

Permanency Enhancement Project:  
Southern Region  
Olney Action Team  
FY 2019 Report

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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

# Southern Region Action Teams

Cairo (Alexander & Pulaski)

Carbondale (Jackson, Franklin, Perry, Williamson)

Carlyle (Bond, Clinton)

Sparta (Monroe, Randolph, Washington)

Effingham (Effingham, Fayette, Jasper)

Madison (Madison)

Metropolis (Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope)

Mt. Vernon (Jefferson, Marion)

**Olney (Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash)**

St. Clair (St. Clair)

# 'Olney Action Team'

## Geographic Location

Olney Action Team Consist of the Counties:

- Crawford
- Edwards
- Lawrence
- Richland
- Wabash



# Olney Action Team

- **Action Team Chair**
- Lindsey Tompson (Since November 2015)

# Olney Action Team

This Presentation solely focuses on goals, outcomes, and activities of the **Olney Action Team**.

- This action team is comprised of the following counties:

1. **Crawford**

- ✓ *Population – 18,961*
- ✓ *Family/Child- 3,773 (19.9%)*
- ✓ *Persons in Poverty 2617 (13.8%)*

2. **Edwards**

- ✓ *Population –6,486*
- ✓ *Family/Child- 1,459 (22.5%)*
- ✓ *Persons in Poverty 707(10.9%)*

3. **Lawrence**

- ✓ *Population –16,168*
- ✓ *Family/Child- 3039 (18.8%)*
- ✓ *Persons in Poverty 2797 (17.3%)*

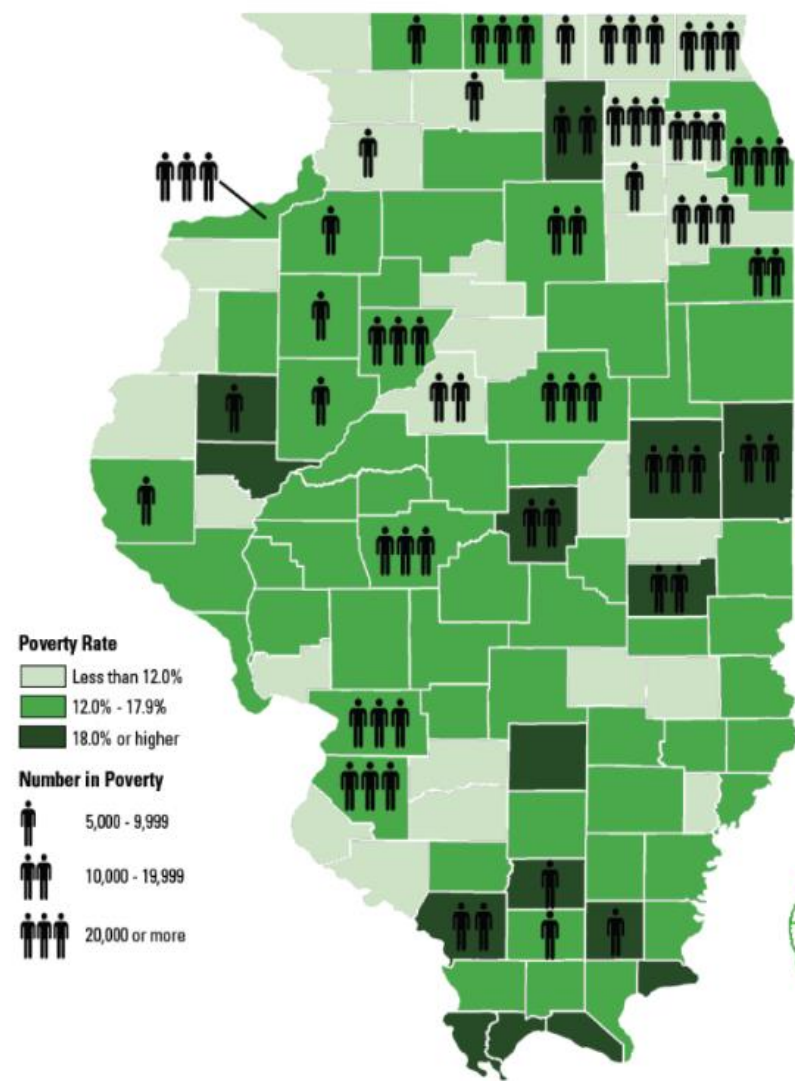
4. **Richland**

- ✓ *Population –15,901*
- ✓ *Family/Child- 3641 (22.9%)*
- ✓ *Persons in Poverty 2449(15.4%)*

5. **Wabash**

- ✓ *Population – 11,489*
- ✓ *Family/Child- 2516 (21.9%)*
- ✓ *Persons in Poverty 1585 (13.8%)*

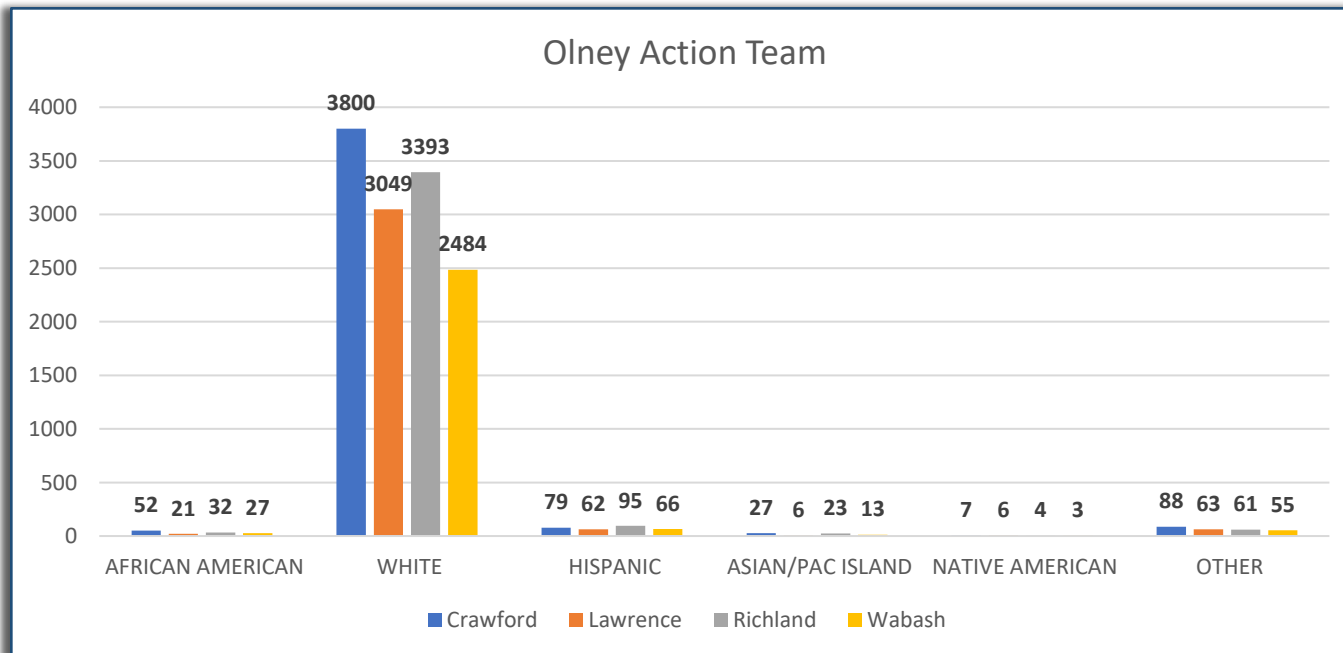
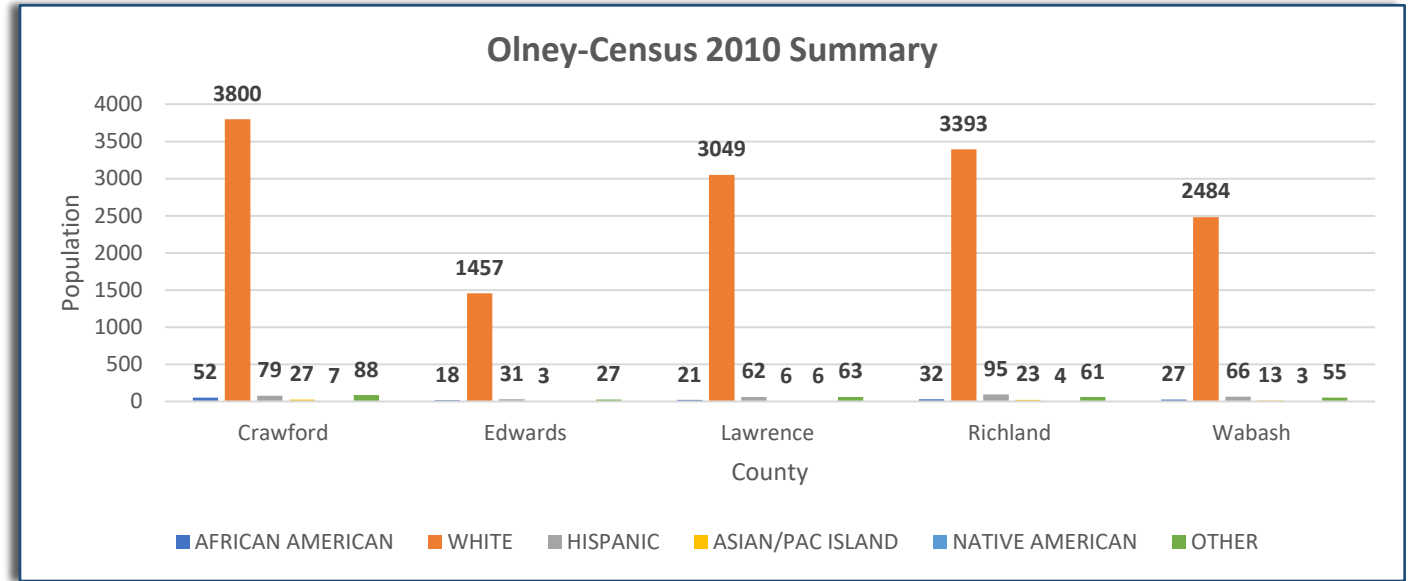
# Illinois Poverty, by County 2016





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## 'Census 2010 - Race Data'



- The total Child population of Crawford is 4053
- The total Child population of Edwards is 1536
- The total Child population of Lawrence is 3,207.
- The total Child population of Richland is 3,608.
- The total Child population of Wabash 2,648.
- In all the Counties the predominant race is White (84.5% of 15,052 total population).
- There are negligible numbers of persons of Asian Pacific Islander and Native American background



# Child Poverty Rates by County

(Southern Region)

Illinois Child Poverty Rate = 17.7%



County & Child Poverty Rate	County & Child Poverty Rate	County & Child Poverty Rate
Hardin – 35%	Washington – 13.3%	Randolph – 19.4%
Pope – 29.3%	White – 23.3%	Effingham – 15.0%
Franklin – 27.2%	Richland – 19.7%	Clinton – 12.2%
Massac – 28.1%	Lawrence – 24.8%	Jefferson – 25.4%
Gallatin – 31%	Union – 24.7%	Marion – 25.1%
Pulaski – 33.5%	Bond – 18.4%	Franklin – 27.2%
Edwards – 15.8%	Wayne – 21.6%	Jackson – 27.5%
Alexander – 48.6%	Crawford – 20.1%	Williamson – 22.3%
Hamilton – 21.9%	Fayette – 22.9%	Madison – 18%
Massac – 28.1%	Perry – 21.9%	St. Clair – 23%
Johnson – 18.1%	Saline – 30.5%	Wabash-18.6%
Clay – 21.1%	Monroe –5.3%	

# Service Data & Child Permanency Trends

# University Partnership

## Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE)

- University Partner consists of Faculty and research personnel (*e.g. Research assistants/Community Liaisons*) who help supervise and monitor efforts of each Action Team in the Southern Region
- Ongoing consults and engagement to
  - ✓ Review service data trends and assist teams in using data for action team goal development
  - ✓ Provide ‘Technical Support’ (i.e. assistance) with action team activity and development, as needed
  - ✓ Evaluate progress on action team goals/outcomes.

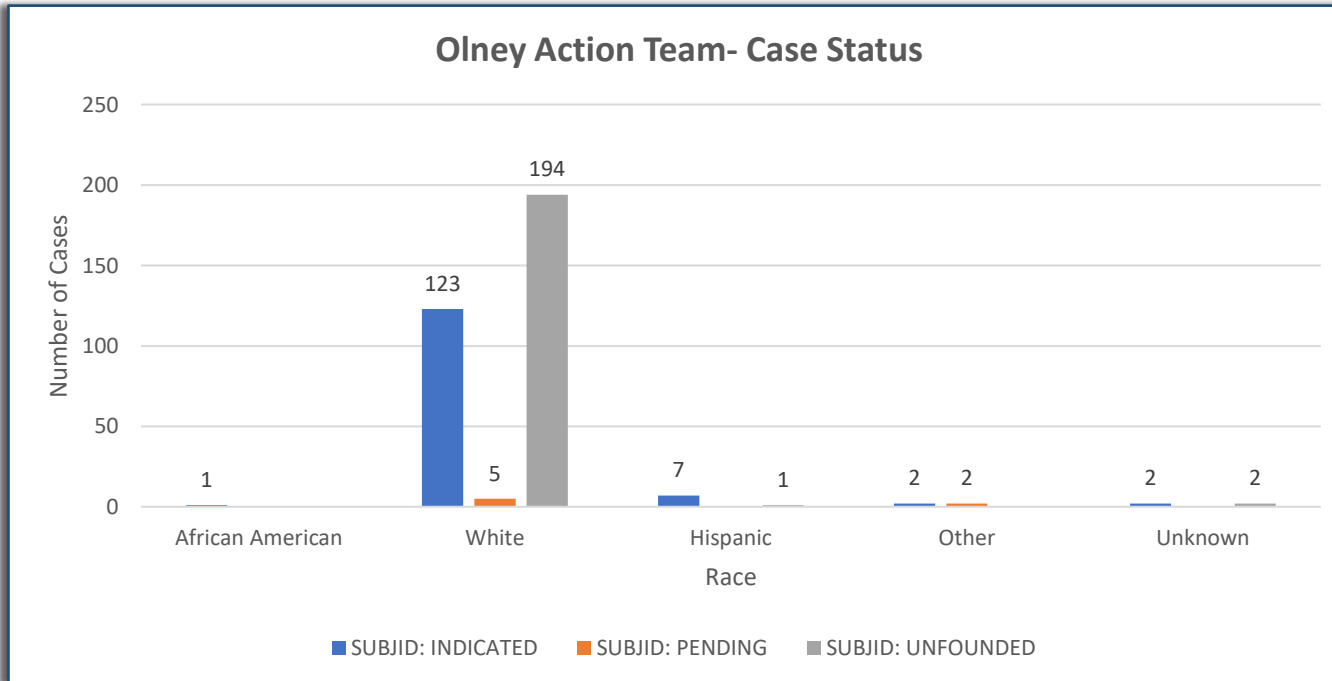
# Service Data & Child Permanency Trends

The following Slides will highlight service data trends for **Olney Action Team**

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# Indicated-Unfounded Cases

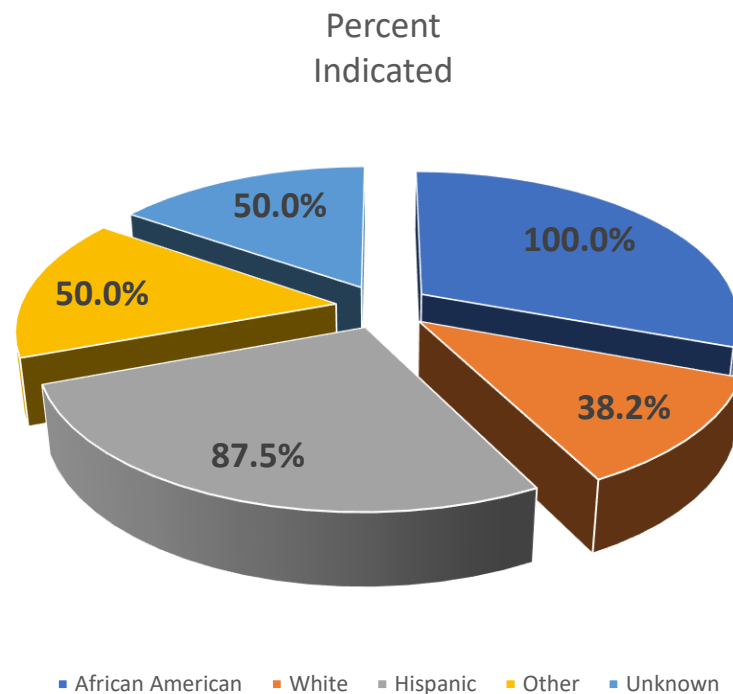
Race	SUBJID: Indicated	SUBJID: Pending	SUBJID: Unfounded	Total	Percent Indicated
African American	1	0	0	1	100.0%
White	123	5	194	322	38.2%
Hispanic	7	0	1	8	87.5%
Other	2	2	0	4	50.0%
Unknown	2	0	2	4	50.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>39.8%</b>



- Unknown race = youth whose race is not identified or assessed
- Other race = identified for youth who do not represent other race categories (e.g. AfAm, AAPI, Hispanic, NA or Unknown)
- There was a total of 486 indicated cases, with most of them being White.
- Other racial groups had low numbers of indicated cases, this is fitting to the population rate of other minority groups in the area
- Whites had the highest numbers of indicated cases (123)
- The highest percentages of Indicated Cases were among African American (100%) and Hispanic (87.5%) populations

# Indicated-Unfounded Cases

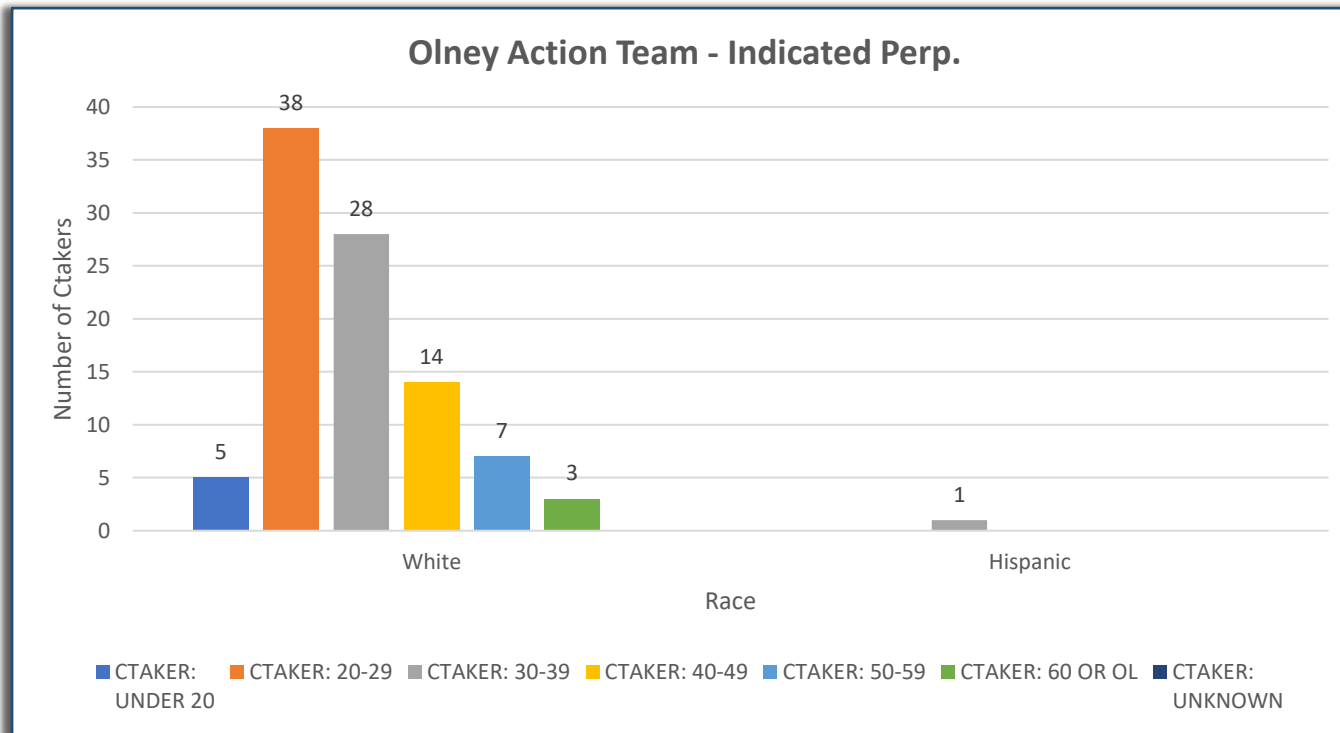
Race	Percent Indicated
African American	100.0%
White	38.2%
Hispanic	87.5%
Other	50.0%
Unknown	50.0%



A relatively low percentage of cases were indicated as compared to the number of cases with African Americans dominating followed by Hispanics

# Indicated-Perp

Race	CTAKER: Under 20	CTAKER: 20-29	CTAKER: 30-39	CTAKER: 40-49	CTAKER: 50-59	CTAKER: 60 OR OL	CTAKER: Unknown
White	5	38	28	14	7	3	0
Hispanic	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>



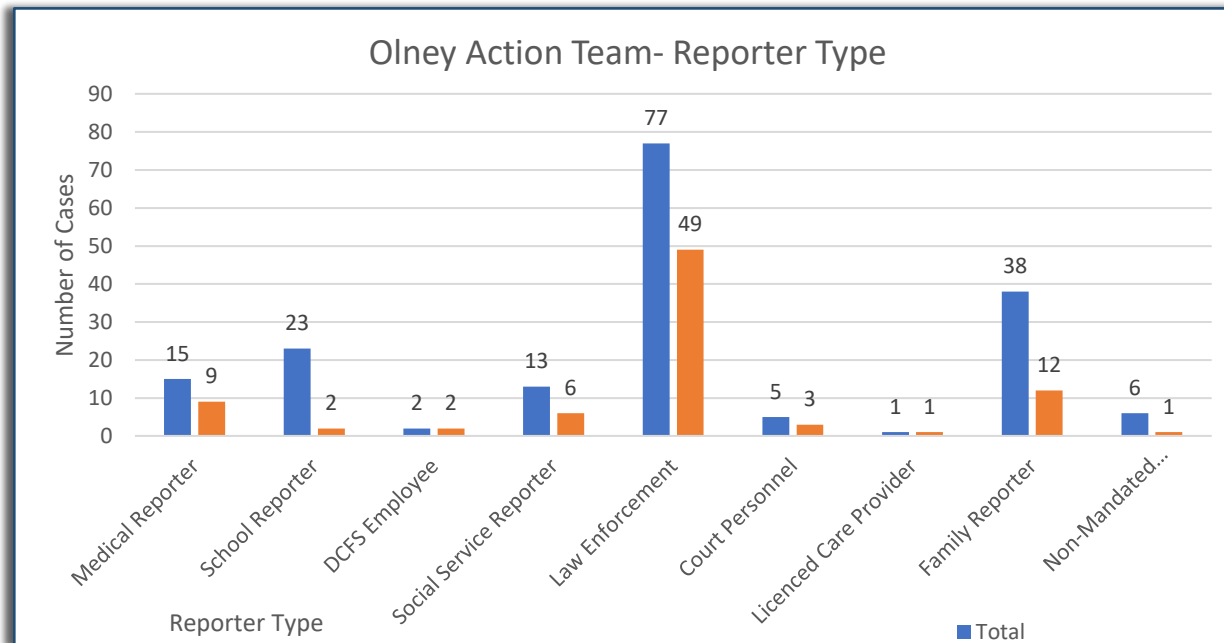
- Whites dominated the number Ctakers with a significant number between 20-29 and 30-39.



# Reporter Type

Reporter Type	Total	Total Indicated	Percent Indicated
Medical Reporter	15	9	60.0%
School Reporter	23	2	8.7%
DCFS Employee	2	2	100.0%
Social Service Reporter	13	6	46.2%
Law Enforcement	77	49	63.6%
Court Personnel	5	3	60.0%
Licensed Care Provider	1	1	100.0%
Family Reporter	38	12	31.6%
Non-Mandated Reporter	6	1	16.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>47.2%</b>

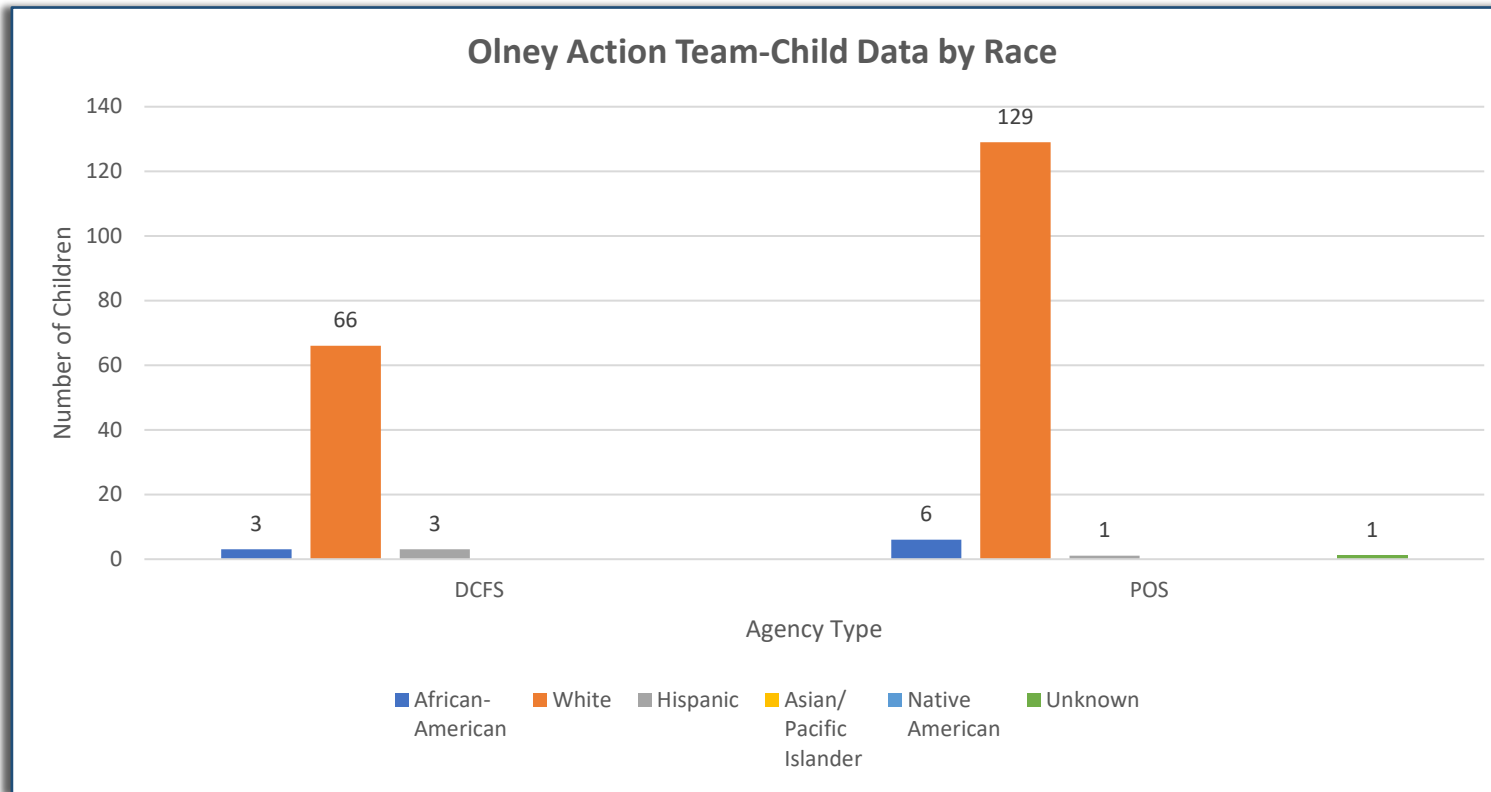
- Law enforcement dominated the number cases reported, followed by Family reporters.
- However, DCFS and Licensed Care Providers had the highest percentage of their cases indicated.



# Child Data, by Race

Agency Type	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
DCFS	3	66	3	0	0	0	72
POS	6	129	1	0	0	1	137
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>209</b>

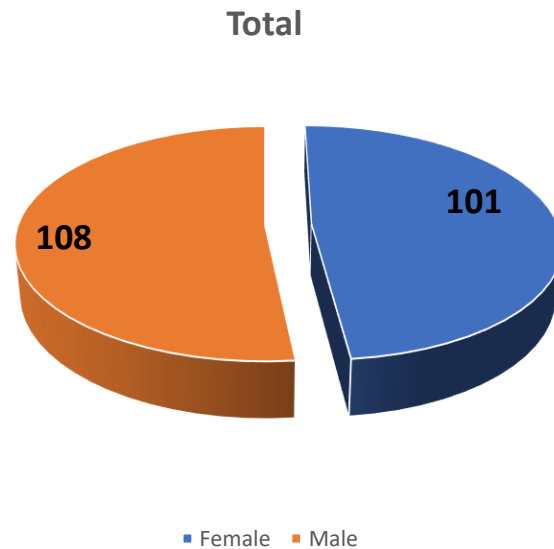
- DCFS had 3 African-American and 66 whites children
- POS had 6 children for African- American and 129 Whites.



# Child Gender

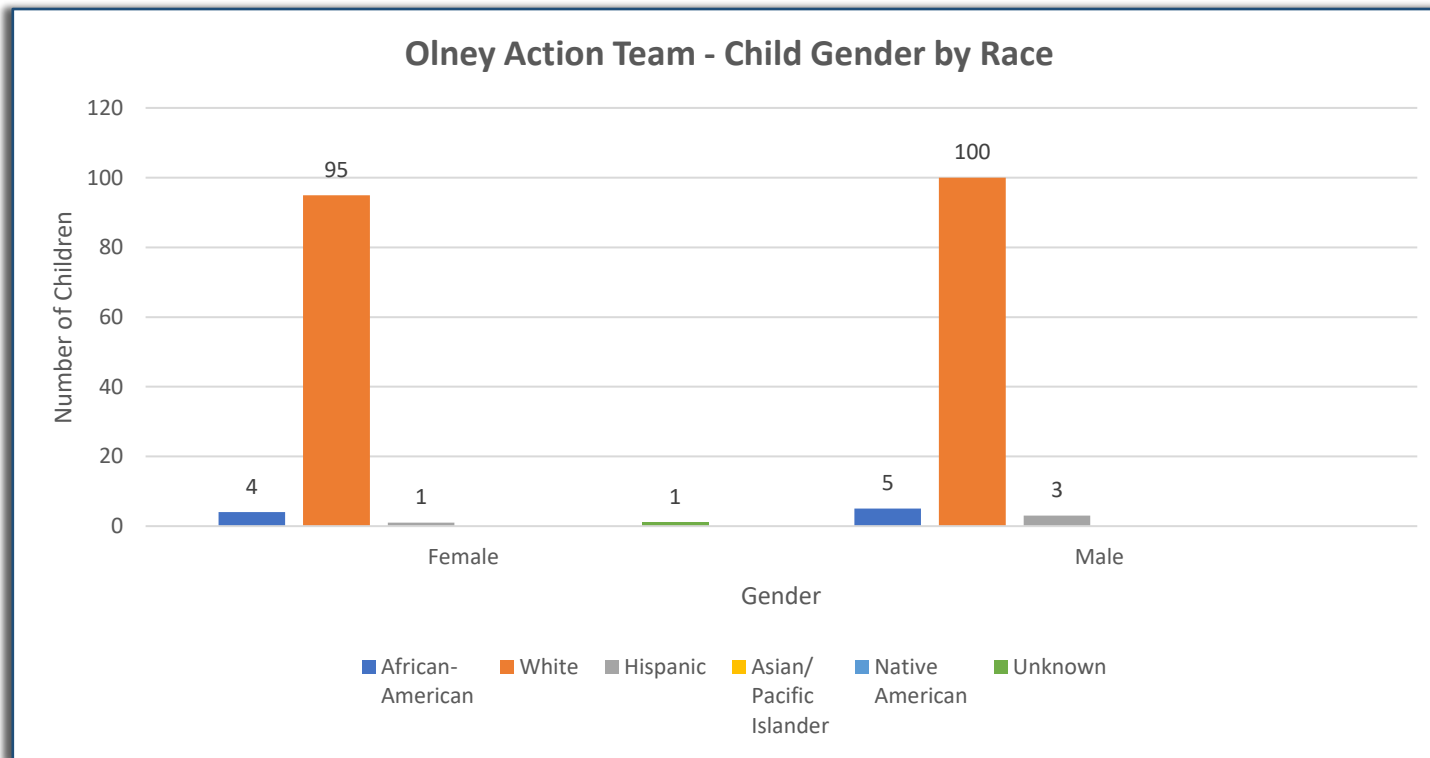
Gender	Total
Female	101
Male	108

Male dominated the number of children in the system.



# Child Gender by Race

Gender	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
Female	4	95	1	0	0	1	101
Male	5	100	3	0	0	0	108
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>209</b>

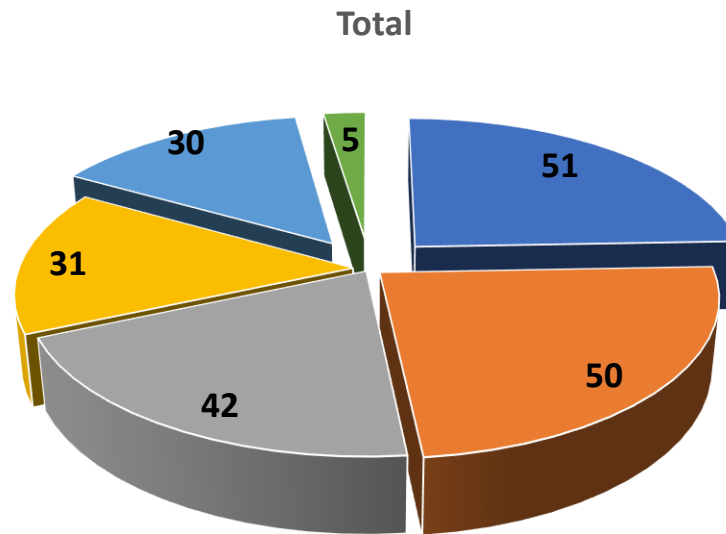


- Male Whites dominated the race.

# Child Age

Age Group	Total
00-02	51
03-05	50
06-09	42
10-13	31
14-17	30
18+	5

Age range between 00-02 dominated with a total of 51 cases followed by age 03-05, and 06-09, etc.

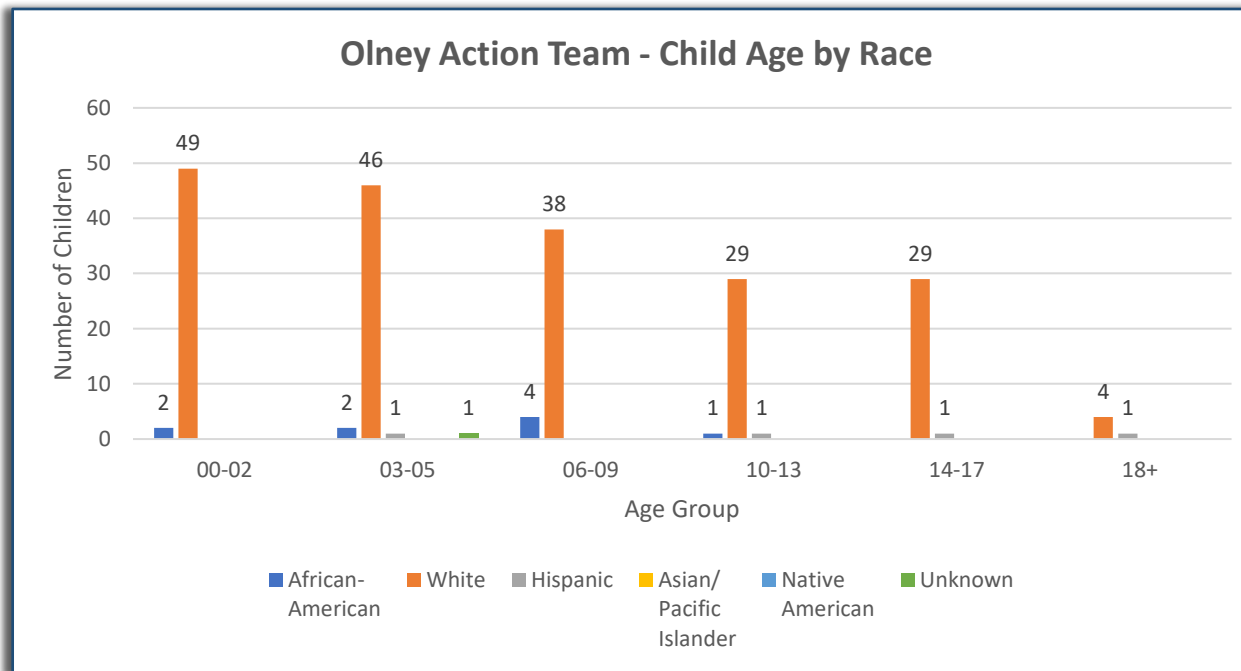


■ 00-02 ■ 03-05 ■ 06-09 ■ 10-13 ■ 14-17 ■ 18+

# Child Age, by Race

Age Group	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
00-02	2	49	0	0	0	0	51
03-05	2	46	1	0	0	1	50
06-09	4	38	0	0	0	0	42
10-13	1	29	1	0	0	0	31
14-17	0	29	1	0	0	0	30
18+	0	4	1	0	0	0	5
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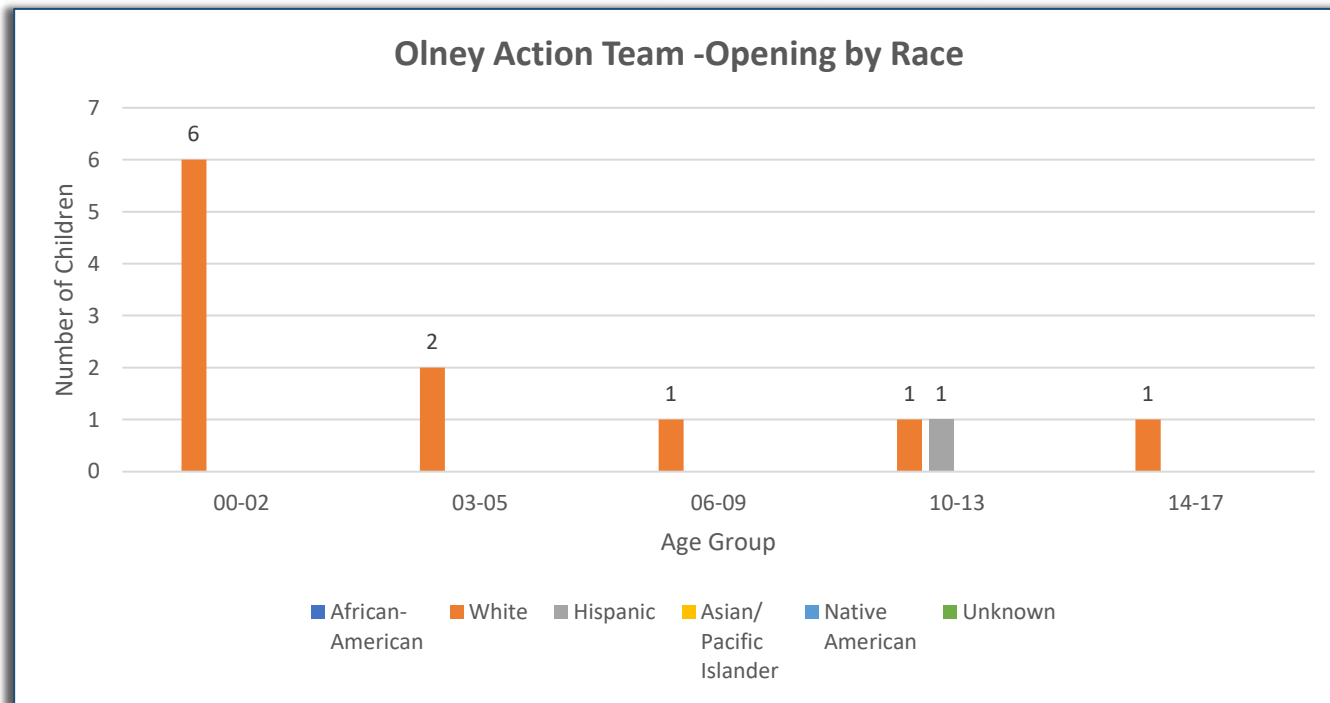
White children dominated age by race followed by African- American and Hispanic .



# Openings, by Race

Age Group	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
00-02	0	6	0	0	0	0	6
03-05	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
06-09	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
10-13	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
14-17	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>

- Whites largely dominated opening by race with 11 cases.
- The rest of the race had negligible representation

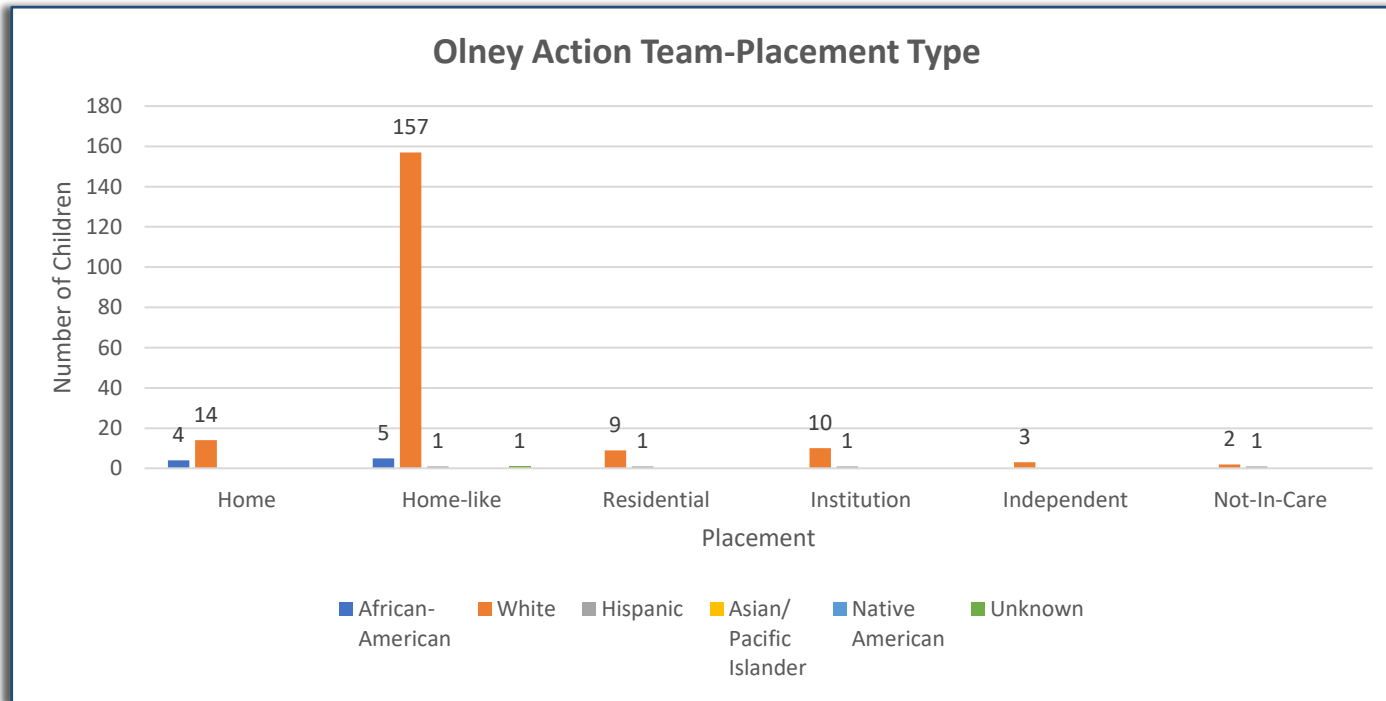




# Placement Type

Placement	African-American	White	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
Home	4	14	0	0	0	0	18
Home-like	5	157	1	0	0	1	164
Residential	0	9	1	0	0	0	10
Institution	0	10	1	0	0	0	11
Independent	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
Not-In-Care	0	2	1	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>209</b>

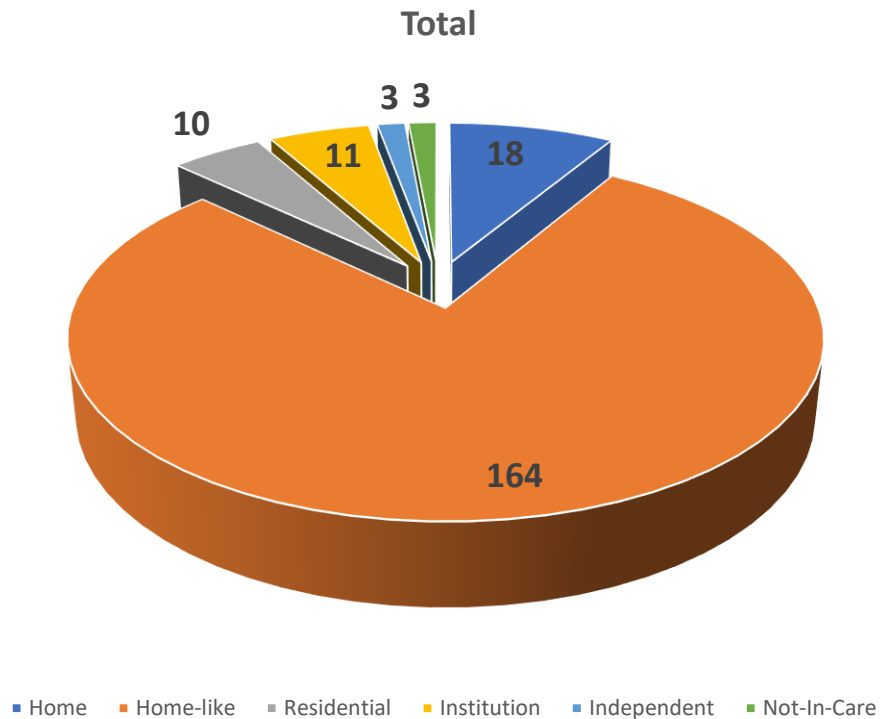
- African-American and white had 4 and 14 children respectively in Home.
- Home-Like placement type had 5 African-American and 157 whites



# Placement Type

Placement	Total
Home	18
Home-like	164
Residential	10
Institution	11
Independent	3
Not-In-Care	3

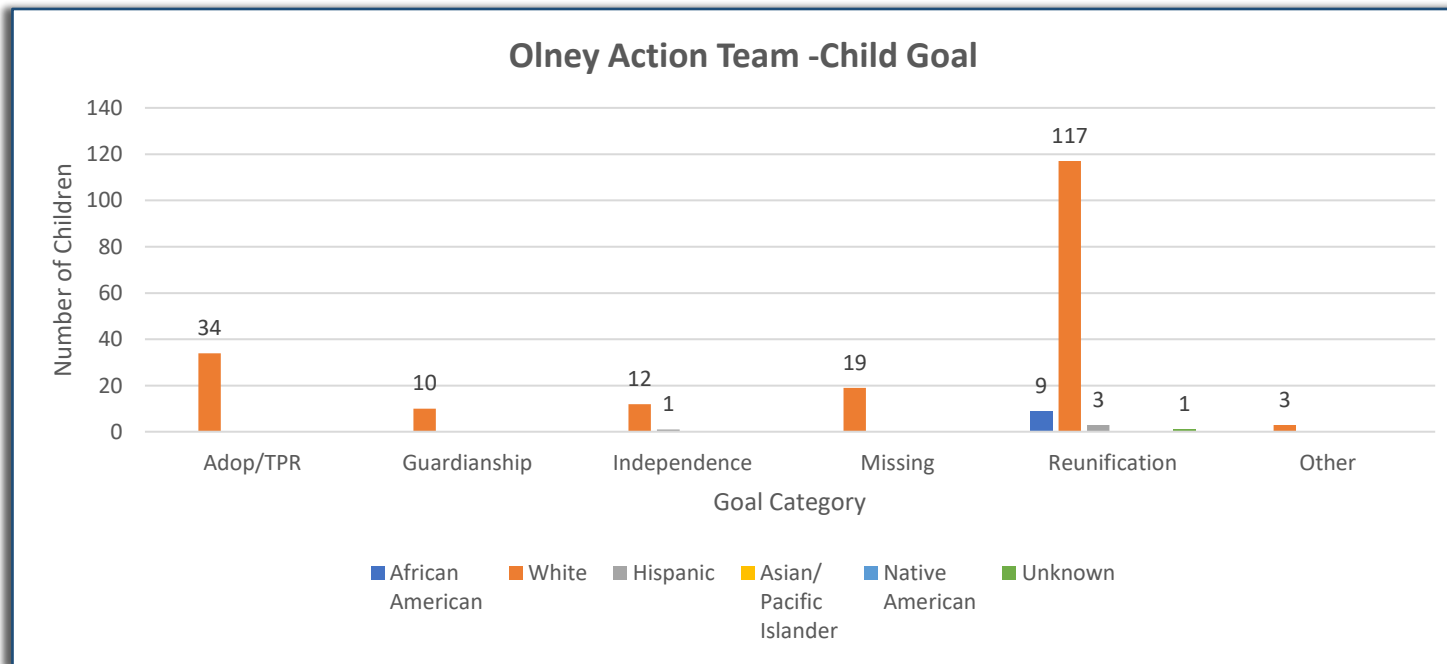
Home-Like dominated with 164 total placement.



# Child Goal

Goal Category	African American	White	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
Adop/TPR	0	34	0	0	0	0	34
Guardianship	0	10	0	0	0	0	10
Independence	0	12	1	0	0	0	13
Missing	0	19	0	0	0	0	19
Reunification	9	117	3	0	0	1	130
Other	0	3	0	0	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>209</b>

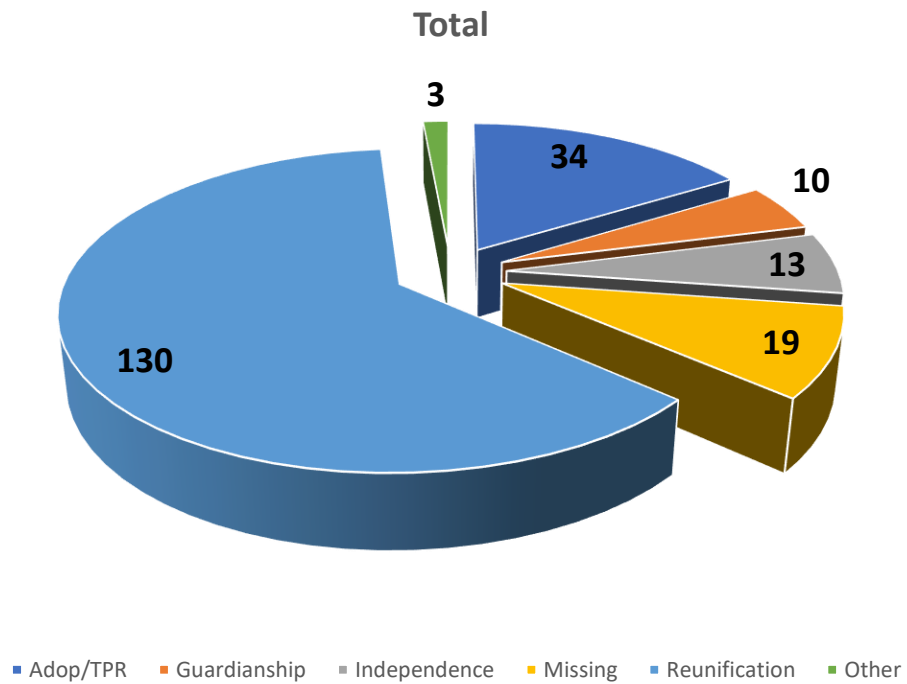
- 9 African-American and 117 White were Reunified.



# Child Goal

Goal Category	Total
Adop/TPR	34
Guardianship	10
Independence	13
Missing	19
Reunification	130
Other	3

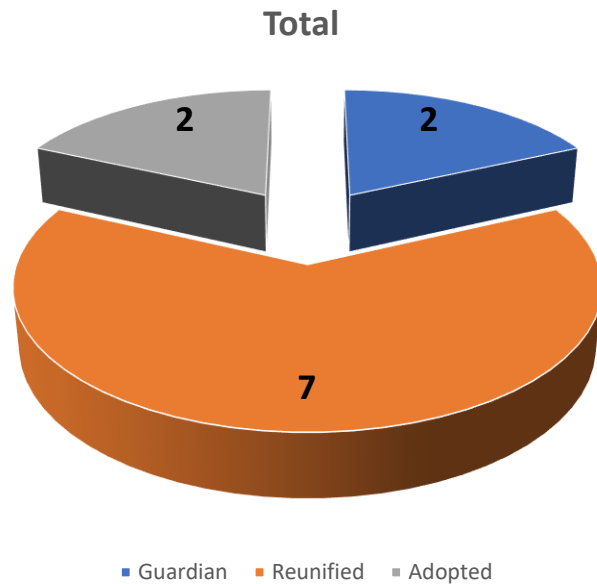
Reunification dominated the goal category.



# Permanency Placement Type

Goal Category	Total
Guardian	2
Reunified	7
Adopted	2

2 went to a Guardian, 7 were Reunified and 2 were adopted.



# Permanency Placement Type

Goal Category	African American	White	Hispanic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Native American	Unknown	Total
Guardian	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Reunified	0	7	0	0	0	0	7
Adopted	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>

- White dominated the placement.



# Disproportionality & Disparity

## **Disproportionality** –

Occurs when the percentage of a group of children in a population is different from the percentage of the same group in the child welfare system.

*For example, if 25% of the children in a county were African American, then 25% of those in foster care should be African American, all things being equal. That would be proportional. If these percentages differ there is disproportionality.*

## **Disparity** –

Unequal treatment or outcomes when comparing children of color to non-minority children.

*For example, if 30% of Hispanic children who are indicated are then placed into care, but only 15% of White children who are indicated are then placed into care, there is a disparity in the risk of entering placement, with Hispanic children at twice the risk to be placed into care outside their homes after indications.*

Disparity & Disproportionality examined at 4 critical points:

- Indicated Cases
- Entries into Care (Child Data, by race)
- Child Goal
- Permanencies



# Racial Disparity: Case Indications

Disparity Ratio\* for Indications [18-19]

Action Team	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19
Olney	0.91	0.91*	0.91*	2.66

Olney had a **Significant Disparity** with regards to Number of Indicated Cases of African American Children compared to their White counterpart.

# Racial Disparity: Child Goal

## Disparity Ratio\* for Indications [18-19]

<b>Permanency</b>	<b>FY15-16</b>	<b>FY16-17</b>	<b>FY17-18</b>	<b>FY18-19</b>
Adoption	0.00	0.00*	0.00*	0
Guardian	0.00	0.00*	0.00*	0
Independent	0.00	0.00*	0.00*	0
Missing	0.00	0.00*	0.00*	0
Other	NA	NA	NA	0
Reunification	0.31	0.31*	0.31*	9.46

Olney had **No Disparity** with regards to “Adoption”, “Guardian”, “Independence”, “Missing”, and “Other” of African American Children. However, there was a **Significant Disparity** with regards to Reunification of African American Children compared to their White counterpart.

# Racial Disparity: Permanency

## Disparity Ratio\* for Indications [18-19]

Action Team	FY15-16	FY16-17	FY17-18	FY18-19
Olney	0	0*	0*	0

Olney had **No Disparity** with regards to Permanency of African American Children compared to their White counterpart

*\*Disparity ratio on this variable = (number of African American children achieving permanency divided by number of African American children who enter care) over (number of White children achieving permanency by the number of White children who enter care).*

# *Racial Disparity: Indices Category*

No disparity - 0 to 0.99

Low disparity - 1.00 to 1.49

Moderate disparity - 1.5 to 2.49

Significant disparity - 2.5 to 3.49

# Action Team Development: *Activities, Goals, Outcomes*

# *About Carbondale Action Team (FY19)*



- Chairs/Co-Chairs

Lindsey Tompson is serving as Action team leader since November 2015.

\*As the Action Team is not active in 2019, continues with 2018 information.

## Action Team Goals

- Overall Development of the Action team.
- Focus on Olney County as the highest priority out of the five counties.
- Construct an active Action team membership.
- Conduct frequent meetings with the membership
- Improve the communication between the team members

# *Annual Activities (FY19)*

- Team is working on Exploration of potential Court Subcommittee
- Team is working on 'Pajama project'
- Team worked on 'shop with a cop' project
- Team is working on 'coat for kids' project



## Concerns/Barriers

- Maintain current action team engagement and leadership.
- Conducting Team meetings
- Communication with team membership
- Large area spread out to five counties with predominately rural setting.
- Limited resources for children transitioning from residential facilities to next steps toward permanency.



## RESPONSE to Concerns/Barriers

- Focus on one county at a time to focus on case-by-case systematic areas of improvement and resources by area.
- Discuss with other DFCS professionals, community stakeholders, and University Partners resources and networking opportunities for contracts.
- Explore innovative communicative ways to improve the communication among the team.

# *Outcomes (FY19)*

- Olney action team is focusing on sustaining the Team Membership as well as attendance, Growth of committee focusing on court-related issues similar to Madison County's Court Sub-committee (Utilizing Juvenile Court Act
- Team focuses on region, court subcommittees, etc for the membership of the team.

# *Future Directions (FY19)*

## Next steps for this action team

- Sustain Action Team Membership as well as attendance
- Conduct frequent action team meetings
- Maintain active action team membership
- Continue working on innovative projects towards permanency.