

## **Report on Survey of Foster Parents**

In an effort to view a snapshot of foster parents in Georgia today, the Foster Family Foundation, working with the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR), commissioned the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (CVIOG) at the University of Georgia to poll a random sample of foster parents throughout the state. Using simple random selection (SRS) from a complete list of foster parents fostering through DHR, and lists of families fostering through private providers,<sup>1</sup> CVIOG polled 400 individuals on their experiences as foster parents. The SRS method allowed researchers to eliminate any selection bias that comes with non-probability sampling techniques. It also gave every individual an equal probability of being selected to take the survey. The survey was conducted by telephone by professional interviewers working with Opinion Access Corporation in Long Island City, New York. The interviews, which averaged 24 minutes in length, were conducted in the first two weeks of April, 2006.

### **Profile of Foster Parents**

Our sample of foster parents included both those who foster through the state child welfare agency and those who work with private providers. The average number of years these respondents have served as foster parents is seven and a half; 79 percent have fostered for 11 or fewer years, and about 5 percent have fostered for 25 years or more. The average number of children respondents are currently fostering is 2.

Seventy-six percent of the respondents in this survey were female. Of the female respondents, 63 percent are married, and another 4 percent live with a partner; 32 percent are single. Ninety-seven percent of the males interviewed are married.

Of all respondents who are married or living with a partner, 48 percent of both partners work outside of the home. Among respondents who are single, 35 percent work outside the home full time, 13 percent work outside the home part time. Household income levels for foster families vary widely. Over one third of the survey respondents (36 percent) report household incomes below \$30,000 for 2005, and 47 percent of the respondents report household incomes below \$40,000. Six percent of the respondents report household incomes of more than \$100,000.

Although African Americans make up only 29 percent of the state's population, they comprise 42 percent of the state's foster parents, using estimates from this survey. Thus, we can conclude that African Americans are more likely to serve as foster parents than any other racial or ethnic group. Just more than half of foster parents (54 percent) are white, and about 2 percent are Hispanic.

---

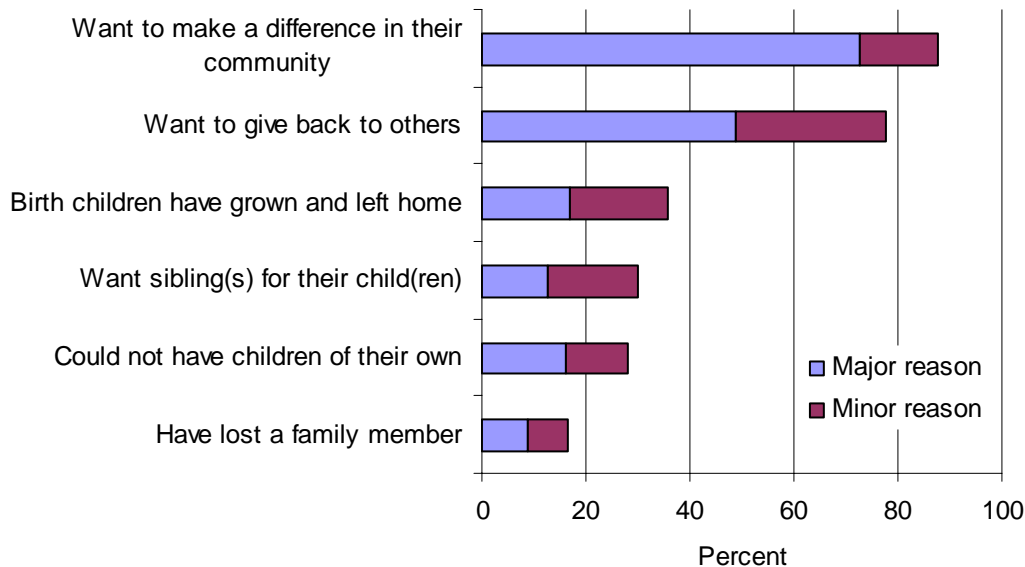
<sup>1</sup> We cannot be certain of the completeness of the lists of private providers because there is less known about that universe of foster parents.

## Motivation for Becoming a Foster Parent

Thirty-eight percent of the survey respondents say that they have adopted one of their foster children, and just over half of those<sup>2</sup> say that they fostered with the intent of adopting. When asked how long they intended to continue serving as a foster parent, a slim majority (53 percent) said that they will foster as long as they are able. One quarter of the respondents did not know or would not say how long they intend to foster. Five percent of the survey respondents said that they will only be fostering for another one to two years, and another four percent said that they would finish fostering after their current foster children leave.

Foster parents were read a list of reasons why some people take on the task of foster parenting, and for each reason, the foster parents were asked if it was a major reason, a minor reason, or if it had no bearing on their personal decision to foster. Of the reasons listed in our survey, the one that resonated most clearly with respondents was the desire to make a difference in their communities (a major reason for 73 percent), followed by a desire to give back to others (a major reason for 49 percent). Reasons that reflected the respondents' need to fill a void (loss of a family member, empty nest syndrome, et cetera) were not nearly as powerful drivers as the broader altruistic motivations.

**Figure 1: Reasons for Becoming a Foster Parent**



Perhaps more instructive were the responses that the foster parents offered of their own to the question of what influenced their decisions to become a foster parent. Many respondents simply said they became a foster parent because they love kids, and many cited examples of people they admired who fostered children—citing the example of their own parents, friends, or family. “I

<sup>2</sup> Fifty-two percent of the 38 percent of those who have adopted foster children (20 percent of the total) say that they fostered with the intent to adopt. Those who have not adopted foster children (62 percent of the sample) were not asked whether or not they fostered with the intent to adopt.

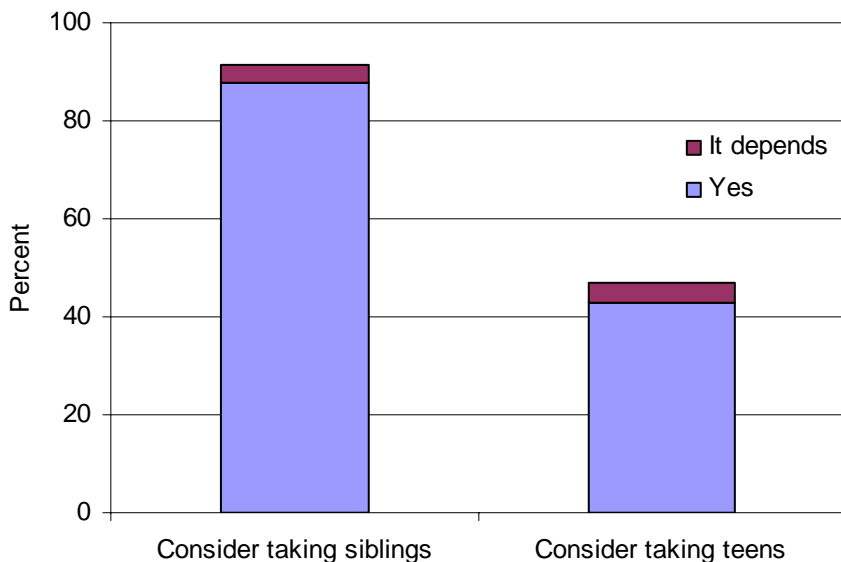
come a very large family, and several members of our family were adopted,” said one foster parent. It would appear, without further research that children of foster parents often follow the example set by their parents.

A vast number of respondents reach back into their own childhood to find their motivation to foster. One such respondent said, “I had someone to help me when I was growing up. My aunt's children were grown, and she wanted to keep me, and my mother agreed.” Still another respondent said, “because I was a foster care child at one time I thought that I would understand and enjoy it.”

Nine percent of those who offered a reason apart from those we listed cited their religion or faith as the primary motivation. One respondent stated, “God told me to do it, and I’m not crazy.” Others among this group cited their belief that fostering was a calling,. It is important to note that for this segment, the recruiting efforts targeting faith organizations is likely to be the best way to make the connection between foster care and one’s faith.

Eighty-five percent of the foster parents in our survey say that they would recommend fostering to family and friends. The unmarried foster parents—whether living with a partner or single—are slightly more apt to recommend fostering than are married foster parents. This may be reflected in the perspective of one respondent who said that he is a foster parent because his wife wanted foster children.

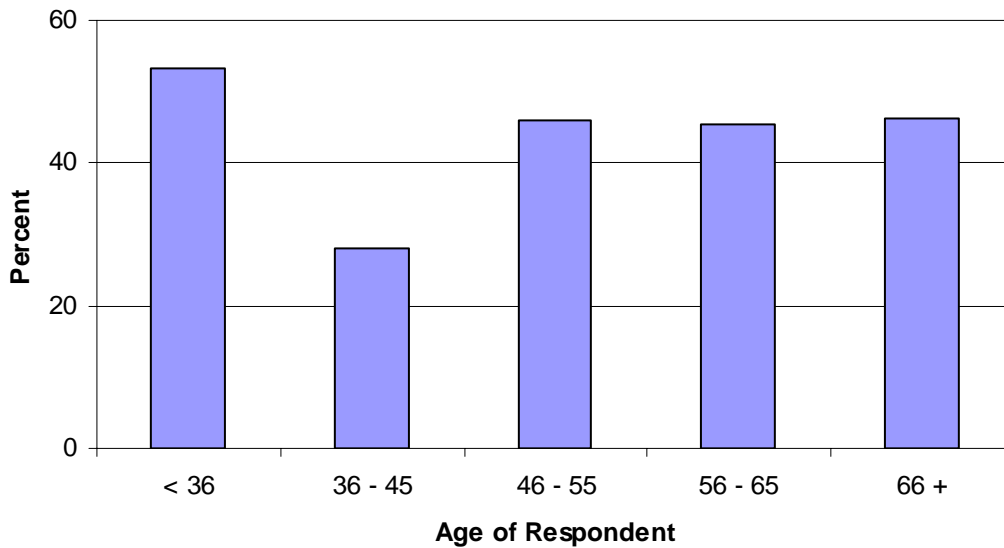
**Figure 2: Willingness to Take Siblings or Teenagers into One's Home**



Foster parents are likely to consider taking siblings into their home, but much less likely to consider taking teenagers. In fact, less than have said that they would consider taking teens, while 91 percent said that they would be open to taking siblings into their home.

Foster parents between the ages of 36 and 45 are the least likely to consider taking teenagers into their homes, and those under age 36 are the most likely (see Figure 3). The reasons given for not wanting to take teens into one’s home were almost all related to the perception that it was a considerable amount of additional work to foster teens than to foster younger children. For some, it wasn’t merely a matter of perception but some prior experience with teens that hardened their views. For example, one respondent said, “I had two girls. One of them ran off and stole my car, and it’s just too much.” Still another said, “We had one teen that ran up our phone bill to \$800, and another teen tried to set the house on fire.”

**Figure 3: Willingness to Take Teenagers into One's Home by Age of Foster Parent**



Many respondents cited a feeling that teenagers would be a bad influence on younger children in the house; for example, one foster parent said, “I have 2 children--ages 8 and 11 ... I don’t want older children to influence and abuse my children (because) they are older.” Protecting younger children and not wanting children older than one’s biological children were common reasons. On the lines of considering one’s biological children, one parent stated, “it would be making my biological child secondary some how,” and another said, “my oldest child is 12 and (I) don’t want to mess up dynamics of the family.”

## FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE THE FOSTERING EXPERIENCE

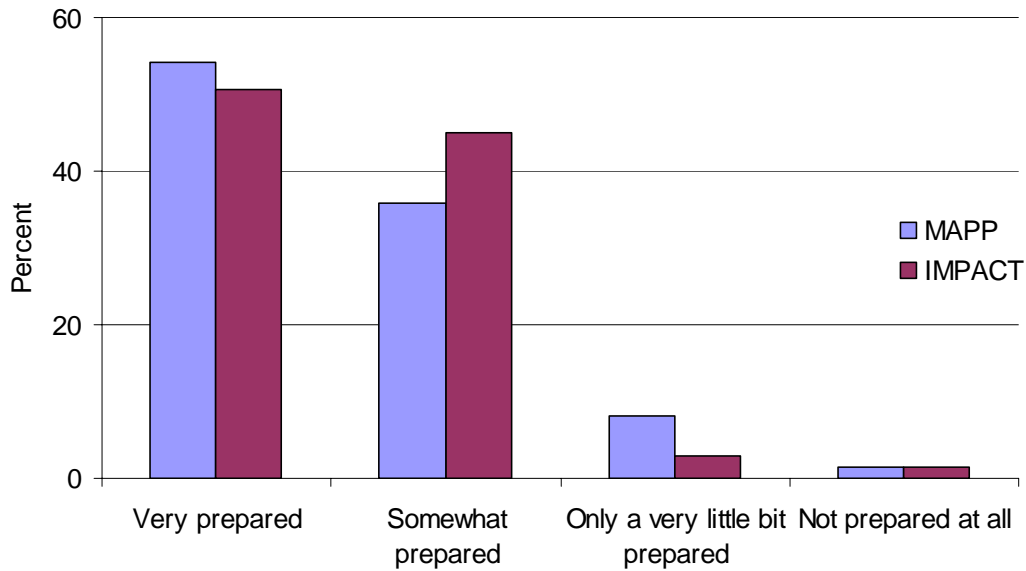
### Training

Foster parents feel generally well served by the training they have received. Eighty-three percent of those interviewed went through MAPP training, 17 percent trained with IMPACT, and 5 percent went through Treatment Resource Training.<sup>3</sup> Fifty-four percent of the foster parents say that the training they attended left them very prepared to foster, and another 37 percent say that

<sup>3</sup> Percentages add to more than 100 percent because many foster parents have attended more than one training program.

they were somewhat prepared by the training they attended. Those who have trained with MAPP report slightly higher levels of preparedness than those who trained with IMPACT, but the differences are not large enough to be statistically significant.

**Figure 4: Satisfaction with Training by Training Program**



The vast majority (87 percent) report that the training they attended was convenient to attend, and 83 percent say that there is training available in their community. Most importantly, 89 percent of foster parents say that the training they attended was relevant to the issue they face as foster parent.

The only area in which foster parents were not very positive about the training they received was the issue of child care provision; only one third (33 percent) said that child care was provided at the training they attended. After discussing the training and orientation, we asked if the respondent felt that training left them prepared to foster; 82 percent said that they believed it did.

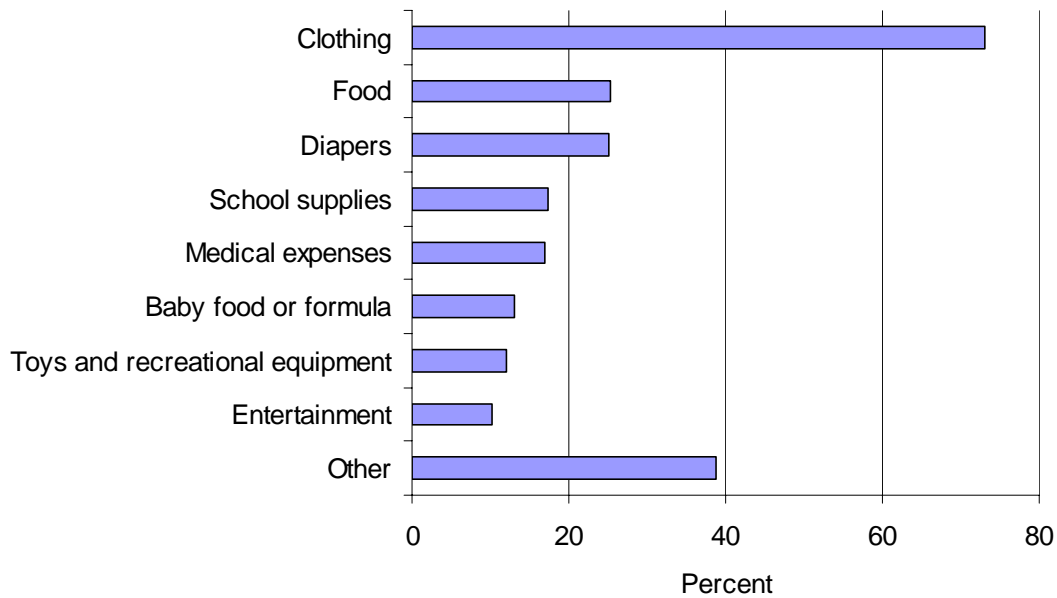
On average, foster parents report waiting 16 weeks between their orientation and being approved as foster parents; the median wait—the time above which 50 percent of the respondents fell—was 10 weeks. One third of all respondents (33 percent) credit paper work as the cause of the delay between orientation and approval, and 11 percent cite personal circumstances. Only 9 percent say that their delay was the result of the lack of availability of the necessary training.

As for the time between being approved and receiving their first placement, 6 percent said that they received their first placement before they even finished training. For the other respondents, the average wait was 14 weeks, with one respondent reporting that they had to wait 9 years. Because of this one outlier, the median wait time of 4.4 weeks may be a better estimate of the time parents must wait between being approved as foster parents and receiving their first placement.

## Expenses

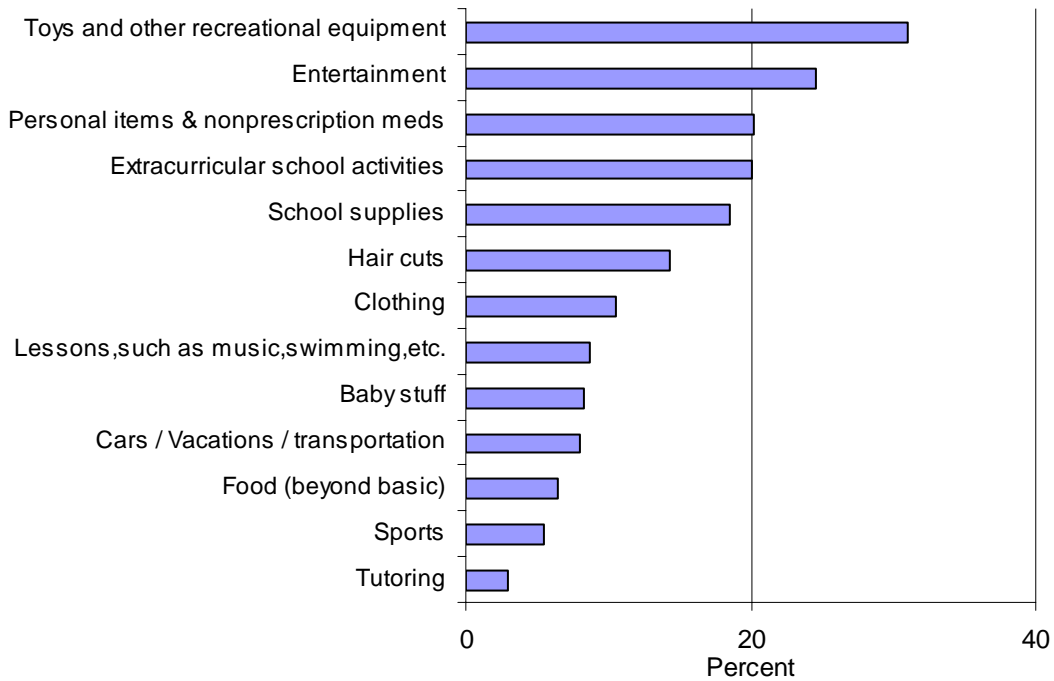
Among the expenses that foster parents have to pay up front, clothing is the most common; seventy-three percent of the foster parents in the survey say that they need to pay for clothing up front. One quarter of the respondents pay for diapers and food up front as well. On average, respondents say that it takes 4 and one half weeks to be reimbursed for the expenses that they make up front.

**Figure 5: Items in which Foster Parents Pay Expenses Up-Front**



Foster parents were asked what expenses they incur that are not reimbursable by the state. In some cases, the list of items was very lengthy, and on average, each respondent listed more than two items. The most common single response was toys and other recreational equipment (31 percent), followed by entertainment (25 percent). Included in the entertainment category were the parties attended, and included in the toys category are Christmas and birthday gifts.

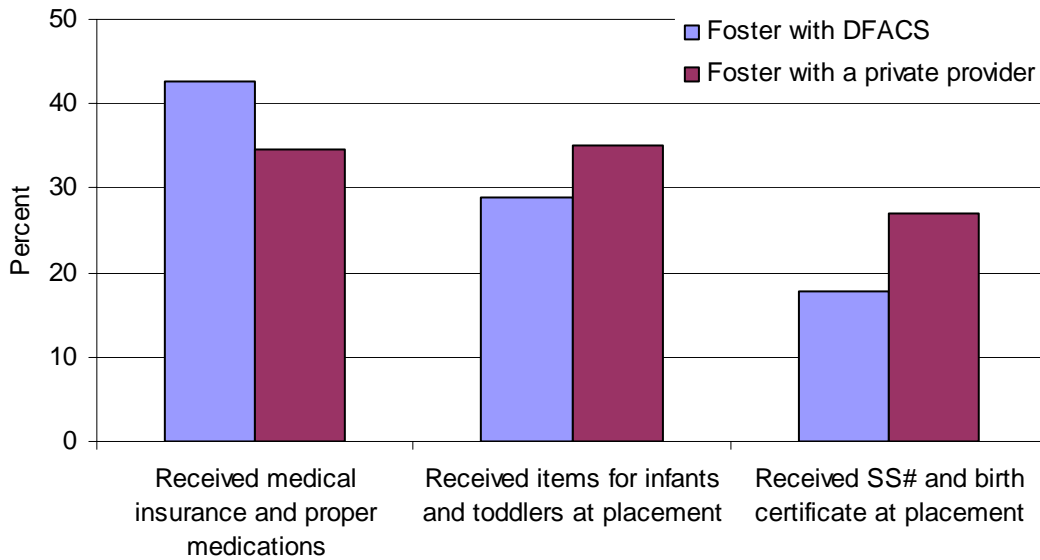
**Figure 6: Costs Incurred that are Not Reimbursed**



### **Information Transfers**

A majority of parents (71 percent) report that they either were not given enough information (58 percent) or they were not given any information at all (13 percent) about the foster child most recently placed with them. Twenty-eight percent say that they were given sufficient information. Only 18 percent of foster parents, overall, received birth certificates and social security numbers for their more recently placed foster child at the time of placement.

**Figure 7: Percent of Foster Parents Receiving Information or Supplies by Provider Type**



About two thirds of those with school-aged foster children (66 percent) say that they have never experienced delays in the paperwork necessary to enroll their foster children in school. Of those who have experienced delays—34 percent of the total with school-aged foster children—56 percent say that they have experienced delays on few occasions, and 44 percent say that they have experienced delays often (this represents 15 percent and 19 percent, respectively, of those with school-aged foster children).

Just over half of the foster parents interviewed (51 percent) say that the foster agency helps them with health services, and even more (62 percent) say that they, as foster parents, are involved in the decisions about mental and physical health services.

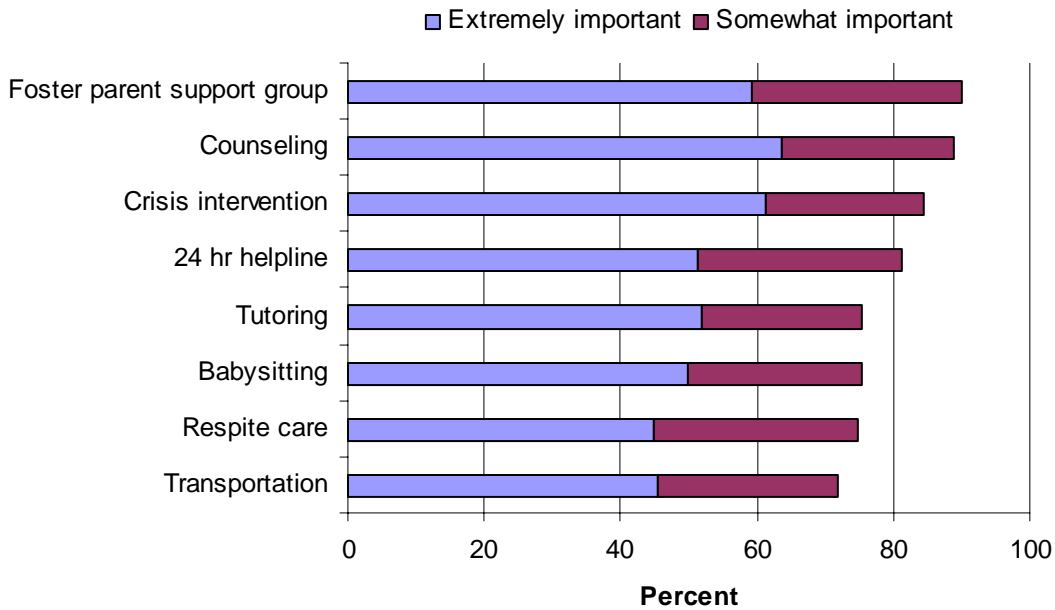
While 70 percent of foster parents say that they have opportunities to share information about their foster children with those preparing the case plan, only 55 percent say that they have similar opportunities to share information with judges or court personnel, and only 46 percent say that they have seen their foster child’s case plan. Just under half of the foster parents in our survey (48 percent) say that they are involved in planning the transitioning for their foster children.

As far as knowing their rights as foster parents, 90 percent fostering through DFACS and 73 percent fostering with private providers have received a copy of the DFACS Foster Parent Manual, and almost as many (86 percent) have a copy of the Foster Parent’s Bill of Rights. For those fostering with a private provider, 89 percent say that they have an agreement with the agency regarding their rights as foster parents.

## Needs and Access

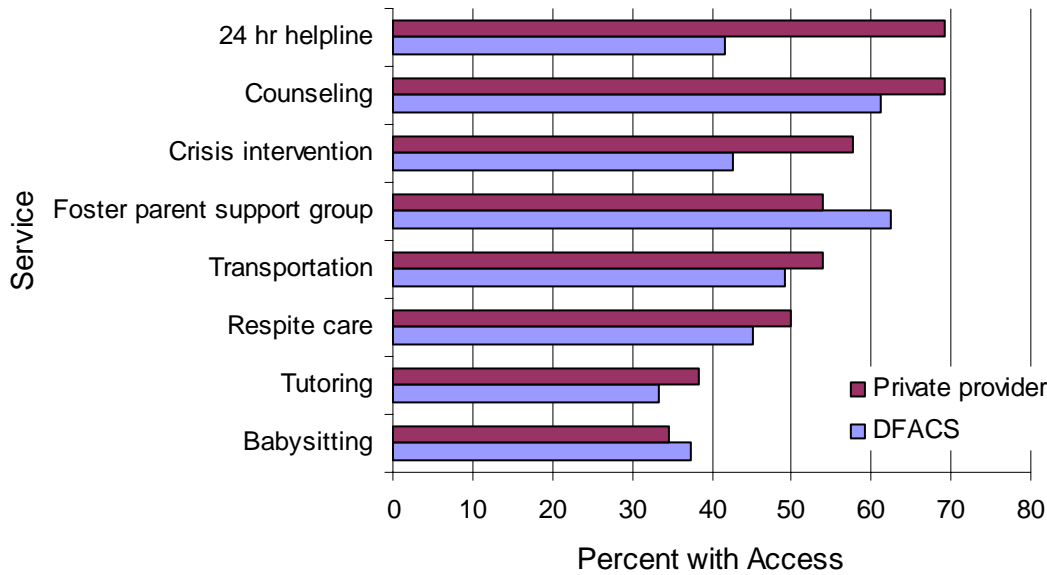
Foster parents list support groups and counseling as the most important services for fostering; while transportation, as a service, was listed as the least important of the services we measured, which was still rated as extremely important to 46 percent of respondents and as somewhat important to another 26 percent. Clearly, all of the services are seen as important.

**Figure 8: Importance of Services as Reported by Foster Parents**



Fortunately, a majority of foster parents say that they have access to the most important services—counseling (62 percent with full access, and 24 percent with limited access) and support groups (62 percent with full access, and 19 percent with limited access). Only 37 percent of respondents described babysitting and 34 percent describe tutoring as services readily accessible to them. In general, those fostering with private providers report having higher levels of access to services, with the exception of foster parent support groups and babysitting.

**Figure 9: Reported Access to Services by Provider Type**



In order to assess the greatest gap in needs, we created an index to measure the gap between the importance of a service and that services accessibility. The gap index we created was constructed at the individual level, so that the score for each service is a composite of the degree to which the service is accessible to the very people who believe the particular service is important. For example, if a given service is extremely important to one foster parent and not to another, accessibility of that service is more important for one than for the other. For every service, each respondent was given an importance-accessibility score based on the values in the Table 1. If a service is very important and fully accessible to a specific parent, the service receives a score of “3”, but if a service is very important but completely inaccessible, it receives a score of “-3”—the worst-case scenario. If a service means nothing to a particular parent and is completely inaccessible, it does not matter and is scored a “0”. We scored services that are accessible but unimportant as negatives, since these represent a misallocation of resources.

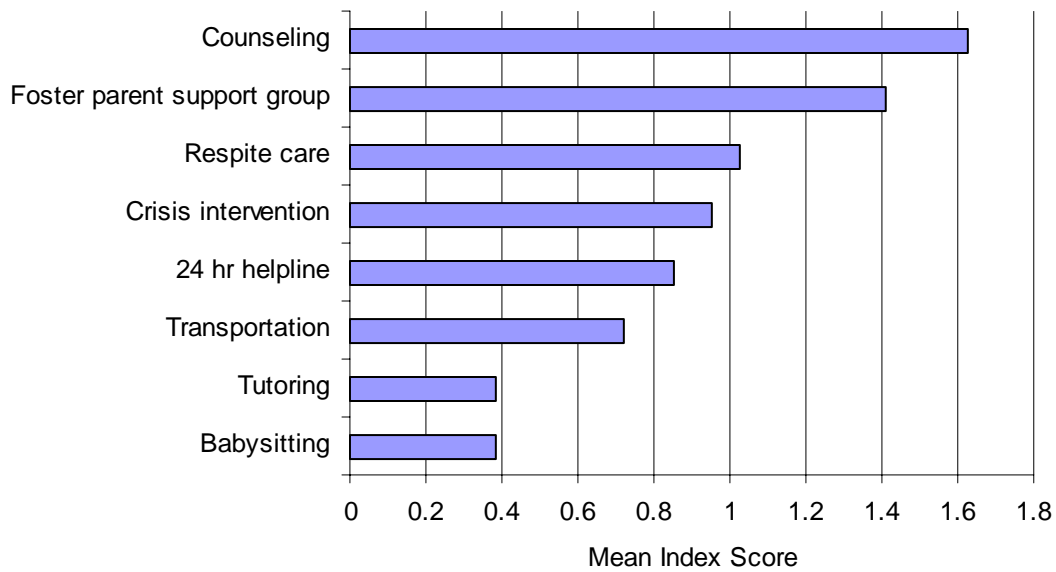
Then we measured services against one another based on the mean (average) score. The higher scores represent services where there is only a small gap between importance and accessibility, and the lower scores represent larger gaps.

**Table 1: Values for the Importance-Accessibility Gap Index**

<u>Importance Level</u>	<u>Access Level</u>	<u>Index Value</u>
High	Full	3
High	Limited	1
High	None	-3
Medium	Full	2
Medium	Limited	1
Medium	None	-1
None	Full	-2
None	Limited	-1
None	None	0

The greatest gaps were found in babysitting and tutoring, services that are not fully accessible to most foster parents, according to their self-reports. Fortunately, the two most important services overall—counseling and support groups—received the highest scores on the index, meaning that their accessibility most closely matches their level of importance among foster parents.

**Figure 10: Average Scores for Importance-Accessibility Index**



## Conclusions

Although the surveys provide a snapshot, several common themes and suggestions surfaced that the Foster Family Foundation may want to consider as it develops strategic and operational plans.

### Suggested themes for Consideration

#### 1. Recruitment

- Given African-Americans may be more likely to serve as foster parents than any other racial or ethnic group a recruitment strategy targeting this population may prove effective
- Connecting faith-based values to the foster parents' need to make a difference, give back to their communities, and answer a "calling" will continue yielding success.
- Formalizing foster parent involvement in recruitment could yield high returns given 85% of Foster Parents would recommend fostering to family and friends and a significant number of current foster parents said they foster because their parents or family member or friend fostered.
- Developing strategies to target foster parents under the age of 36 may yield more placements for teens given they are more likely to accept teenagers.
- Delays reported in time between expressing interest and receiving follow-up from providers and the 4.4 week wait for first placement may be causes of losing 30% of those who begin the process.
- Additional resources for follow-up may need to be explored as a means of eliminating and or shortening delays and decrease potential foster parent recruitment losses.

#### 2. Training

- Majority of respondents thought MAPP prepared them for fostering. However majority of providers are currently using IMPACT curriculum for preparing foster parents to foster. Due to the newness of use of the IMPACT curriculum an on-going evaluation should be done in order to ensure that the positive responses of foster parents related to preparedness to foster continues.
- Both foster parents and providers indicate a need for childcare services during training sessions
- Majority of foster parents felt there was adequate amount of training available to them.

#### 3. Expenses of Foster Parenting

- Given that 35% of foster parents report income less than \$30,000
- Limiting the up-front expenditures and shortening time for reimbursements;
- Identifying other fund sources to support expenditures incurred that are not currently reimbursable with state funds; and
- Evaluating adequacy amount of per diem
- Could reduce the financial burden of fostering and lead to greater satisfaction and longer service

#### 4. Partnering in Parenting

- Foster parents expressed a need to feel like a true partner with the agency.

- More timely transfer of information upon placement;
- Inclusion in case reviews and transition planning with all personnel involved in these actions; along with
- Creative forms of acknowledgement and appreciation may yield greater sense of partnership and thereby longer years of service and satisfaction.

In conclusion we find that there are many compassionate and dedicated people fostering and providing services to foster families in Georgia. There are also many assets within the current system upon which the Foster Family Foundation can build. Continuous quality improvements in recruitment, training and retention of foster parents can be gained through the implementation of additional strategically focused objectives and an on-going evaluation system.

# Data Broken Down by Race and Age of the Respondent

## Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006 Q7 Ever adopted any of your foster children

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q7 Ever adopted any of your foster children	Yes	38%	39%	36%	24%	31%	45%	38%	44%
	No	62%	61%	64%	76%	69%	55%	62%	56%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

## Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006 Q9.1 Could not have children of their own

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q9.1 Could not have children of their own	Major reason	16%	20%	12%	36%	26%	12%	9%	5%
	Minor reason	12%	12%	11%	20%	9%	13%	9%	10%
	Not a reason at all	72%	68%	77%	44%	65%	74%	81%	85%
	Not sure/Refused	0%		1%			1%		
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q9.2 Birth children have grown and left home**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q9.2 Birth children have grown and left home	Major reason	17%	11%	27%	7%	9%	16%	26%	27%
	Minor reason	19%	18%	18%	7%	10%	23%	26%	20%
	Not a reason at all	63%	71%	54%	87%	80%	59%	47%	54%
	Not sure/Refused	1%	0%	1%			2%	1%	
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q9.3 Want to give back to others**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q9.3 Want to give back to others	Major reason	49%	44%	56%	49%	51%	48%	55%	34%
	Minor reason	29%	34%	20%	29%	31%	30%	21%	34%
	Not a reason at all	22%	21%	24%	22%	17%	20%	25%	32%
	Not sure/Refused	0%		1%			1%		
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q9.4 Want to make a difference in their community**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q9.4 Want to make a difference in their community	Major reason	73%	73%	71%	71%	79%	75%	71%	56%
	Minor reason	15%	19%	11%	16%	19%	12%	10%	22%
	Not a reason at all	12%	8%	17%	13%	2%	11%	18%	22%
	Not sure/Refused	1%		1%			1%	1%	
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q9.5 Want sibling(s) for their child(ren)**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q9.5 Want sibling(s) for their child(ren)	Major reason	13%	13%	13%	22%	15%	11%	9%	7%
	Minor reason	18%	14%	21%	16%	22%	15%	21%	12%
	Not a reason at all	70%	73%	64%	62%	63%	74%	69%	78%
	Not sure/Refused	1%		1%				1%	2%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q9.6 Have lost a family member**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q9.6 Have lost a family member	Major reason	9%	7%	10%	4%	6%	8%	12%	12%
	Minor reason	8%	5%	12%	4%	6%	11%	4%	12%
	Not a reason at all	83%	88%	76%	91%	88%	81%	82%	73%
	Not sure/Refused	1%		1%				1%	2%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q10 Recommend that family/friends become foster parents**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q10 Recommend that family/friends become foster parents	Yes	85%	79%	93%	76%	80%	86%	86%	93%
	No	9%	11%	6%	9%	14%	8%	8%	5%
	It depends/Don't know	6%	10%	1%	16%	6%	6%	5%	2%
	Refused	0%	0%					1%	
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006  
Q11 Would consider taking teens into home**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q11 Would consider taking teens into home	Yes	43%	45%	41%	53%	28%	46%	45%	46%
	No	53%	51%	55%	44%	70%	49%	47%	51%
	It depends/Don't know	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	5%	6%	2%
	Refused	1%		1%		1%		1%	
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006  
Q12 Would consider taking sibling groups into home**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q12 Would consider taking sibling groups into home	Yes	88%	87%	89%	84%	85%	90%	93%	80%
	No	9%	8%	8%	13%	10%	4%	5%	17%
	It depends/Don't know	4%	5%	2%	2%	3%	6%	2%	2%
	Refused	0%		1%		1%			
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006  
Q14 How prepared you felt as a result of training**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q14 How prepared you felt as a result of training	Very prepared	54%	42%	68%	44%	40%	56%	60%	71%
	Somewhat prepared	37%	46%	27%	47%	47%	37%	31%	27%
	Only a very little bit prepared	7%	10%	3%	4%	14%	6%	5%	2%
	Not prepared at all	2%	2%	1%	4%		1%	4%	
	Don't know/Refused	0%		1%			1%		
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q15 Was the training convenient to attend?**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q15 Was the training convenient to attend?	Yes	87%	86%	88%	98%	84%	86%	86%	88%
	Somewhat	7%	7%	6%	2%	10%	6%	7%	2%
	No	7%	6%	5%		6%	8%	7%	10%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q15A Was childcare offered at the training?**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q15A Was childcare offered at the training?	Yes	33%	17%	54%	18%	19%	30%	41%	66%
	No	54%	65%	41%	64%	72%	52%	48%	29%
	Don't remember/Don't know/Refused	13%	18%	5%	18%	9%	19%	10%	5%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q16 On-going training available in your community**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q16 On-going training available in your community	Yes	83%	86%	79%	87%	80%	87%	82%	73%
	No	13%	9%	18%	4%	17%	11%	12%	24%
	Maybe/Don't know/Refused	4%	5%	2%	9%	2%	2%	5%	2%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q17 Training relevant to issues faced as foster parent**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q17 Training relevant to issues faced as foster parent	Yes	89%	88%	92%	87%	90%	90%	89%	97%
	No	9%	10%	5%	10%	7%	8%	10%	3%
	Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	
Total	Count	333	186	131	39	69	106	80	30

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q18A Main cause of delay between orientation/approval**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q18A Main cause of delay between orientation/approval	Personal circumstances	11%	7%	17%	14%	9%	8%	15%	
	Paper work	33%	35%	32%	29%	43%	31%	22%	50%
	Availability of the training	8%	11%	6%	5%	3%	17%	11%	
	Other processing requirements	19%	22%	17%	29%	11%	22%	15%	25%
	Other	18%	19%	15%	24%	31%	6%	15%	25%
	Don't know/Refused	10%	7%	13%		3%	17%	22%	
Total	Count	130	74	47	21	35	36	27	8

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q20 Did you do anything else to prepare?**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q20 Did you do anything else to prepare?	Yes	43%	44%	42%	42%	43%	43%	46%	41%
	No	57%	56%	58%	58%	57%	57%	54%	59%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q21 Did you feel orientation/training had prepared you?**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q21 Did you feel orientation/training had prepared you?	Yes	82%	77%	87%	73%	74%	86%	82%	90%
	No	17%	22%	12%	20%	26%	14%	16%	10%
	Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	1%	7%			1%	
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q28 Information received before most recent placement**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q28 Information received before most recent placement	Sufficient information	28%	28%	25%	38%	26%	30%	23%	27%
	Some information but not enough	58%	58%	58%	56%	60%	54%	58%	59%
	No information at all	13%	12%	16%	7%	12%	13%	19%	15%
	Don't remember/Don't know	1%	1%	1%		2%	2%	1%	
	Refused	0%	0%				1%		
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.1 Support services: Respite care**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q30.1 Support services: Respite care	Extremely important	45%	42%	50%	42%	44%	42%	48%	46%
	Somewhat important	30%	35%	23%	29%	35%	30%	26%	32%
	Unimportant	16%	17%	12%	22%	17%	15%	13%	10%
	Not sure/No opinion	10%	6%	15%	7%	3%	13%	12%	12%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006  
Q30.2 Support services: Counseling**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q30.2 Support services: Counseling	Extremely important	64%	59%	69%	64%	63%	61%	66%	66%
	Somewhat important	26%	27%	22%	20%	27%	29%	24%	27%
	Unimportant	9%	11%	8%	11%	10%	8%	10%	5%
	Not sure/No opinion	2%	3%	1%	4%		2%		2%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006  
Q30.3 Support services: Transportation**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q30.3 Support services: Transportation	Extremely important	46%	36%	61%	44%	37%	40%	56%	51%
	Somewhat important	26%	31%	19%	29%	29%	30%	21%	24%
	Unimportant	26%	31%	19%	27%	33%	28%	21%	20%
	Not sure/No opinion	2%	2%	2%		1%	2%	3%	5%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006  
Q30.4 Support services: Babysitting**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q30.4 Support services: Babysitting	Extremely important	50%	44%	58%	49%	52%	45%	54%	46%
	Somewhat important	26%	31%	18%	27%	28%	30%	19%	24%
	Unimportant	22%	23%	19%	22%	19%	21%	23%	24%
	Not sure/No opinion	3%	2%	5%	2%	1%	3%	5%	5%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.5 Support services: Tutoring**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q30.5	Extremely important	52%	45%	61%	44%	44%	52%	60%	51%
Support services: Tutoring	Somewhat important	23%	25%	22%	29%	28%	24%	19%	22%
	Unimportant	21%	26%	13%	24%	23%	20%	18%	17%
	Not sure/No opinion	4%	5%	4%	2%	5%	3%	4%	10%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.6 Support services: 24 hr helpline**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q30.6 Support services: 24 hr helpline	Extremely important	51%	40%	65%	40%	44%	56%	56%	54%
	Somewhat important	30%	37%	21%	38%	40%	30%	23%	22%
	Unimportant	12%	14%	10%	18%	13%	8%	9%	20%
	Not sure/No opinion	7%	9%	3%	4%	3%	6%	12%	5%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.7 Support services: Crisis intervention**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q30.7 Support services: Crisis intervention	Extremely important	61%	52%	72%	53%	55%	66%	66%	59%
	Somewhat important	23%	29%	17%	33%	28%	22%	16%	22%
	Unimportant	11%	13%	8%	11%	13%	8%	12%	15%
	Not sure/No opinion	4%	6%	3%	2%	5%	4%	5%	5%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.8 Support services: Foster parent support group**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q30.8 Support services: Foster parent support group	Extremely important	59%	53%	67%	49%	63%	59%	54%	76%
	Somewhat important	31%	35%	25%	38%	26%	34%	35%	15%
	Unimportant	8%	10%	7%	13%	9%	6%	9%	7%
	Not sure/No opinion	2%	2%	1%		2%	2%	2%	2%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.1 Support access: Respite care**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q31.1 Support access: Respite care	Access	46%	48%	41%	44%	45%	48%	44%	37%
	Limited Access	35%	40%	31%	42%	44%	33%	31%	24%
	No access	9%	3%	15%	4%	7%	7%	10%	20%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	11%	9%	13%	9%	3%	12%	14%	20%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.2 Support access: Counseling**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q31.2 Support access: Counseling	Access	62%	60%	63%	56%	60%	63%	62%	63%
	Limited Access	24%	27%	22%	24%	29%	23%	27%	15%
	No access	8%	5%	10%	11%	3%	9%	5%	17%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	6%	8%	4%	9%	7%	5%	6%	5%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.3 Support access: Transportation**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q31.3 Support access:	Access	50%	41%	59%	49%	42%	52%	44%	66%
Transportation	Limited Access	33%	38%	28%	42%	42%	30%	35%	12%
	No access	11%	12%	10%	7%	9%	9%	15%	15%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	6%	9%	3%	2%	7%	8%	5%	7%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.4 Support access: Babysitting**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q31.4 Support	Access	37%	31%	44%	42%	31%	37%	33%	54%
access:	Limited Access	26%	28%	24%	29%	29%	20%	33%	12%
Babysitting	No access	26%	28%	24%	20%	33%	27%	25%	22%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	11%	13%	8%	9%	7%	16%	9%	12%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.5 Support access: Tutoring**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q31.5	Access	34%	28%	40%	27%	30%	34%	38%	32%
Support	Limited Access	21%	23%	19%	20%	23%	16%	27%	17%
access:	No access	24%	25%	22%	20%	26%	27%	20%	29%
Tutoring	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	22%	24%	19%	33%	21%	23%	15%	22%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.6 Support access: 24 hr helpline**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q31.6 Support access: 24 hr helpline	Access	44%	32%	56%	36%	36%	40%	51%	59%
	Limited Access	14%	13%	15%	11%	15%	18%	13%	5%
	No access	24%	27%	19%	22%	30%	25%	20%	20%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	19%	27%	9%	31%	19%	16%	16%	17%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.7 Support access: Crisis intervention**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q31.7 Support access: Crisis intervention	Access	44%	35%	54%	38%	41%	43%	52%	39%
	Limited Access	21%	21%	20%	18%	20%	25%	20%	17%
	No access	19%	19%	19%	18%	21%	17%	15%	29%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	17%	25%	7%	27%	19%	16%	13%	15%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.8 Support access: Foster parent support group**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q31.8 Support access: Foster parent support group	Access	62%	62%	61%	60%	55%	69%	64%	56%
	Limited Access	19%	20%	18%	11%	23%	17%	21%	15%
	No access	16%	13%	19%	22%	21%	11%	11%	24%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	4%	6%	2%	7%	1%	3%	4%	5%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q32 Received SS# and birth certificate at placement**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q32 Received SS# and birth certificate at placement	Yes	18%	14%	24%	13%	6%	20%	23%	32%
	No	81%	84%	76%	80%	94%	80%	76%	66%
	Don't know/Refused	1%	2%		7%			1%	2%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q33 Received medical insurance and proper medications**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q33 Received medical insurance and proper medications	Yes	42%	41%	43%	31%	40%	39%	44%	59%
	No	58%	59%	56%	69%	60%	61%	55%	41%
	Don't know/Refused	0%		1%				1%	
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q34 Delay in receiving paperwork for school enrollment**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q34 Delay in receiving paperwork for school enrollment	Yes,experienced delays often	13%	9%	16%	4%	17%	14%	12%	10%
	Yes,experienced delays on occasion	17%	16%	18%	20%	14%	15%	16%	24%
	No,never experienced any delays	57%	60%	55%	53%	50%	58%	65%	56%
	Do not have school aged foster children	12%	13%	10%	22%	19%	10%	5%	10%
	Don't know/Refused	1%	2%	1%			3%	1%	
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q35 Enroll children in school: you or the case worker?**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q35 Enroll children in school: you or the case worker?	I enroll them	74%	83%	63%	77%	83%	75%	67%	70%
	Case worker enrolls them	16%	10%	24%	11%	9%	16%	21%	19%
	It depends	9%	6%	11%	3%	9%	8%	11%	11%
	Don't know/Refused	2%	1%	2%	9%		1%	1%	
Total	Count	352	187	148	35	70	110	92	37

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q36 Received items for infants and toddlers at placement**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q36 Received items for infants and toddlers at placement	Yes	30%	30%	30%	35%	25%	30%	23%	51%
	No	70%	70%	70%	65%	75%	70%	77%	49%
Total	Count	338	186	136	37	81	103	75	35

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q37 Involved with mental or physical health services**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q37 Involved with mental or physical health services	Yes	62%	72%	49%	73%	55%	66%	68%	44%
	No	37%	27%	50%	27%	44%	34%	31%	56%
	Don't know/Refused	1%	0%	1%		1%		1%	
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q37A Does agency help with health services?**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q37A Does agency help with health services?	Agency helps	51%	46%	62%	58%	47%	51%	58%	39%
	Do it on my own	47%	54%	36%	42%	51%	49%	41%	61%
	Don't know/Refused	1%	1%	2%		2%		2%	
Total	Count	249	156	81	33	47	81	66	18

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q38 Have seen case plan for your most recent foster child**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q38 Have seen case plan for your most recent foster child	Yes	46%	47%	45%	44%	49%	52%	37%	46%
	No	52%	51%	53%	51%	51%	46%	60%	54%
	Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	2%	4%		2%	3%	
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q39 Share information with those preparing case plan**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q39 Share information with those preparing case plan	Yes	70%	69%	73%	71%	72%	76%	64%	59%
	No	28%	30%	25%	29%	26%	23%	33%	39%
	Don't know/Refused	2%	1%	2%		2%	1%	3%	2%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q40 Share information with court personnel or judges**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q40 Share information with court personnel or judges	Yes	55%	50%	60%	51%	56%	61%	52%	49%
	No	42%	47%	36%	49%	41%	36%	43%	49%
	Don't know/Refused	3%	3%	4%		3%	3%	5%	2%
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q41 Involved in planning child's transitioning**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q41 Involved in planning child's transitioning	Yes	48%	51%	45%	33%	41%	52%	51%	54%
	No	49%	45%	52%	60%	57%	43%	45%	46%
	Don't know/Refused	4%	4%	4%	7%	2%	5%	4%	
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q42 Have DFACS Foster Parent Manual**

		Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q42 Have DFACS Foster Parent Manual	Yes	88%	90%	85%	87%	85%	86%	94%	88%
	No	10%	8%	13%	11%	14%	13%	3%	12%
	Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	
Total	Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006  
Q43 Have Foster Parents Bill of Rights**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q43 Have Foster Parents Bill of Rights	Yes	86%	87%	83%	90%	89%	85%	83%	80%
	No	12%	11%	15%	7%	10%	14%	13%	15%
	Don't know/Refused	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	4%	5%
Total	Count	374	205	151	42	80	110	93	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006  
Q44 Have agreement with agency regarding your rights**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Q44 Have agreement with agency regarding your rights	Yes	89%	91%	87%	100%	100%	92%	75%	
	No	7%	9%	7%			8%	25%	
	Don't know/Refused	4%		7%					100%
Total	Count	27	11	15	3	6	12	4	1

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006  
Q8. How long do you plan to foster?**

		Respondent's race				Age of respondent			
		Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
How long do you plan to foster	Not long	22%	27%	15%	22%	28%	23%	17%	12%
	As long as I can	53%	48%	59%	47%	42%	54%	57%	71%
	Not sure	26%	25%	26%	31%	30%	23%	26%	17%
Total	Count	399	215	165	45	86	122	96	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q18 Time between orientation and being approved (in weeks)**

	Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
	Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Average (mean)	15.99	15.54	13.99	15.99	19.15	14.61	13.06	10.74
Minimum	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Maximum	469.29	156.43	130.71	52.14	156.43	104.29	130.71	104.29
Median	10.00	13.07	8.71	13.07	13.07	9.50	8.71	4.36
Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q19 Time between being approved and first placement (in weeks)**

	Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
	Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Average (mean)	14.34	12.01	14.66	15.46	10.35	12.69	16.91	10.09
Minimum	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14
Maximum	469.29	208.57	156.43	104.29	104.29	208.57	156.43	34.86
Median	4.36	4.36	8.00	8.71	4.36	4.36	4.36	8.71
Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q26 How long for reimbursement for incurred expenses (in weeks)**

	Respondent's race			Age of respondent				
	Total	White	African-American	35 years of age or younger	36 - 45	46 - 55	56 - 65	66 years of age or older
Average (mean)	4.56	4.30	4.89	3.99	4.21	4.32	5.50	4.03
Minimum	.14	.14	.29	1.00	.29	.14	.14	1.00
Maximum	65.36	17.43	65.36	13.07	13.07	13.07	65.36	4.36
Median	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36
Count	400	216	165	45	86	122	97	41



# Data Broken Down by Household Income, Service Provider Type, and Number of Parents in Household

## Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006 Q7 Ever adopted any of your foster children

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q7 Ever adopted any of your foster children	Yes	38%	37%	39%	33%	40%	39%	22%	38%	34%
	No	62%	63%	61%	67%	60%	61%	78%	62%	66%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

## Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006 Q9.1 Could not have children of their own

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q9.1 Could not have children of their own	Major reason	16%	14%	17%	19%	22%	17%	7%	19%	10%
	Minor reason	12%	11%	13%	12%	8%	12%	15%	12%	11%
	Not a reason at all	72%	74%	71%	69%	70%	71%	78%	70%	78%
	Not sure/Refused	0%	1%				0%			1%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q9.2 Birth children have grown and left home**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q9.2 Birth children have grown and left home	Major reason	17%	21%	16%	18%	12%	17%	11%	16%	21%
	Minor reason	19%	21%	21%	18%	13%	19%	15%	17%	23%
	Not a reason at all	63%	56%	64%	64%	73%	62%	74%	66%	55%
	Not sure/Refused	1%	2%			2%	1%		1%	1%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q9.3 Want to give back to others**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q9.3 Want to give back to others	Major reason	49%	51%	53%	46%	42%	49%	56%	45%	61%
	Minor reason	29%	22%	25%	35%	45%	29%	26%	33%	16%
	Not a reason at all	22%	26%	22%	19%	13%	23%	19%	22%	22%
	Not sure/Refused	0%	1%				0%			1%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q9.4 Want to make a difference in their community**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q9.4 Want to make a difference in their community	Major reason	73%	64%	77%	77%	77%	72%	81%	74%	70%
	Minor reason	15%	14%	12%	18%	20%	15%	7%	16%	10%
	Not a reason at all	12%	20%	11%	5%	3%	12%	11%	10%	18%
	Not sure/Refused	1%	2%				1%			2%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q9.5 Want sibling(s) for their child(ren)**

		Total	HH Income					Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent	
Q9.5 Want sibling(s) for their child(ren)	Major reason	13%	10%	8%	19%	17%	12%	15%	14%	9%	
	Minor reason	18%	20%	18%	15%	13%	17%	19%	17%	20%	
	Not a reason at all	70%	68%	75%	65%	70%	70%	67%	69%	71%	
	Not sure/Refused	1%	2%				1%		1%		
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100	

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q9.6 Have lost a family member**

		Total	HH Income					Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent	
Q9.6 Have lost a family member	Major reason	9%	14%	6%	5%	8%	9%	11%	7%	14%	
	Minor reason	8%	7%	11%	6%	7%	8%	7%	8%	6%	
	Not a reason at all	83%	79%	83%	88%	85%	83%	81%	85%	78%	
	Not sure/Refused	1%	1%				1%			2%	
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100	

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q10 Recommend that family/friends become foster parents**

		Total	HH Income					Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent	
Q10 Recommend that family/friends become foster parents	Yes	85%	86%	88%	83%	73%	84%	89%	84%	88%	
	No	9%	8%	8%	8%	17%	9%	11%	9%	8%	
	It depends/Don't know	6%	5%	4%	9%	10%	7%		7%	4%	
	Refused	0%	1%				0%		0%		
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100	

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q11 Would consider taking teens into home**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q11 Would consider taking teens into home	Yes	43%	44%	39%	51%	37%	43%	41%	45%	37%
	No	53%	50%	59%	45%	60%	53%	56%	51%	58%
	It depends/Don't know	4%	5%	1%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%
	Refused	1%	1%	1%			1%		0%	1%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q12 Would consider taking sibling groups into home**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q12 Would consider taking sibling groups into home	Yes	88%	88%	92%	88%	83%	87%	93%	88%	87%
	No	9%	8%	7%	5%	13%	9%	7%	8%	10%
	It depends/Don't know	4%	5%		6%	3%	4%		4%	3%
	Refused	0%		1%			0%		0%	
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q14 How prepared you felt as a result of training**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q14 How prepared you felt as a result of training	Very prepared	54%	63%	49%	49%	45%	53%	63%	49%	66%
	Somewhat prepared	37%	32%	41%	37%	45%	38%	22%	41%	27%
	Only a very little bit prepared	7%	3%	8%	13%	7%	7%	11%	8%	5%
	Not prepared at all	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	2%	1%
	Don't know/Refused	0%	1%				0%			1%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q15 Was the training convenient to attend?**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q15 Was the training convenient to attend?	Yes	87%	89%	85%	85%	90%	88%	78%	87%	87%
	Somewhat	7%	4%	8%	10%	3%	7%	4%	6%	7%
	No	7%	7%	7%	5%	7%	6%	19%	7%	6%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q15A Was childcare offered at the training?**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q15A Was childcare offered at the training?	Yes	33%	50%	27%	17%	25%	32%	56%	27%	53%
	No	54%	41%	62%	63%	58%	55%	33%	60%	35%
	Don't remember/Don't know/Refused	13%	10%	11%	21%	17%	13%	11%	13%	12%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q16 On-going training available in your community**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q16 On-going training available in your community	Yes	83%	78%	84%	88%	90%	83%	85%	85%	77%
	No	13%	20%	12%	8%	5%	13%	11%	11%	20%
	Maybe/Don't know/Refused	4%	2%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q17 Training relevant to issues faced as foster parent**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private			Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent	
Q17 Training relevant to issues faced as foster parent	Yes	89%	90%	92%	88%	85%	90%	83%	89%	92%	
	No	9%	9%	7%	10%	9%	8%	17%	9%	6%	
	Don't know/Refused	2%	1%	1%	1%	6%	2%		2%	1%	
Total	Count	333	104	86	69	54	310	23	253	77	

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q18A Main cause of delay between orientation/approval**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private			Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent	
Q18A Main cause of delay between orientation/approval	Personal circumstances	11%	13%	19%	11%		9%	30%	10%	14%	
	Paper work	33%	34%	35%	30%	33%	33%	40%	33%	32%	
	Availability of the training	8%		4%	14%	19%	9%		11%	3%	
	Other processing requirements	19%	25%	19%	14%	19%	20%	10%	20%	16%	
	Other	18%	9%	19%	22%	22%	18%	20%	16%	24%	
	Don't know/Refused	10%	19%	4%	11%	7%	11%		10%	11%	
Total	Count	130	32	26	37	27	120	10	93	37	

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q20 Did you do anything else to prepare?**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private			Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent	
Q20 Did you do anything else to prepare?	Yes	43%	38%	48%	54%	37%	42%	56%	44%	41%	
	No	57%	62%	52%	46%	63%	58%	44%	56%	59%	
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100	

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q21 Did you feel orientation/training had prepared you?**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q21 Did you feel orientation/training had prepared you?	Yes	82%	89%	76%	79%	77%	82%	85%	79%	89%
	No	17%	10%	23%	19%	23%	17%	15%	20%	9%
	Don't know/Refused	1%	2%	1%	1%		1%		1%	2%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q28 Information received before most recent placement**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q28 Information received before most recent placement	Sufficient information	28%	30%	24%	27%	33%	28%	26%	25%	35%
	Some information but not enough	58%	55%	62%	58%	53%	57%	59%	60%	51%
	No information at all	13%	13%	15%	12%	13%	13%	11%	14%	12%
	Don't remember/Don't know	1%	2%		3%		1%	4%	1%	2%
	Refused	0%			1%		0%		0%	
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.1 Support services: Respite care**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q30.1 Support services: Respite care	Extremely important	45%	47%	44%	49%	40%	45%	44%	46%	42%
	Somewhat important	30%	26%	31%	28%	38%	29%	33%	30%	29%
	Unimportant	16%	13%	15%	15%	20%	16%	7%	15%	16%
	Not sure/No opinion	10%	14%	10%	8%	2%	9%	15%	9%	13%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.2 Support services: Counseling**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q30.2 Support services: Counseling	Extremely important	64%	67%	63%	64%	62%	63%	67%	62%	69%
	Somewhat important	26%	24%	26%	22%	28%	25%	30%	27%	23%
	Unimportant	9%	6%	10%	13%	10%	10%	4%	9%	8%
	Not sure/No opinion	2%	3%	1%	1%		2%		2%	
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.3 Support services: Transportation**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q30.3 Support services: Transportation	Extremely important	46%	59%	47%	37%	27%	46%	37%	43%	53%
	Somewhat important	26%	20%	25%	27%	40%	27%	19%	28%	23%
	Unimportant	26%	19%	25%	35%	32%	25%	44%	27%	22%
	Not sure/No opinion	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%		2%	2%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.4 Support services: Babysitting**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q30.4 Support services: Babysitting	Extremely important	50%	47%	56%	50%	42%	50%	44%	49%	53%
	Somewhat important	26%	27%	22%	23%	37%	26%	19%	26%	24%
	Unimportant	22%	22%	20%	24%	17%	21%	33%	22%	20%
	Not sure/No opinion	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.5 Support services: Tutoring**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q30.5	Extremely important	52%	56%	56%	46%	48%	52%	56%	52%	52%
Support services:	Somewhat important	23%	22%	24%	28%	20%	23%	22%	24%	22%
Tutoring	Unimportant	21%	19%	17%	22%	25%	21%	19%	21%	20%
	Not sure/No opinion	4%	4%	4%	4%	7%	4%	4%	4%	6%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.6 Support services: 24 hr helpline**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q30.6 Support	Extremely important	51%	62%	54%	47%	33%	51%	59%	49%	56%
services: 24 hr helpline	Somewhat important	30%	22%	25%	41%	42%	31%	22%	32%	24%
	Unimportant	12%	9%	11%	8%	18%	12%	19%	11%	15%
	Not sure/No opinion	7%	7%	10%	4%	7%	7%		7%	5%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.7 Support services: Crisis intervention**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q30.7 Support	Extremely important	61%	68%	66%	56%	52%	61%	70%	62%	60%
services: Crisis intervention	Somewhat important	23%	20%	22%	27%	30%	23%	22%	23%	24%
	Unimportant	11%	10%	6%	13%	13%	12%	7%	11%	12%
	Not sure/No opinion	4%	3%	7%	4%	5%	5%		4%	4%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q30.8 Support services: Foster parent support group**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q30.8 Support services: Foster parent support group	Extremely important	59%	68%	59%	55%	47%	60%	56%	57%	65%
	Somewhat important	31%	25%	29%	36%	40%	31%	33%	33%	24%
	Unimportant	8%	7%	10%	8%	10%	8%	7%	8%	9%
	Not sure/No opinion	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.1 Support access: Respite care**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q31.1 Support access: Respite care	Access	46%	39%	40%	50%	55%	45%	52%	47%	41%
	Limited Access	35%	31%	42%	35%	37%	36%	15%	37%	28%
	No access	9%	14%	5%	10%	3%	8%	15%	7%	13%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	11%	17%	13%	5%	5%	10%	19%	8%	18%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.2 Support access: Counseling**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q31.2 Support access: Counseling	Access	62%	62%	67%	55%	60%	61%	70%	61%	63%
	Limited Access	24%	21%	22%	31%	30%	25%	19%	26%	20%
	No access	8%	9%	8%	8%	5%	8%	4%	7%	9%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	6%	8%	4%	6%	5%	6%	7%	5%	8%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.3 Support access: Transportation**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q31.3 Support access:	Access	50%	59%	44%	40%	45%	49%	56%	46%	60%
Transportation	Limited Access	33%	24%	39%	36%	42%	34%	30%	36%	26%
	No access	11%	11%	11%	15%	8%	11%	11%	12%	9%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	6%	7%	6%	9%	5%	6%	4%	6%	5%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.4 Support access: Babysitting**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q31.4 Support access:	Access	37%	41%	36%	35%	33%	37%	37%	34%	46%
Babysitting	Limited Access	26%	25%	25%	26%	23%	26%	30%	27%	23%
	No access	26%	24%	30%	28%	25%	27%	15%	28%	22%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	11%	10%	8%	12%	18%	10%	19%	11%	9%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.5 Support access: Tutoring**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q31.5 Support access:	Access	34%	37%	38%	26%	28%	33%	37%	32%	39%
Tutoring	Limited Access	21%	21%	25%	18%	20%	21%	19%	20%	22%
	No access	24%	20%	20%	38%	22%	25%	19%	28%	15%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	22%	22%	17%	18%	30%	21%	26%	21%	24%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.6 Support access: 24 hr helpline**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q31.6 Support access: 24 hr helpline	Access	44%	55%	46%	27%	33%	42%	70%	38%	61%
	Limited Access	14%	11%	15%	18%	17%	14%	11%	16%	8%
	No access	24%	19%	25%	32%	25%	25%	7%	26%	17%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	19%	16%	15%	23%	25%	19%	11%	20%	14%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.7 Support access: Crisis intervention**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q31.7 Support access: Crisis intervention	Access	44%	54%	46%	31%	35%	43%	59%	41%	53%
	Limited Access	21%	20%	15%	26%	27%	21%	15%	22%	20%
	No access	19%	14%	25%	23%	15%	20%	4%	21%	13%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	17%	13%	15%	21%	23%	16%	22%	17%	14%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q31.8 Support access: Foster parent support group**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q31.8 Support access: Foster parent support group	Access	62%	65%	61%	59%	58%	62%	56%	62%	63%
	Limited Access	19%	14%	18%	26%	25%	19%	15%	20%	16%
	No access	16%	17%	17%	13%	15%	14%	30%	15%	16%
	Not sure/Don't use/No opinion	4%	5%	5%	3%	2%	4%		3%	5%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q32 Received SS# and birth certificate at placement**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q32 Received SS# and birth certificate at placement	Yes	18%	23%	20%	12%	15%	18%	26%	15%	28%
	No	81%	75%	80%	88%	82%	81%	74%	83%	72%
	Don't know/Refused	1%	2%			3%	1%		2%	
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q33 Received medical insurance and proper medications**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q33 Received medical insurance and proper medications	Yes	42%	50%	32%	32%	48%	43%	33%	42%	43%
	No	58%	50%	68%	68%	52%	57%	67%	58%	56%
	Don't know/Refused	0%	1%				0%			1%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q34 Delay in receiving paperwork for school enrollment**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q34 Delay in receiving paperwork for school enrollment	Yes,experienced delays often	13%	11%	18%	14%	12%	13%	11%	12%	16%
	Yes,experienced delays on occasion	17%	17%	16%	15%	15%	17%	11%	16%	17%
	No,never experienced any delays	57%	62%	55%	59%	52%	58%	52%	58%	56%
	Do not have school aged foster children	12%	9%	11%	10%	20%	11%	26%	13%	10%
	Don't know/Refused	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%		1%	1%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q35 Enroll children in school: you or the case worker?**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q35 Enroll children in school: you or the case worker?	I enroll them	74%	67%	86%	74%	77%	73%	75%	79%	59%
	Case worker enrolls them	16%	21%	8%	13%	15%	16%	20%	12%	28%
	It depends	9%	12%	5%	9%	8%	9%	5%	8%	10%
	Don't know/Refused	2%	1%	1%	4%		2%		1%	3%
Total	Count	352	121	91	70	48	332	20	259	90

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q36 Received items for infants and toddlers at placement**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q36 Received items for infants and toddlers at placement	Yes	30%	33%	32%	20%	22%	29%	33%	28%	33%
	No	70%	67%	68%	80%	78%	71%	67%	72%	67%
Total	Count	338	108	90	65	51	317	21	254	81

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q37 Involved with mental or physical health services**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q37 Involved with mental or physical health services	Yes	62%	53%	70%	73%	58%	62%	59%	66%	53%
	No	37%	46%	30%	27%	42%	37%	41%	34%	47%
	Don't know/Refused	1%	2%				1%		1%	
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q37A Does agency help with health services?**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q37A Does agency help with health services?	Agency helps	51%	53%	55%	53%	34%	52%	44%	50%	57%
	Do it on my own	47%	47%	44%	47%	63%	47%	56%	49%	42%
	Don't know/Refused	1%		1%		3%	1%		1%	2%
Total	Count	249	70	71	57	35	233	16	195	53

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q38 Have seen case plan for your most recent foster child**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q38 Have seen case plan for your most recent foster child	Yes	46%	44%	45%	46%	57%	45%	70%	48%	42%
	No	52%	52%	55%	53%	42%	54%	26%	51%	55%
	Don't know/Refused	2%	4%		1%	2%	2%	4%	2%	3%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q39 Share information with those preparing case plan**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q39 Share information with those preparing case plan	Yes	70%	72%	73%	64%	73%	69%	85%	69%	74%
	No	28%	25%	27%	35%	27%	29%	15%	29%	24%
	Don't know/Refused	2%	3%		1%		2%		2%	2%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q40 Share information with court personnel or judges**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q40 Share information with court personnel or judges	Yes	55%	52%	58%	55%	53%	55%	52%	54%	59%
	No	42%	42%	42%	42%	43%	42%	41%	43%	37%
	Don't know/Refused	3%	6%		3%	3%	3%	7%	3%	4%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q41 Involved in planning child's transitioning**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q41 Involved in planning child's transitioning	Yes	48%	53%	47%	47%	38%	48%	41%	48%	47%
	No	49%	44%	49%	49%	55%	48%	52%	48%	50%
	Don't know/Refused	4%	3%	4%	4%	7%	3%	7%	4%	3%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q42 Have DFACS Foster Parent Manual**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q42 Have DFACS Foster Parent Manual	Yes	88%	86%	90%	90%	88%	90%	70%	89%	86%
	No	10%	11%	10%	8%	12%	9%	30%	10%	12%
	Don't know/Refused	2%	3%		3%		2%		1%	2%
Total	Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006  
Q43 Have Foster Parents Bill of Rights**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q43 Have Foster Parents Bill of Rights	Yes	86%	87%	80%	89%	89%	86%	100%	84%	90%
	No	12%	8%	20%	11%	7%	12%		14%	7%
	Don't know/Refused	2%	5%			4%	2%		2%	3%
Total	Count	374	124	97	74	54	373	1	279	92

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006  
Q44 Have agreement with agency regarding your rights**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private	Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Q44 Have agreement with agency regarding your rights	Yes	89%	70%	100%	100%	100%	89%	95%	75%
	No	7%	20%				7%		25%
	Don't know/Refused	4%	10%				4%	5%	
Total	Count	27	10	5	4	6	27	19	8

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006  
Q8. How long do you plan to foster?**

		Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
			Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
How long do you plan to foster	Not long	22%	13%	26%	17%	40%	22%	15%	23%	18%
	As long as I can	53%	63%	50%	56%	32%	53%	48%	52%	57%
	Not sure	26%	24%	24%	27%	28%	25%	37%	26%	25%
Total	Count	399	132	102	78	60	372	27	296	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q18 Time between orientation and being approved (in weeks)**

	Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
		Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Average (mean)	15.99	12.56	13.01	21.87	15.56	16.09	14.65	15.96	16.41
Minimum	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
Maximum	469.29	130.71	104.29	156.43	52.14	469.29	52.14	469.29	130.71
Median	10.00	8.71	8.71	13.07	13.07	10.00	13.07	10.00	9.36
Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q19 Time between being approved and first placement (in weeks)**

	Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
		Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Average (mean)	14.34	14.68	12.65	13.23	11.53	14.65	10.32	14.51	14.11
Minimum	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.14	.29	.14	.14
Maximum	469.29	156.43	104.29	208.57	104.29	469.29	52.14	469.29	156.43
Median	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36	8.71	4.36	8.71
Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100

**Survey of Foster Parents -- April 2006**  
**Q26 How long for reimbursement for incurred expenses (in weeks)**

	Total	HH Income				Foster Thru State or Private		Single or Two Parent family?	
		Less than \$30K	\$30K - \$49,999	\$50K - \$74,999	\$75K or more	DFACS	Private	Two parents	Single parent
Average (mean)	4.56	4.41	5.04	4.35	4.29	4.36	7.89	4.36	5.12
Minimum	.14	.14	.29	2.00	.14	.14	.14	.14	.29
Maximum	65.36	17.43	65.36	13.07	13.07	17.43	65.36	17.43	65.36
Median	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.36
Count	400	133	102	78	60	373	27	297	100