

**Report to the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet
on the
Interagency Agreement
To Coordinate Services for Children Served By More than One Agency**

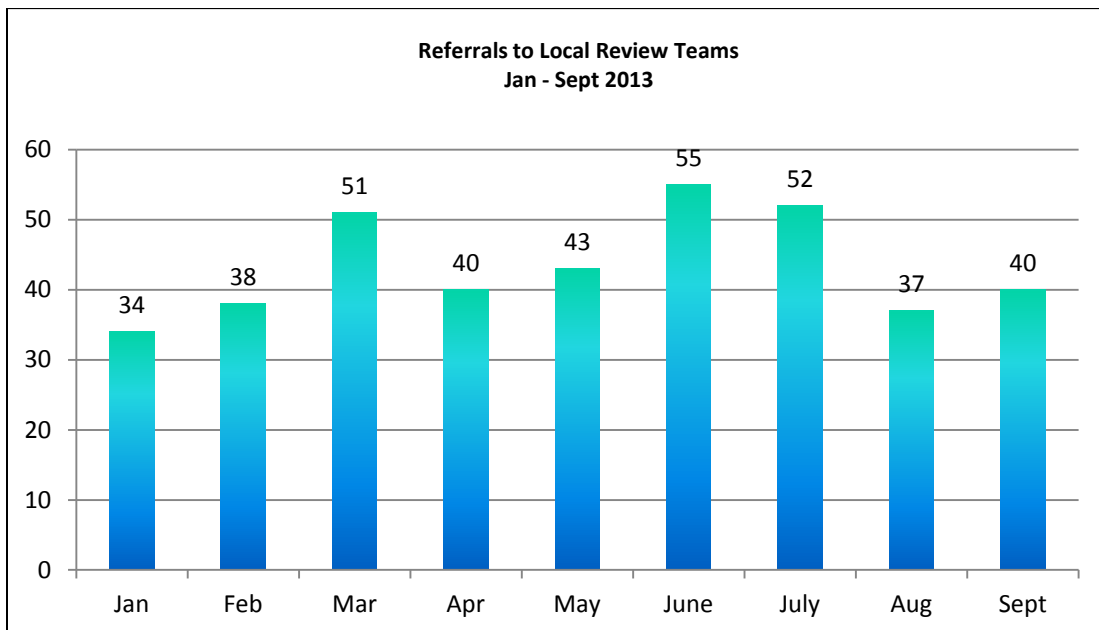
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Since its execution in October 2012, the Interagency Agreement to Coordinate Services for Children Served by More than One Agency has provided the support and infrastructure to help resolve challenging cases so that children and their families receive necessary and appropriate services in a timely manner. The Review Teams serve to ensure that cases involving more than one agency do not languish at a local level if additional assistance is needed to assist in resolution. The review and referral process is proving to be successful in fully engaging the participating agencies in the resolution of difficult cases by facilitating and bolstering true collaboration among agencies.

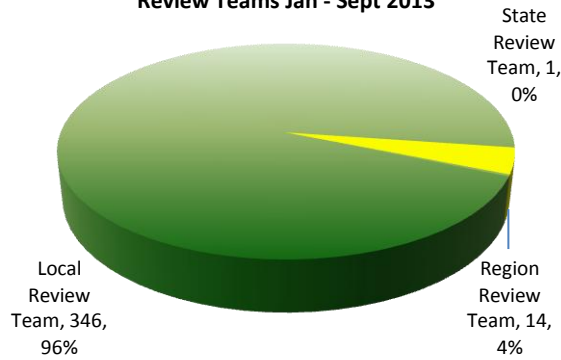
In this first year of implementation, Local, Region and State Review Teams were formed with active representation from each of the eight participating agencies. Information sharing and technical assistance continues to take place, Review Teams at all levels are actively engaged, and reporting of team activities, referral and resolution of cases is occurring.

Fourth Quarter Updates:

- Local, Region and State Review Teams continue to meet monthly, or more often if a case requires immediate attention.
- In addition to providing regular reports on numbers of cases referred and resolved by teams at different levels, the review teams have begun reporting the specific agencies involved in a case. This information will serve to track initial trends to assist in the identification of future needs and system changes.

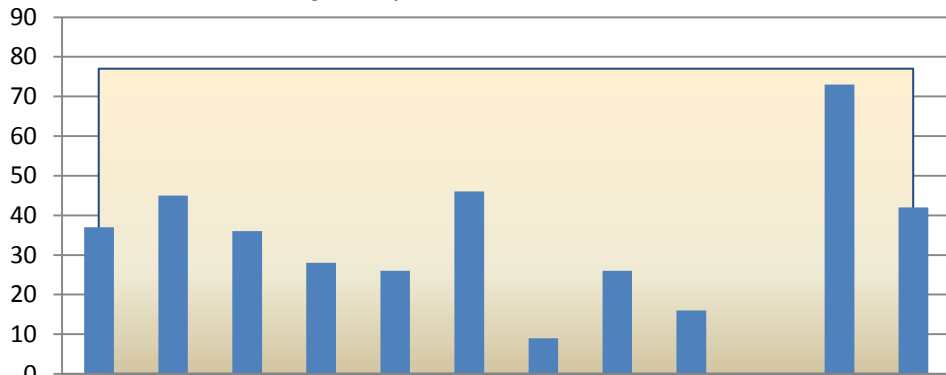


Cases Resolved by Local, Region, and State Review Teams Jan - Sept 2013



Recently, review teams began recording information on the agencies involved in specific cases. The chart below reflects the first two months of this information.

**Agency Involvement in Referred Cases
August - September 2013**



	AHCA	APD	DCF-CW	DCF-SAMH	DCF-Other	DJJ	DOE	DOH	GAL	FOEL	CBC	ME
Total Children	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77	77
Children by Agency	37	45	36	28	26	46	9	26	16	0	73	42

Case Example from Local Review Team: following is an example of a case that was referred to and resolved by a Local Review Team.

WR, age 17, was the victim of abuse prior to his adoption in Puerto Rico. According to his adoptive parents, he was subject to frequent abuse prior to his adoption, including burning with cigarettes, being locked in a closet for days, and sexual abuse. His adoptive parents have significant health issues, which makes them at risk of injury resulting from his behavior outbursts. His adoptive parents speak little English which has been a barrier to services.

At the time of referral to the Local Review Team by his case manager, WR was in juvenile detention and was in need of an appropriate residential placement due to various risk factors and behavioral issues. He had a history of criminal activity and had previously been committed under the Baker Act. The State Attorney's Office advised they were considering filing adult charges, and the Local Review Team worked together toward the goal of placing him in an appropriate residential treatment center, with hopes that the adult charges would not be filed.

The Local Review Team met twice to discuss the residential placement application and status. Unfortunately, while waiting for an available placement, adult charges were filed and he was moved to the county jail. However, the Local Review Team advocated on the youth's behalf, and WR was discharged from the county jail to a residential setting.

The Sheriff's Office, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Children and Families, and the local Managing Entity continued to track the application process until WR was successfully placed. Through the collaborative Review Team process, the Sheriff's Office offered to transport the parents to the facility so they could regularly visit their child, and a bilingual therapist was assigned to assist.