Pursuant to AB 298 from the 80th Legislative Session:

3. On or before August 1 of each year, an agency which provides child welfare services shall publish on an Internet website maintained by the agency a report which includes, without limitation:

(a) Information relating to whether the agency achieved the goals established pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 for each quarter of the immediately preceding year;

(b) The number of children placed outside this State for more than 15 days during the immediately preceding year, including, without limitation, the number of children placed in residential treatment facilities outside this State for more than 15 days during the immediately preceding year;

(c) The reasons for the placements described in paragraph (b);

(d) A summary of changes that could prevent the placements described in paragraph (b); and

(e) A summary of changes or actions necessary to allow children who are currently placed outside this State to return to this State.

3. (a). As this report is the first required by AB 298, the Division of Child and Family Services does not have goals established pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

(b)
Note: Numbers indicate total counts in Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)

Key:
JD = Judicial District; Youth in the Juvenile Justice System
Washoe County = Youth in the Child Welfare System
Clark County = Youth in the Child Welfare System
DCFS Rural = Youth in the Child Welfare System
NYP North = Youth in the Youth Parole Bureau System in Northern Nevada
NYP South = Youth in the Youth Parole Bureau System in Southern Nevada
Note: Numbers indicate total counts in Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019)
The reasons for out of state placements:

Division of Child and Family Services along with their system partners have identified 166 youth who are currently receiving supports and services in an out of state residential placement. These numbers do not account for children/youth placed by parents/family members accessing private pay and/or insurance. The reasons for placing a child out of state are varied and diverse. Diagnoses consistent with out of state placements are related to self-injurious and suicidal behaviors, mood disorders, aggression/assaultive and violent behaviors, youth with intellectual/developmental disability dual diagnoses, and those youth with sex offending behaviors that require a more specialized treatment. Placing children/youth in out of state residential facilities has traditionally been due to the lack of sufficient therapeutic interventions/providers at the community level, long wait lists, and/or unsuccessful treatment at Nevada facilities.

A summary of changes that could prevent out of state placements:

Needed interventions include but are not limited to, Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP), Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) and/or access to a short-term intermediate care facility which would be utilized to stabilize the child/youth’s behavior through assessment, medication management and intensive behavioral interventions. These clinical interventions combined with immediate access to High Fidelity Wraparound (intensive care coordination) would allow the child/youth the support necessary to remain in their homes, schools and communities.

A summary of changes or actions necessary to allow children who are currently placed outside this State to return to this State:

A collaborative effort between the treatment facility, family/caregiver, placing agency, and Wraparound in Nevada (WIN) is imperative as the team would have the opportunity to develop a comprehensive transition plan that may include a step-down intervention with intensive clinical support and continuity in care coordination upon their return to the community.