

Ulster County DSS	47	3	50
Gustavus Adolphus Family Services		49	49
Glove House	4	45	49
Nassau County Health & Human Services	47	2	49
Rockland County DSS	44	2	46
Cayuga County Health & Human Services	44	2	46
NRFS Parsons Child & Family Center	1	44	45
Tompkins County DSS	44	1	45
KidsPeace		43	43
Chautauqua County DSS	40	1	41
Cortland County DSS	35	2	37
Steuben County DSS	32	5	37
Saint Catherine's Ctr for Children		37	37
Cattaraugus County DSS	32	4	36
OTHER		35	35
Jefferson County DSS	24	10	34
Child and Family Services of Erie	21	13	34
Gateway-Longview, Inc.	10	24	34
Ontario County DSS	30	2	32
Herkimer County DSS	29	2	31
Chemung County DSS	30	1	31
Sullivan County DSS	25	5	30
Astor Services for Children and Families		30	30
Albany County Department for Children, Youth & Families	26	3	29
Hope for Youth		29	29
Genesee County DSS	28	1	29
Chenango County DSS	28	1	29
New Directions Youth & Family Services		28	28
Rensselaer County DSS	25	2	27
Toomey Residential and Community Svcs	2	21	23
Wayne County DSS	20	1	21
Allegany County DSS	19		19
Tioga County DSS	17		17
Buffalo Urban League	16	1	17
Madison County DSS	16	1	17
Saratoga County DSS	16		16
Warren County DSS	14	2	16
Pathways, Inc.		15	15
Catholic Family Center	12	3	15
Otsego County DSS	15		15
Yates County DSS	14		14
Ohel Children's Home and Family Services	14		14
Orleans County DSS	12	1	13
Fulton County DSS	12		12
Native American Community Services	10	1	11
Schuyler County DSS	9	1	10
Schoharie County DSS	8	1	9

Lewis County DSS	7		7
St. Regis Mohawk DSS	7		7
Family Services of Westchester		7	7
Kinship Family & Youth Ser (no longer)		6	6
Putnam County DSS	5		5
Liberty Resources, Inc.		4	4
Family Focus Adoption Services	3		3
New York City DSS	2		2
Broome County DSS	1		1
Oneida County DSS	1		1
You Gotta Believe	1		1
Columbia County DSS	1		1
Wyoming County DSS	1		1
Total	5794	2785	8579

Statewide

Median Length of Service

The median length of service gives us information about how long foster parents serve. It is a calculation that represents the time it takes for half of the foster parents to leave foster parenthood. For example, if 100 new foster parents were certified in 2020, and half of them (50) left service in 18 months, then the 2020 median length of service is 18 months.

What is your district's median length of service?

How does it compare to NYS's foster home median length of service?

Does the median length of service differ based on foster parent characteristics and experiences?

Median Length of Service in Months

Median Length of Service for all foster homes opened between 1/1/19 and 12/31/21

Foster Home Characteristic	Statewide	New York State
All Foster Homes	17.3	17.3
All Therapeutic Foster Homes	19.2	19.2
Foster Homes that fostered teens two or more times	23.6	23.6

Note: If you are interested in the median length of service for other cohorts, this can be calculated using the individual foster home file.

If you have varying lengths of service, what are some questions you might ask?

Examples:

Are those with a short length of service relative homes with the intention of fostering once?

Statewide, foster parents who foster teens repeatedly tend to have a longer length of service, why? Are there additional supports we provide to those parents that could be replicated with other foster parents?

Note: The length of service observes the foster home's Resource Identification Number through closure, regardless of certifying agency. Foster home is certified/approved on an annual basis, and due to various reasons, some homes may have a certification lag. In order to adjust for this, if a home has a lag of less than three months, then, for purposes of this data packet, the certification/approval is "bridged", allowing for a length of service calculation that is more representative of the foster parent's practical length of service.

Statewide

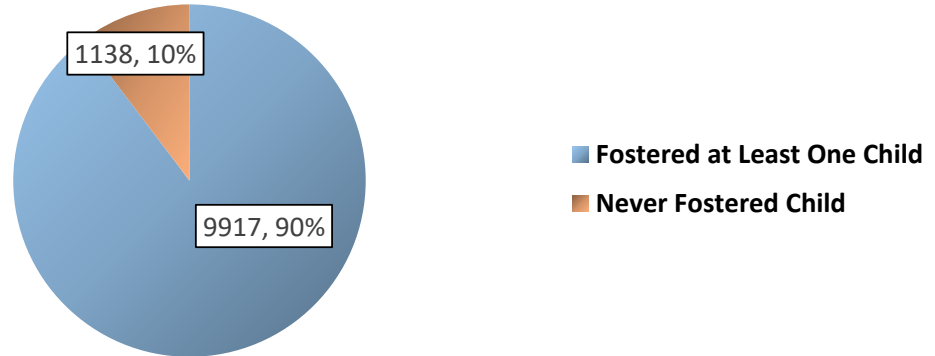
Foster Home Utilization

What percent of foster homes ever fostered a child?

Number of Homes Open on 12/31/2022 in this district:

Statewide, **90%** of all homes open on 12/31/22 had fostered a child (any age) at least once. How do you compare? What might be some reasons your percent is higher/lower than the NYS rate?

Homes Open on 12/31/22,
by Number/Percent of Ever Fostered a Child



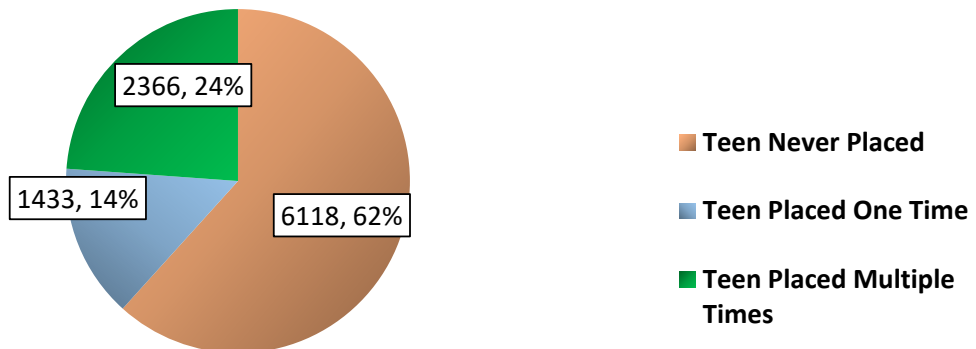
Foster Homes where Teens were Placed

When analyzing your district's data, consider if there are a sufficient number of new and existing foster homes to meet the anticipated demand, post FFPSA implementation.

Statewide, **38%** of all homes that have fostered a child and open on 12/31/22 had accepted a teen one or more times.

How does your district compare? What might be some reasons your percent is higher/lower than the NYS rate?

Homes Open on 12/31/22,
by Number/Percent of Teens Ever Placed

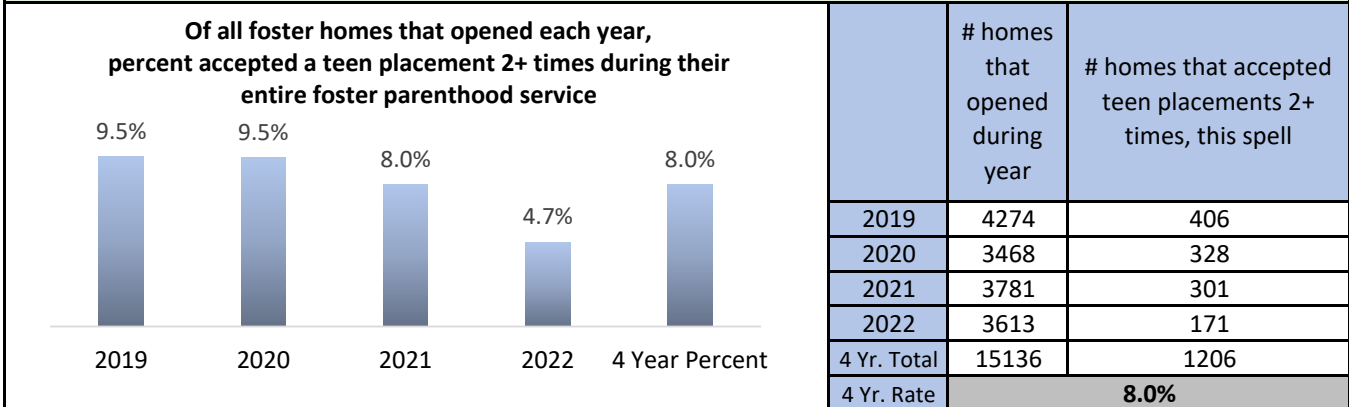


Statewide

Foster Homes that were Ever Open: Experience with Teen Placements

The number of homes open on 12/31/22 do not represent all foster homes *ever* open; some homes that were open, have closed before 12/31/22.

For recruitment purposes, a district might ask: "Of all the homes that we opened during a time period, how many of them accepted teen placements?". The graph below shows the percent of foster homes that opened during the year, that accepted a teen placement on more than one occasion during their foster parenthood experience.



Note: This is a count of foster homes that accepted teen placements on two or more occasions during the foster home episode that began during the year. Some homes may have fostered more teens during other foster home episodes. Refer to the foster home level file for additional information.

Statewide, the 4-year rate is 8.0%.

Critical Thinking: You may notice that fewer homes that opened in 2022 have accepted teen placements. Research shows that foster parents who successfully foster teens generally have more fostering experience prior to their first teen fostering experience, therefore, we are less likely to see new foster parents taking teens. (Ross, T., PHD, Gerber, L., MA, & Pang, Y. C., PHD. (2019). Home Away From Home. Lessons for Building a One Family, One Home Foster Care System.)

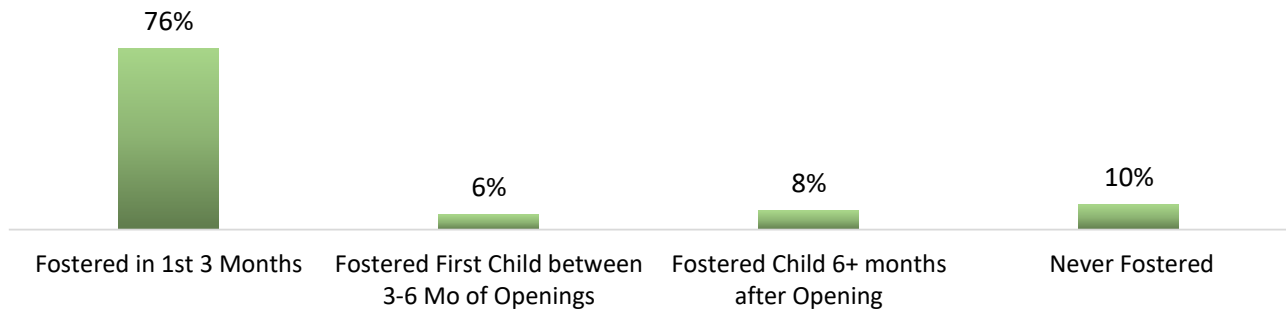
Statewide

Utilization of New Foster Homes

The first three months of certification is an important time. If a foster home does not foster a child within their initial three months of certification, they are much less likely to ever foster a child.

Statewide, according to the data, approximately **76%** of foster homes are fostering a child within the first three months of certification/approval.

Time Between Foster Home Opening and First Child Placed (All Homes Open on 12/31/22)



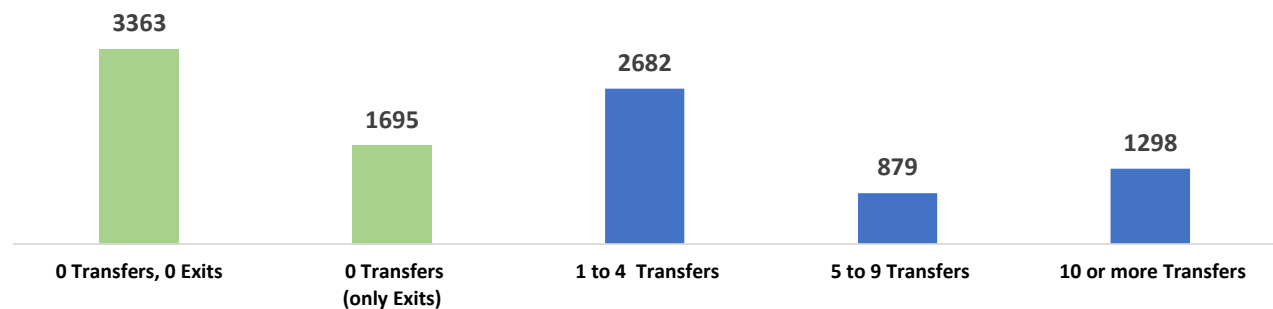
Transfers From Foster Homes

"Children need consistency, predictability, and attachment to a caring adult to thrive. Multiple placements have been found to lead to delayed permanency outcomes, academic difficulties, and struggles to develop meaningful attachments". (Rutter, M., & Sroufe, L. A. (2000). Developmental psychopathology: Concepts and challenges. Development and Psychopathology, 12(3), 265-296.)

Note: Statewide, **51%** of homes open on 12/31/22 had at least one transfer from the home to another placement type. The predominant transfer type statewide is a **lateral** move from one foster home to another. A breakdown of the type of transfers can be found in the individual foster home file.

If many foster homes have multiple transfers, it points towards a potential systemic issue (i.e.: placement decisions, foster home training or support). If the transfers are from only a few foster homes, it may be indicative of home-specific issues. Which is the case in your district?

Number of Foster Homes with Exits to Another Placement Type, Grouped by Number of Transfers (for homes open on 12/31/22 that fostered children)



What is the process for matching children to foster homes?

Are there any characteristics that homes with similar experiences have in common?

What is the level of support for these homes?