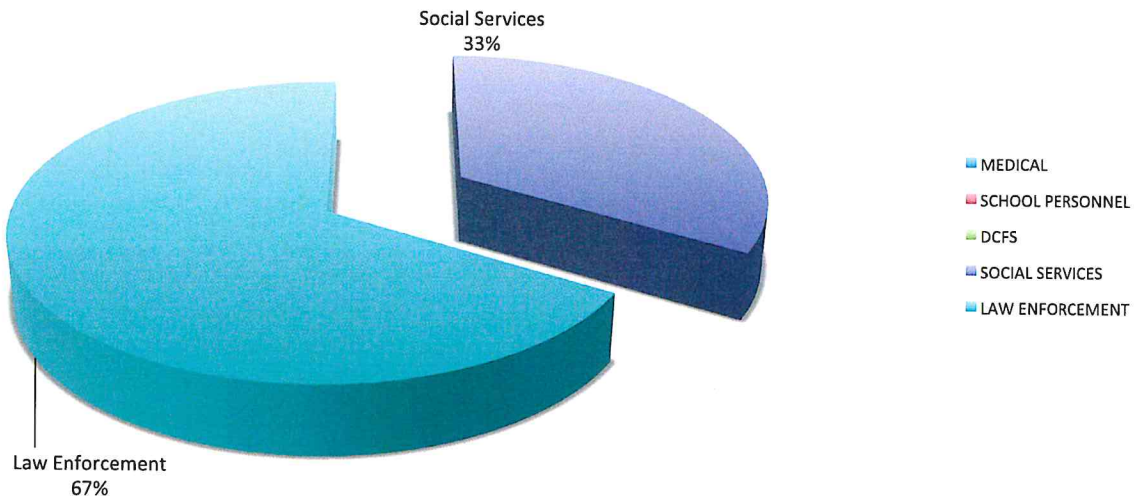
Q1: July – Sept. 2014, N = 9  
Metropolis ~ Massac  
Sources of Indicated Reports



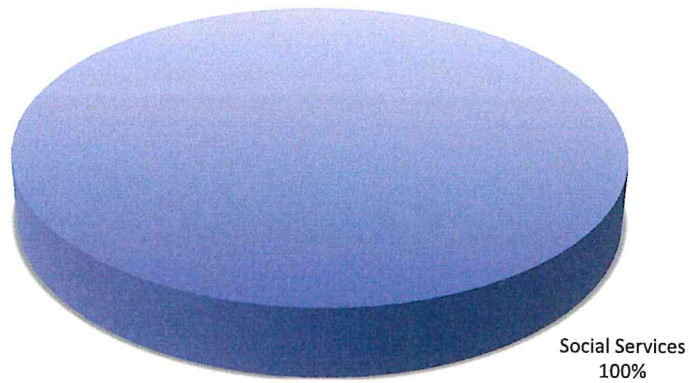
**Q2: Oct. – Dec. 2014, N = 3**  
**Metropolis ~ Massac**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**



**Q3: Jan. – Mar. 2015, N = 3**  
**Metropolis ~ Massac**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**

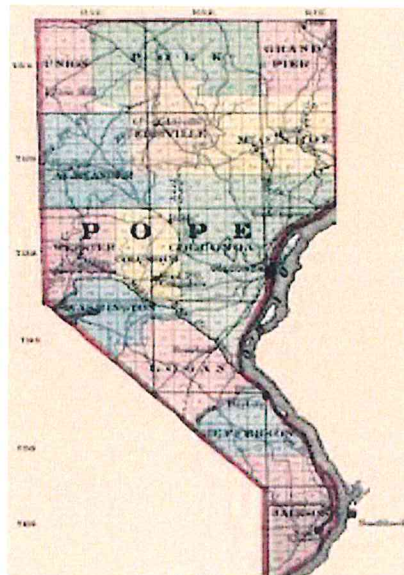


**Q4: Apr. – Jun. 2015, N =2**  
**Metropolis ~ Massac**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**

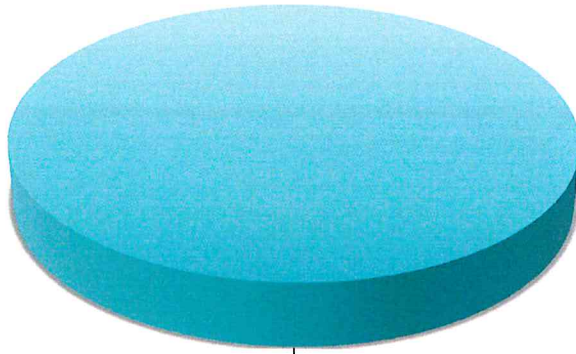


- MEDICAL
- SCHOOL PERSONNEL
- DCFS
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- LAW ENFORCEMENT

**Sources of Indicated Reports**  
**Metropolis Action Team – Pope County**  
**FY 2015: Quarters 1 - 4**



**Q1: July – Sept. 2014, N = 1**  
**Metropolis - Pope**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**

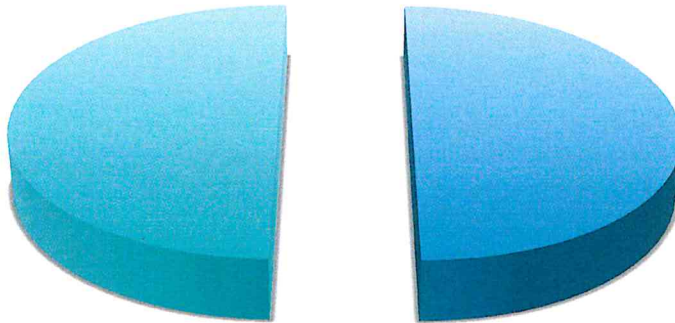


- MEDICAL
- SCHOOL PERSONNEL
- DCFS PERSONNEL
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law Enforcement  
100%

**Q2: Oct. – Dec. 2014, N = 2**  
**Metropolis - Pope**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**

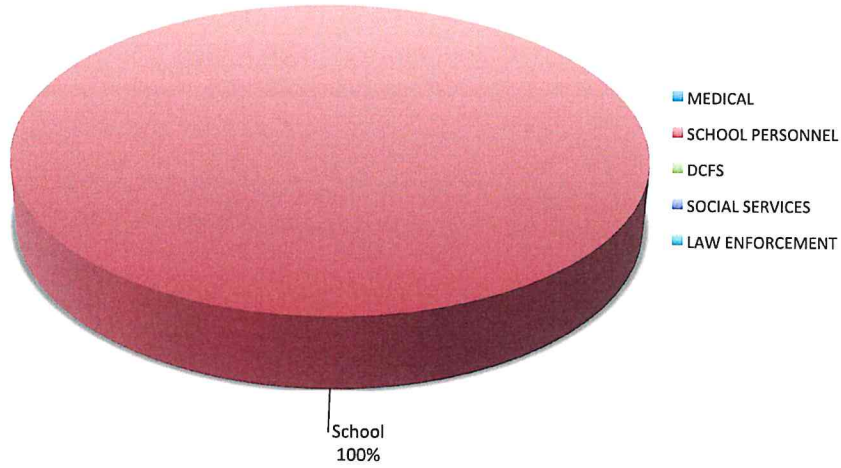
Law Enforcement  
50%



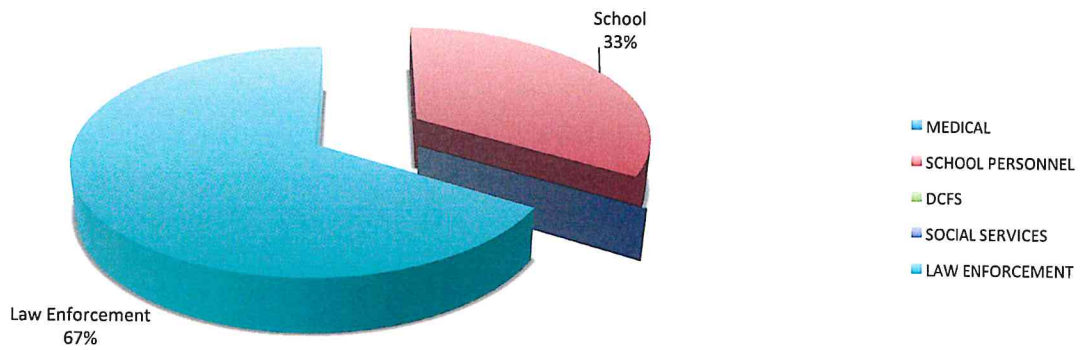
Medical  
50%

- MEDICAL
- SCHOOL PERSONNEL
- DCFS PERSONNEL
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- LAW ENFORCEMENT

**Q3: Jan. – Mar. 2015, N = 1**  
**Metropolis ~ Pope**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**



**Q4: Apr. – Jun. 2015, N = 3**  
**Metropolis ~ Pope**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**

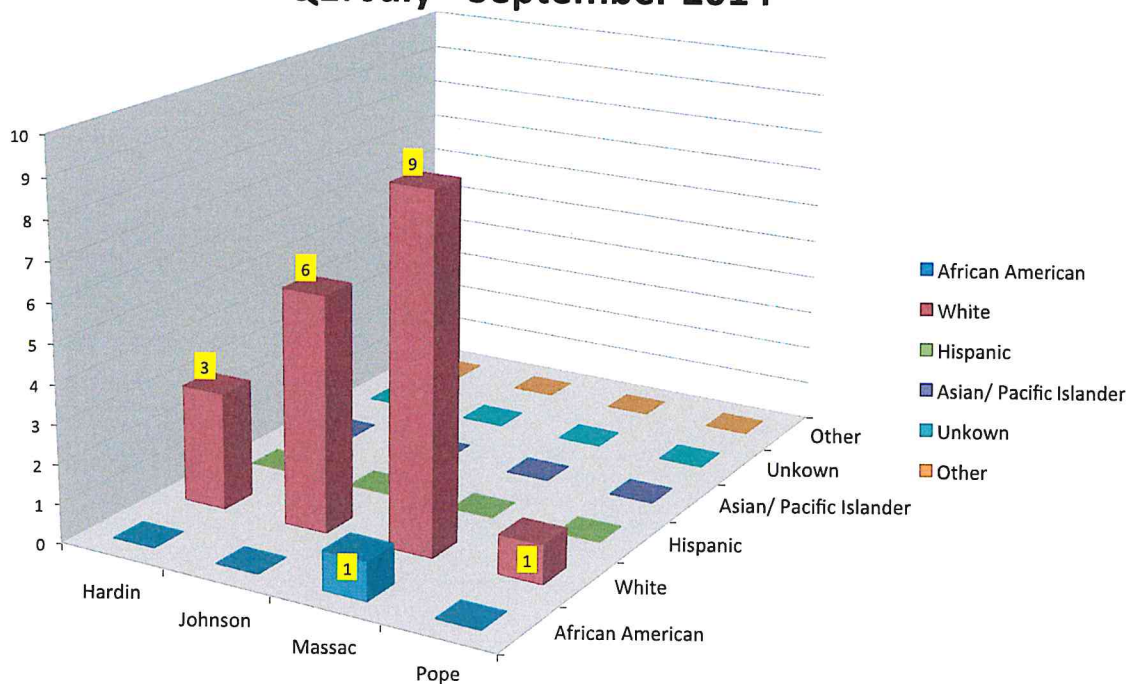


# Patterns in Sources of Indicated Reports for Metropolis Action Team:

- Primary mandated reporters
  - Law Enforcement (n= 27)
  - Medical (n = 10)
  - Social Services (n = 6)
  - School (n = 5)
- Questions to consider
  - How are these do these cases present to mandated reporters?
  - Are the primary mandated reporters included in action team PEP conversations?

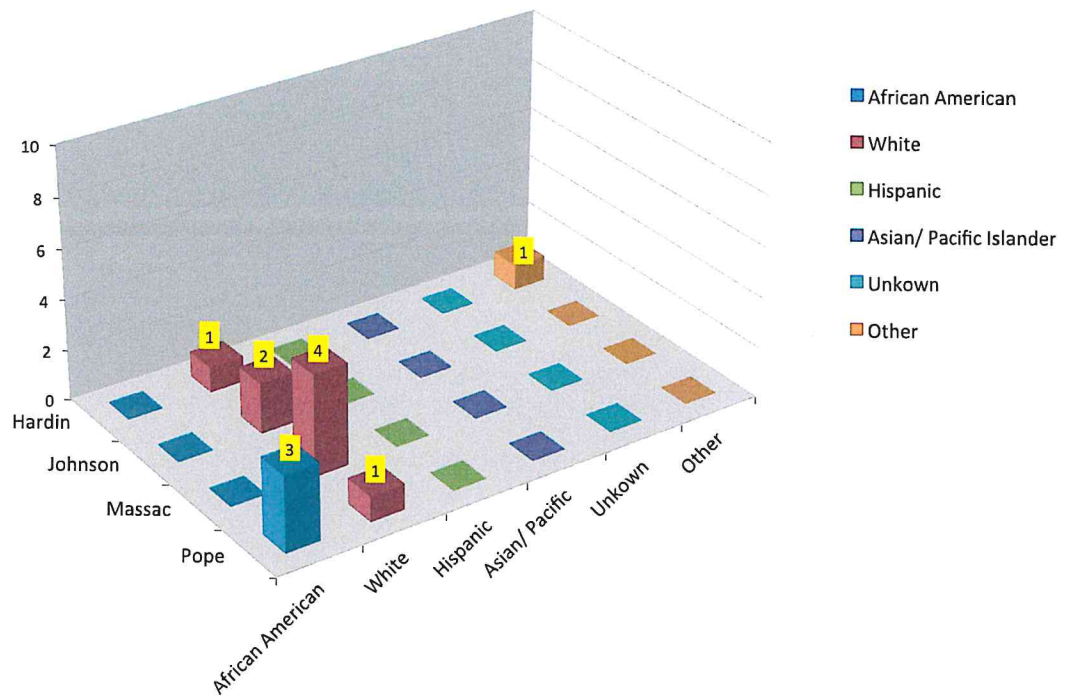
## Metropolis Action Team: Indicated Cases by Race

Q1: July - September 2014



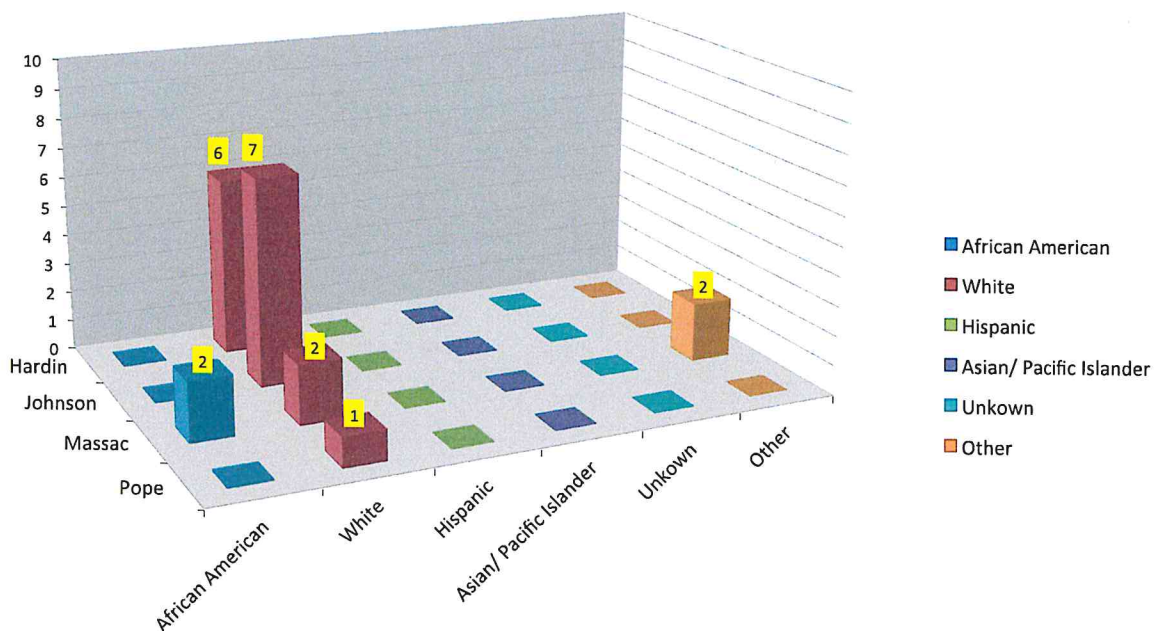
# Metropolis Action Team: Indicated Cases by Race

Q2: October - December 2014



# Metropolis Action Team: Indicated Cases by Race

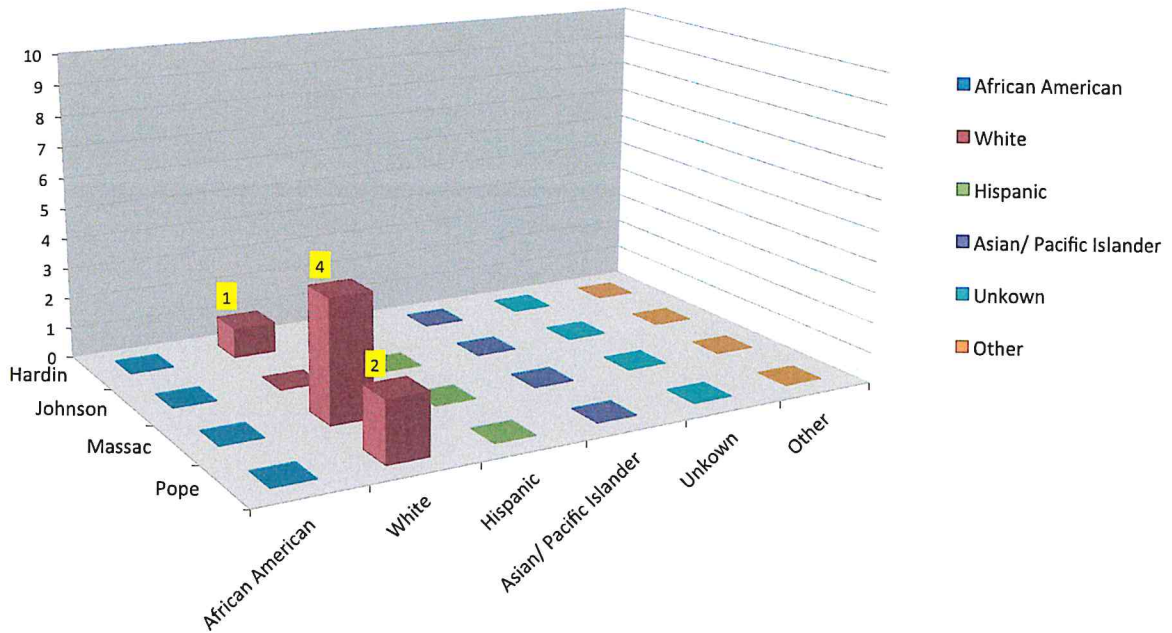
Q3: January – March 2015





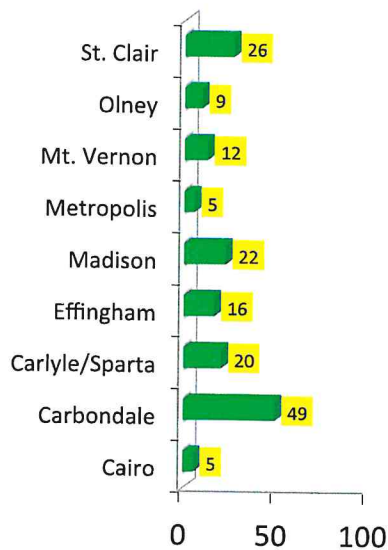
# Metropolis Action Team: Indicated Cases by Race

Q4: April – June 2015

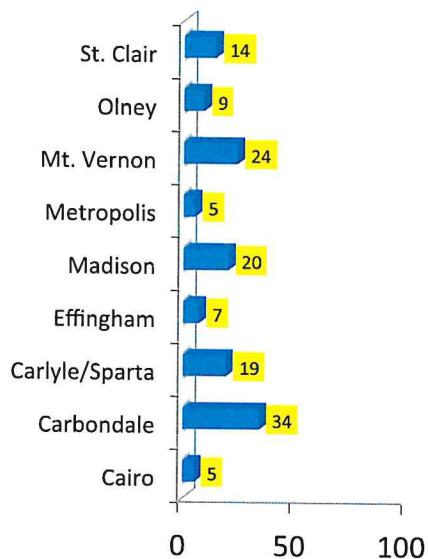


## Entries into Out-of Home Care

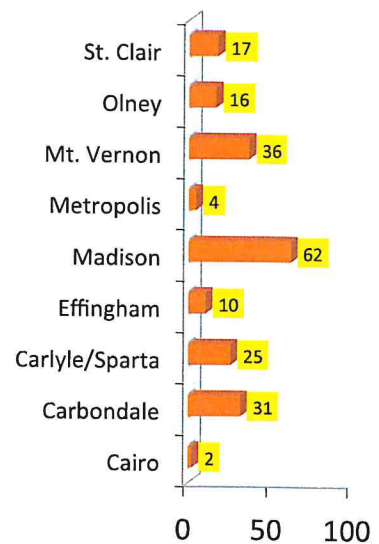
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2014



Q2: October - December  
2014



Q3: January - March  
2015



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## Entries into Out-of Home Care by Race & Age Metropolis Action Team

Quarter 1: July – September 2014				
Age x Race	African Americans	White	Hispanic	TOTALS
age, 00-02	1	0	0	1
age, 03-05	0	2	0	2
age, 06-09	0	1	0	1
age, 10-13	0	0	0	0
age, 14-17	0	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL Race</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
Quarter 2: October – December 2014				
Age x Race	African Americans	White	Hispanic	TOTALS
age, 00-02	0	2	0	2
age, 03-05	0	2	0	3
age, 06-09	0	1	0	1
age, 10-13	0	0	0	0
age, 14-17	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL Race</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
Quarter 3: January – March 2015				
Age x Race	African Americans	White	Hispanic	TOTALS
age, 00-02	0	2	0	2
age, 03-05	0	0	0	0
age, 06-09	0	0	0	0
age, 10-13	1	0	0	1
age, 14-17	1	0	0	1
<b>TOTAL Race</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

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## Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care Quarter 1 – Quarter 3

Action Team	Number in Care Q1: July – September 2013	Number in Care Q2: October – December 2013	Number in Care Q3: January – March 2014
Cairo	32	32	33
Carbondale	439	439	426
Carlyle/Sparta	111	126	131
Effingham	100	100	101
Madison	526	434	528
<b>Metropolis</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>45</b>
Mt. Vernon	257	257	271
Olney	163	163	162
St. Clair	438	393	417
<b>Total Southern Region</b>	<b>2260</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2107</b>

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## Number in Children in Out-of-Home Care by Age

Action Team	Under 3 Years			3 to 5 Years			6 to 9 Years			10 to 13 Years			14 to 17 Years		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
Cairo	5	5	5	8	8	7	9	9	10	5	5	6	4	4	4
Carbondale	116	116	105	84	84	78	87	87	86	63	63	63	71	71	73
Carlyle/Sparta	25	25	30	16	16	17	20	20	22	26	26	25	24	24	20
Effingham	24	24	24	30	30	28	16	16	19	9	9	11	13	13	11
Madison	127	127	128	136	146	131	134	140	130	94	97	88	90	91	92
Metropolis	8	8	7	9	9	7	12	12	10	8	8	9	8	8	9
Mt. Vernon	53	53	64	41	41	39	52	52	55	36	36	38	54	54	51
Olney	35	35	37	28	28	25	29	29	29	29	29	32	32	32	31
St. Clair	74	72	73	75	77	66	80	82	79	67	71	60	75	70	76
<b>Total Southern Region</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>367</b>

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## Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care by Race

Action Team	African American			Hispanic			White			Asian/Pacific Islander			Native American			Unknown		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
Cairo	13	13	13	0	0	0	19	19	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbondale	91	91	94	8	8	4	329	329	317	0	0	0	2	2	2	9	9	9
Carlyle/Sparta	10	10	10	3	3	3	111	111	116	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Effingham	3	3	3	0	0	0	97	97	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison	143	143	159	5	5	5	362	362	384	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	16	12
Metropolis	1	1	3	1	1	1	46	46	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Vernon	46	56	58	4	2	3	205	199	207	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3
Olney	0	0	0	1	1	2	154	127	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	5
St. Clair	274	274	264	6	6	6	107	107	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	5
<b>Total Southern Region</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>1430</b>	<b>1397</b>	<b>1436</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>35</b>

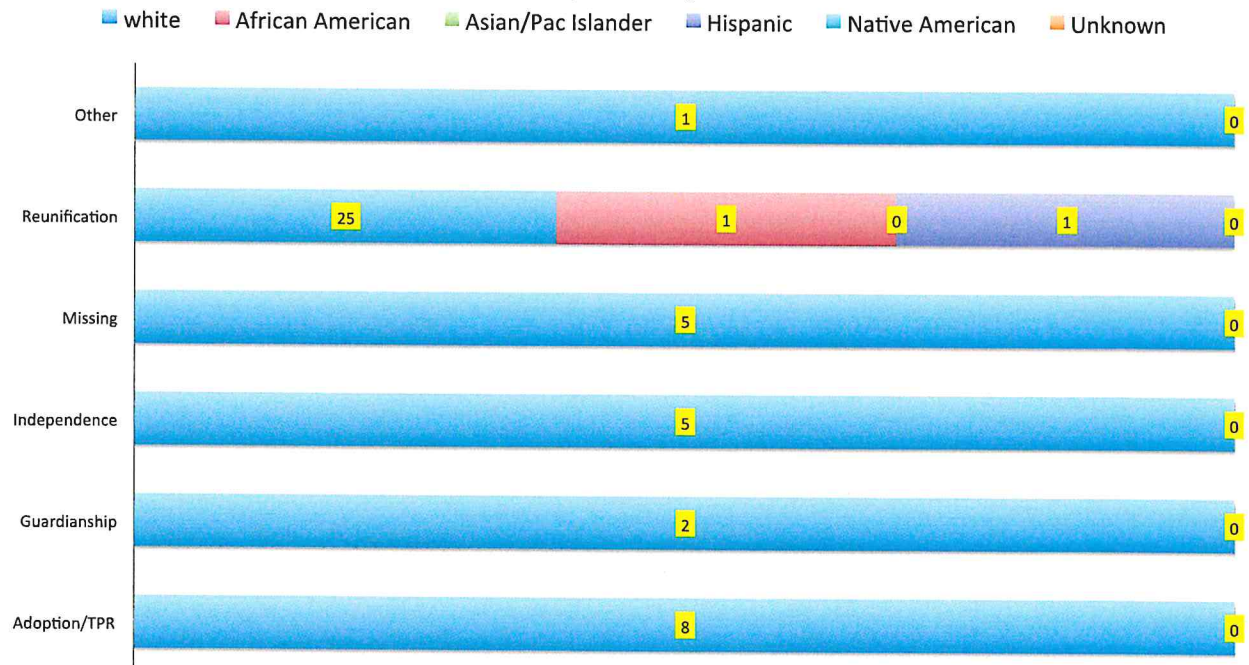
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# Number in Children in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Type

Action Team	Foster/Relative			Residential			Independent			Other Institution			Other Care		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
Cairo	25	25	27	4	4	3	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	1
Carbondale	331	331	332	39	39	36	6	6	8	10	10	5	53	53	44
Carlyle/Sparta	190	190	94	20	20	10	10	10	7	6	6	2	26	26	18
Effingham	75	75	76	5	5	5	6	6	5	0	0	2	14	14	13
Madison	434	434	462	29	29	28	27	27	25	8	8	11	28	28	34
Metropolis	32	32	34	6	6	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	7	7	4
Mt. Vernon	163	163	175	30	30	27	13	13	13	10	10	11	41	41	25
Olney	115	115	114	17	17	16	5	5	4	1	1	5	25	25	23
St. Clair	289	289	287	28	28	27	23	23	25	14	14	10	39	39	24
<b>Total Southern Region</b>	<b>1654</b>	<b>1654</b>	<b>1601</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>186</b>

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## Permanency Goals by Race: Metropolis Action Team Quarter 1: July – September 2014

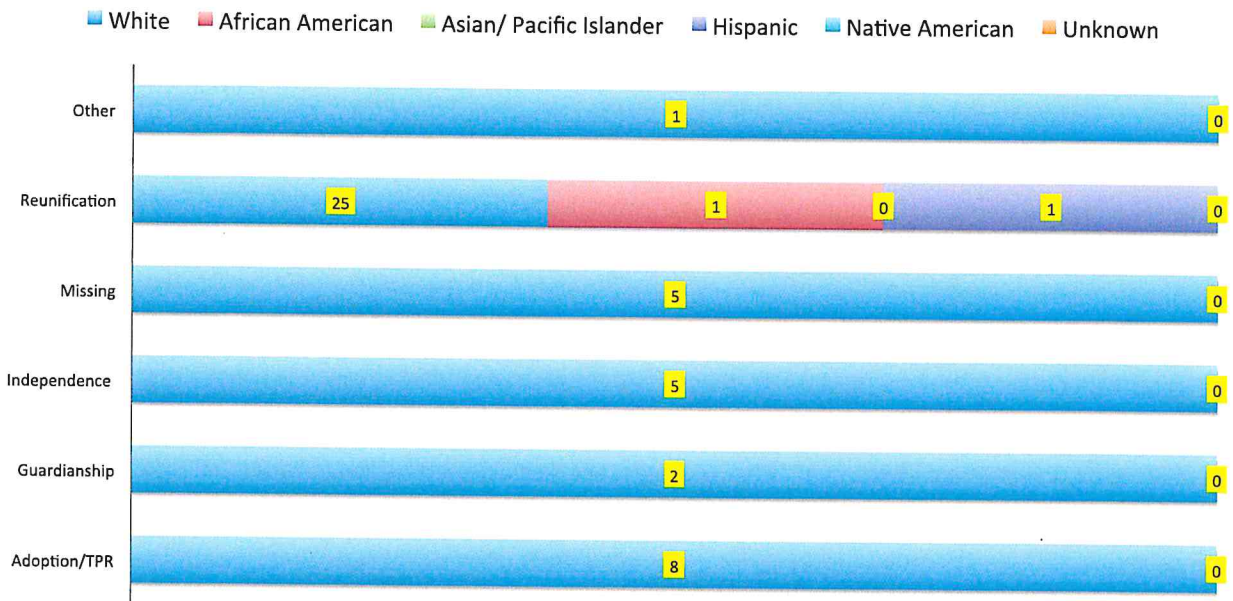


### Completed Permanencies during Quarter 1

- 1 African American Children Adopted
- 5 White Children Reunified

# Permanency Goals by Race: Metropolis Action Team Quarter 2: October – December 2014

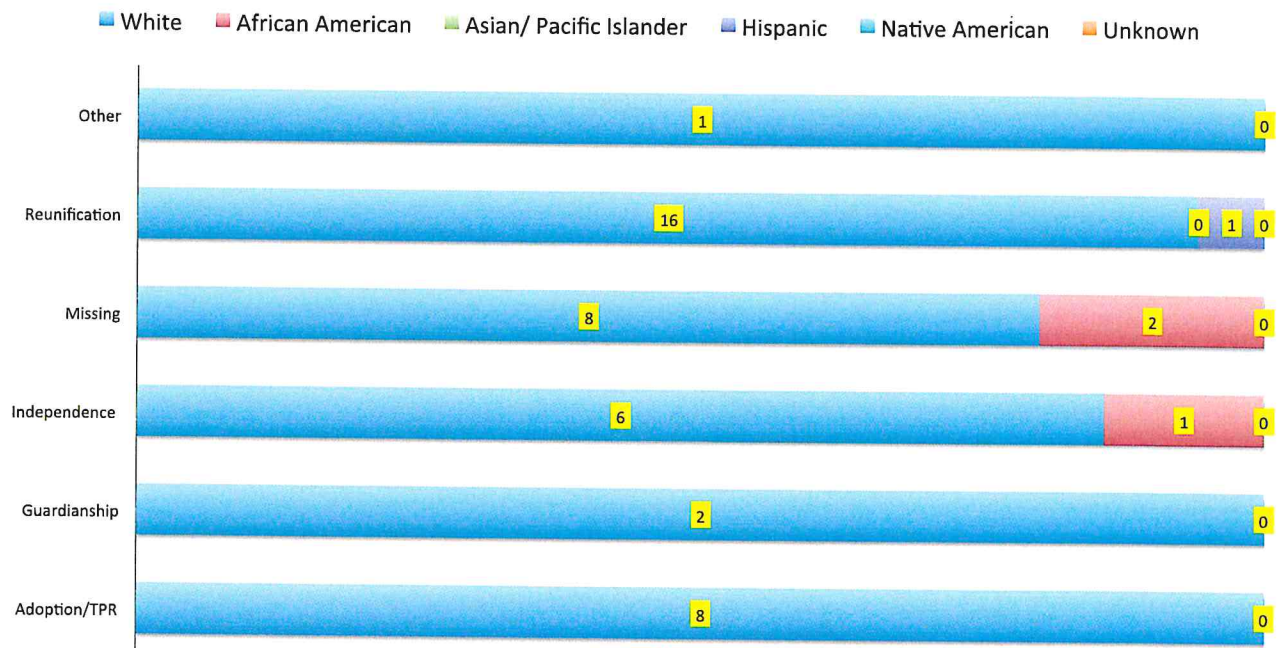
Metropolis - Permanency Goals by Race



## Completed Permanencies during Quarter 2

- 1 White Child Adopted
- 4 White Children Reunified

# Permanency Goals by Race: Metropolis Action Team Quarter 3: January – March 2015



## Completed Permanencies during Quarter 3

- 4 White Children Reunified

## Permanency Goals by Race – Metropolis Action Team Q4: April – June 2015

Do to the nature of the Quarter 4 data, no data on Permanency Goals were available for Quarter 4.

### Completed Permanencies during Quarter 4

## Permanency Outcomes for FY 2015 Metropolis Action Team

### Goal Trends

- Reunification decreased across all races

### Permanencies

- 1 African American child adopted
- 14 White children reunified
- 1 White children adopted