



# Permanency Enhancement Project Annual Update

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## **Southern Region Mt. Vernon Action Team**

*This report provides an update of all PEP activities of the **Mt. Vernon 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 **Mt. Vernon**

**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
Cecilia Agnew	Supervisor, Action Team Co-Chair	04/13/2015, 04/14/2015, 04/15/2015, 04/24/2015, 05/06/2015, 05/14/2015, 05/15/2015, 06/26/2015, 06/29/2015

**Action Team Status**

Explanation Early interactions with the Mt. Vernon Action Team revealed that it was inactive due to a recent high turn over rate where members have retired, or transferred to other agencies. As of the end of Fiscal Year 2015, the Action Team is still inactive. Nonetheless there are aggressive attempts by division leaders to shift the Action Team to an active status. In particular there are attempts to make contact with a community liaison, Reverend Gordon, who has been involved with PEP and the child welfare initiatives in the past. Division leaders have expressed interest in partnering with Reverend Gordon’s Action Team to determine a focus for a combined effort.

**Annual Action Team Activities**

Team meeting(s) held: None

**Annual Action Team Goals**

1. Revitalize the Action Team
  - a. Recruit new members
  - b. Confirm action team contact list
  - c. Set up meetings
  - d. Outline action team goals and purpose
2. Continue to present appropriate data analysis for the quarter
3. Keep communication open between members

**Fiscal Year 2016 Intentions**

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

1. Action Team Revitalization
2. Make contact with Reverend Gordon

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: Mt. Vernon Action Team Report FY 2015

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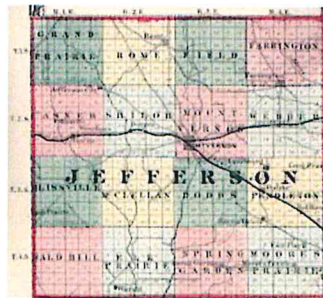
## Goals of Permanency Enhancement Project

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

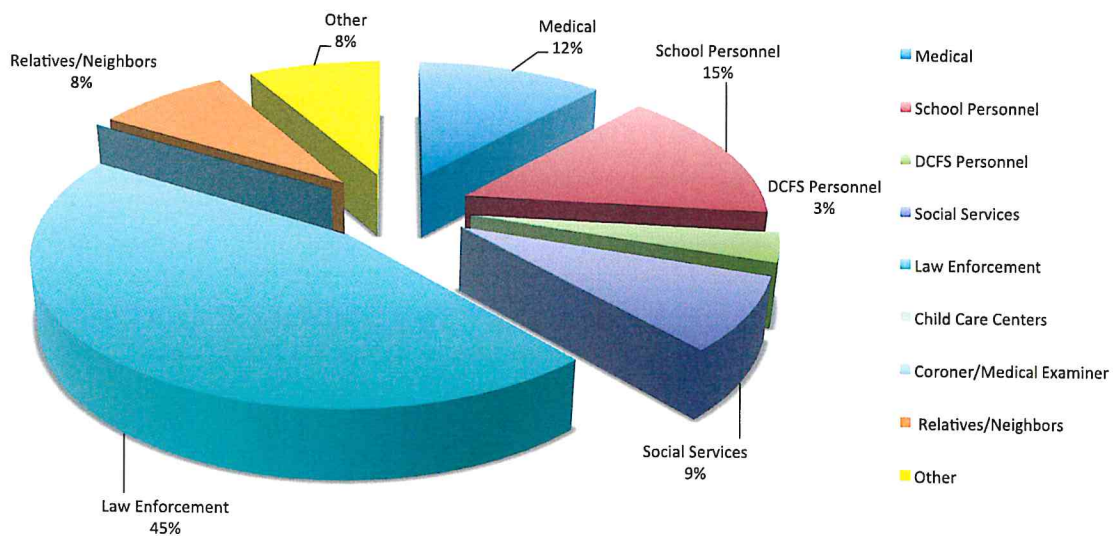
## Mt. Vernon Action Team – Jefferson County

### FY 2015: Quarters 1 – 4

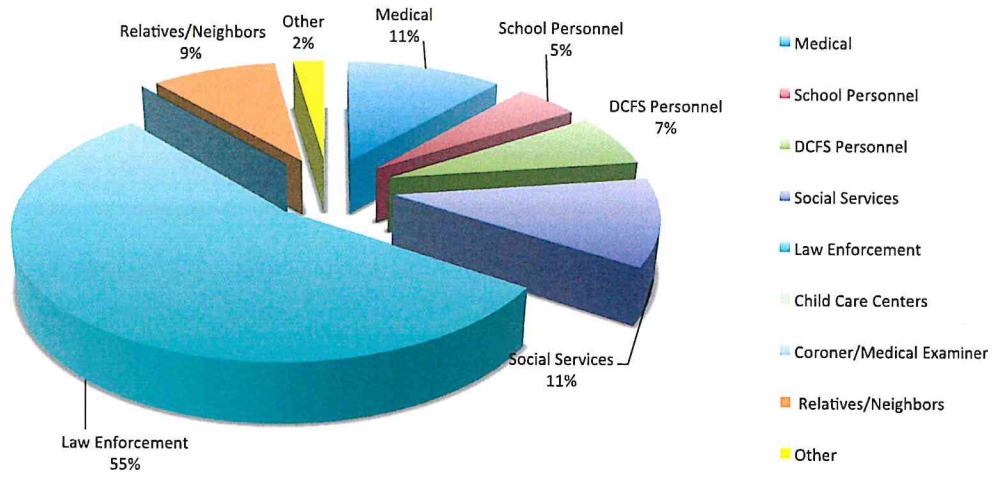


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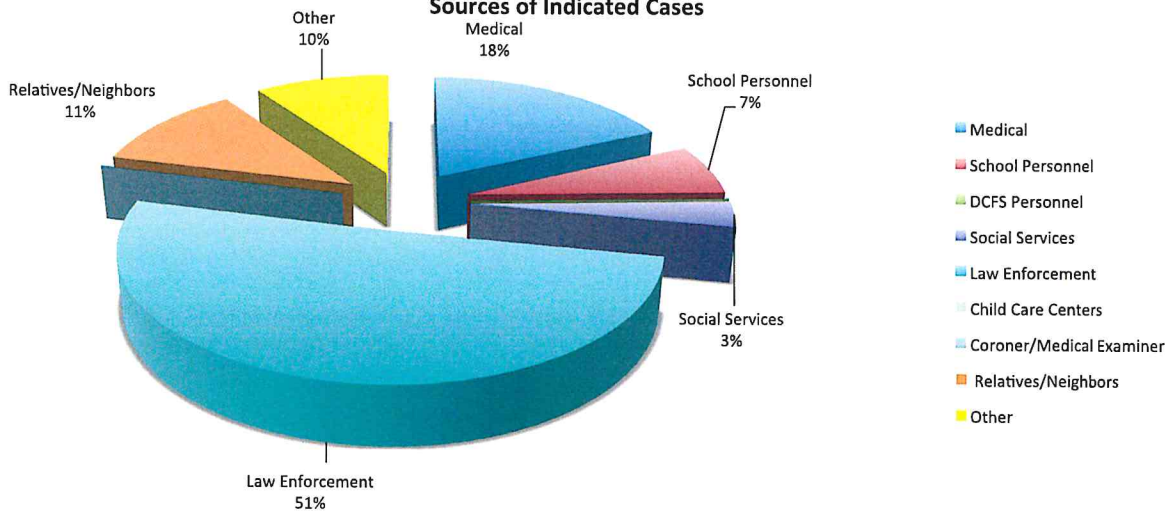
**Q1: July - Sept. 2014, N = 60**  
**Mt. Vernon ~ Jefferson**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**



**Q2: Oct. - Dec. 2014, N = 46**  
**Mt. Vernon ~ Jefferson**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**



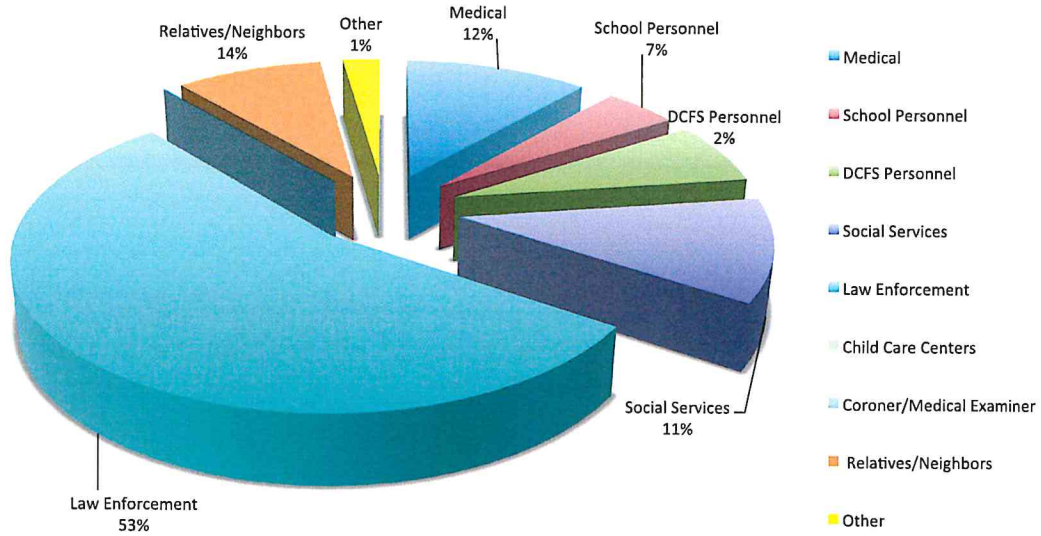
**Q3: Jan. - March 2015, N = 61**  
**Mt. Vernon ~ Jefferson**  
**Sources of Indicated Cases**



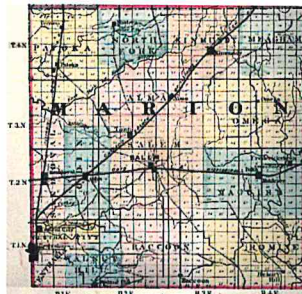
**Q4: April - June 2015, N = 51**

**Mt. Vernon ~ Jefferson**

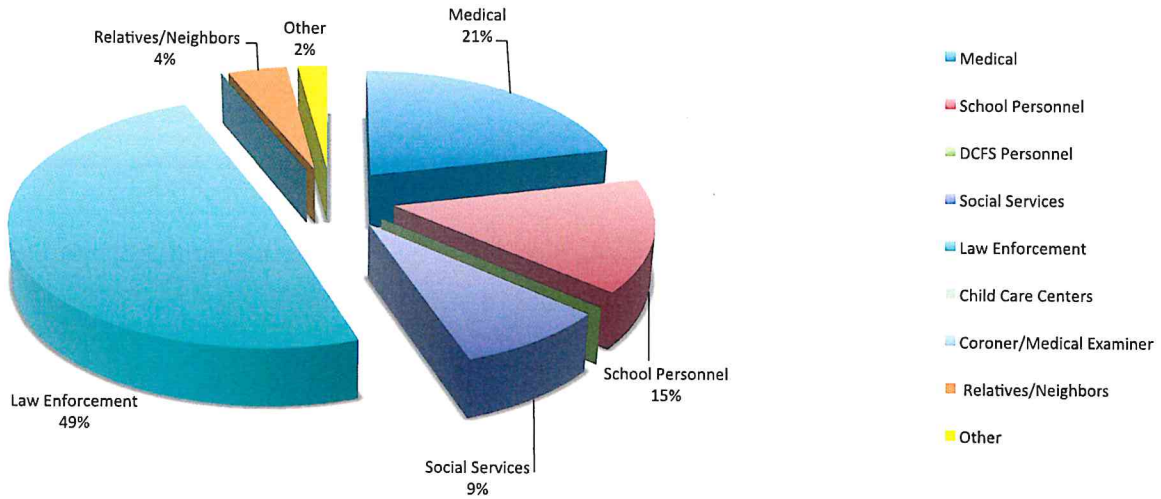
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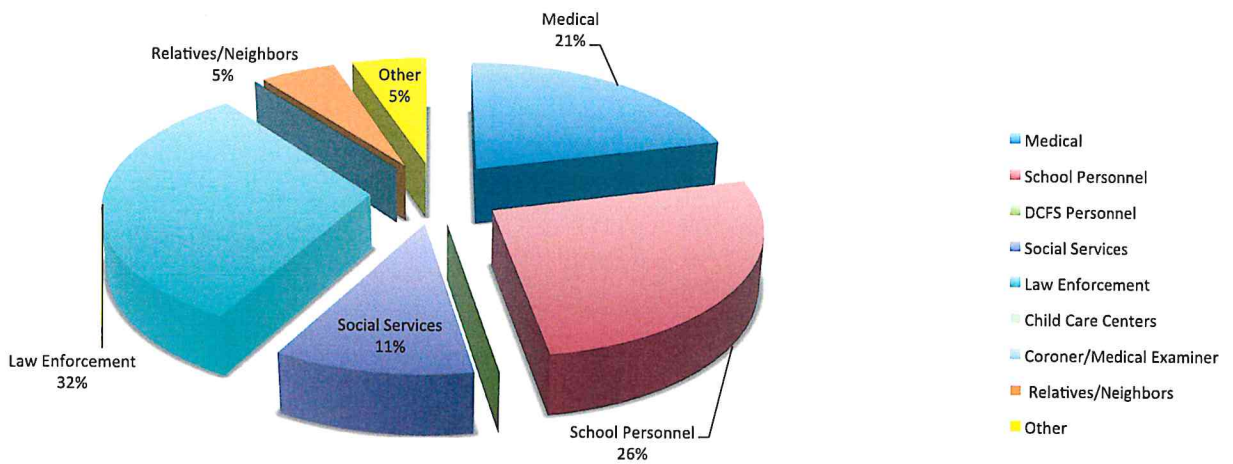
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**Mt. Vernon Action Team – Marion County**  
**FY 2015: Quarters 1 – 4**



**Q1: July - Sept. 2014, N = 47**  
**Mt. Vernon ~ Marion**  
**Sources of Indicated Reports**

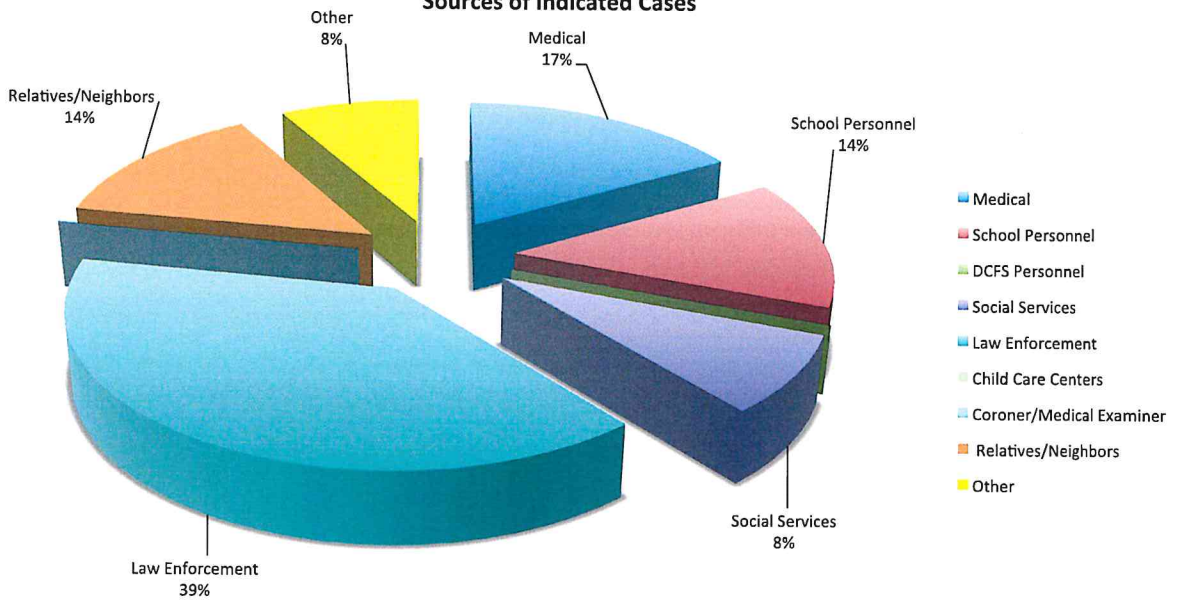


**Q2: Oct. - Dec. 2014, N = 19**  
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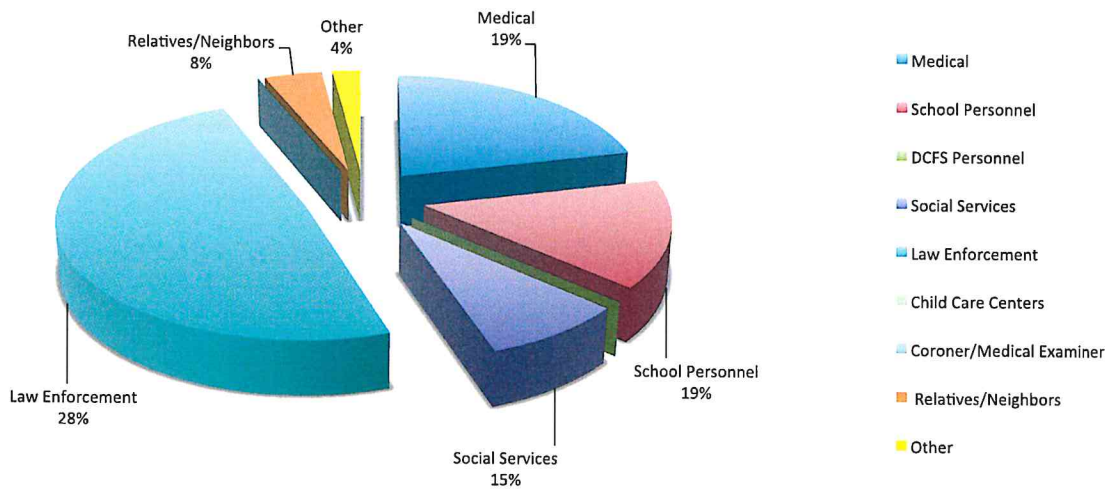




**Q3: Jan. - March 2015, N = 36**  
**Mt. Vernon ~ Marion**  
**Sources of Indicated Cases**



**Q4: April - June 2015, N = 43**  
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**Sources of Indicated Reports**



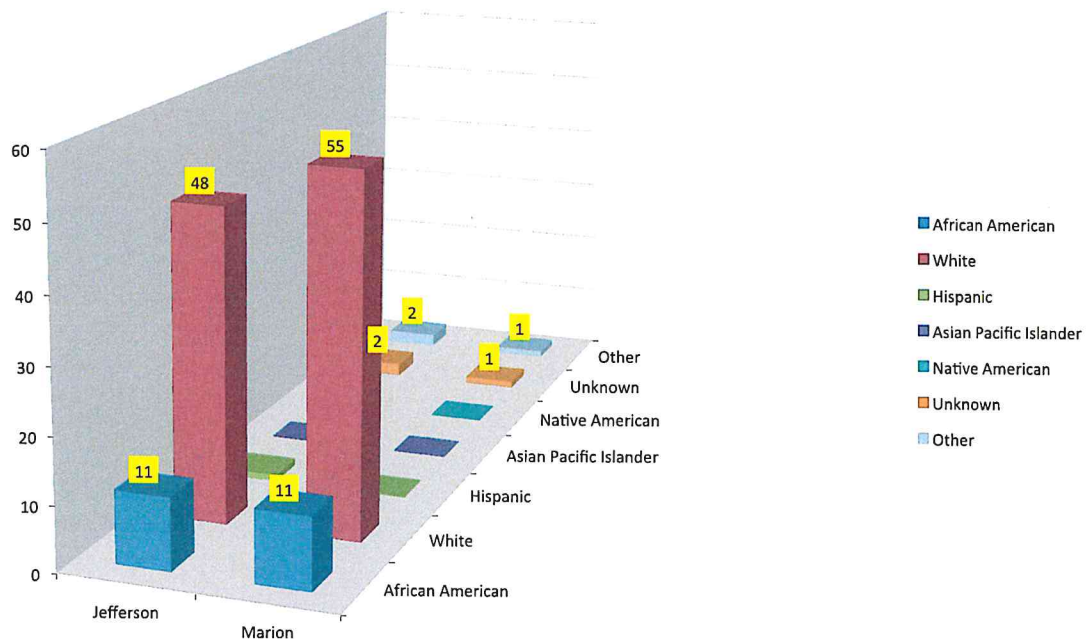
# Patterns in Sources of Indicated Reports for Mt. Vernon Action Team:

July 2014 – June 2015

- Primary mandated reporters
  - Law enforcement
  - School
  - Medical
  - Social service
- Questions to consider
  - How are these cases presented to mandated reporters?
  - Are the primary mandated reporters included in action team PEP conversations?

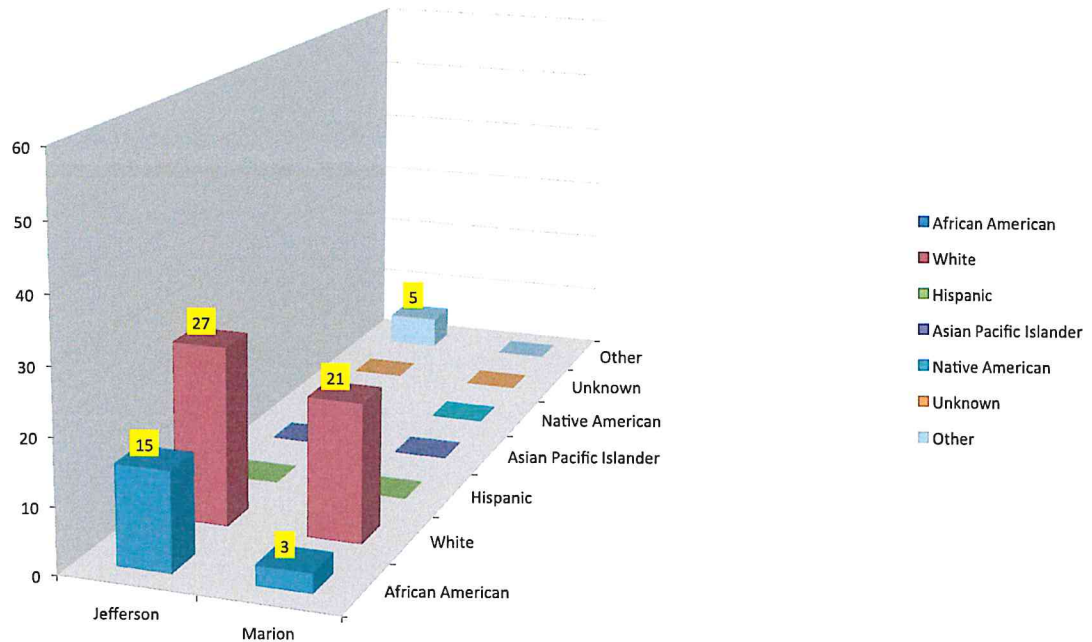
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## Mt. Vernon Action Team: Indicated Cases by Race Q1: July – September 2014



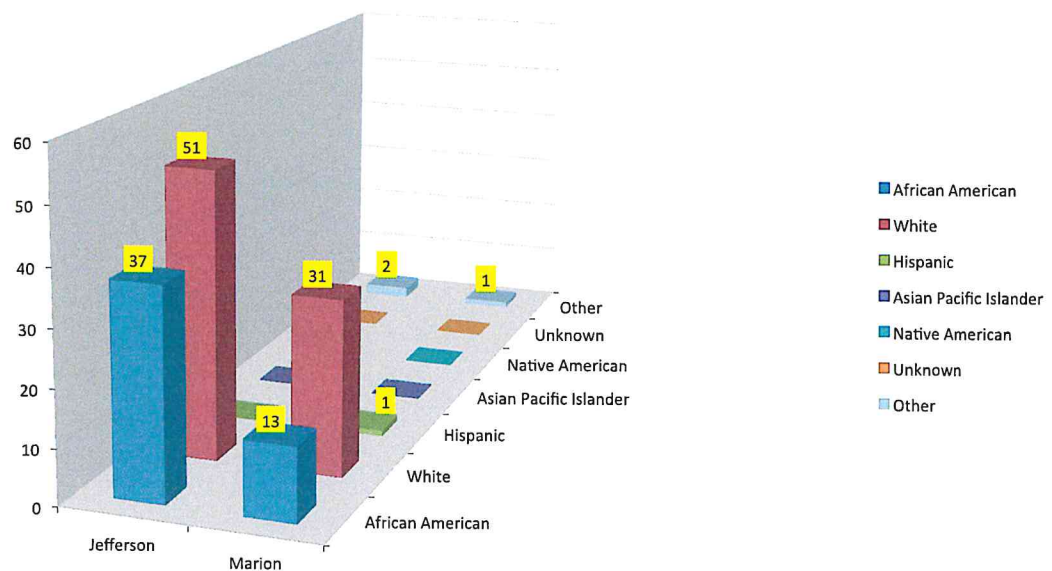
# Mt. Vernon Action Team: Indicated Cases by Race

Q2: October - December 2014



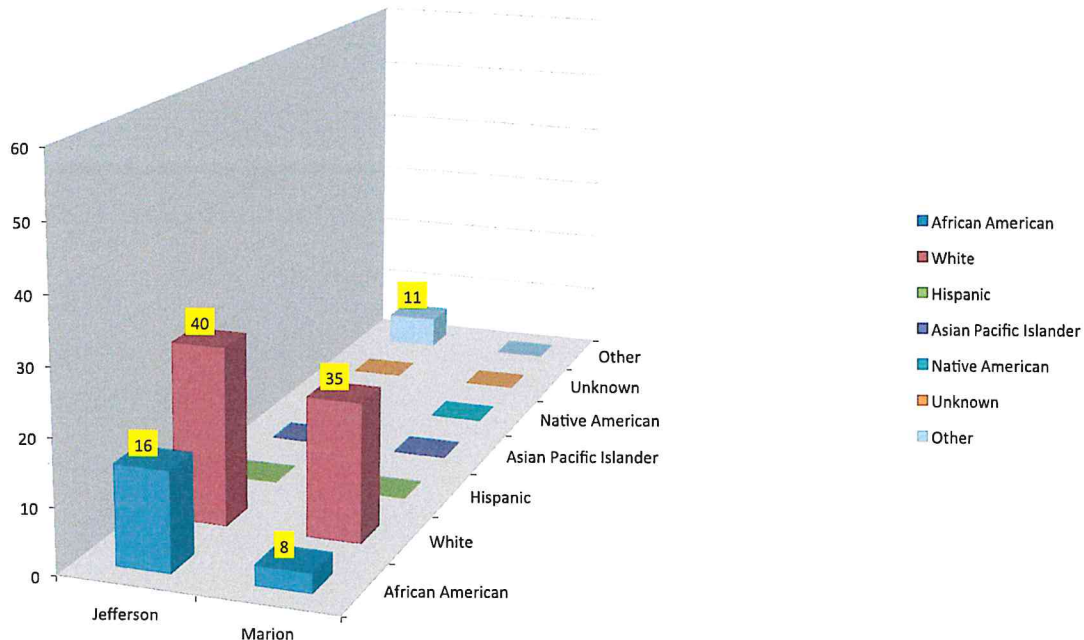
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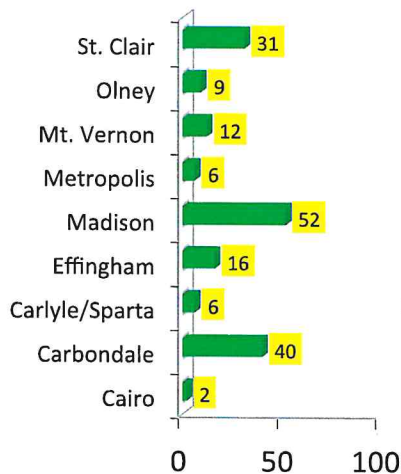
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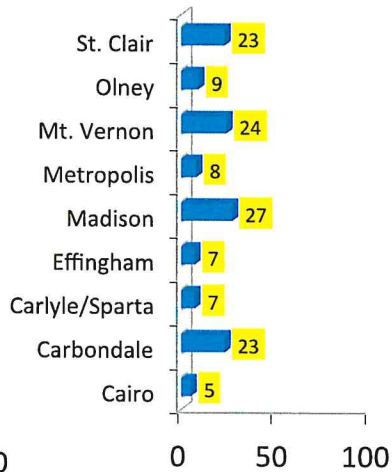


## Entries into Out-of Home Care

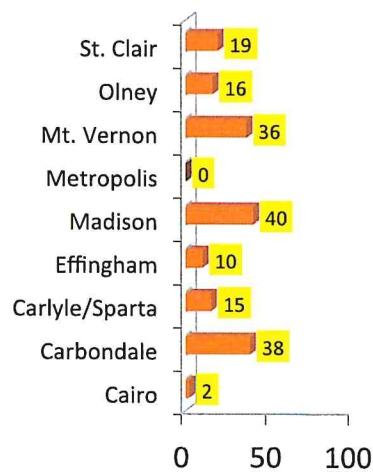
Q1: July – September  
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Q2: October - December  
2014



Q3: January - March  
2015



## Entries into Out-of Home Care by Race & Age Mt. Vernon Action Team

Quarter 1: July – September 2014					
Age x Race	African Americans	White	Hispanic	Unknown	TOTALS
age, 00-02	1	3	0	0	5
age, 03-05	0	2	0	0	2
age, 06-09	0	1	1	0	2
age, 10-13	0	0	0	0	0
age, 14-17	0	1	2	0	3
<b>TOTAL Race</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
Quarter 2: October – December 2014					
Age x Race	African Americans	White	Hispanic	Unknown	TOTALS
age, 00-02	4	8	0	0	12
age, 03-05	1	2	0	0	3
age, 06-09	1	1	0	0	2
age, 10-13	0	4	0	0	4
age, 14-17	1	2	0	0	3
<b>TOTAL Race</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>
Quarter 3: January – March 2015					
Age x Race	African Americans	White	Hispanic	Unknown	TOTALS
age, 00-02	2	10	0	1	13
age, 03-05	3	3	0	0	6
age, 06-09	4	6	0	0	10
age, 10-13	2	1	0	1	4
age, 14-17	2	1	0	0	3
<b>TOTAL Race</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>36</b>

\*\*\*Do to the nature of the Quarter 4 data, no data on the Entries into Out-of-Home Care are available for Quarter 4.

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

Action Team	Number in Care	Number in Care	Number in Care
	Q1: July – September 2014	Q2: October – December 2014	Q3: January – March 2015
Cairo	32	32	33
Carbondale	439	439	426
Carlyle/Sparta	257	124	124
Effingham	100	100	101
Madison	526	434	528
Metropolis	48	48	45
<b>Mt. Vernon</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>271</b>
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 in 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	221	91	94	8	8	4	330	329	317	0	0	0	2	2	2	9	9	9
Carlyle/Sparta	10	10	10	3	3	3	117	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>1436</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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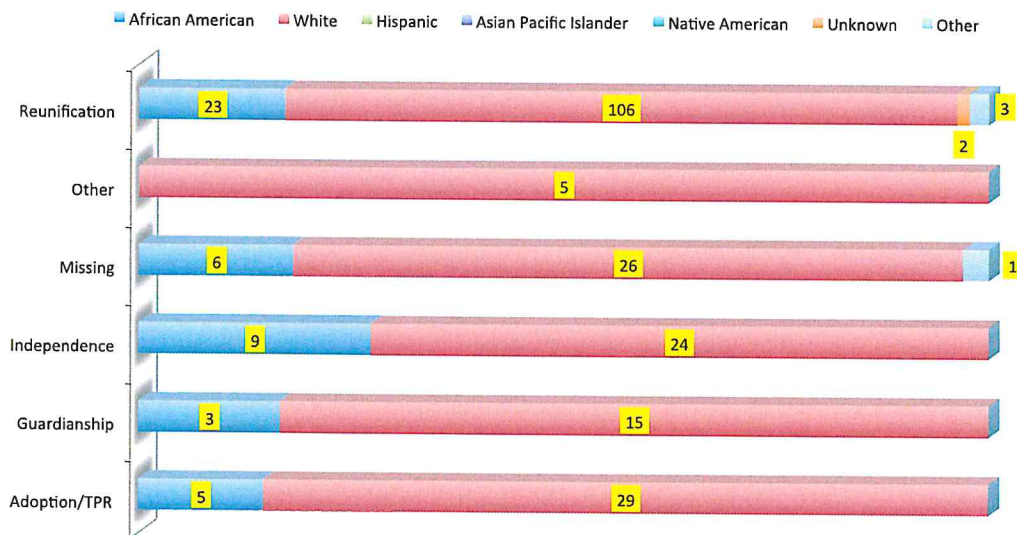
# Number in Children in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Type

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
<b>Mt. Vernon</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>25</b>
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 – Mt. Vernon Action Team Quarter 1: July – September 2014

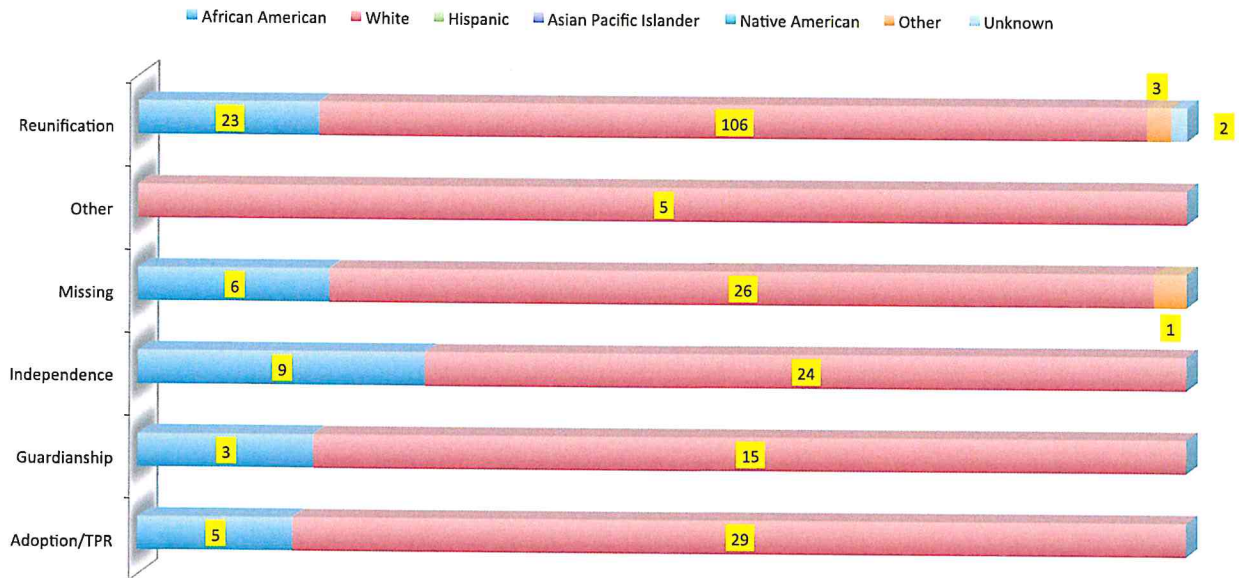


### Completed Permanencies during Quarter 1

- 2 White Adoptions
- 5 African American Reunifications
- 3 African American Sub-Guardianships
- 16 White Reunifications
- 1 Unknown Reunification

# Permanency Goals – Mt. Vernon Action Team

## Quarter 2: October – December 2014



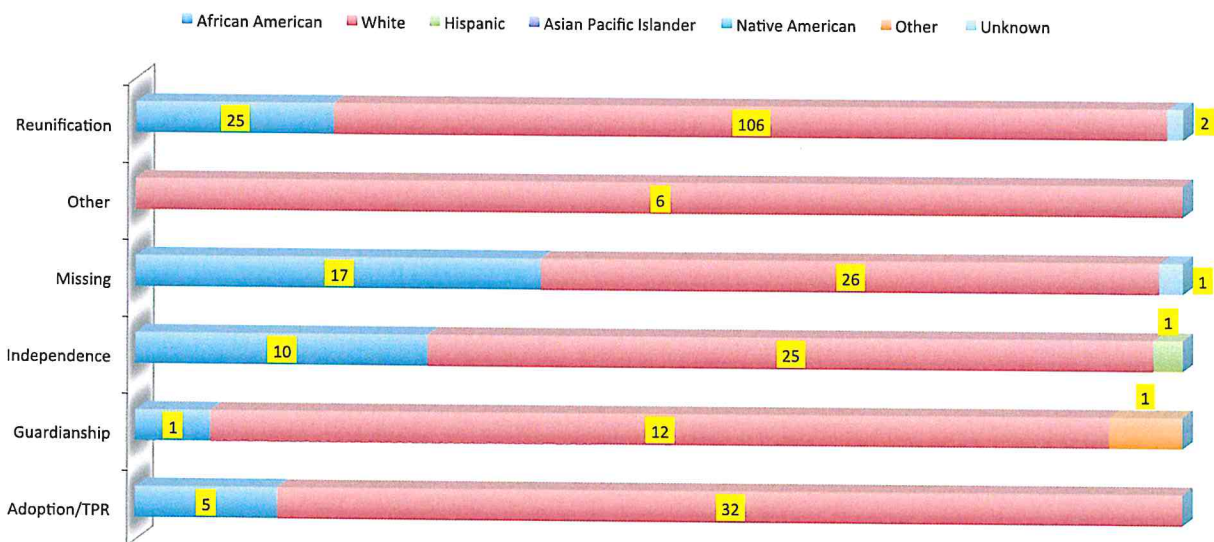
### Completed Permanencies during Quarter 2

- 3 African American Adoptions
- 4 African American Reunifications
- 9 White Sub-Guardianship
- 5 White Adoptions
- 8 White Reunifications
- 1 Unknown Sub-Guardianship
- 1 Hispanic Reunification

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# Permanency Goals – Mt. Vernon Action Team

## Quarter 3: January – March 2015



### Completed Permanencies during Quarter 3

- 5 African American Reunifications
- 9 White Sub-Guardianship
- 10 White Reunifications
- 1 Unknown Sub-Guardianship
- 1 Hispanic Reunification

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# Permanencies for FY 14-15

## Mt. Vernon Action Team

### Goal Trends

- Reunification goals for African American & White children remained stable from Q1 - Q3.
- Adoption goals increased for White children from Q1 - Q3.
- The missing numbers for African American children almost tripled from Q1 - Q3.

### Permanencies

- 40 African American children achieved permanency during Q1 – Q3
- 43 White children achieved permanency during Q1 – Q3