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# The Foster Care System and its Long Term Effects

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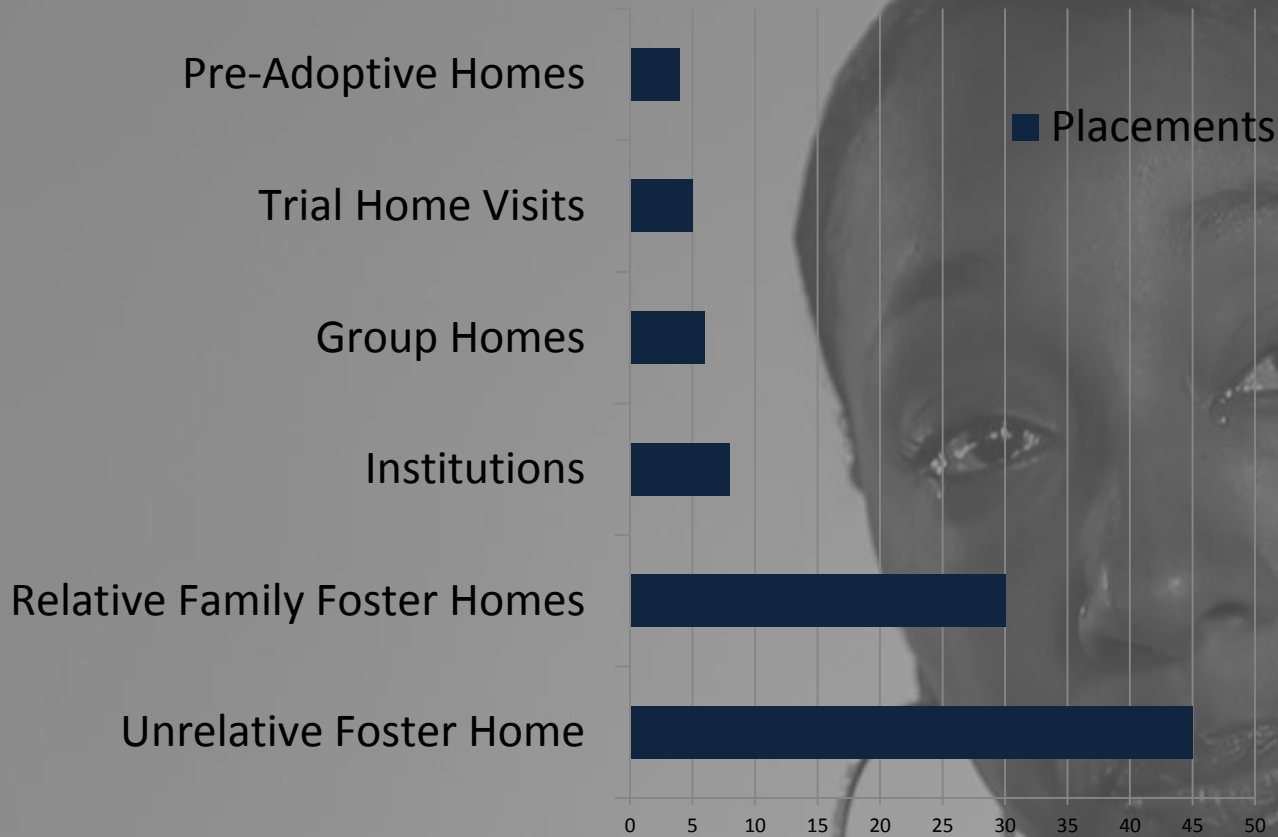
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# Foster Care

A substitute care for children who are placed away from their parents or guardians, and for whom the State agency has placement and care responsibility.

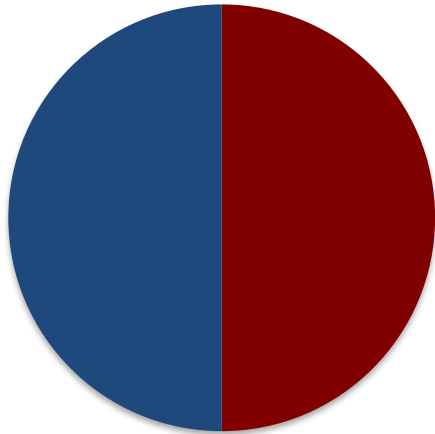


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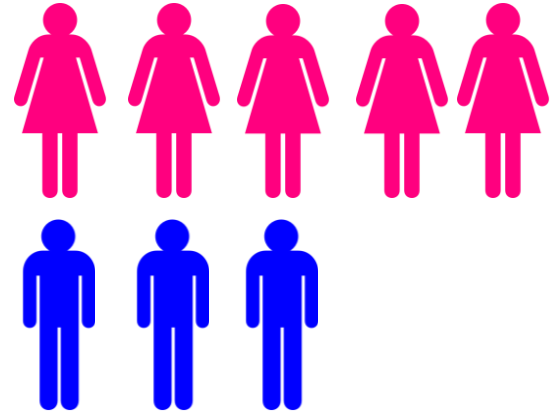


# Demographics

Participants



■ Advocates  
■ Alumni



Social Worker  
Non Profit focused on Education  
Foster Parent  
National Board of Foster Parents

5 years in the System  
7 years in and out of the System  
8 years in the System  
12 years in the System

Do you feel involvement in the Foster Care System affects a life positively or negatively?

“In the end, it takes kids out of horrible situations and tries to give them a better life; it’s a good thing. But I know **it also fails a lot of those kids**, so it’s easy to be thankful for it, but it’s also hard when I know the ability it has to really hurt some.”

Do the people one meets in the system influence their behavior towards the world?

**YES!**



If you could implement a rule/policy the system must abide by, what would it be?

**ASSESSED PSYCHOLOGICALLY**

**CONTINUED ASSESSMENT**

**EDUCATION REFORM**

**GUARDIAN TRAINING**

**SIBLING UNIFICATION**

**MAKING THE CHILD “FIT”**

**SCREENING AND REGULATIONS**



# How is the transition to adulthood?

“It’s like one day you are in care and the next day you are out of care, what has really changed?

Nothing about the individual, **all they did was turn 18**. It’s almost like you don’t know what you don’t know until you’re in that situation.”

How does the Foster Care system affect one in the long run?

“... I would have never found my path in life.”

Why does this  
matter?