

Director



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



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Pursuant to AB 298 form the 80<sup>th</sup> 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 limitations:

(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 the State for more than 15 days during the immediately preceding year;

(c) The reasons for the placement described in paragraph (b):

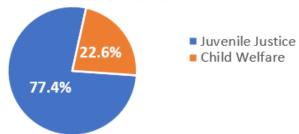
(d) A summary of changes that could prevent the placements described in paragraph (b); and

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

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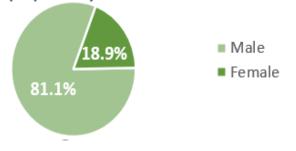
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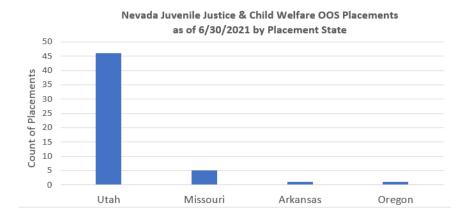


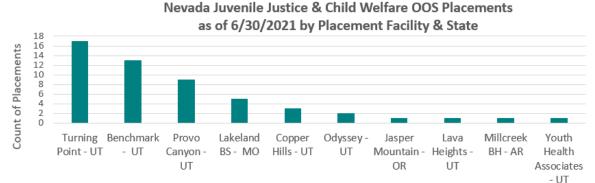


## Nevada Juvenile Justice & Child Welfare OOS Placements

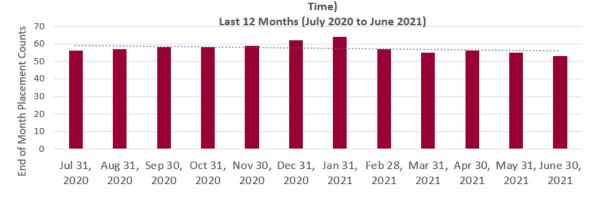
## as of 6/30/2021 by Gender







Nevada Juvenile Justice & Child Welfare OOS Placements as of Month End (Point in



(c) The reasons for the out of state placement:

Division of Child and Family Services has identified 53 youth who are receiving supports and services in out of state residential placements. These numbers do not account for children/youth placed by parents/family members accessing private pay and/or insurance. Neither does it account for children/youth placed by Department of Family Services in Clark or Human Service Agency in Washoe. The reasons for out of state placements has been due to lack of therapeutic interventions or providers at the community level to provide adequate treatment facilities to address self-injurious and suicide behaviors, aggressive/assaultive and violent behaviors, severe developmental disabilities, those youth with dual diagnosis and mood disorders.

## (d) A summary of changes that could prevent the placements

Needed interventions include but are not limited to, Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP). Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) and/or access to short-term intermediate care facilities which would be utilized to provide stabilization for children/youth's behavior through assessment, medication management and intensive behavioral interventions. This

clinical intervention combined with immediate access to High Fidelity Wraparound (intensive care coordination) would allow the child/youth supports necessary to remain in the state and in their communities.

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

Development of sufficient IOP, PHP and crisis services to be able to address the initial instability and provide time to provide for a more in-depth understanding of the child/youth and family needs to provide the most appropriate supports. Contracting or developing more specialized placement homes for severely disabled children or those with self-injurious and suicide behaviors, aggressive/assaultive and violent behaviors, severe developmental disabilities, those youth with dual diagnosis and mood disorders. These homes could also function as a step down for children/youth who are returning from out of state placements to help provide a period of transition. As indicated in in section 3 (a) of the bill the number of foster homes is at a crisis level.