

Join Hands for Children Disproportionality Outcomes

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Using the disproportionality index (DI)*, evaluation of the relative likelihood, compared to White children, of:

- Referral to CPS
- Initial risk assessed at intake
- Risk after investigation
- Removal from home
- Time in care
- Time to permanency

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Referrals

- Accepted referrals
- Initial high risk
- Removed from the home
- Placements over 60 days
- Placements over two years

Placement outcomes for children removed from home following a CPS referral in 2004 fell into the following categories:

- Placement still open (still in foster care)
- Reach majority (age out of system)
- Adoption
- Guardianship
- Reunification
- Placement with relatives

Court outcomes

- Dependency case filed
- Declared independent
- Termination petition filed
- Parental rights terminated
- Adoption

** DI is a metric commonly used to compare rates between races. At each event, the DI for each racial group compared with White children is calculated by dividing the rate of referral of each racial group by the rate for White children.*