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# The Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program

## Introduction

The Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KinGAP) is a state and federally-supported program for children in kinship foster care. The program provides financial assistance to prospective relative guardians who assume legal guardianship of children who were formerly their foster children. With passage of Chapter 384 of the Laws of 2017, the term “prospective relative guardian” now includes both relatives and specified non-relatives. A person who has a positive relationship with the child, including, but not limited to a stepparent, godparent, neighbor, or family friend, is now included in the definition of prospective relative guardian. Further detail on Chapter 384 of the Laws of 2017, also known as KinGAP Expansion, is found on page three of this report.

The purpose of the program is to find permanent homes with prospective relative guardians for foster children who do **not** have a discharge goal of returning to their parent or of being adopted. KinGAP assesses the child and the prospective relative guardian’s eligibility for assistance payments. Legal, clinical, and assessment considerations are assessed before proceeding with a kinship guardianship assistance arrangement. Under this program, most children receive medical coverage.

KinGAP also assists eligible relative guardians by providing up to \$2,000 per child as part of the Non-Recurring Guardianship Expenses Program for payment of the costs of securing letters of guardianship of the foster child. Furthermore, KinGAP assists 16-year-olds and older youth after they leave foster care by making independent living services, and education and training vouchers available to support permanency and to prepare the child to live independently after the kinship guardianship ends.

KinGAP is available for foster children whether or not they are legally freed for adoption. For this reason, the program is appealing for kinship foster parents because their guardianship does not require termination of parental rights. If children are not legally freed, kinship care keeps existing family connections intact, including the children’s rights of association with siblings, grandparents, and other extended family members. Legal guardianship also leaves open the possibility that children might someday return home to their biological parents, should the issues that brought them into foster care be resolved.

## Background

In October 2008, the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act (P.L. 110-351) created an option for states to provide financial assistance to relatives caring for foster children and become legal guardians of those children. The federal law allowed states to use federal funds (under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act) for subsidies to guardians of eligible children.

New York's subsidized guardianship program was implemented on April 1, 2011, as a result of Part F of Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2010 (Chapter 58) entitled "Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program" (KinGAP) (see §§458-a--458-f of the SSL). Chapter 58 also amended the Family Court Act (FCA) and the Surrogate's Court Procedure Act, setting forth standards and procedures relating to the application for and issuance of letters of guardianship to prospective relative guardian(s). The New York State statute meets all federal requirements to operate KinGAP and to obtain federal reimbursement for eligible foster children. In addition, Chapter 58 includes New York State specific provisions and extends eligibility for this program to eligible non-Title IV-E children.

In 2011, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) analyzed the program's impact and addressed issues and considerations necessary so that local departments of social services (LDSSs) and voluntary foster care agencies (VAs) could implement and offer this program as a new permanency option to eligible families. In addition, OCFS consulted with LDSS district staff on their pre-implementation work and identified areas that would need to be addressed in OCFS's instructions to the field. Furthermore, work was initiated with other impacted state agencies (Department of Health, Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, and the Office of Court Administration) about necessary policy and procedural changes. OCFS implemented KinGAP through an Administrative Directive titled *The Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KinGAP)* ([11-OCFS-ADM-03](#)).

In 2012, the implementation work continued with a focus on fine-tuning specific aspects of the program and providing technical assistance to LDSSs and VAs as they encountered more KinGAP cases. One area where technical assistance was provided to districts and agencies was with entering the correct systems codes in the various information technology systems at OCFS. Much of the technical assistance provided that year was to districts regarding coding questions/issues and, as a result, OCFS designed a *KinGAP Systems Tip Sheet* to assist workers with identifying the information that must be entered into the systems for a KinGAP case.

In 2014, the federal Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act [P.L. 113-183] authorized the continuation of KinGAP payments and nonrecurring guardianship expense payments to a successor guardian upon the death or incapacity of the relative guardian. New York State made conforming statutory and regulatory amendments to KinGAP in 2015 and 2016. The ADM addressing these changes is titled *Continuation of the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KinGAP) to a Successor Guardian* ([16-OCFS-ADM-10](#)).

In 2016, OCFS again focused efforts to increase the use of KinGAP as a permanency option through LDSS/VA staff training, collaboration, and support. OCFS increased the number of LDSS and VA staff who were provided the *Kinship Care Overview: Presenting Options to Kin/Relative Caregivers* training. This training curriculum provides trainers with the tools to conduct group meetings with kin caregivers to explain their options when deciding how to meet

the permanency needs of children who may be placed in their care. OCFS created a plain language pamphlet for the public titled, *Know Your Options: Kin Caring for Children* (Pub. 5175), to introduce relatives/kin to the options under kinship care. This publication is available in Arabic, Chinese (Traditional), French, Haitian Creole, Italian, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Urdu, and Bengali at <https://ocfs.ny.gov/kinship/resources.asp>. A statewide implementation team with representatives from LDSSs and VAs focused on kinship and KinGAP in 2016. The statewide implementation team created and disseminated a newsletter supporting the value of kinship placements and encouraged the use of KinGAP as a permanency option. By the end of 2016, OCFS had awarded state funds to eight regional permanency resource centers aimed at improving the safety, permanency, and well-being of children in adoptive and legal guardianship families.

Chapter 384 of Laws of 2017 was signed into law on October 23, 2017 by Governor Andrew Cuomo. Chapter 384 made two significant changes to New York State's KinGAP. The first change, as set forth in an amendment to §458-a of the SSL, expands KinGAP eligibility by eliminating the need for the prospective relative guardian to be related by blood, marriage, or adoption to a child or to all siblings in a sibling group. The second change, as set forth in an amendment to §458-b of the SSL, eliminates the statutory requirement that KinGAP payments automatically terminate upon the child's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday if the KinGAP agreement became effective prior to the child attaining the age of 16. These changes increase permanency options for children who would otherwise remain in foster care and provide committed foster parents the supports necessary to care for the child after transitioning to guardianship. OCFS implemented these changes through an Administrative Directive titled, *Expansion of the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KinGAP)* (18-OCFS-ADM-03). Subsequently, OCFS updated three forms necessary for caseworkers to determine KinGAP eligibility. These were released through an Administrative Directive titled, *Eligibility Forms for the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program (KinGAP)* ([18-OCFS-ADM-06](#)).

The appendix of this report contains a comprehensive list of the KinGAP activities in 2017. Links are provided on the list to written materials developed for this program.

## **Reporting Requirements**

In addition to establishing KinGAP, Section 12 of Part F of Chapter 58 sets forth reporting requirements for OCFS with regard to KinGAP and some additional relevant data. No later than February 1, 2012, and each year thereafter, OCFS must report the required information to the governor, speaker of the Assembly, temporary president of the Senate, the minority leader of the Senate, the chair of the Assembly Committee on Children and Families, and the chair of the Senate Committee on Children and Families, detailing the implementation and progress of KinGAP.

The information is to be provided on a yearly basis and includes, but is not limited to the following:

- The total number statewide and number of children in each LDSS who have entered into KinGAP within that yearly reporting period.
- The total number of children who have entered into KinGAP since implementation.
- The total number of applications statewide, and number of KinGAP applications in each LDSS.
- The total number of KinGAP applications denied and accepted by an LDSS.

- The ages of children entering into KinGAP.
- The number of fair hearings requested by KinGAP applicants and recipients, including the reasons for such hearing requests.
- The number of fair hearings held, the time frames within which decisions were rendered, and the number of fair hearings resolved in favor of the aggrieved party and the LDSS.
- Changes since implementation of KinGAP in the percentage of foster care children adopted, reunified, and released to other permanency outcomes.
- Changes since implementation of KinGAP in the percentage of children directly placed with relatives under Article 10 of the FCA.
- Changes in the average length of stay in foster care.

This report is the seventh annual report since the start of the KinGAP program in April 2011. OCFS has worked diligently over the years to assist LDSSs and VAs with entering their KinGAP activity codes into the appropriate OCFS data systems to provide an accurate picture of the KinGAP work they have completed.

The remainder of this report will focus on the data collected as required by Chapter 58.

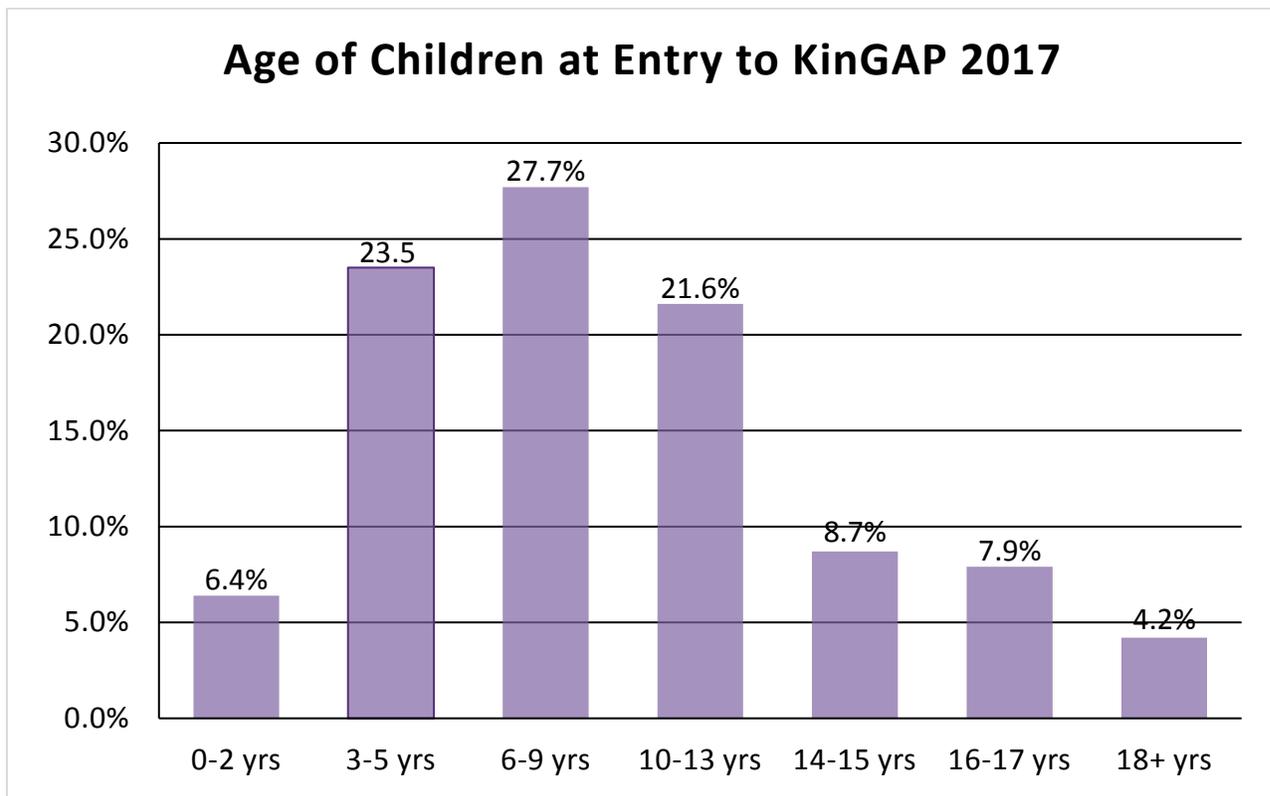
### **Summary of Data Reported by Districts**

The data reported on the tables included in this report are based on the data entered by LDSSs in the OCFS system of record, CONNECTIONS.

In 2017, 481 children entered the KinGAP program; 378 children in New York City, and 103 from the rest of the state. Since the start of the KinGAP program in April 2011, 2,007 children have achieved permanency and have been discharged from foster care to a KinGAP arrangement (complete details included on Table 1).

Based on CONNECTIONS data, between January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017, there were a total of 296 KinGAP applications received. Out of those applications, 225 were received by New York City and 71 by counties (including the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe) in the Rest of State (ROS). In 2017, in addition to New York City, applications were received in 15 counties including; Albany, Allegany, Chenango, Dutchess, Franklin, Greene, Nassau, Oneida, Onondaga, Orange, Oswego, Putnam, St. Lawrence, Schenectady, and Westchester counties. No KinGAP applications were denied. Statewide, 281 KinGAP applications were approved and 15 are pending (complete details included on Table 2).

The KinGAP program continues serving children at a variety of ages, from less than 2 years old to older than 18 years of age at the time of their entry into KinGAP. Of the children who entered KinGAP in 2017, 31 children were between 0-2 years of age, 113 were ages 3-5, 133 between ages 6-9, 104 between ages 10-13, 42 between ages 14-15, 38 between ages 16-17, and 20 were age 18 and older. The majority of children entering the program were between 6-9 years of age. The smallest numbers of children entering were in the 18 and older age range (complete details included on Table 3).



In 2017, there were five fair hearing requests received by OCFS on KinGAP applications (Table 4). One request was determined to be an issue for the Office for Temporary Disability Assistance (OTDA) and was referred to OTDA for scheduling. In one case, prior to commencement of the hearing, the request was withdrawn by the appellant, and in another case the appellant was deemed to be in default. Two hearings have been adjourned until 2018.

Between 2011 and 2017, the percentage of all exits from relative foster care to KinGAP increased from 0.1 percent to 23.5 percent. In addition, the number of all permanent exits from all foster care settings since KinGAP implementation was 8,901 as compared to 12,593 during the baseline year of 2011 (Table 5, Part A and Part B). **NOTE:** The number of children admitted into foster care statewide in 2011 was 10,694, and by 2017 it declined to 8,935 per the Monitoring and Analysis Profiles data.

Between 2011 and 2017, there was a significant increase of 34.1 percent in the number of children placed directly (in the direct legal custody) with a relative or other suitable adult under Article 10<sup>1</sup> (non-LDSS custody). This increase equates to 497 more children with direct relative placements in 2017 as compared to 2011. In New York City, the number of children directly placed with relatives decreased 22.7 percent, from 277 in 2011 to 214 in 2017. While in ROS, the number of children directly placed with relatives increased 47.4 percent, from 1,182 in 2011 to 1,956 in 2017.

<sup>1</sup> Prior to November 7, 2011, there was one dispositional code (62) that was used for both relative and non-relative direct- custodial placements; therefore, there was no way to separate out the relative from the non-relative data, though it is estimated that most of these direct placements were with relatives. As of November 7, 2011, the use of dispositional code 62 was no longer allowed, and districts were given two codes to separate out Article 10 direct custodial placements with relatives (88) and non-relatives (89).

Of the 1,459 children who were placed directly in the legal custody of relatives in 2011, 321 children moved to either relative foster care (98 children) or non-relative foster care (223 children) within 12 months of the direct relative placement. In comparison, of the 2,403 children who were placed directly with relatives in 2016, 337 children moved to either relative foster care (107 children) or non-relative foster care (230 children) within one year (Table 6).

The average length of stay for children exiting all foster care settings decreased 9.4 percent, from the baseline period of 2011 from 30.7 months to 27.8 months in 2017. The average length of stay for children exiting foster care from approved relative homes decreased 4.6 percent, from 33.9 months in 2011 to 32.3 months in 2017 (Table 7, Parts A and B). Of the 417 children exiting care to KinGAP in 2017, the average length of stay was 36.8 months (Table 7, Part C).

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#### **Table 1: Number of Children Entering KinGAP 2017**

Responds to § 12, subsection (a) of the statute:<sup>2</sup> “the total number, and number per local social services district, of children who have entered into the kinship guardianship assistance program within the yearly reporting period, as well as the total cumulative number of children in the program.”

#### **Table 2: Applications for KinGAP Assistance 2017**

Responds to § 12, subsection (b) of the statute: “the total number, and number per local social services district of applications for kinship guardianship assistance, including the number of applications denied and the number accepted by the local social services district.”

#### **Table 3: Ages of Children at KinGAP Entry 2017**

Responds to § 12, subsection (c) of the statute: “the ages of children entering into the kinship guardianship assistance program.”

#### **Table 4: Fair Hearings**

Responds to § 12, subsection (d) of the statute: “the number of fair hearings requested by applicants for, and recipients of, kinship guardianship assistance, including the reasons for such hearing requests, the number of fair hearings held, the time frames within which decisions were rendered, and the number of fair hearings resolved in favor of the aggrieved party and in favor of the local social services district.”

#### **Table 5: Changes in Permanent Exits**

Responds to § 12, subsection (e) of the statute: “changes since implementation of the kinship guardianship assistance program in: the percentage of foster children adopted, reunified, and released to other permanency outcomes.” There are two parts to this table:

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<sup>2</sup> Part F of Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2010.

**Table 5, Part A: Changes in Permanent Exits From All Foster Care Settings Since KinGAP Implementation 2017**

**Table 5, Part B: Changes in Permanent Exits From Approved Relative Settings Since KinGAP Implementation 2017**

**Table 6: Percentage Change in Children Placed Directly With a Relative or Other Suitable Adult Under Article 10 (non-LDSS Custody) 2017**

Responds to § 12, subsection (e) of the statute: “changes since implementation of the kinship guardianship assistance program in: ... the percentage of children directly placed with relatives under article ten of the family court act.”

**Table 7: Average Length of Stay**

Responds to § 12, subsection (e) of the statute: “... the average length of stay in foster care.” There are three parts to this table, and the numbers in the table refer to months in foster care:

**Table 7, Part A: Average Length of Stay in Months for Children Exiting Foster Care 2017**

**Table 7, Part B: Average Length of Stay in Months for Children Exiting Foster Care From an Approved Relative Home Setting 2017**

**Table 7, Part C: Average Length of Stay in Months for Children Exiting Foster Care From an Approved Relative Home Setting to KinGAP 2017**

**Table 1: Number of Children Entering KinGAP**

Report Date: 01/25/2018	Data As of Date: 01/18/2018	Year: 2017
LDSS	2017	Cumulative since 04/01/2011
ALBANY	3	8
ALLEGANY	1	21
BROOME	1	16
CATTARAUGUS	0	9
CAYUGA	0	14
CHAUTAUQUA	0	1
CHEMUNG	0	1
CHENANGO	4	4
CLINTON	0	0
COLUMBIA	0	12
CORTLAND	0	0
DELAWARE	0	0
DUTCHESS	12	24
ERIE	0	7
ESSEX	0	5
FRANKLIN	3	22
FULTON	0	0
GENESEE	0	0
GREENE	5	7
HAMILTON	0	0
HERKIMER	0	0
JEFFERSON	0	0
LEWIS	0	0
LIVINGSTON	0	10
MADISON	0	0
MONROE	0	1
MONTGOMERY	0	0
NASSAU	4	18
NIAGARA	0	0
ONEIDA	9	25
ONONDAGA	7	19
ONTARIO	0	0
ORANGE	8	50
ORLEANS	0	0
OSWEGO	1	8
OTSEGO	0	0
PUTNAM	1	2
RENSSELAER	0	0
ROCKLAND	0	4
ST LAWRENCE	2	20
SARATOGA	0	0
SCHENECTADY	3	16
SCHOHARIE	0	2
SCHUYLER	0	0
SENECA	0	0
STEUBEN	0	0
SUFFOLK	7	55
SULLIVAN	0	0
TIOGA	0	1
TOMPKINS	1	8
ULSTER	0	18
WARREN	0	2
WASHINGTON	0	0
WAYNE	0	3
WESTCHESTER	24	41
WYOMING	0	0
YATES	0	0
ST REGIS	7	9
Rest of State Total	103	463
New York City Total	378	1,544
New York State Total	481	2,007

## Table 2: Applications for KinGAP Assistance

Report Date: 01/25/2018

Data As of Date: 01/18/2018

Year: 2017

LDSS	Received & Pending		Approved *		Denied		Total	
	Applications	%	Applications	%	Applications	%	Applications	%
ALBANY	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
ALLEGANY	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%
BROOME	0		0		0		0	
CATTARAUGUS	0		0		0		0	
CAYUGA	0		0		0		0	
CHAUTAUQUA	0		0		0		0	
CHEMUNG	0		0		0		0	
CHENANGO	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
CLINTON	0		0		0		0	
COLUMBIA	0		0		0		0	
CORTLAND	0		0		0		0	
DELAWARE	0		0		0		0	
DUTCHESS	0	0.0%	12	100.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
ERIE	0		0		0		0	
ESSEX	0		0		0		0	
FRANKLIN	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%
FULTON	0		0		0		0	
GENESEE	0		0		0		0	
GREENE	0	0.0%	5	100.0%	0	0.0%	5	100.0%
HAMILTON	0		0		0		0	
HERKIMER	0		0		0		0	
JEFFERSON	0		0		0		0	
LEWIS	0		0		0		0	
LIVINGSTON	0		0		0		0	
MADISON	0		0		0		0	
MONROE	0		0		0		0	
MONTGOMERY	0		0		0		0	
NASSAU	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%
NIAGARA	0		0		0		0	
ONEIDA	1	12.5%	7	87.5%	0	0.0%	8	100.0%
ONONDAGA	3	27.3%	8	72.7%	0	0.0%	11	100.0%
ONTARIO	0		0		0		0	
ORANGE	0	0.0%	4	100.0%	0	0.0%	4	100.0%
ORLEANS	0		0		0		0	
OSWEGO	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
OTSEGO	0		0		0		0	
PUTNAM	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
RENSSELAER	0		0		0		0	
ROCKLAND	0		0		0		0	
ST LAWRENCE	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
SARATOGA	0		0		0		0	
SCHENECTADY	0	0.0%	3	100.0%	0	0.0%	3	100.0%
SCHOHARIE	0		0		0		0	
SCHUYLER	0		0		0		0	
SENECA	0		0		0		0	
STEUBEN	0		0		0		0	
SUFFOLK	0		0		0		0	
SULLIVAN	0		0		0		0	
TIOGA	0		0		0		0	
TOMPKINS	0		0		0		0	
ULSTER	0		0		0		0	
WARREN	0		0		0		0	
WASHINGTON	0		0		0		0	
WAYNE	0		0		0		0	
WESTCHESTER	3	17.6%	14	82.4%	0	0.0%	17	100.0%
WYOMING	0		0		0		0	
YATES	0		0		0		0	
ST REGIS	0		0		0		0	
Rest of State Total	9	12.7%	62	87.3%	0	0.0%	71	100.0%
New York City Total	6	2.7%	219	97.3%	0	0.0%	225	100.0%
New York State Total	15	5.1%	281	94.9%	0	0.0%	296	100.0%

\* Approved = Accepted per legislation.

\* Empty space represents N/A- Not applicable since the given value cannot be calculated

**Table 3: Ages of Children at KinGAP Entry**

Report Date:  
01/25/2018

Data As of Date: 01/18/2018

Year: 2017

LDSS	Age 2 Years and Under		3 - 5 Years of Age		6 - 9 Years of Age		10 - 13 Years of Age		14 - 15 Years of Age		16- 17 Years of Age		Age 18 and Above		Total	
	Children	%	Children	%	Children	%	Children	%	Children	%	Children	%	Children	%	Children	%
ALBANY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	3	100.0%
ALLEGANY	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
BROOME	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
CATTARAUGUS	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
CAYUGA	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
CHAUTAUQUA	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
CHEMUNG	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
CHENANGO	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	50.0%	2	50.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	100.0%
CLINTON	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
COLUMBIA	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
CORTLAND	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
DELAWARE	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
DUTCHESS	0	0.0%	4	33.3%	4	33.3%	4	33.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	12	100.0%
ERIE	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
ESSEX	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
FRANKLIN	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	2	66.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	100.0%
FULTON	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
GENESEE	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
GREENE	0	0.0%	1	20.0%	4	80.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	5	100.0%
HAMILTON	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
HERKIMER	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
JEFFERSON	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
LEWIS	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
LIVINGSTON	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
MADISON	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
MONROE	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
MONTGOMERY	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
NASSAU	1	25.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	25.0%	1	25.0%	1	25.0%	4	100.0%
NIAGARA	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
ONEIDA	0	0.0%	2	22.2%	3	33.3%	3	33.3%	0	0.0%	1	11.1%	0	0.0%	9	100.0%
ONONDAGA	2	28.6%	2	28.6%	2	28.6%	1	14.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	100.0%
ONTARIO	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
ORANGE	1	12.5%	1	12.5%	2	25.0%	4	50.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	8	100.0%
ORLEANS	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
OSWEGO	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
OTSEGO	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
PUTNAM	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
RENSSELAER	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
ROCKLAND	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
ST LAWRENCE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	100.0%
SARATOGA	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
SCHENECTADY	0	0.0%	2	66.7%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	33.3%	0	0.0%	3	100.0%
SCHOHARIE	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
SCHUYLER	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
SENECA	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
STEUBEN	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
SUFFOLK	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	3	42.9%	3	42.9%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	7	100.0%
SULLIVAN	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TIOGA	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
TOMPKINS	0	0.0%	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
ULSTER	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
WARREN	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
WASHINGTON	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
WAYNE	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
WESTCHESTER	1	4.2%	5	20.8%	6	25.0%	8	33.3%	0	0.0%	4	16.7%	0	0.0%	24	100.0%
WYOMING	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
YATES	0		0		0		0		0		0		0		0	
ST REGIS	0	0.0%	1	14.3%	0	0.0%	3	42.9%	1	14.3%	1	14.3%	1	14.3%	7	100.0%
Rest of State Total	8	7.8%	21	20.4%	31	30.1%	30	29.1%	2	1.9%	8	7.8%	3	2.9%	103	100.0%
New York City Total	23	6.1%	92	24.3%	102	27.0%	74	19.6%	40	10.6%	30	7.9%	17	4.5%	378	100.0%
New York State Total	31	6.4%	113	23.5%	133	27.7%	104	21.6%	42	8.7%	38	7.9%	20	4.2%	481	100.0%

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**Table 4: 2017 Year End Report KinGAP**  
OCFS Special Hearing Information System

<b><u>2017 Report</u></b>								
<b>Hearing Type</b>	<b>Requests</b>	<b>Sched</b>	<b>Held</b>	<b>Issued</b>	<b>No Evidence</b>	<b>Defaults</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>	<b>Settled</b>
<b>KINGAP</b>	5	5	0	2	0	1	1	0

**Table 5, Part A: Changes in Permanent Exits from all Foster Care Settings Since KinGAP Implementation**

Report Date: 01/25/2018

Data As of Date: 01/18/2018

Year: 2017

LDSS	Percentage Children Adopted			Percentage Children Reunified			Percentage Children with Kinship Guardianship Assistance			Percentage Children with Other Permanent Outcomes			Total Number of Children Exiting Care		
	Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Change	Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Change	Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Change	Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Change	Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Change
ALBANY	15.6%	12.6%	-19.1%	55.2%	52.2%	-5.5%	1.0%	1.6%	58.2%	28.1%	33.5%	19.2%	192	182	-5.2%
ALLEGANY	37.9%	43.8%	15.3%	34.5%	31.2%	-9.4%	0.0%	6.2%		27.6%	18.8%	-32.0%	29	16	-44.8%
BROOME	28.7%	16.4%	-42.9%	38.7%	43.4%	12.3%	0.6%	0.8%	48.4%	32.0%	39.3%	22.8%	181	122	-32.6%
CATTARAUGUS	29.2%	41.9%	43.2%	38.5%	27.9%	-27.4%	1.5%	0.0%	-100.0%	30.8%	30.2%	-1.7%	65	43	-33.8%
CAYUGA	16.4%	16.4%	0.0%	50.9%	41.8%	-17.9%	1.8%	0.0%	-100.0%	30.9%	41.8%	35.3%	55	55	0.0%
CHAUTAUQUA	29.9%	33.0%	10.3%	42.5%	36.4%	-14.5%	0.0%	0.0%		27.6%	30.7%	11.2%	87	88	1.1%
CHEMUNG	20.0%	28.1%	40.6%	54.1%	34.4%	-36.5%	0.0%	0.0%		25.9%	37.5%	44.9%	85	64	-24.7%
CHENANGO	10.0%	21.7%	117.4%	80.0%	43.5%	-45.7%	0.0%	17.4%		10.0%	17.4%	73.9%	10	23	130.0%
CLINTON	27.5%	50.0%	81.8%	32.5%	17.9%	-45.1%	0.0%	0.0%		40.0%	32.1%	-19.6%	40	28	-30.0%
COLUMBIA	22.4%	22.0%	-1.9%	52.6%	48.8%	-7.3%	0.0%	0.0%		25.0%	29.3%	17.1%	76	41	-46.1%
CORTLAND	25.0%	26.1%	4.3%	43.4%	28.3%	-34.9%	0.0%	0.0%		31.6%	45.7%	44.6%	76	46	-39.5%
DELAWARE	33.3%	43.2%	29.7%	54.2%	35.1%	-35.1%	0.0%	0.0%		12.5%	21.6%	73.0%	24	37	54.2%
DUTCHESS	16.8%	25.0%	48.4%	59.8%	33.3%	-44.2%	0.0%	6.7%		23.4%	35.0%	49.8%	184	180	-2.2%
ERIE	24.4%	24.3%	-0.3%	36.9%	41.8%	13.3%	0.0%	0.0%		38.7%	33.9%	-12.5%	566	576	1.8%
ESSEX	18.2%	6.2%	-65.6%	45.5%	56.2%	23.8%	0.0%	0.0%		36.4%	37.5%	3.1%	11	16	45.5%
FRANKLIN	13.0%	8.1%	-37.5%	66.7%	62.2%	-6.8%	0.0%	8.1%		20.4%	21.6%	6.1%	54	37	-31.5%
FULTON	8.9%	0.0%	-100.0%	77.8%	64.3%	-17.3%	0.0%	0.0%		13.3%	35.7%	167.9%	45	28	-37.8%
GENESEE	13.5%	28.2%	108.7%	56.8%	51.3%	-9.6%	0.0%	0.0%		29.7%	20.5%	-31.0%	37	39	5.4%
GREENE	5.5%	8.7%	59.4%	54.5%	26.1%	-52.2%	0.0%	10.9%		40.0%	54.3%	35.9%	55	46	-16.4%
HAMILTON	100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	100.0%		1	2	100.0%
HERKIMER	13.1%	11.1%	-15.3%	44.3%	63.0%	42.2%	0.0%	0.0%		42.6%	25.9%	-39.2%	61	54	-11.5%
JEFFERSON	21.7%	37.5%	72.5%	39.1%	28.6%	-27.0%	0.0%	0.0%		39.1%	33.9%	-13.3%	69	56	-18.8%
LEWIS	33.3%	27.8%	-16.7%	40.0%	38.9%	-2.8%	0.0%	0.0%		26.7%	33.3%	25.0%	15	18	20.0%
LIVINGSTON	43.3%	35.3%	-18.6%	46.7%	21.6%	-53.8%	0.0%	0.0%		10.0%	43.1%	331.4%	30	51	70.0%
MADISON	20.0%	32.3%	61.3%	70.0%	41.9%	-40.1%	0.0%	0.0%		10.0%	25.8%	158.1%	30	31	3.3%
MONROE	16.0%	8.7%	-45.4%	41.8%	41.3%	-1.2%	0.0%	0.0%		42.2%	50.0%	18.4%	438	298	-32.0%
MONTGOMERY	14.3%	3.2%	-77.4%	66.1%	45.2%	-31.6%	0.0%	0.0%		19.6%	51.6%	162.8%	56	31	-44.6%
NASSAU	6.8%	22.1%	223.6%	57.6%	47.2%	-17.9%	0.0%	2.5%		35.6%	28.2%	-20.7%	337	163	-51.6%
NIAGARA	17.2%	20.7%	20.2%	44.0%	30.6%	-30.3%	0.0%	0.0%		38.8%	48.6%	25.4%	116	111	-4.3%
ONEIDA	16.4%	9.4%	-42.7%	58.2%	60.7%	4.3%	0.0%	4.7%		25.3%	25.1%	-0.8%	225	191	-15.1%
ONONDAGA	29.1%	19.7%	-32.1%	28.6%	41.3%	44.4%	0.0%	3.1%		42.4%	35.9%	-15.3%	203	223	9.9%
ONTARIO	15.2%	23.3%	54.0%	54.5%	50.0%	-8.3%	0.0%	0.0%		30.3%	26.7%	-12.0%	33	60	81.8%
ORANGE	17.6%	24.2%	37.7%	55.3%	43.8%	-20.9%	0.0%	5.2%		27.1%	26.8%	-1.1%	262	153	-41.6%
ORLEANS	4.0%	30.8%	669.2%	52.0%	46.2%	-11.2%	0.0%	0.0%		44.0%	23.1%	-47.6%	25	26	4.0%
OSWEGO	9.6%	22.4%	133.5%	50.0%	42.9%	-14.3%	0.0%	2.0%		40.4%	32.7%	-19.1%	52	49	-5.8%
OTSEGO	11.1%	16.7%	50.0%	38.9%	58.3%	50.0%	0.0%	0.0%		50.0%	25.0%	-50.0%	18	12	-33.3%
PUTNAM	60.0%	22.2%	-63.0%	30.0%	44.4%	48.1%	0.0%	5.6%		10.0%	27.8%	177.8%	10	18	80.0%
RENSSELAER	15.3%	16.9%	10.6%	58.2%	52.3%	-10.1%	0.0%	0.0%		26.5%	30.8%	16.0%	98	65	-33.7%
ROCKLAND	15.6%	14.3%	-8.6%	64.1%	42.9%	-33.1%	0.0%	0.0%		20.3%	42.9%	111.0%	64	42	-34.4%
ST LAWRENCE	28.4%	35.9%	26.3%	54.1%	24.3%	-55.2%	0.0%	1.9%		17.4%	37.9%	117.2%	109	103	-5.5%
SARATOGA	2.3%	0.0%	-100.0%	75.0%	62.9%	-16.2%	0.0%	0.0%		22.7%	37.1%	63.4%	44	35	-20.5%
SCHENECTADY	18.9%	18.1%	-4.1%	51.2%	40.9%	-20.0%	0.5%	2.0%	336.9%	29.5%	38.9%	32.0%	217	149	-31.3%
SCHOHARIE	37.0%	47.1%	27.1%	44.4%	29.4%	-33.8%	0.0%	0.0%		18.5%	23.5%	27.1%	27	17	-37.0%
SCHUYLER	33.3%	36.4%	9.1%	25.0%	54.5%	118.2%	0.0%	0.0%		41.7%	9.1%	-78.2%	12	11	-8.3%
SENECA	12.5%	21.1%	68.4%	50.0%	63.2%	26.3%	0.0%	0.0%		37.5%	15.8%	-57.9%	16	19	18.8%
STEUBEN	18.5%	9.1%	-50.8%	51.1%	45.5%	-11.0%	0.0%	0.0%		30.4%	45.5%	49.4%	92	66	-28.3%
SUFFOLK	16.1%	16.7%	3.3%	52.4%	45.0%	-14.1%	0.0%	2.2%		31.5%	36.2%	14.8%	527	318	-39.7%
SULLIVAN	11.1%	7.1%	-35.7%	48.1%	32.1%	-33.2%	0.0%	0.0%		40.7%	60.7%	49.0%	27	28	3.7%
TIOGA	8.3%	22.7%	172.7%	50.0%	13.6%	-72.7%	0.0%	0.0%		41.7%	63.6%	52.7%	12	22	83.3%
TOMPKINS	51.6%	26.2%	-49.2%	31.2%	51.2%	63.8%	0.0%	1.2%		17.2%	21.4%	24.7%	64	84	31.2%
ULSTER	16.7%	12.3%	-25.9%	40.5%	56.8%	40.3%	0.0%	0.0%		42.9%	30.9%	-28.0%	84	81	-3.6%
WARREN	23.1%	15.2%	-34.3%	57.7%	60.6%	5.1%	1.9%	0.0%	-100.0%	17.3%	24.2%	40.1%	52	33	-36.5%
WASHINGTON	22.0%	20.0%	-9.1%	48.0%	16.0%	-66.7%	0.0%	0.0%		30.0%	64.0%	113.3%	50	25	-50.0%
WAYNE	33.3%	37.5%	12.5%	38.1%	25.0%	-34.4%	0.0%	0.0%		28.6%	37.5%	31.2%	42	24	-42.9%
WESTCHESTER	19.5%	19.2%	-1.8%	36.4%	37.1%	2.0%	0.0%	9.8%		44.0%	33.9%	-23.1%	302	245	-18.9%
WYOMING	16.1%	13.8%	-14.5%	67.7%	48.3%	-28.7%	0.0%	0.0%		16.1%	37.9%	135.2%	31	29	-6.5%
YATES	10.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	70.0%	85.7%	22.4%	0.0%	0.0%		20.0%	14.3%	-28.6%	10	7	-30.0%
ST REGIS	0.0%	0.0%		50.0%	41.7%	-16.7%	0.0%	58.3%		50.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	6	12	100.0%
Rest of State Total	19.3%	20.2%	4.3%	48.2%	42.6%	-11.7%	0.1%	2.2%	1,724.3%	32.3%	35.0%	8.3%	5,739	4,629	-19.3%
New York City Total	18.0%	20.8%	15.1%	54.6%	49.4%	-9.5%	0.0%	8.8%		27.4%	21.0%	-23.3%	6,854	4,272	-37.7%
New York State Total	18.6%	20.4%	9.8%	51.7%	45.8%	-11.3%	0.0%	5.4%		29.6%	28.3%	-4.5%	12,593	8,901	-29.3%

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**Table 5, Part B: Changes in Permanent Exits from Approved Relative Foster Care Settings Since KinGAP Implementation**

Report Date: 01/25/2018

Data As of Date: 01/18/2018

Year: 2017

LDSS	Percentage Children Adopted			Percentage Children Reunified			Percentage Children with Kinship Guardianship Assistance			Percentage Children with Other Permanent Outcomes			Total Number of Children Exiting Relative Foster Care		
	Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Change	Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Change	Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Change	Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Change	Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Change
ALBANY	40.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	30.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	10.0%	100.0%	900.0%	20.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	10	1	-90.0%
ALLEGANY	0.0%	0.0%		100.0%	50.0%	-50.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	50.0%		1	2	100.0%
BROOME	85.7%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	33.3%		14.3%	66.7%	366.7%	7	3	-57.1%
CATTARAUGUS	16.7%	0.0%	-100.0%	33.3%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		50.0%	100.0%	100.0%	6	1	-83.3%
CAYUGA	0.0%			40.0%			0.0%			60.0%			5	0	-100.0%
CHAUTAUQUA	0.0%	50.0%		100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	50.0%		3	6	100.0%
CHEMUNG	0.0%			0.0%			0.0%			100.0%			2	0	-100.0%
CHENANGO		11.1%			44.4%			44.4%			0.0%		0	9	
CLINTON	50.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%		50.0%	100.0%	100.0%	2	1	-50.0%
COLUMBIA	30.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	70.0%	75.0%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	25.0%		10	4	-60.0%
CORTLAND	100.0%	50.0%	-50.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	50.0%		1	6	500.0%
DELAWARE	0.0%			100.0%			0.0%			0.0%			1	0	-100.0%
DUTCHESS	0.0%	9.7%		72.7%	51.6%	-29.0%	0.0%	9.7%		27.3%	29.0%	6.5%	11	31	181.8%
ERIE	50.0%	60.6%	21.2%	0.0%	18.2%		0.0%	0.0%		50.0%	21.2%	-57.6%	2	33	1,550.0%
ESSEX		0.0%			100.0%			0.0%			0.0%		0	2	
FRANKLIN	66.7%	16.7%	-75.0%	33.3%	66.7%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	16.7%		3	6	100.0%
FULTON		0.0%			0.0%			0.0%			100.0%		0	1	
GENESEE		50.0%			50.0%			0.0%			0.0%		0	4	
GREENE	0.0%	0.0%		75.0%	20.0%	-73.3%	0.0%	25.0%		25.0%	55.0%	120.0%	8	20	150.0%
HAMILTON		0.0%			0.0%			0.0%			100.0%		0	2	
HERKIMER	66.7%			0.0%			0.0%			33.3%			3	0	-100.0%
JEFFERSON	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%		100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	3	2	-33.3%
LEWIS	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	100.0%		0.0%	0.0%		100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	1	1	0.0%
LIVINGSTON													0	0	
MADISON	0.0%	60.0%		100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	40.0%		2	5	150.0%
MONROE		100.0%			0.0%			0.0%			0.0%		0	2	
MONTGOMERY	0.0%	100.0%		100.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%		3	1	-66.7%
NASSAU	7.1%	57.1%	700.0%	64.3%	28.6%	-55.6%	0.0%	14.3%		28.6%	0.0%	-100.0%	14	7	-50.0%
NIAGARA	27.3%	50.0%	83.3%	63.6%	50.0%	-21.4%	0.0%	0.0%		9.1%	0.0%	-100.0%	11	2	-81.8%
ONEIDA	33.3%	3.2%	-90.3%	41.7%	32.3%	-22.6%	0.0%	12.9%		25.0%	51.6%	106.5%	12	31	158.3%
ONONDAGA	75.0%	50.0%	-33.3%	0.0%	50.0%		0.0%	0.0%		25.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	4	2	-50.0%
ONTARIO		14.3%			57.1%			0.0%			28.6%		0	7	
ORANGE	16.7%	16.0%	-4.0%	70.0%	32.0%	-54.3%	0.0%	20.0%		13.3%	32.0%	140.0%	30	25	-16.7%
ORLEANS													0	0	
OSWEGO		0.0%			0.0%			0.0%			100.0%		0	5	
OTSEGO													0	0	
PUTNAM	0.0%			0.0%			0.0%			100.0%			1	0	-100.0%
RENSSELAER	0.0%	0.0%		50.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		50.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	2	1	-50.0%
ROCKLAND	0.0%	0.0%		50.0%	0.0%	-100.0%	0.0%	0.0%		50.0%	100.0%	100.0%	2	1	-50.0%
ST LAWRENCE	33.3%	11.1%	-66.7%	27.8%	22.2%	-20.0%	0.0%	22.2%		38.9%	44.4%	14.3%	18	9	-50.0%
SARATOGA													0	0	
SCHENECTADY	16.7%	33.3%	100.0%	83.3%	26.7%	-68.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	40.0%		6	15	150.0%
SCHOHARIE													0	0	
SCHUYLER		100.0%			0.0%			0.0%			0.0%		0	1	
SENECA													0	0	
STEUBEN	0.0%			0.0%			0.0%			100.0%			3	0	-100.0%
SUFFOLK	0.0%	14.3%		62.5%	25.0%	-60.0%	0.0%	17.9%		37.5%	42.9%	14.3%	16	28	75.0%
SULLIVAN	0.0%			0.0%			0.0%			100.0%			1	0	-100.0%
TIOGA		0.0%			0.0%			0.0%			100.0%		0	5	
TOMPKINS	68.8%	35.7%	-48.1%	12.5%	42.9%	242.9%	0.0%	3.6%		18.8%	17.9%	-4.8%	16	28	75.0%
ULSTER	13.3%	0.0%	-100.0%	46.7%	42.9%	-8.2%	0.0%	0.0%		40.0%	57.1%	42.9%	15	7	-53.3%
WARREN	0.0%			25.0%			25.0%			50.0%			4	0	-100.0%
WASHINGTON													0	0	
WAYNE													0	0	
WESTCHESTER	64.3%	43.2%	-32.8%	7.1%	4.5%	-36.4%	0.0%	52.3%		28.6%	0.0%	-100.0%	28	44	57.1%
WYOMING	100.0%			0.0%			0.0%			0.0%			1	0	-100.0%
YATES	0.0%			100.0%			0.0%			0.0%			1	0	-100.0%
ST REGIS	0.0%	0.0%		100.0%	50.0%	-50.0%	0.0%	50.0%		0.0%	0.0%		1	6	500.0%
Rest of State Total	28.1%	24.8%	-11.9%	43.3%	28.1%	-35.2%	0.7%	15.8%	2,033.5%	27.8%	31.3%	12.8%	270	367	35.9%
New York City Total	26.3%	20.9%	-20.4%	54.9%	40.8%	-25.8%	0.0%	25.4%		18.8%	12.9%	-31.5%	2,019	1,411	-30.1%
New York State Total	26.5%	21.7%	-18.0%	53.6%	38.1%	-28.8%	0.1%	23.5%	26,742.3%	19.9%	16.7%	-16.0%	2,289	1,778	-22.3%

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**Table 6: Percentage Change in Children Placed Directly with a Relative or Other Suitable Adult Under Article 10 (non-LDSS Custody)**

LDSS	2011				2016				2017	
	Number of Children Directly Placed with Relative for First Time	Moved to Foster Relative Home Within 1 Year	Moved to Foster Non-Relative Home within 1 Year	Average Days Between Direct Placement and Move to Foster Care	Number of Children Directly Placed with Relative for First Time	Moved to Foster Relative Home Within 1 Year	Moved to Foster Non-Relative Home within 1 Year	Average Days Between Direct Placement and Move to Foster Care	Number of Children Directly Placed with Relative for First Time	% Change in First Direct Placements with Relatives (2011-2017)
ALBANY	34	6	8	139	57	1	16	104	56	64.7%
ALLEGANY	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0%
BROOME	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	330	3	50.0%
CATTARAUGUS	9	1	1	200	42	2	3	202	17	88.9%
CAYUGA	32	4	3	188	25	0	0	0	35	9.4%
CHAUTAUQUA	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	
CHEMUNG	4	1	0	79	34	0	3	64	19	375.0%
CHENANGO	0	0	0	0	21	4	0	45	9	
CLINTON	13	1	3	129	24	1	1	47	8	-38.5%
COLUMBIA	0	0	0	0	15	2	0	350	3	
CORTLAND	1	0	0	0	32	1	4	171	28	2,700.0%
DELAWARE	3	0	1	291	13	0	0	0	19	533.3%
DUTCHESS	21	0	3	17	45	3	4	61	38	81.0%
ERIE	278	0	55	154	626	17	78	139	399	43.5%
ESSEX	2	0	0	0	5	0	1	168	0	-100.0%
FRANKLIN	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	17	
FULTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
GENESEE	6	0	2	230	2	0	0	0	0	-100.0%
GREENE	11	0	1	132	6	3	0	362	9	-18.2%
HAMILTON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
HERKIMER	17	2	4	207	43	0	2	334	36	111.8%
JEFFERSON	19	1	4	189	45	0	5	119	41	115.8%
LEWIS	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	3	
LIVINGSTON	2	1	0	221	24	1	0	168	33	1,550.0%
MADISON	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0%
MONROE	70	0	8	142	124	0	5	250	107	52.9%
MONTGOMERY	1	0	0	0	11	0	5	167	9	800.0%
NASSAU	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	33.3%
NIAGARA	54	2	10	112	96	1	9	183	74	37.0%
ONEIDA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
ONONDAGA	54	2	10	114	113	2	16	231	105	94.4%
ONTARIO	3	0	0	0	9	0	1	42	4	33.3%
ORANGE	39	1	9	28	28	1	3	108	16	-59.0%
ORLEANS	13	1	4	42	15	0	2	176	12	-7.7%
OSWEGO	14	2	3	90	53	10	3	133	60	328.6%
OTSEGO	2	0	0	0	20	0	1	41	5	150.0%
PUTNAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
RENSSELAER	1	0	1	180	0	0	0	0	1	0.0%
ROCKLAND	22	0	5	87	29	0	0	0	22	0.0%
ST LAWRENCE	10	0	1	244	67	2	4	115	45	350.0%
SARATOGA	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	
SCHENECTADY	26	1	3	213	48	7	5	121	32	23.1%
SCHOHARIE	6	0	0	0	26	0	7	77	25	316.7%
SCHUYLER	2	0	2	247	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0%
SENECA	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100.0%
STEUBEN	11	1	2	166	21	1	0	103	6	-45.5%
SUFFOLK	229	24	25	161	316	18	17	174	248	8.3%
SULLIVAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TIOGA	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	
TOMPKINS	12	8	2	198	33	2	2	164	30	150.0%
ULSTER	15	1	1	22	39	5	6	122	37	146.7%
WARREN	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-100.0%
WASHINGTON	13	0	3	55	11	0	8	156	9	-30.8%
WAYNE	1	0	1	210	4	0	0	0	0	-100.0%
WESTCHESTER	97	11	17	154	81	5	11	153	94	-3.1%
WYOMING	6	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	10	66.7%
YATES	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	2	
ST REGIS	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	252	0	-100.0%
Rest of State Total	1,182	71	192	136.9	2,260	92	223	148.1	1,742	47.4%
New York City Total	277	27	31	133	143	15	7	109	214	-22.7%
New York State Total	1,459	98	223	136.2	2,403	107	230	145.8	1,956	34.1%

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**Table 7, Part A: Average Length of Stay in Months for Children Exiting Foster Care**

Report Date: 01/25/2018

Data As of Date: 01/18/2018

Year: 2017

LDSS	Number of Children Exiting Foster Care Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Average Length of Stay Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Number of Children Exiting Foster Care Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Average Length of Stay Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	% Change in Average Length of Stay (2011 - 2017)
ALBANY	192	21	182	13	-38.1%
ALLEGANY	29	28	16	34	21.4%
BROOME	181	29	122	21	-27.6%
CATTARAUGUS	65	18	43	25	38.9%
CAYUGA	55	18	55	17	-5.6%
CHAUTAUQUA	87	23	88	18	-21.7%
CHEMUNG	85	17	64	20	17.6%
CHENANGO	10	23	23	25	8.7%
CLINTON	40	28	28	28	0.0%
COLUMBIA	76	27	41	25	-7.4%
CORTLAND	76	23	46	19	-17.4%
DELAWARE	24	25	37	37	48.0%
DUTCHESS	184	24	180	25	4.2%
ERIE	566	25	576	21	-16.0%
ESSEX	11	12	16	15	25.0%
FRANKLIN	54	20	37	23	15.0%
FULTON	45	13	28	20	53.8%
GENESEE	37	22	39	26	18.2%
GREENE	55	20	46	19	-5.0%
HAMILTON	1	67	2	6	-91.0%
HERKIMER	61	18	54	14	-22.2%
JEFFERSON	69	19	56	18	-5.3%
LEWIS	15	30	18	24	-20.0%
LIVINGSTON	30	25	51	20	-20.0%
MADISON	30	24	31	25	4.2%
MONROE	438	25	298	16	-36.0%
MONTGOMERY	56	24	31	5	-79.2%
NASSAU	337	16	163	18	12.5%
NIAGARA	116	24	111	20	-16.7%
ONEIDA	225	21	191	12	-42.9%
ONONDAGA	203	30	223	19	-36.7%
ONTARIO	33	18	60	18	0.0%
ORANGE	262	30	153	22	-26.7%
ORLEANS	25	19	26	18	-5.3%
OSWEGO	52	21	49	21	0.0%
OTSEGO	18	25	12	12	-52.0%
PUTNAM	10	25	18	15	-40.0%
RENSSELAER	98	29	65	21	-27.6%
ROCKLAND	64	21	42	18	-14.3%
ST LAWRENCE	109	21	103	28	33.3%
SARATOGA	44	18	35	14	-22.2%
SCHENECTADY	217	20	149	19	-5.0%
SCHOHARIE	27	27	17	28	3.7%
SCHUYLER	12	17	11	24	41.2%
SENECA	16	16	19	19	18.8%
STEUBEN	92	23	66	22	-4.3%
SUFFOLK	527	21	318	19	-9.5%
SULLIVAN	27	21	28	17	-19.0%
TIOGA	12	23	22	22	-4.3%
TOMPKINS	64	25	84	21	-16.0%
ULSTER	84	30	81	23	-23.3%
WARREN	52	18	33	18	0.0%
WASHINGTON	50	15	25	18	20.0%
WAYNE	42	17	24	20	17.6%
WESTCHESTER	302	36	245	32	-11.1%
WYOMING	31	30	29	17	-43.3%
YATES	10	17	7	39	129.4%
ST REGIS	6	17	12	45	164.7%
Rest of State Total	5,739	23.58	4,629	20.33	-13.8%
New York City Total	6,854	37	4,272	36	-2.7%
New York State Total	12,593	30.65	8,901	27.78	-9.4%

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**Table 7, Part B: Average Length of Stay in Months for Children Exiting Foster Care from an Approved Relative Foster Home Setting**

Report Date: 01/25/2018

Data As of Date: 01/18/2018

Year: 2017

LDSS	Number of Children Exiting Foster Care from an Approved Relative Foster Home Setting Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Average Length of Stay Baseline Period (Jan - Dec 2011)	Number of Children Exiting Foster Care from an Approved Relative Foster Home Setting Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Average Length of Stay Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	% Change in Average Length of Stay (2011 - 2017)
ALBANY	10	21	1	72	242.9%
ALLEGANY	1	35	2	30	-14.3%
BROOME	7	15	3	27	80.0%
CATTARAUGUS	6	15	1	25	66.7%
CAYUGA	5	12	0	0	-100.0%
CHAUTAUQUA	3	6	6	16	166.7%
CHEMUNG	2	46	0	0	-100.0%
CHENANGO	0	0	9	23	
CLINTON	2	5	1	4	-20.0%
COLUMBIA	10	32	4	13	-59.4%
CORTLAND	1	25	6	15	-40.0%
DELAWARE	1	16	0	0	-100.0%
DUTCHESS	11	12	31	14	16.7%
ERIE	2	91	33	24	-73.6%
ESSEX	0	0	2	7	
FRANKLIN	3	49	6	18	-63.3%
FULTON	0	0	1	14	
GENESEE	0	0	4	24	
GREENE	8	19	20	14	-26.3%
HAMILTON	0	0	2	6	
HERKIMER	3	5	0	0	-100.0%
JEFFERSON	3	10	2	3	-70.0%
LEWIS	1	11	1	35	218.2%
LIVINGSTON	0	0	0	0	
MADISON	2	7	5	16	128.6%
MONROE	0	0	2	38	
MONTGOMERY	3	8	1	17	112.5%
NASSAU	14	28	7	57	103.6%
NIAGARA	11	31	2	68	119.4%
ONEIDA	12	18	31	12	-33.3%
ONONDAGA	4	38	2	18	-52.6%
ONTARIO	0	0	7	12	
ORANGE	30	37	25	22	-40.5%
ORLEANS	0	0	0	0	
OSWEGO	0	0	5	8	
OTSEGO	0	0	0	0	
PUTNAM	1	10	0	0	-100.0%
RENSSELAER	2	8	1	18	125.0%
ROCKLAND	2	24	1	33	37.5%
ST LAWRENCE	18	24	9	6	-75.0%
SARATOGA	0	0	0	0	
SCHENECTADY	6	49	15	14	-71.4%
SCHOHARIE	0	0	0	0	
SCHUYLER	0	0	1	56	
SENECA	0	0	0	0	
STEUBEN	3	24	0	0	-100.0%
SUFFOLK	16	26	28	43	65.4%
SULLIVAN	1	125	0	0	-100.0%
TIOGA	0	0	5	9	
TOMPKINS	16	27	28	21	-22.2%
ULSTER	15	14	7	15	7.1%
WARREN	4	24	0	0	-100.0%
WASHINGTON	0	0	0	0	
WAYNE	0	0	0	0	
WESTCHESTER	28	41	44	33	-19.5%
WYOMING	1	70	0	0	-100.0%
YATES	1	20	0	0	-100.0%
ST REGIS	1	10	6	47	370.0%
Rest of State Total	270	26.85	367	22.70	-15.4%
New York City Total	2,019	35	1,411	35	0.0%
New York State Total	2,289	33.96	1,778	32.39	-4.6%

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**Table 7, Part C: Average Length of Stay in Months for Children Exiting Foster Care from an Approved Relative Foster Home Setting to KinGAP**

Report Date: 01/25/2018 Data As of Date: 01/18/2018 Year: 2017

LDSS	Number of Children Exiting Foster Care from an Approved Relative Foster Home Setting to KinGAP Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)	Average Length of Stay Current Period (Jan - Dec 2017)
ALBANY	1	72
ALLEGANY	0	0
BROOME	1	29
CATTARAUGUS	0	0
CAYUGA	0	0
CHAUTAUQUA	0	0
CHEMUNG	0	0
CHENANGO	4	27
CLINTON	0	0
COLUMBIA	0	0
CORTLAND	0	0
DELAWARE	0	0
DUTCHESS	3	25
ERIE	0	0
ESSEX	0	0
FRANKLIN	0	0
FULTON	0	0
GENESEE	0	0
GREENE	5	22
HAMILTON	0	0
HERKIMER	0	0
JEFFERSON	0	0
LEWIS	0	0
LIVINGSTON	0	0
MADISON	0	0
MONROE	0	0
MONTGOMERY	0	0
NASSAU	1	164
NIAGARA	0	0
ONEIDA	4	27
ONONDAGA	0	0
ONTARIO	0	0
ORANGE	5	24
ORLEANS	0	0
OSWEGO	0	0
OTSEGO	0	0
PUTNAM	0	0
RENSSELAER	0	0
ROCKLAND	0	0
ST LAWRENCE	2	17
SARATOGA	0	0
SCHENECTADY	0	0
SCHOHARIE	0	0
SCHUYLER	0	0
SENECA	0	0
STEUBEN	0	0
SUFFOLK	5	29
SULLIVAN	0	0
TIOGA	0	0
TOMPKINS	1	32
ULSTER	0	0
WARREN	0	0
WASHINGTON	0	0
WAYNE	0	0
WESTCHESTER	23	23
WYOMING	0	0
YATES	0	0
ST REGIS	3	57
Rest of State Total	58	29.22
New York City Total	359	38
New York State Total	417	36.78

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## Appendix

### OCFS KinGAP Activities

OCFS continued its efforts to support and promote the KinGAP program through the following activities in 2017:

- **Report to the Governor and Legislature on the Kinship Guardianship Assistance**  
Reports to the governor and Legislature on the KinGAP Program can be found at: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/kinship/reports.asp>
- **Permanency Summit**  
In December of 2017, a Permanency Summit was convened where local and national best practices related to kinship support and relative foster placements was shared among the largest 11 counties.
- **Redlich-Horwitz Foundation Support**  
The Redlich-Horwitz Foundation provided consultant support to advise OCFS on policy development, and provided consultant time to Onondaga and Erie counties to develop strategies to increase kinship care and supports.
- **Distribution of Tools and Materials**  
OCFS distributed to the LDSSs and VAs:
  - Executive Summary of the 2015 Kinship Survey Results
  - *Kinship Tip Sheet* developed by representatives from counties and agencies for caseworkers and supervisors
  - *Kinship Practice Recommendations* developed by the same representatives
  - Brochure for families with simple language describing the options
  - Booklet with more program information for families and caseworkers
- **Kinship Policy and Action Plans**  
OCFS is requiring each LDSS to develop a kinship policy and a plan to improve their performance related to relative foster homes and support for kinship homes. OCFS distributed data to the LDSSs demonstrating their usage of relative foster homes and 2017 placements, and guidance on the use of data for their ongoing process of continuous quality improvement.
- **Regional Permanency Resource Centers**  
In 2017, a total of 15 regional permanency resource centers were approved. These centers support the needs of post adoption and post guardianship families. Three centers are each serving all five boroughs of New York City. The remaining 12 centers serve all but four counties outside of New York City. OCFS plans to approve one more center in 2018 to provide services to the four remaining counties thereby creating a statewide network of post adoption and post guardianship support to families.
- **Electronic Application**  
Development of an electronic system for submission of KinGAP applications and agreements continues, with an anticipated rollout in 2018.

➤ **KinGAP HELP Mailbox**

A dedicated mailbox continues to receive questions regarding KinGAP. Several LDSSs and VAs have submitted questions over the past year. From the types of questions asked, it appears that LDSSs and VAs have an increased understanding of KinGAP. The questions have shifted from basic to case-specific. The mailbox address is: [KinGapHELP@ocfs.ny.gov](mailto:KinGapHELP@ocfs.ny.gov)

➤ **KinGAP Training**

*Kinship Care Overview: Presenting Options to Kin/Relative Caregivers* for LDSS and VA staff

A computer-based KinGAP eligibility course continues to be made available to LDSS and VA staff by the State University at Buffalo's Center for Development of Human Services via a formal training contract.

- The link to the KinGAP eligibility course introduction is found at: <http://www.bsc-cdhs.org/cwe/> (click on KinGAP on the left side).

Information specific to the Kinship Guardianship Assistance Program was included as part of a statewide video conference titled *Addressing the Challenges in Supporting Kinship Caregivers*

- The entire video conference is available for viewing at the following link: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/kinship/media/kinship/index.html>

➤ **KinGAP Data Warehouse Reports**

KinGAP reports that coincide with this report are available to LDSSs and state staff in the Data Warehouse through this URL: <http://cognos.otda.state.nyenet/cognos8/>.

➤ **OCFS Monitoring**

OCFS staff review reports to monitor the progress of KinGAP applications and offer support to LDSSs.

➤ **New York State KinGAP Webpage**

OCFS continues to add resources to the KinGAP webpage as they become available. The webpage is at: [http://ocfs.ny.gov/kinship/background\\_and\\_process.asp](http://ocfs.ny.gov/kinship/background_and_process.asp)