

# Ontario Looking After Children (OnLAC) 2016 Provincial Report

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## About This Report

This report is designed for use by child welfare organizations as a performance measurement system. The Assessment and Action Record (AAR) outcome data available in this report should assist child welfare organizations in the development of an internal evaluation program. The AAR findings are intended to help supervisors, program managers, executive directors and board members within child welfare organizations monitor children's outcomes on a regular basis by comparing children's and youths' developmental progress with intended goals. A second intended use of the AAR is to inform decision-makers as to possible means of improving the quality and relevance of services on an ongoing basis.

This report is also designed to provide policy-makers with accurate, up-to-date knowledge of system-wide outcomes thereby fulfilling an accountability function and a guiding function in identifying policies and practices that promote continuous improvements in child welfare policies and practices.

*Note: The AAR findings presented in this report must be reviewed and interpreted carefully by child welfare organizations before new policies and services are implemented.*

The acronym 'CAS' appearing in the report represents the data for the specific child welfare organization for which the report was prepared. 'ON' represents the Ontario sample.

A double hyphen (- -) in this report indicates that there was no data collected on a specific variable for a specific group. Clarification is noted, where possible. Percentages are rounded.



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## Background Information

The Background Information section of this report provides basic socio-demographic information on the young people in care who completed a 2016 Assessment and Action Record (AAR), their caregivers, and their child welfare workers.

### Demographics: Young People in Care in Ontario

Table 1-1: Gender and age of young people in living in care who completed a 2016 AAR.

Age group		CAS				ON			
		0-5 N=	6-9 N=	10-15 N=	16+ N=	0-5 N = 1061	6-9 N = 734	10-15 N = 2108	16+ N = 1579
Total AAR sample									
Biological sex	n =					1061	734	2108	1579
	Male					55%	56%	57%	52%
	Female					45%	44%	44%	48%
	Intersex					0%	0%	0%	0%
Age	n =					1061	734	2108	1579
	Mean					2.4	7.6	13.1	16.7
	Median					2.0	8.0	13.0	17.0

Table 1-2: Legal status of young people living in care.

	n =	CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Temporary care agreement						4%	3%	3%	0.4%
Interim care and custody						34%	15%	9%	2%
Society ward						26%	18%	12%	7%
Customary care						7%	9%	4%	1%
Crown ward						29%	54%	72%	79%
Other						0.8%	0.7%	0.3%	0.5%
Continued Care and Support for Youth									10%



Table 1-3: Primary reason(s) for current admission to service.

	CAS				ON			
	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Physical/Sexual Harm by Commission					12%	24%	23%	21%
Harm by Omission					30%	36%	30%	22%
Emotional Harm					22%	38%	37%	29%
Abandonment/Separation					7%	12%	19%	30%
Caregiver Capacity					71%	55%	48%	38%
Request for Adoption Services					0.8%	0.8%	0.3%	0%
Family Based Services					0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.9%
Volunteer Services					0.1%	0.5%	0.1%	0.4%
Request for Assistance					0.5%	2%	4%	4%
Request for Youth Services					0%	0.1%	1%	2%
Request for Counselling					0%	0.1%	0.7%	0.6%

Note: Respondents could select more than one option

## Placements

Table 1-4 : Current placement.

	CAS				ON			
	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
<i>n =</i>					1045	724	2066	1548
Kinship in care					6%	13%	10%	6%
Foster home operated by child welfare organization					76%	53%	46%	30%
Group home operated by child welfare organization					0%	0.4%	2%	2%
Foster home – outside placement resource					11%	24%	22%	16%
Group home – outside placement resource					0.9%	4%	15%	15%
Customary care					5%	5%	2%	0.6%
Children’s mental health residential facility					0%	0.6%	1%	0.6%
Psychiatric facility					0%	0%	0%	0.1%
With birth parent(s)					0%	0%	0.4%	2%
Adoption probation					0.5%	0%	0.1%	0%
With relatives								2%
Hospital					0%	0.1%	0%	0%
Whereabouts unknown							0.3%	0.4%
Whereabouts unapproved							0.2%	1%
Custody/Detention facility							0.2%	1%
Shelter							0%	0.6%
Independent living							0.1%	18%
Other					0.5%	0.6%	0.2%	4%

## Demographics: Child Welfare Workers and Caregivers

### Child Welfare Workers

Table 1-5: Basic demographic information about the child welfare worker.

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Gender	<i>n</i> =					1042	715	2056	1559
	Male					7%	8%	12%	14%
	Female					93%	92%	88%	86%
	Non-binary					0%	0%	0%	0%
	Trans					0%	0%	0%	0.1%
	Prefer not to answer					0%	0%	0.1%	0.2%
Length of time working with this young person	<i>n</i> =					1013	702	2028	1536
	Mean years					1.2	1.9	2.5	3.0
	Median years					1.0	1.0	1.8	2.0
Length of time working in child welfare	<i>n</i> =					1035	711	2032	1539
	Mean years					12.6	13.0	13.4	13.6
	Median years					13.0	13.0	13.8	14.0

Table 1-6: Child welfare worker's highest level of education in any field (degree, certificate, or diploma).

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
<i>n</i> =						1050	726	2069	1562
Less than a high school diploma						0%	0.1%	0%	0.1%
High school diploma						0.8%	2%	1%	0.3%
Trades certificate – Vocational school – Apprenticeship training						0.1%	0%	0%	0.1%
Non-university certificate or diploma from a community college, CEGEP, school of nursing, etc.						13%	13%	13%	11%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level						2%	2%	1%	2%
Bachelor degree						60%	62%	61%	61%
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level						8%	7%	6%	7%
Master's degree						17%	13%	18%	18%
Doctoral degree						0.1%	0%	0.2%	0.4%

Table 1-7: Child welfare worker's training in Looking After Children and use of the AAR in supervision.

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Child welfare worker has attended formal Looking After Children training	<i>n</i> =					977	661	1902	1412
	Yes					84%	85%	89%	90%
	No					16%	15%	11%	10%
Frequency that information contained in the AAR is discussed in supervision	<i>n</i> =					1045	725	2061	1557
	Very often					27%	23%	25%	26%
	Sometimes					50%	56%	57%	57%
	Almost never					5%	8%	9%	10%
	Not applicable – first AAR					19%	13%	9%	7%

### Caregivers

Table 1-8: Basic demographic information about the caregiver (for young people aged 0-17 years).

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
Gender	<i>n</i> =					1046	727	2043	1177
	Male					5%	10%	13%	15%
	Female					95%	90%	87%	84%
	Non-binary					0%	0.1%	0%	0%
	Trans					0%	0%	0%	0%
	Prefer not to answer					0.1%	0%	0%	0.4%
Length of time providing foster care (for foster placements)	<i>n</i> =					986	658	1666	867
	Mean years					8.4	9.6	10.4	10.4
	Median years					8.0	7.0	10.0	10.0
Language(s) spoken in caregiver's home (Note: respondents could select more than one option)	English					97%	98%	95%	73%
	French					7%	4%	4%	3%
	First Nations or Inuit language					2%	2%	0.6%	0.6%
	Other					2%	3%	2%	2%
Ethnic/cultural background of caregiver and that of the young person is:	<i>n</i> =					1046	723	2008	1154
	The same					47%	47%	48%	49%
	Similar					35%	35%	34%	34%
	Neither the same nor similar					18%	17%	18%	18%

Table 1-9: Caregiver’s highest level of education in any field (degree, certificate, or diploma) (for young people aged 0-17 years).

	CAS				ON			
	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
<i>n</i> =					987	672	1865	1064
Less than a high school diploma					6%	6%	3%	4%
High school diploma					30%	30%	24%	22%
Trades certificate – Vocational school – Apprenticeship training					3%	6%	5%	3%
Non-university certificate or diploma from a community college, CEGEP, school of nursing, etc.					38%	38%	43%	41%
University certificate or diploma below bachelor level					6%	5%	8%	7%
Bachelor degree					12%	12%	12%	16%
University certificate or diploma above bachelor level					2%	3%	3%	4%
Master’s degree					3%	2%	2%	2%
Doctoral degree					0.3%	0.1%	0.4%	0.7%

Table 1-10: Caregiver’s training in Looking After Children and other caregiver training programs (for young people aged 0-17 years).

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
Caregiver has attended formal Looking After Children training	<i>n</i> =					980	679	1937	1108
	Yes					62%	60%	64%	62%
	No					38%	40%	36%	38%
Caregiver has completed/is currently attending caregiver training ( <i>Note</i> : respondents could select more than one option)	PRIDE*					73%	61%	52%	33%
	Agency-specific training					54%	62%	46%	33%
	Foster parenting techniques					14%	15%	17%	11%
	Other program					30%	38%	42%	33%

\*Parenting Resources for Information, Development, and Education program

# Placement Stability

This section illustrates the stability associated with selected placement settings for each age group, and/or overall for each age group.

Table 2-1: Mean and median number of years the young person has been living in the current placement, by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 0-17 years).

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =					61	89	195	89
	Mean					1.1	2.9	5.6	6.4
	Median					0.9	3.0	5.0	6.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =					898	531	1364	692
	Mean					1.3	2.2	3.5	4.1
	Median					1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =					9	32	346	263
	Mean					1.4	1.6	1.6	1.8
	Median					0.8	1.0	0.9	1.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =					52	33	34	9
	Mean					2.3	3.6	6.1	2.7
	Median					2.0	3.0	5.0	1.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =							3	105
	Mean							0.1	0.7
	Median							0.1	0.4
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =					1040	700	2019	1273
	Mean					1.3	2.3	3.3	3.2
	Median					1.0	1.	2.0	1.0
	Range					0-5.5	.08-9	0-15.8	0-17.2

Table 2-2: Worker-reported continuity of care (for young people aged 0-17 years).

	CAS				ON			
	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
<i>n</i> =					1044	724	2071	1402
Much continuity of care (no placement change in last 12 months)					76%	76%	72%	57%
Some disruptions (one change of placement in last 12 months)					19%	20%	18%	25%
Serious disruptions (two or more changes of placement in last 12 months)					5%	5%	9%	18%

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Table 2-3: Mean and median number of changes in caregiver the young person has experienced since birth, by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 0-17 years).

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =					61	87	197	87
	Mean					2.4	3.4	3.0	3.5
	Median					2.0	3.0	3.1	3.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =					880	533	1336	680
	Mean					1.9	3.4	4.0	4.3
	Median					2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =					9	28	342	254
	Mean					2.6	3.7	5.6	6.4
	Median					3.0	3.0	5.0	6.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =					50	32	35	10
	Mean					1.9	3.9	2.6	6.4
	Median					2.0	3.0	2.0	3.5
Independent living	<i>n</i> =							3	165
	Mean							10.3	6.4
	Median							8.0	6.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =					1020	692	1992	1328
	Mean					2.0	3.4	4.2	5.2
	Median					2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
	Range					0-9	0-20	0-31	0-30

Table 2-4: General permanency plan (for young people aged 0-17 years).

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17
	<i>n</i> =					1032	699	2015	1384
Return home						12%	9%	8%	4%
Adoption						51%	36%	13%	1%
Kinship						5%	4%	4%	1%
Status change to legal custody						2%	1%	2%	1%
Customary care						4%	4%	1%	0.4%
Independent living						0%	0.3%	6%	45%
Adult services						0.2%	1%	6%	13%
Remain in current placement						7%	26%	44%	28%
Other						0.9%	2%	2%	2%
Permanency plan not yet determined						19%	16%	13%	4%

Table 2-5: Young person's stable relationship with at least one adult over a number of years (for young people aged 6-16+ years).

	CAS			ON		
	6-9	10-15	16+	6-9	10-15	16+
<i>n</i> =				725	2069	1552
Stable relationship throughout life				50%	53%	50%
Fairly long-term relationship (i.e., more than three years)				24%	31%	34%
Short-term relationship (i.e., one to three years)				23%	13%	12%
No stable relationship				3%	3%	4%

Table 2-6: Frequency of contact between young person and birth/adoptive family.

	CAS				ON			
	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
<i>n</i> =					1037	714	2046	1546
At least once a week					62%	44%	42%	45%
At least once a month					16%	30%	36%	37%
At least once a year					9%	12%	12%	10%
Less than once a year					1%	2%	3%	3%
Never					11%	13%	8%	6%

Table 2-7: Frequency of contact between young person and significant caring adults.

	CAS				ON			
	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
<i>n</i> =					1022	707	2038	1546
At least once a week					73%	62%	62%	62%
At least once a month					14%	22%	26%	27%
At least once a year					4%	7%	6%	5%
Less than once a year					0.4%	1%	2%	1%
Never					9%	8%	5%	4%

## Quality of Care

This section illustrates measures of quality of care experienced by young people by selected placement settings for each age group, and/or overall for each age group.

Table 3-1: Youth-reported placement satisfaction score by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 10-17 years).

		CAS		ON	
		10-15	16-17	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			188	86
	Mean score			11.3	10.9
	Median score			12.0	12.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			1262	626
	Mean score			10.7	10.5
	Median score			12.0	12.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =			270	199
	Mean score			7.7	7.5
	Median score			8.0	8.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			31	8
	Mean score			11.5	9.4
	Median score			12.0	11.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			1	114
	Mean score			12.0	9.8
	Median score			12.0	11.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1818	1126
	Mean			10.3	9.8
	Median			12.0	11.0
	Possible range	0-12		0-12	

Table 3-2: Young person's understanding of his/her current situation (for young people aged 3-16+ years).

		CAS				ON			
		3-5	6-9	10-15	16+	3-5	6-9	10-15	16+
	<i>n</i> =					448	721	2050	1543
Clear understanding						11%	27%	59%	74%
Some understanding						52%	60%	36%	22%
Little or no understanding						37%	13%	5%	3%



## Parenting

Table 3-3: SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR 15: Youth-reported perceived quality of relationship with primary caregiver score by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 10-17 years).

		CAS		ON	
		10-15	16-17	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			181	75
	Mean			7.2	6.6
	Median			8.0	8.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			1267	614
	Mean			6.7	6.6
	Median			8.0	8.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =			266	193
	Mean			5.8	5.9
	Median			6.0	7.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			31	8
	Mean			7.2	5.6
	Median			8.0	5.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1752	921
	Mean			6.7	6.4
	Median			8.0	7.0
	Possible range	0-8		0-8	

Table 3-4: Youth-reported positive parenting scores by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 10-17 years).

		CAS		ON	
		10-15	16-17	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			190	87
	Mean			10.3	9.8
	Median			11.0	10.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			1270	616
	Mean			10.3	10.0
	Median			11.0	11.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =			264	197
	Mean			9.6	9.7
	Median			10.0	10.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			32	8
	Mean			10.7	9.0
	Median			11.5	9.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1766	948
	Mean			10.2	9.8
	Median			11.0	11.0
	Possible range	0-12		0-12	

Table 3-5: Youth-reported inconsistent discipline scores by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 10-17 years).

		CAS		ON	
		10-15	16-17	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			190	85
	Mean			3.2	3.6
	Median			3.0	4.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			1257	609
	Mean			2.8	2.7
	Median			2.0	2.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =			263	192
	Mean			2.8	3.1
	Median			2.0	3.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			32	8
	Mean			3.5	3.8
	Median			3.0	5.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1751	934
	Mean			2.9	3.0
	Median			2.0	3.0
	Possible range	0-12		0-12	

Table 3-6: Youth-reported poor supervision scores by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 10-17 years).

		CAS		ON	
		10-15	16-17	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			187	86
	Mean			1.5	2.4
	Median			0.0	2.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			1243	612
	Mean			1.7	2.7
	Median			1.0	2.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =			255	1878
	Mean			2.3	3.0
	Median			1.0	2.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			28	8
	Mean			2.4	5.4
	Median			2.0	6.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1723	933
	Mean			1.8	2.8
	Median			1.0	2.0
	Possible range	0-12		0-12	

Table 3-7: Caregiver-reported positive parenting score by selected placement type and overall (for children aged 0-9 years).

		CAS		ON	
		0-5	6-9	0-5	6-9
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			61	90
	Mean			20.8	17.3
	Median			21.0	17.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			871	526
	Mean			20.4	17.3
	Median			21.0	17.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =			8	28
	Mean			20.8	19.8
	Median			20.5	20.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			46	32
	Mean			19.4	17.7
	Median			19.5	18.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1010	693
	Mean			20.4	17.4
	Median			21.0	18.0
	Possible range	0-24		0-24	

## First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Young People

While it is essential for those who are providing child welfare services in ethnically diverse communities to consider the unique traditions and heritage of all cultures, the Child and Family Services Act emphasizes the importance of paying particular attention to the provision of services to FNMI young people. This section illustrates various broad opportunities and experiences of FNMI young people related to their culture.

Table 3-8: Percentage of FNMI young people in the 2016 OnLAC sample.

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
	<i>n</i> =					233	190	2108	1579
FNMI young people						22%	26%	22%	15%

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Table 3-9: Percentage of FNMI young people who report *often* or *yes* to having various experiences relating to their culture, by selected placement type.

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Kinship in care	Belongs to a clan or have a clan affiliation					29%	50%	41%	21%
	Visits or meets with people from his/her FNMI community					0%	36%	33%	14%
	Has a relationship to the land or landmarks in his/her community					0%	29%	22%	21%
	Learns about traditional teachings, customs, or ceremonies					0%	21%	20%	13%
	Participates in his/her FNMI community events, activities, traditional meals/foods, and ceremonies					0%	14%	21%	13%
	Speaks his/her First Nations or Inuit language often or sometimes					0%	0%	8%	0%
	Has a personal connection with an Elder, Healer, and/or Cultural Teacher					0%	31%	38%	29%
	Has a native Spirit Name					0%	43%	28%	20%
Foster home	Belongs to a clan or have a clan affiliation					17%	27%	31%	32%
	Visits or meets with people from his/her FNMI community					15%	18%	16%	19%
	Has a relationship to the land or landmarks in his/her community					11%	18%	18%	17%
	Learns about traditional teachings, customs, or ceremonies					14%	18%	19%	14%
	Participates in his/her FNMI community events, activities, traditional meals/foods, and ceremonies					11%	13%	14%	11%
	Speaks his/her First Nations or Inuit language often or sometimes					4%	0.9%	2%	0%
	Has a personal connection with an Elder, Healer, and/or Cultural Teacher					17%	29%	28%	27%
	Has a native Spirit Name					18%	21%	25%	36%

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		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Group home	Belongs to a clan or have a clan affiliation					0%	50%	37%	31%
	Visits or meets with people from his/her FNMI community					0%	100%	35%	6%
	Has a relationship to the land or landmarks in his/her community					0%	50%	26%	31%
	Learns about traditional teachings, customs, or ceremonies					0%	50%	22%	14%
	Participates in his/her FNMI community events, activities, traditional meals/foods, and ceremonies					0%	100%	10%	6%
	Speaks his/her First Nations or Inuit language often or sometimes					0%	0%	2%	3%
	Has a personal connection with an Elder, Healer, and/or Cultural Teacher					0%	50%	35%	42%
	Has a native Spirit Name					0%	50%	19%	36%
Customary care	Belongs to a clan or have a clan affiliation					29%	63%	51%	57%
	Visits or meets with people from his/her FNMI community					54%	49%	54%	43%
	Has a relationship to the land or landmarks in his/her community					44%	58%	53%	29%
	Learns about traditional teachings, customs, or ceremonies					31%	46%	58%	14%
	Participates in his/her FNMI community events, activities, traditional meals/foods, and ceremonies					42%	46%	46%	29%
	Speaks his/her First Nations or Inuit language often or sometimes					21%	9%	3%	0%
	Has a personal connection with an Elder, Healer, and/or Cultural Teacher					36%	61%	53%	29%
	Has a native Spirit Name					29%	47%	53%	57%

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		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Independent living	Belongs to a clan or have a clan affiliation							--	44%
	Visits or meets with people from his/her FNMI community							--	17%
	Has a relationship to the land or landmarks in his/her community							--	13%
	Learns about traditional teachings, customs, or ceremonies							--	13%
	Participates in his/her FNMI community events, activities, traditional meals/foods, and ceremonies							--	8%
	Speaks his/her First Nations or Inuit language often or sometimes							--	0%
	Has a personal connection with an Elder, Healer, and/or Cultural Teacher							--	17%
	Has a native Spirit Name							--	13%
<b>Overall</b>	Belongs to a clan or have a clan affiliation					21%	37%	35%	34%
	Visits or meets with people from his/her FNMI community					24%	29%	21%	17%
	Has a relationship to the land or landmarks in his/her community					19%	27%	23%	20%
	Learns about traditional teachings, customs, or ceremonies					18%	24%	23%	13%
	Participates in his/her FNMI community events, activities, traditional meals/foods, and ceremonies					18%	22%	16%	10%
	Speaks his/her First Nations or Inuit language often or sometimes					8%	2%	2%	0.6%
	Has a personal connection with an Elder, Healer, and/or Cultural Teacher					23%	37%	31%	29%
	Has a native Spirit Name					20%	28%	27%	30%

# Developmental Asset Profile

SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR 14: The Search Institute has identified twenty external and internal assets as building blocks that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. External assets fall under the following categories: Support, Empowerment, and Boundaries and Expectations, and Constructive Use of Time. Internal assets fall under the following categories: Commitment to Learning, Positive Values, Social Competencies, and Positive Identity. Together, these make up the young person’s Asset Profile.

Table 4-1: External assets by selected placement type and overall.

		CAS					ON				
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	18+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =						60	92	196	93	
	Mean score						18.3	18.0	15.3	14.2	
	Median score						19.0	18.0	16.0	14.0	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =						893	542	1371	699	
	Mean score						18.3	17.0	14.9	13.7	
	Median score						19.0	17.0	15.0	14.0	
Group home	<i>n</i> =						9	29	336	257	
	Mean score						17.2	14.3	12.4	11.6	
	Median score						18.0	14.0	12.0	12.0	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =						43	34	34	10	
	Mean score						18.3	17.4	15.4	13.7	
	Median score						19.0	18.0	15.5	14.5	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =								3	172	98
	Mean score								9.0	9.0	11.1
	Median score								9.0	9.0	12.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =						1028	714	2025	1372	159
	Mean						18.3	16.9	14.4	12.3	11.7
	Median						19.0	17.0	15.0	13.0	13.0
	Possible range	1-20					1-20				

Table 4-2: Internal assets by selected placement type and overall.

		CAS					ON				
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	18+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =						60	92	196	93	
	Mean score						19.5	18.3	16.2	14.8	
	Median score						20.0	19.0	18.0	17.0	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =						893	542	1371	699	
	Mean score						19.4	17.9	14.3	13.1	
	Median score						20.0	19.0	15.0	14.0	
Group home	<i>n</i> =						9	29	336	257	
	Mean score						18.2	16.1	10.2	9.5	
	Median score						20.0	17.0	11.0	9.0	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =						43	34	34	10	
	Mean score						19.2	17.3	16.8	13.6	
	Median score						20.0	19.0	18.0	13.5	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =								3	172	98
	Mean score								4.3	10.1	13.6
	Median score								4.0	10.0	14.5
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =						1028	714	2025	1372	159
	Mean						19.4	17.8	13.8	11.6	13.5
	Median						20.0	19.0	15.0	12.0	14.0
	Possible range	1-20					1-20				



Table 4-3: SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR 14: Total developmental assets by selected placement type and overall.

		CAS					ON				
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	18+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =						60	92	196	93	
	Mean score						37.9	35.2	31.6	28.9	
	Median score						38.0	37.0	33.0	31.0	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =						893	542	1371	699	
	Mean score						37.7	34.9	29.2	26.8	
	Median score						38.0	36.0	30.0	28.0	
Group home	<i>n</i> =						9	29	336	257	
	Mean score						35.4	30.4	22.7	21.1	
	Median score						37.0	31.0	23.0	21.0	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =						43	34	34	10	
	Mean score						37.5	34.7	32.2	27.0	
	Median score						39.0	36.5	33.0	27.0	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =								3	172	98
	Mean score								13.3	19.1	24.6
	Median score								14.0	19.0	25.5
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =						1028	714	2025	1372	159
	Mean						37.7	34.7	28.2	24.0	25.2
	Median						38.0	36.0	30.0	25.0	27.0
	Possible range	1-40					1-40				

Table 4-4: Percentage of low, medium, and high asset youth by selected placement type and overall.

		CAS					ON				
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	18+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =						60	92	196	93	
	Low asset						0%	1%	8%	51%	
	Medium asset						0%	11%	26%	34%	
	High asset						100%	88%	67%	15%	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =						893	459	1371	699	
	Low asset						0.3%	2%	13%	37%	
	Medium asset						2%	14%	37%	43%	
	High asset						98%	85%	50%	21%	
Group home	<i>n</i> =						9	29	336	257	
	Low asset						0%	10%	18%	13%	
	Medium asset						11%	28%	42%	39%	
	High asset						89%	62%	40%	49%	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =						43	34	34	10	
	Low asset						2%	3%	6%	50%	
	Medium asset						0%	15%	27%	0%	
	High asset						98%	82%	68%	50%	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =								3	172	98
	Low asset								100%	58%	35%
	Medium asset								0%	29%	31%
	High asset								0%	13%	35%
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =						1028	714	2025	1372	159
	Low asset						0.5%	2%	18%	35%	28%
	Medium asset						2%	14%	36%	38%	38%
	High asset						98%	84%	46%	28%	34%

**Note:** Low asset = 1-20 total developmental assets, medium asset = 21-30 total developmental assets, high asset = 31-40 total developmental assets.

# Education

This section illustrates the education-related experiences of young people by selected placement settings for each age group, and/or overall for each age group.

Table 5-1: Caregiver-reported academic achievement (for young people aged 6-17 years).

		CAS			ON		
		6-9	10-15	16-17	6-9	10-15	16-17
Reading and language arts	<i>n</i> =				678	1921	1078
	Very well or well				21%	23%	27%
	Average				40%	50%	51%
	Poorly or very poorly				39%	27%	22%
Mathematics	<i>n</i> =				670	1905	1044
	Very well or well				19%	19%	19%
	Average				45%	49%	51%
	Poorly or very poorly				36%	32%	30%
Science	<i>n</i> =				605	1769	887
	Very well or well				17%	20%	20%
	Average				55%	58%	57%
	Poorly or very poorly				28%	23%	23%
Overall	<i>n</i> =				688	1950	1130
	Very well or well				19%	21%	21%
	Average				47%	57%	56%
	Poorly or very poorly				34%	22%	23%
Academic achievement score	<i>n</i> =				603	1733	857
	Mean				3.5	3.9	4.0
	Median				4.0	4.0	4.0
	Possible range		0-8				0-8

Table 5-2: Young person's self-perceived success in school (for young people aged 10-17 years).

		CAS		ON	
		10-15	16-17	10-15	16+
	<i>n</i> =			1894	1152
Doing very well in school				38%	29%
Doing average in school				55%	57%
Doing poorly in school				8%	13%

Table 5-3: SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATOR 16: Worker-rated age-to-grade performance in school (for young people aged 6-17 years).

		CAS			ON		
		6-9	10-15	16-17	6-9	10-15	16-17
Performance in school in reading	<i>n</i> =				714	2042	1358
	Excellent				9%	12%	15%
	Good				35%	39%	43%
	Fair				32%	30%	23%
	Poor				24%	19%	19%
Performance in school in math	<i>n</i> =				711	2036	1333
	Excellent				5%	7%	6%
	Good				38%	35%	35%
	Fair				34%	35%	32%
	Poor				23%	23%	26%

Table 5-4: Estimated number of school changes, other than through natural progression, since entering school by selected placement and overall (for young people aged 6-17 years)

		CAS			ON		
		6-9	10-15	16-17	6-9	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =				34	71	34
	Mean score				1.0	0.9	0.9
	Median score				1.0	1.0	1.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =				188	380	189
	Mean score				0.8	0.7	0.8
	Median score				1.0	1.0	1.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =				4	63	38
	Mean score				0.8	0.5	0.6
	Median score				1.0	1.0	1.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =				21	17	2
	Mean score				1.0	1.0	1.0
	Median score				1.0	1.0	1.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =					1	36
	Mean score					0	0.4
	Median score					0	0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =				257	543	324
	Mean				0.9	0.7	0.7
	Median				1.0	1.0	1.0
	Range				0-1	0-1	0-1

Table 5-5: Caregiver-reported literacy promoting activities score by selected placement type and overall (for children aged 1-2 years).

		CAS	ON
		1-2	1-2
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =		24
	Mean		33.8
	Median		34.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =		396
	Mean		32.7
	Median		33.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =		2
	Mean		27.0
	Median		27.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =		12
	Mean		31.7
	Median		32.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =		445
	Mean		32.7
	Median		33.0
	Possible range	0-40	0-40

Table 5-6: Caregiver-reported literacy promoting activities score by selected placement type and overall (for children aged 3-5 years).

		CAS	ON
		3-5	3-5
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =		24
	Mean		47.8
	Median		50.5
Foster home	<i>n</i> =		347
	Mean		45.9
	Median		47.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =		5
	Mean		34.4
	Median		26.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =		32
	Mean		44.7
	Median		46.5
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =		417
	Mean		45.7
	Median		47.0
	Possible range	0-60	0-60

Table 5-7: Caregiver-reported literacy promoting activities score by selected placement type and overall (for children aged 6-9 years).

		CAS	ON
		6-9	6-9
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =		34
	Mean		24.1
	Median		25.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =		540
	Mean		23.4
	Median		24.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =		30
	Mean		20.7
	Median		23.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =		35
	Mean		23.9
	Median		25.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =		710
	Mean		23.3
	Median		24.0
	Possible range	0-30	0-30

Table 5-9: Highest level of education completed (for young adults aged 18+ years).

		CAS	ON
		18+	18+
	<i>n</i> =		144
Less than grade 9			0.7%
Grade 9			3%
Grade 10			8%
Grade 11			33%
High school diploma or its equivalent			48%
Technical, trade, or vocational school (above high school level)			0%
Community college			4%
University degree			0.7%

# Health

This section illustrates the health-related experiences of young people by selected placement settings for each age group, and/or overall for each age group.

Table 6-1: Health status by selected placement setting and overall.

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =					60	92	200	90
	Excellent or very good					83%	92%	85%	63%
	Good					13%	8%	14%	26%
	Fair or poor					3%	0%	2%	1%
Foster home	<i>n</i> =					909	545	1327	649
	Excellent or very good					85%	89%	83%	74%
	Good					12%	10%	15%	22%
	Fair or poor					3%	2%	2%	4%
Group home	<i>n</i> =					9	31	323	216
	Excellent or very good					44%	81%	66%	55%
	Good					22%	19%	26%	37%
	Fair or poor					33%	0%	8%	8%
Customary care	<i>n</i> =					50	34	36	8
	Excellent or very good					84%	85%	75%	38%
	Good					14%	12%	25%	50%
	Fair or poor					2%	3%	0%	13%
Independent living	<i>n</i> =							2	231
	Excellent or very good							100%	61%
	Good							0%	29%
	Fair or poor							0%	10%
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =					1051	719	1966	1354
	Excellent or very good					84%	89%	79%	66%
	Good					12%	10%	17%	28%
	Fair or poor					3%	2%	3%	6%

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Table 6-2: Physical difficulties (for young people aged 6-17 years).

	CAS			ON		
	6-9	10-15	16-17	6-9	10-15	16-17
No problems				59%	66%	62%
Speaking				23%	10%	4%
Walking				6%	4%	3%
Climbing				5%	3%	3%
Bending				3%	3%	4%
Seeing				15%	14%	13%
Hearing				5%	4%	4%
Using hands and fingers				9%	4%	2%

Table 6-3: Long-term conditions diagnosed by a health professional.

	CAS				ON			
	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
None					57%	30%	23%	25%
Food or digestive allergies					6%	3%	4%	3%
Respiratory allergies					2%	2%	2%	3%
Other allergies					2%	3%	4%	4%
Asthma					7%	5%	5%	6%
Bronchitis					1%	0%	0.1%	0.5%
Heart condition or disease					3%	2%	1%	1%
Epilepsy					2%	2%	2%	2%
Diabetes					0%	0.1%	0.6%	0.7%
Cerebral palsy					1%	2%	2%	1%
Kidney condition or disease					1%	0.8%	0.9%	0.5%
Blood disorder					0.5%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%
Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder					2%	8%	7%	7%
Developmental disability					12%	15%	18%	15%
Learning disability					5%	25%	34%	30%
Attention deficit disorder					3%	33%	36%	30%
Emotional, psychological, or nervous disorder					5%	24%	29%	31%
Any other long-term condition					12%	12%	11%	10%



Table 6-4: Health services received in the last year.

	CAS					ON				
	0-2	3-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-2	3-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Traditional Healer ( <i>FNMI young people</i> )						6%	8%	8%	14%	15%
Medical examination						100%	98%	99%	98%	92%
Dental examination						21%	94%	99%	98%	92%
Up-to-date immunizations						97%	96%	97%	98%	97%

Table 6-5: Soft drug use (tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana, for young people aged 10-18+ years).

		CAS			ON		
		10-15	16-17	18+	10-15	16-17	18+
Tobacco	<i>n</i> =				1920	1315	137
	Not at all				83%	55%	51%
	Have tried it				8%	10%	6%
	Occasionally				4%	10%	10%
	Daily				5%	25%	33%
Alcohol	<i>n</i> =				1909	1326	140
	Not at all				85%	47%	24%
	Have tried it				10%	23%	17%
	Occasionally				5%	30%	59%
	Daily				0.2%	0.7%	0%
Marijuana	<i>n</i> =				1916	1325	140
	Not at all				86%	53%	49%
	Have tried it				7%	18%	21%
	Occasionally				6%	17%	17%
	Daily				2%	12%	12%

Table 6-6: Prescription or non-prescription medication use.

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Prescription or non-prescription	<i>n</i> =					1052	721	1925	1330
	Yes					20%	47%	57%	54%
	No					80%	53%	43%	46%
Psychotropic	<i>n</i> =					1041	724	2060	1394
	Yes					5%	39%	49%	42%
	No					95%	61%	51%	58%
	Uncertain					0%	0%	0.3%	0.5%
Support and monitoring of medication provided	<i>n</i> =					1022	707	2030	1521
	Yes					99%	100%	99%	96%
	No					1%	0%	1%	4%

## Ages & Stages Questionnaires<sup>®</sup>, Third Edition (ASQ-3<sup>™</sup>)

The ASQ-3<sup>™</sup> are caregiver-completed/reported, age-appropriate tools used to screen babies and children in the following areas of development: communication, gross motor, fine motor, problem solving, and personal-social. When a child's score is *above* the cutoff, development appears to be on schedule. When a child's score is *near* the cutoff, the child should be provided with learning materials and monitored. When a child's score is *below* the cutoff, further assessment by a professional may be needed.

Table 7-1: ASQ-3<sup>™</sup> 6 Month Questionnaire for babies aged 5 months, 0 days through 6 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			6 months				6 months			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	29.65	0-60					40.0	100%	0%	0%
Gross Motor	22.25						30.0	0%	100%	0%
Fine Motor	25.14						40.0	100%	0%	0%
Problem Solving	27.72						60.0	100%	0%	0%
Personal-Social	25.34						55.0	100%	0%	0%

Table 7-2: ASQ-3<sup>™</sup> 8 Month Questionnaire for babies aged 7 months, 0 days through 8 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			8 months				8 months			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	33.06	0-60					--	--	--	--
Gross Motor	30.61						--	--	--	--
Fine Motor	40.15						--	--	--	--
Problem Solving	36.17						--	--	--	--
Personal-Social	35.84						--	--	--	--

Table 7-3: ASQ-3™ 10 Month Questionnaire for babies aged 9 months, 0 days through 10 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			10 months				10 months			
			n =				n = 25			
Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff			
Communication	22.87	0-60					49.0	84%	8%	8%
Gross Motor	30.07						32.6	36%	8%	56%
Fine Motor	37.97						51.4	76%	16%	8%
Problem Solving	32.51						48.5	78%	0%	22%
Personal-Social	27.25						41.5	63%	29%	8%

Table 7-4: ASQ-3™ 12 Month Questionnaire for babies aged 11 months, 0 days through 12 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			12 months				12 months			
			n =				n = 202			
Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff			
Communication	15.64	0-60					43.4	83%	8%	9%
Gross Motor	21.49						36.2	57%	15%	28%
Fine Motor	34.50						48.3	72%	18%	10%
Problem Solving	27.32						39.9	65%	13%	22%
Personal-Social	21.73						40.5	69%	13%	18%

Table 7-5: ASQ-3™ 14 Month Questionnaire for babies aged 13 months, 0 days through 14 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			14 months				14 months			
			n =				n = 32			
Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff			
Communication	17.40	0-60					38.4	63%	28%	9%
Gross Motor	25.80						41.3	60%	17%	23%
Fine Motor	23.06						38.5	66%	19%	16%
Problem Solving	22.56						45.2	66%	19%	16%
Personal-Social	23.18						45.2	74%	23%	3%

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Table 7-6: ASQ-3™ 16 Month Questionnaire for children aged 15 months, 0 days through 16 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			16 months n =				16 months n = 27			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	16.81	0-60					34.6	52%	30%	19%
Gross Motor	37.91						39.4	52%	11%	37%
Fine Motor	31.98						41.3	56%	19%	26%
Problem Solving	30.51						39.2	46%	23%	31%
Personal-Social	26.43						41.1	70%	11%	19%

Table 7-7: ASQ-3™ 18 Month Questionnaire for children aged 17 months, 0 days through 18 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			18 months n =				18 months n = 24			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	13.06	0-60					29.6	46%	33%	21%
Gross Motor	37.38						46.8	67%	13%	21%
Fine Motor	34.32						48.7	83%	4%	13%
Problem Solving	25.74						39.8	75%	8%	17%
Personal-Social	27.19						43.5	79%	4%	17%

Table 7-8: ASQ-3™ 20 Month Questionnaire for children aged 19 months, 0 days through 20 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			20 months n =				20 months n = 16			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	20.50	0-60					34.9	50%	13%	38%
Gross Motor	39.89						40.31	63%	6%	31%
Fine Motor	36.05						42.5	63%	13%	25%
Problem Solving	28.84						37.8	63%	6%	31%
Personal-Social	33.36						40.0	63%	13%	25%

Table 7-9: ASQ-3™ 22 Month Questionnaire for children aged 21 months, 0 days through 22 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			22 months n =				22 months n = 27			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	13.04	0-60					38.3	69%	15%	15%
Gross Motor	27.75						48.5	82%	7%	11%
Fine Motor	29.61						46.1	78%	7%	15%
Problem Solving	29.30						44.5	74%	15%	11%
Personal-Social	30.07						48.6	78%	11%	11%

Table 7-10: ASQ-3™ 24 Month Questionnaire for children aged 23 months, 0 days through 25 months, 15 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			24 months n =				24 months n = 76			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	25.17	0-60					40.0	61%	12%	27%
Gross Motor	38.07						49.1	76%	7%	17%
Fine Motor	35.16						45.7	73%	7%	20%
Problem Solving	29.78						41.5	68%	14%	19%
Personal-Social	31.54						42.2	56%	21%	23%

Table 7-11: ASQ-3™ 27 Month Questionnaire for children aged 25 months, 16 days through 28 months, 15 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			27 months n =				27 months n = 38			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	24.02	0-60					45.4	82%	8%	11%
Gross Motor	28.01						43.7	71%	11%	18%
Fine Motor	18.42						38.0	63%	24%	13%
Problem Solving	27.62						40.4	71%	11%	18%
Personal-Social	25.31						45.2	83%	8%	8%

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Table 7-12: ASQ-3™ 30 Month Questionnaire for children aged 28 months, 16 days through 31 months, 15 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			30 months n =				30 months n = 27			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	33.30	0-60					50.8	78%	11%	11%
Gross Motor	36.14		45.6	67%	7%	26%				
Fine Motor	19.25		34.5	46%	35%	19%				
Problem Solving	27.08		36.7	62%	8%	31%				
Personal-Social	32.01		47.2	63%	19%	19%				

Table 7-13: ASQ-3™ 33 Month Questionnaire for children aged 31 months, 16 days through 34 months, 15 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			33 months n =				33 months n = 39			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	25.36	0-60					46.8	80%	5%	15%
Gross Motor	34.80		49.3	80%	10%	10%				
Fine Motor	12.28		35.6	64%	18%	18%				
Problem Solving	26.92		42.2	64%	13%	23%				
Personal-Social	28.96		48.2	81%	5%	14%				

Table 7-14: ASQ-3™ 36 Month Questionnaire for children aged 34 months, 16 days through 38 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			36 months n =				36 months n = 74			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	30.99	0-60					42.6	67%	6%	27%
Gross Motor	36.99		50.6	76%	12%	12%				
Fine Motor	18.07		33.8	52%	26%	22%				
Problem Solving	30.29		43.9	62%	12%	26%				
Personal-Social	35.33		48.3	80%	5%	15%				

Table 7-15: ASQ-3™ 42 Month Questionnaire for children aged 39 months, 0 days through 44 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			42 months n =				42 months n = 58			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	27.06	0-60					36.8	54%	23%	23%
Gross Motor	36.27						48.1	67%	16%	17%
Fine Motor	19.82						33.9	53%	26%	21%
Problem Solving	28.11						41.5	72%	7%	21%
Personal-Social	31.12						42.6	62%	14%	24%

Table 7-16: ASQ-3™ 48 Month Questionnaire for children aged 45 months, 0 days through 50 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			48 months n =				48 months n = 84			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	30.72	0-60					40.6	59%	13%	28%
Gross Motor	32.78						48.6	74%	8%	18%
Fine Motor	15.81						35.6	64%	14%	21%
Problem Solving	31.30						45.5	69%	12%	19%
Personal-Social	26.60						45.2	80%	8%	12%

Table 7-17: ASQ-3™ 54 Month Questionnaire for children aged 51 months, 0 days through 56 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			54 months n =				54 months n = 54			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	31.85	0-60					42.3	64%	11%	25%
Gross Motor	35.18						49.4	82%	2%	17%
Fine Motor	17.32						36.1	59%	24%	17%
Problem Solving	28.12						44.4	76%	11%	13%
Personal-Social	32.33						44.1	62%	19%	19%

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Table 7-18: ASQ-3™ 60 Month Questionnaire for children aged 57 months, 0 days through 66 months, 30 days.

Area	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				ON			
			60 months n =				60 months n = 159			
			Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff	Mean total score	% above cutoff	% near cutoff	% below cutoff
Communication	33.19	0-60					40.5	59%	12%	29%
Gross Motor	31.28						44.1	93%	1%	6%
Fine Motor	26.54						39.9	65%	10%	25%
Problem Solving	29.99						46.7	73%	10%	17%
Personal-Social	39.07						46.4	63%	15%	22%

Table 7-19: ASQ-3™ Questionnaire summaries by area (for children aged 0-5 years, OnLAC age groups).

Area		CAS				ON			
		0-11 mos.	12-23 mos.	24-35 mos.	3-5 yrs.	0-11 mos.	12-23 mos.	24-35 mos.	3-5 yrs.
Communication	n =					136	253	173	401
	% above cutoff					83%	68%	74%	59%
	% near cutoff					7%	18%	8%	13%
	% below cutoff					10%	15%	18%	27%
Gross Motor	n =					136	253	173	401
	% above cutoff					52%	64%	73%	82%
	% near cutoff					14%	12%	10%	6%
	% below cutoff					35%	24%	17%	12%
Fine Motor	n =					136	253	173	401
	% above cutoff					70%	73%	62%	61%
	% near cutoff					18%	14%	20%	17%
	% below cutoff					13%	13%	17%	23%
Problem Solving	n =					136	253	173	401
	% above cutoff					66%	70%	71%	71%
	% near cutoff					10%	13%	9%	11%
	% below cutoff					24%	17%	17%	19%
Personal-Social	n =					136	253	173	401
	% above cutoff					64%	71%	73%	68%
	% near cutoff					18%	14%	11%	13%
	% below cutoff					18%	15%	16%	19%



# Emotional Health and Social Development

This section illustrates the well-being of young people by selected placement settings for each age group, and/or overall for each age group.

## *Ages & Stages Questionnaires®: Social-Emotional (ASQ:SE)*

The ASQ:SE are caregiver-completed/reported, age-appropriate questionnaires focused on the social and emotional development of babies and young children. When a child's score is *below* the cutoff, social and emotional development appear to be on schedule. When a child's score is *above* the cutoff, setting/time factors, development factors, health factors, and family/cultural factors must be considered, and referral for a mental health evaluation may be appropriate.

Table 8-1: ASQ:SE Questionnaire summaries (for children aged 3 to 65 months).

ASQ:SE Questionnaire	Cutoff	Possible range	CAS				CAS			
			n =	Mean total score	Median total score	% below cutoff	n =	Mean total score	Median total score	% below cutoff
<b>6 months</b> (infants aged 3 to 8 months)	<b>45</b>	0-285					1	5.0	5.0	100%
<b>12 months</b> (children aged 9 to 14 months)	<b>48</b>	0-330					261	13.9	10.0	97%
<b>18 months</b> (children aged 15 to 20 months)	<b>50</b>	0-390					73	21.2	15.0	92%
<b>24 months</b> (children aged 21 to 26 months)	<b>50</b>	0-390					115	27.3	20.0	84%
<b>30 months</b> (children aged 27 to 32 months)	<b>57</b>	0-435					74	47.1	30.0	70%
<b>36 months</b> (children aged 33 to 41 months)	<b>59</b>	0-465					124	55.0	40.0	68%
<b>48 months</b> (children aged 42 to 53 months)	<b>70</b>	0-495					135	65.2	55.0	63%
<b>60 months</b> (children ages 54 to 65 months)	<b>70</b>	0-495					158	75.6	66.4	54%

Table 8-2: Percentage of children below the ASQ:SE age-appropriate cutoff (social and emotional development appear to be on schedule) by OnLAC age group (for children aged 0-5 years).

	CAS				ON			
	0-11 mos.	12-23 mos.	24-35 mos.	3-5 yrs.	0-11 mos.	12-23 mos.	24.35 mos.	3-5 yrs.
n =					130	267	169	375
% below cutoff					96%	92%	76%	60%

Table 8-3: Youth-reported positive mental health score by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 10-17 years).

		CAS		ON	
		10-15	16-17	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			163	80
	Mean score			58.4	56.2
	Median score			61.0	57.5
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			1100	568
	Mean score			55.7	55.2
	Median score			57.0	57.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =			233	181
	Mean score			48.8	50.4
	Median score			52.0	53.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			29	6
	Mean score			52.8	44.0
	Median score			56.0	50.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			2	127
	Mean score			56.5	52.8
	Median score			56.5	55.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1583	1057
	Mean			54.8	53.6
	Median			57.0	56.0
	Possible range		0-70		0-70

Table 8-4: Youth-reported Kessler-6 Depression scale score by current place of residence and overall (for young adults aged 18+ years).

		CAS	ON
		18+	18+
With relatives	<i>n</i> =		22
	Mean score		5.1
	Median score		4.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =		85
	Mean score		6.6
	Median score		6.0
Other	<i>n</i> =		23
	Mean score		4.9
	Median score		3.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =		135
	Mean		6.0
	Median		5.0
	Possible range	0-24	0-24

Table 8-5: Youth-reported coping strategies score by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 13-17 years).

		CAS		ON	
		13-15	16-17	13-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			114	85
	Mean score			9.1	9.1
	Median score			10.0	10.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			778	622
	Mean score			7.7	8.1
	Median score			8.0	8.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =			205	196
	Mean score			6.4	7.0
	Median score			6.0	7.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			15	7
	Mean score			7.7	6.6
	Median score			8.0	5.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			2	135
	Mean score			7.5	8.7
	Median score			7.5	9.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1160	1145
	Mean			7.6	8.0
	Median			8.0	8.0
	Possible range		0-12		0-12

Table 8-6: Youth-reported hope score by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 13-17 years).

		CAS		ON	
		13-15	16-17	13-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			112	87
	Mean score			14.4	14.8
	Median score			15.0	16.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			758	608
	Mean score			13.0	13.6
	Median score			13.0	14.0
Group home	<i>n</i> =			198	195
	Mean score			11.4	12.1
	Median score			11.0	12.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			15	7
	Mean score			13.7	10.6
	Median score			15.0	12.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			2	130
	Mean score			12.5	13.9
	Median score			12.5	15.0
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1130	1125
	Mean			12.9	13.3
	Median			13.0	14.0
	Possible range		0-18		0-18

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Table 8-7: Caregiver-reported mean Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) scores by selected placement type and overall (for young people aged 6-17 years).

		CAS			ON		
		6-9	10-15	16-17	6-9	10-15	16-17
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =				92	197	93
	Prosocial				8.7	8.5	8.7
	<i>n</i> =				92	197	93
	Emotional Symptoms				2.6	2.5	3.4
	Hyperactivity				5.7	4.0	4.9
	Conduct Problems				2.5	1.8	2.8
	Peer Problems				1.9	1.9	3.2
	Total Difficulties				12.6	10.2	14.2
Foster home	<i>n</i> =				548	1368	690
	Prosocial				7.2	7.6	7.6
	<i>n</i> =				548	1368	688
	Emotional Symptoms				2.7	2.9	3.0
	Hyperactivity				6.1	5.0	4.4
	Conduct Problems				3.3	2.5	2.5
	Peer Problems				2.5	2.6	2.8
	Total Difficulties				14.6	13.1	12.6
Group home	<i>n</i> =				29	340	258
	Prosocial				6.0	6.1	6.7
	<i>n</i> =				29	340	257
	Emotional Symptoms				2.1	3.4	3.0
	Hyperactivity				6.2	6.1	4.6
	Conduct Problems				3.5	3.9	2.5
	Peer Problems				3.6	4.0	2.7
	Total Difficulties				15.5	17.4	12.8
Customary care	<i>n</i> =				35	34	8
	Prosocial				7.7	8.4	8.8
	<i>n</i> =				35	34	8
	Emotional Symptoms				2.2	1.6	3.0
	Hyperactivity				5.4	3.8	5.4
	Conduct Problems				2.0	1.7	2.7
	Peer Problems				1.7	1.7	2.4
	Total Difficulties				11.3	8.9	13.5
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =				721	1951	1086
	Prosocial				7.4	7.4	7.4
	Possible range		0-10			0-10	
	<i>n</i> =				721	1951	1083
	Emotional Symptoms				2.6	2.9	3.0
	Hyperactivity				6.0	5.1	4.5
	Conduct Problems				3.1	2.7	2.5
	Peer Problems				2.4	2.8	2.8
		Total Difficulties				14.1	13.4
	Possible range		0-40			0-40	

## Transition to Adulthood: Casey Life Skills

Casey Life Skills is a broad tool (youth-reported) that helps young people to assess skills, abilities, and supports they possess, that can help them to transition to adulthood in a healthy and positive way. The tool covers eight areas: permanency, daily living, self care, relationships and communication, housing and money management, work and study life, career and education planning, and looking forward.

Table 9-1: Average Casey Life Skills Permanency scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		CAS		ON	
		16-17	18+	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			87	
	Average score			4.8	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			620	
	Average score			4.6	
Group home	<i>n</i> =			197	
	Average score			4.4	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			8	
	Average score			4.2	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			134	87
	Average score			4.6	4.6
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1146	139
	Average score			4.6	4.7
	Possible range	1-5		1-5	

Table 9-2: Average Casey Life Skills Daily Living scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		CAS		ON	
		16-17	18+	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			87	
	Average score			4.5	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			620	
	Average score			4.4	
Group home	<i>n</i> =			197	
	Average score			4.2	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			8	
	Average score			4.2	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			134	87
	Average score			4.6	4.7
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1146	139
	Average score			4.4	4.6
	Possible range	1-5		1-5	

Table 9-3: Average Casey Life Skills Self Care scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		CAS		ON	
		16-17	18+	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			87	
	Average score			4.4	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			620	
	Average score			4.3	
Group home	<i>n</i> =			197	
	Average score			4.1	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			8	
	Average score			4.0	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			134	87
	Average score			4.5	4.6
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1146	139
	Average score			4.3	4.6
	Possible range		1-5		1-5

Table 9-4: Average Casey Life Skills Relationships and Communication scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		CAS		ON	
		16-17	18+	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			87	
	Average score			4.7	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			620	
	Average score			4.5	
Group home	<i>n</i> =			197	
	Average score			4.3	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			8	
	Average score			4.3	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			134	87
	Average score			4.6	4.7
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1146	139
	Average score			4.5	4.7
	Possible range		1-5		1-5

Table 9-5: Average Casey Life Skills Housing and Money Management scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		CAS		ON	
		16-17	18+	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			87	
	Average score			3.7	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			620	
	Average score			3.4	
Group home	<i>n</i> =			197	
	Average score			3.1	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			8	
	Average score			2.9	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			134	87
	Average score			4.2	4.5
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1146	139
	Average score			3.4	4.2
	Possible range		1-5		1-5

Table 9-6: Average Casey Life Skills Work and Study Life scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		CAS		ON	
		16-17	18+	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			87	
	Average score			4.2	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			620	
	Average score			4.1	
Group home	<i>n</i> =			197	
	Average score			3.7	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			8	
	Average score			3.6	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			134	87
	Average score			4.3	4.5
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1146	139
	Average score			4.0	4.4
	Possible range		1-5		1-5

Table 9-7: Average Casey Life Skills Career and Education Planning scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		CAS		ON	
		16-17	18+	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			87	
	Average score			4.1	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			620	
	Average score			3.9	
Group home	<i>n</i> =			197	
	Average score			3.5	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			8	
	Average score			3.5	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			134	87
	Average score			4.1	4.3
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1146	139
	Average score			3.9	4.2
	Possible range	1-5		1-5	

Table 9-8: Average Casey Life Skills Looking Forward scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		CAS		ON	
		16-17	18+	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			87	
	Average score			4.3	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			620	
	Average score			4.2	
Group home	<i>n</i> =			197	
	Average score			4.0	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			8	
	Average score			3.9	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			134	87
	Average score			4.3	4.5
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1146	139
	Average score			4.2	4.5
	Possible range	1-5		1-5	



Table 9-9: Average Casey Life Skills Total scores by selected placement type or place of residence and overall (for young people aged 16+ years).

		CAS		ON	
		16-17	18+	16-17	18+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =			87	
	Average score			4.3	
Foster home	<i>n</i> =			620	
	Average score			4.2	
Group home	<i>n</i> =			197	
	Average score			3.9	
Customary care	<i>n</i> =			8	
	Average score			3.8	
Independent living	<i>n</i> =			134	87
	Average score			4.4	4.6
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =			1146	139
	Average score			4.1	4.5
	Possible range		1-5		1-5

## Time to Complete the AAR

This section illustrates the time taken to complete the AAR conversation.

Table 10-1: Total mean and median time (in hours) to complete the AAR by selected placement setting and overall.

		CAS				ON			
		0-5	6-9	10-15	16+	0-5	6-9	10-15	16+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =					57	88	200	93
	Mean time					2.0	2.2	2.2	2.2
	Median time					2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Foster home	<i>n</i> =					875	513	1352	687
	Mean time					2.1	2.2	2.5	2.5
	Median time					2.0	2.0	2.3	2.3
Group home	<i>n</i> =					9	31	339	255
	Mean time					1.5	2.0	2.4	2.3
	Median time					1.5	2.0	2.3	2.2
Customary care	<i>n</i> =					47	33	35	10
	Mean time					2.3	2.6	2.5	2.3
	Median time					2.3	2.5	2.3	2.0
Independent living	<i>n</i> =							3	269
	Mean time							2.2	1.9
	Median time							2.0	1.8
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =					1010	681	2013	1510
	Mean time					2.1	2.2	2.4	2.3
	Median time					2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0
	Range					.1-7	.3-10.5	0-9.3	.1-10.5

Table 10-2: Total mean and median time ( in hours) that the young person participated in completing the AAR, by placement setting and overall (for young people aged 6-16+ years).

		CAS			ON		
		6-9	10-15	16+	6-9	10-15	16+
Kinship in care	<i>n</i> =				86	198	95
	Mean time				0.5	1.2	1.3
	Median time				0.3	1.0	1.3
Foster home	<i>n</i> =				466	1338	673
	Mean time				0.3	1.3	1.4
	Median time				0	1.0	1.5
Group home	<i>n</i> =				25	322	245
	Mean time				0.3	1.2	1.2
	Median time				0	1.0	1.0
Customary care	<i>n</i> =				32	34	10
	Mean time				0.6	1.5	1.6
	Median time				0.3	1.0	1.3
Independent living	<i>n</i> =					3	265
	Mean time					1.0	1.3
	Median time					1.0	1.3
<b>Overall</b>	<i>n</i> =				622	1976	1477
	Mean time				0.3	1.2	1.3
	Median time				0.0	1.0	1.3
	Range				0-4.5	0-6.5	0-6