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Judicial Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Analyst

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Introduction

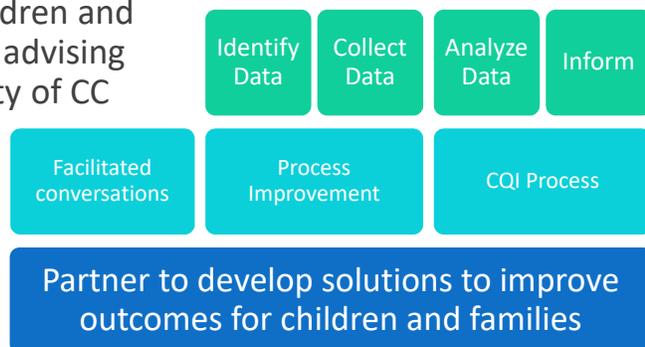
I was previously with The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) where I served in the Division of Systems Improvement on the DFPS Regional Systems Improvement team. After 13 years with DFPS I am excited to join the Center!

I was a Child Protective Services conservatorship caseworker in Bexar County, as well as the Community Initiative Specialist in Child Protective Services' Region 08.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Science from the University of Georgia at Athens, GA and a Master of Social Work with a major in Social Work Administrative Leadership from Texas State University- San Marcos.

CQI Analyst Role

The Judicial CQI Analyst will support the Judiciary's efforts to improve permanency outcomes for children and youth in foster care, as well as advising on the quality and sustainability of CC strategies.



Benefits of having a CQI analyst



Understand what data in the CPCMS system, publicly available DFPS data, AFCARS data, and other relevant data sources reveal about child protection systems at both a statewide and local level.



Meaningfully participate in conversations with local DFPS leadership about data, strategic planning, and systemic improvements.



Use relevant **data to inform** decisions about improving court processes, understanding if new processes or practices are improving performance, and **developing strategies** for court improvement which complement local DFPS/CPS goals and strategies.



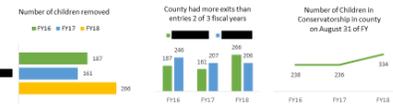
Judges have **data analysis support** on projects and a guide to assist with process improvement along with embedding **continuous quality improvement** into court projects and court improvements.



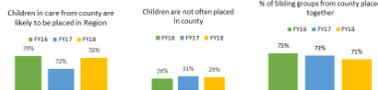
County

- Overview**
- The population of children in DFPS custody from County is growing over time. The number of children new to care due to removal is trending up and children in care from County stay in care longer than the region X average.
 - The longer stays in care are largely due to the exit types most often employed in the county. Relative or non-relative adoption and permanent managing conservatorship (PMAC) to relative with permanency care assistance (PCA) typically take longer to achieve than reunification or PMAC without PCA. However, children from County are likely to achieve permanency, with a declining number of children exiting to emancipation over time.
 - A child in care from County is likely to be placed in region X but not in their home county, and sibling groups placed together is trending down for County, while increasing overall in region X.

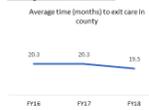
Children Entering, Exiting, and in Care



Placements



Average time to exit care



Recidivism



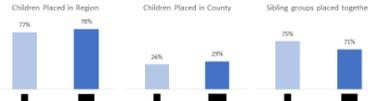
Data Source: DFPS Data Book FY18



County and Region X in FY18

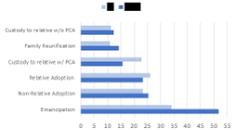
The child population in Region X and county are increasing over time. Region X continues to trend up in entries into care and county is following the trend in FY18. While children are likely to stay in region, they are not placed in their home county. Siblings are often placed together.

Placement (on Aug 31)



Time in Care and Exit Type

Time in care by exit type in RX and county in FY18

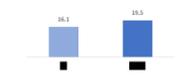


In Region X reunification and PMC to relative without PCA are likely exits. It took longer to exit from care in County than Region X for all exit types.

% of Exits by type in RX and county FY18



Average time to Exit RX and county in FY18



Recidivism

Recidivism outcomes for children who returned home from CPS custody within CPS Conservatorship and subsequently alleged a victim (an investigation within the noted time period).



In FY18, Recidivism after 12 months is similar in County and region X.

Data Source: DFPS Data Book FY18

Appendix of Data (DFPS Data Book 2018)

	FY16		FY17		FY18	
	RX	county	RX	county	RX	county
Entries into Care	2729	187	2833	161	3602	266
Number Children in DFPS Custody (Aug 31)	3953	238	4043	236	4696	334
Number of Children in Sub Care (Aug 31)*	3684	229	3689	231	4265	316
Number of Exits	2780	246	2844	207	3081	206
Primary Exit Type	RX	county	RX	county	RX	county
Family Reunification	32%	28%	31%	31%	36%	32%
Custody to relative w/ PCA	3%	5%	3%	6%	3%	7%
Custody to relative w/o PCA	27%	22%	29%	19%	29%	17%
Relative Adoption	18%	16%	18%	14%	14%	18%
Non-Relative Adoption	13%	18%	13%	25%	12%	19%
Emancipation	6%	10%	5%	4%	5%	5%
Time to Exit	RX	county	RX	county	RX	county
Family Reunification	11.7	12.3	11.7	12.2	11.3	12.3
Custody to relative w/ PCA	20.4	16.5	22	14.5	22.8	15.6
Custody to relative w/o PCA	11.2	12.6	11	12.9	11	14.3
Relative Adoption	24	20.9	23.9	22.1	23.3	25.4
Non-Relative Adoption	26.4	28.2	27.2	34	26.1	23.3
Emancipation	41.6	43	38.5	35.7	34.1	51.8
Children Placed in Region (on 8/31)	RX	county	RX	county	RX	county
Children Placed in Region (on 8/31)	78%	79%	78%	72%	77%	78%
Children Placed in County (8/31)	30%	26%	30%	31%	26%	29%
Sibling groups placed together	71%	75%	72%	73%	75%	71%
12-month Recidivism Rates for CVS*	22%	26%	21%	18%	22%	20%

*Does not include children returned home (ex. Monitored return)
 * Recidivism outcomes for children who returned home from DFPS custody within CPS Conservatorship and subsequently alleged a victim within the noted time period. Children in DFPS custody are included when initial responsibility for legal responsibility through transfer of placement management or otherwise (not ordered) to the county. For the complete outcome, check the child's initial DFPS legal responsibility in the prior FY to establish if they are included in the next fiscal year. The outcome reported in 2018 is being reported from FY2017. (DFPS Data Book)



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