

WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
AB 298 Reporting 2019

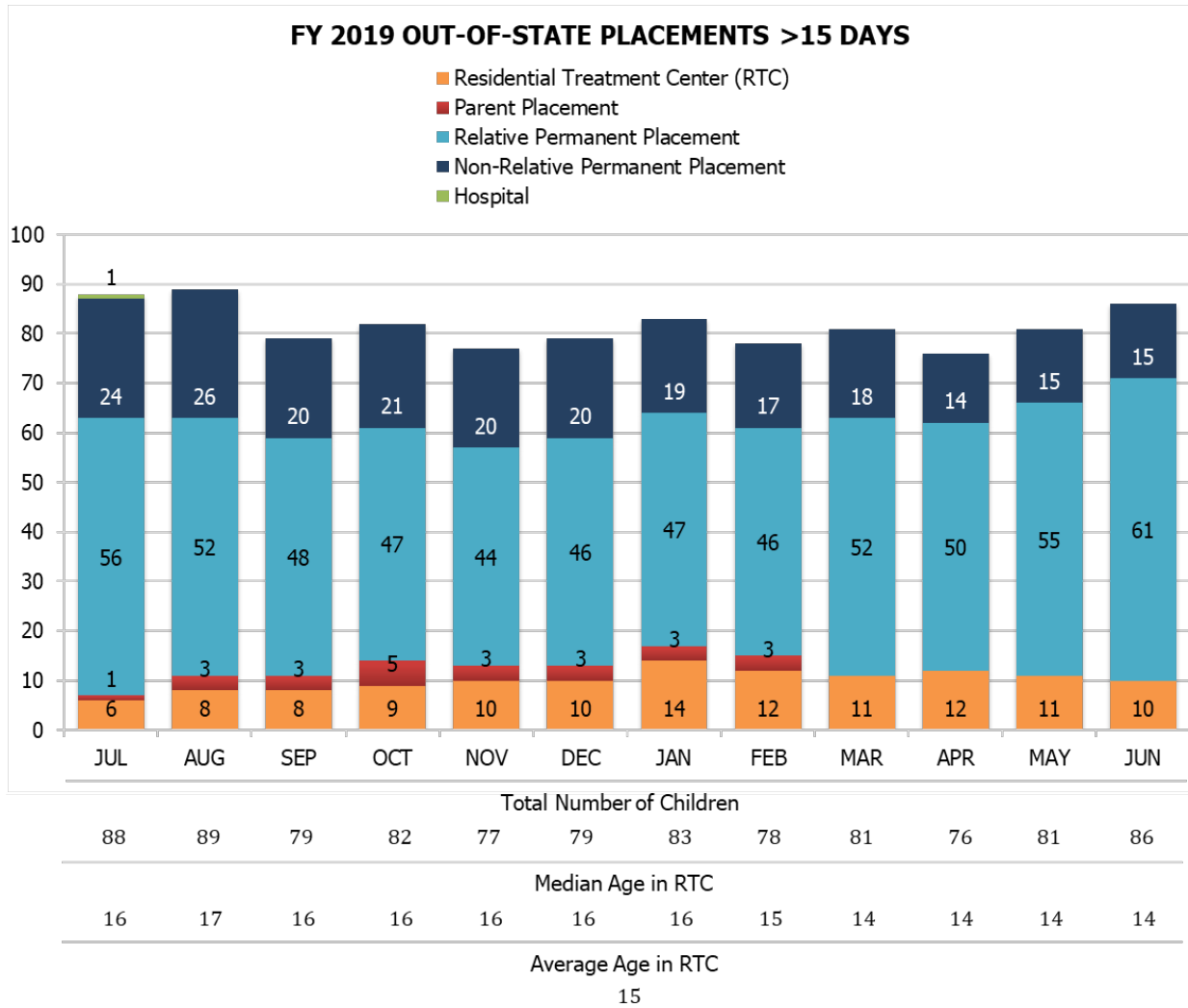
Pursuant to AB 298 from the 80th Legislative Session:

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, Washoe County Human Services Agency does not have goals established pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1.

3. (b):

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Children are placed out-of-state with parents, relatives or non-relatives with a plan to exit the foster care system by achieving permanency. These children are not typically expected to return to Washoe County.

3. (c)(d) and (e)

Reasons for Out-of-State Residential Treatment:

- Lack of community-based intensive outpatient or residential treatment options in Washoe County or Nevada to meet the severe behavioral or psychiatric needs of children
- Failed placements and/or treatment interventions available in Washoe County and Nevada

Prevention is key to maintaining children in their community. Washoe County is in need of Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP) that provide intensive, short-term services for

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children ages 6-18. An increase in local IOPs would allow youth to be immersed in services in their own community and increase the availability of natural supports for the youth and family, and potentially decrease the rate of entry into foster care. Additionally, Washoe County is in need of an increase in therapeutic foster homes to allow for children with more significant behavioral or emotional needs to remain in a family setting.