



Permanency Enhancement Project Annual Update

Southern Region Carlyle/Sparta Action Team

*This report provides an update of all PEP activities of the **Carlyle/Sparta Action Team** during Fiscal Year 2015. Information herein is based off of communication and correspondence with key Action Team members. These individuals potentially include action team lead contact persons, PEP regional staff, other division employees, area community members, and families involved in the PEP initiative in the related counties.*

Overview

Due to a delay in the release of funds from the Department of Children and Family Services to the University Partner, SIUE, this fiscal year report does not capture Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 activities.

In Quarter 3, the Division worked with the University Partner (Southern Illinois University Edwardsville- SIUE) to retain faculty researchers and graduate students (who serve in the role of PEP Action Team Community Liaisons) to explore trends in racial disparity and disproportionality as it impacts permanency in the Southern Region of Illinois.

In the month of January, the division provided county level permanency data dating back to Quarter 1 (July 2014-September 2014) and Quarter 2 (October 2014 – December 2014) to SIUE, so that the University research team could analyze trends in permanencies, by age and race, over the periods in question. In the month of May, the division provided permanency data for Quarter 3 (January 2015 – March 2015). This data analysis is provided in a supplementary report including a narrative and Powerpoint Presentation.

In Quarter 4, the University Research Team continued to analyze trends in permanencies, by age and race. They also worked intimately with the action team to increase membership, monitor activities, and develop initiative to further enhance their works to reduce disparity and disproportionality within the child welfare system.

In addition to analyzing permanency data, the PEP Community Liaisons (University graduate assistants) contacted representatives who had been identified as leaders of the Carlyle/Sparta

Action Team and explored PEP goal accomplishments and activities. Communication with the following individuals occurred on the following dates:

Name	Role in DCFS or PEP Action Team	Date(s) of Contact
Teresa Towler	Bond Clinton and Monroe County Action Team Chair	April 2015 May 2015 June 2015
Lisa Simpson	Randolph and Washington Action Team Chair	April 2015 May 2015 June 2015

Action Team Status

Explanation Early interactions with the Carlyle/Sparta Action Team revealed that it was active and they cover a large rural area. As a result of the expansive area the Action Team has evolved into two sub-groups. One covers Bond, Clinton, and Monroe counties, the other covers Randolph and Washington counties.

Both sub-groups work extensively with court system, judges, and states attorneys on a bi-monthly basis regarding specific cases.

Annual Action Team Activities

Team meeting(s) held: April 2015 and June 16, 2015 with State’s Attorney present

Annual Action Team Goals

1. Create a Foster Care Parent Support System for new recruits
2. Maintain working relationship with court system and State’s Attorney
3. Continue to monitor service disparity data
4. Keep communication open between members

Fiscal Year 2016 Intentions

For the next fiscal year, the Action Team plans to pursue the following:

1. Continue to enhance relationship with judicial system
2. Create a Foster Care Parent Support System for new recruits

The University Partner will continue to support these efforts by:

1. By helping the action team understand data trends
2. Maintain communication with action team members and division leaders
3. Provide guidance on the implementation of action team goals

Permanency Enhancement Project: Carlyle-Sparta Action Team Report FY 2015

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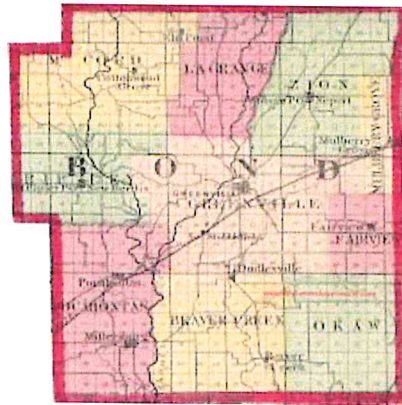
Goals of Permanency Enhancement Project

1. Improve permanency
2. Reduce racial disproportionality
3. Reduce racial disparities
4. Reduce overrepresentation of African Americans in the child welfare system

Sources of Indicated Reports

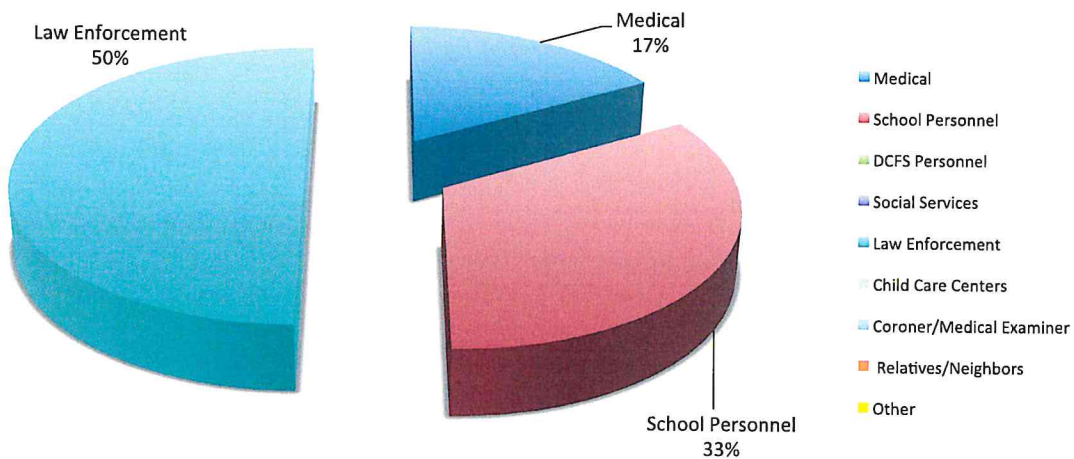
Carlyle/Sparta Action Team – Bond County

FY 2015: Quarter 1 – Quarter 4



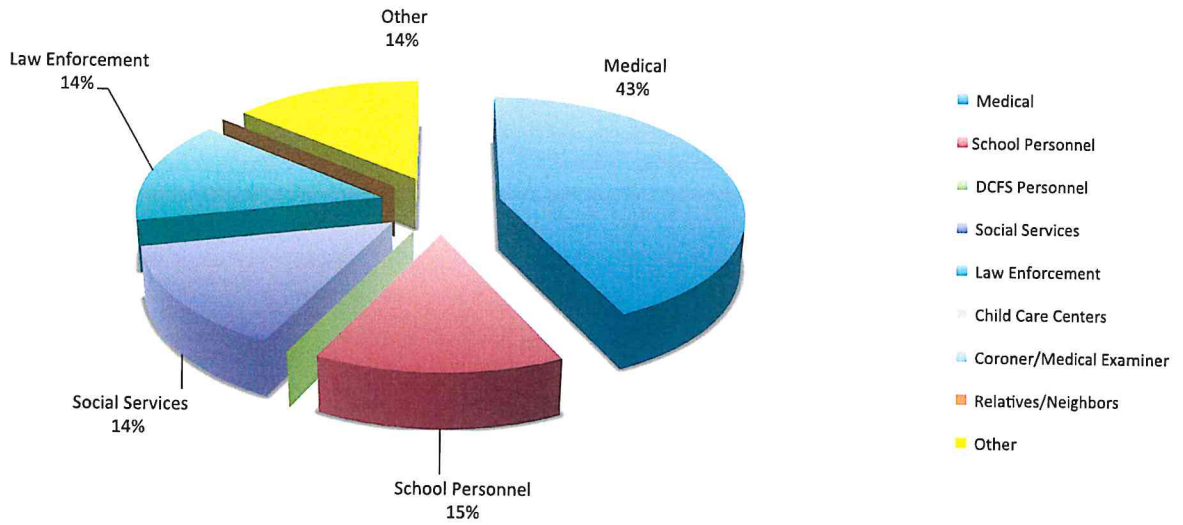
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Carlyle/Sparta~Bond
Sources of Indicated Reports

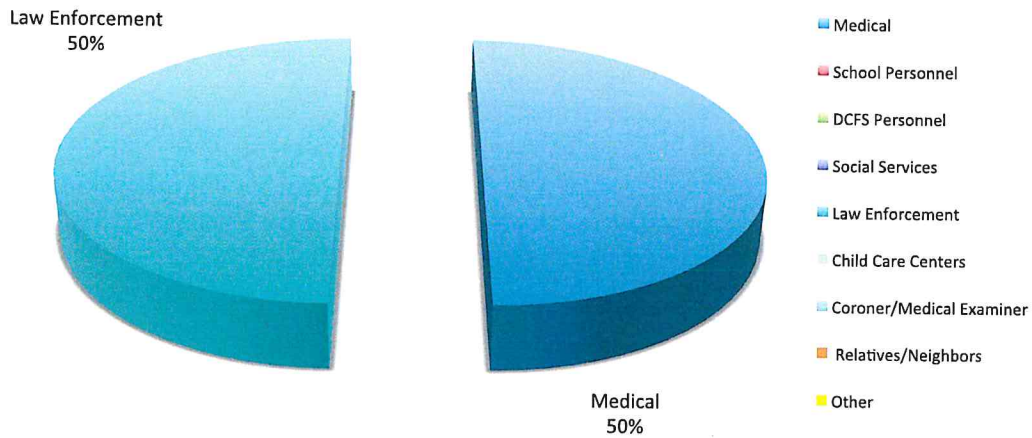


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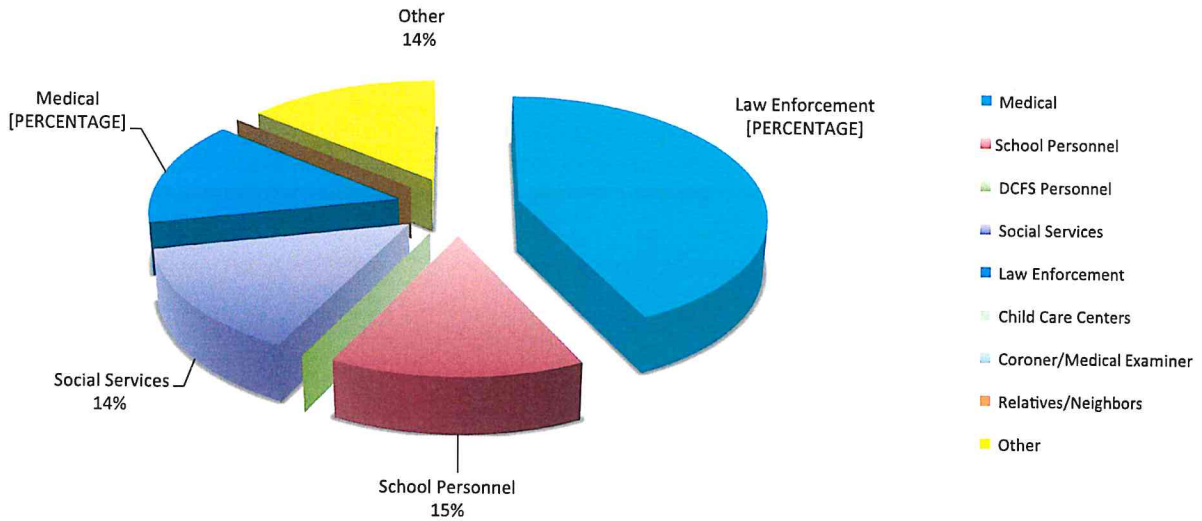
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Sources of Indicated Reports**



**Q3: Jan. - March 2015, N = 4
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Sources of Indicated Reports**

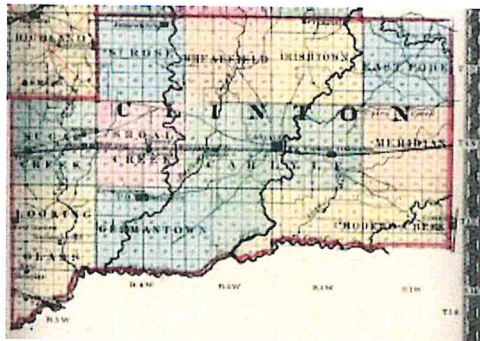


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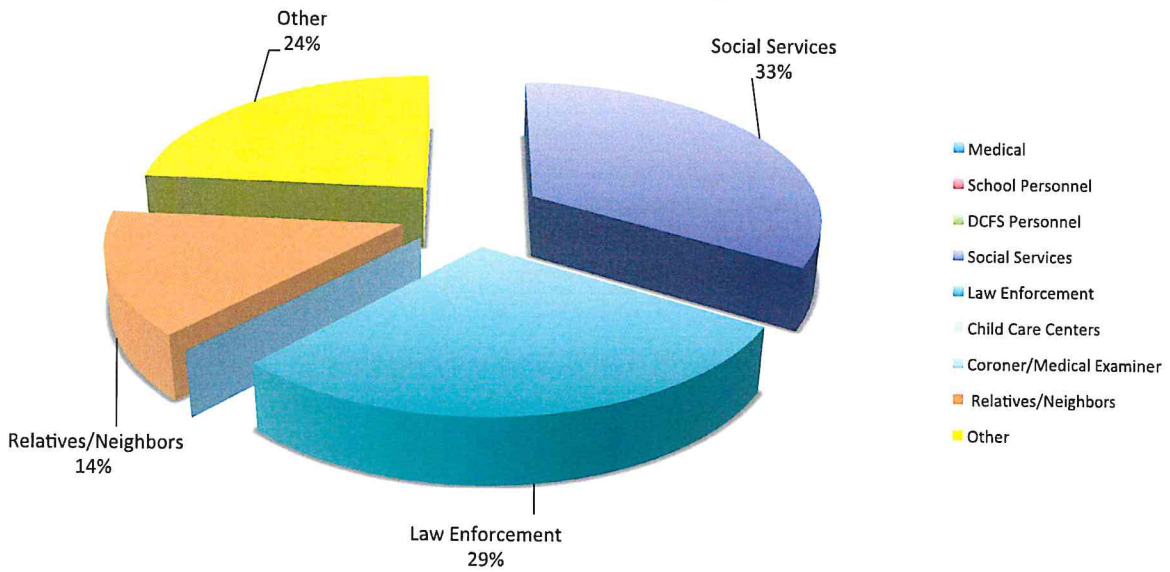
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FY 2015: Quarter 1 – Quarter 4**

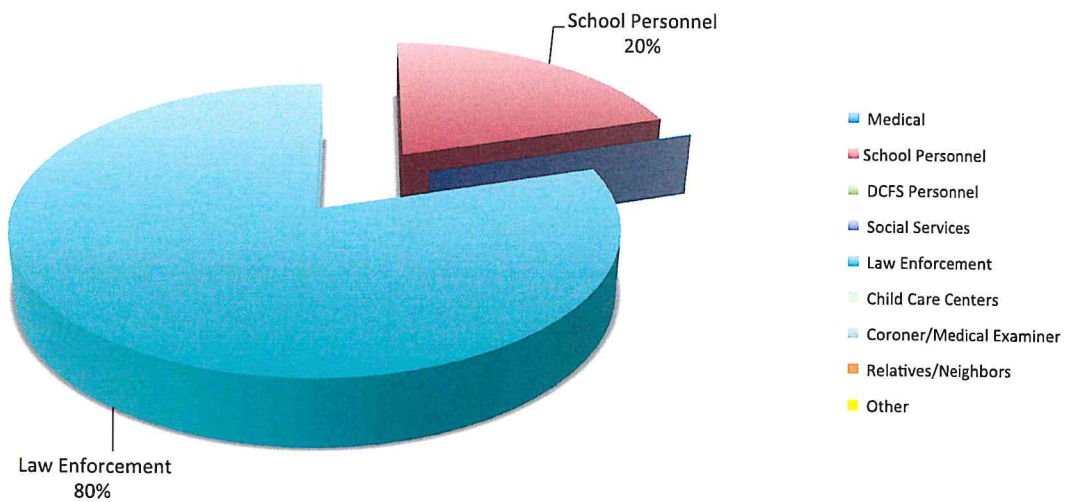


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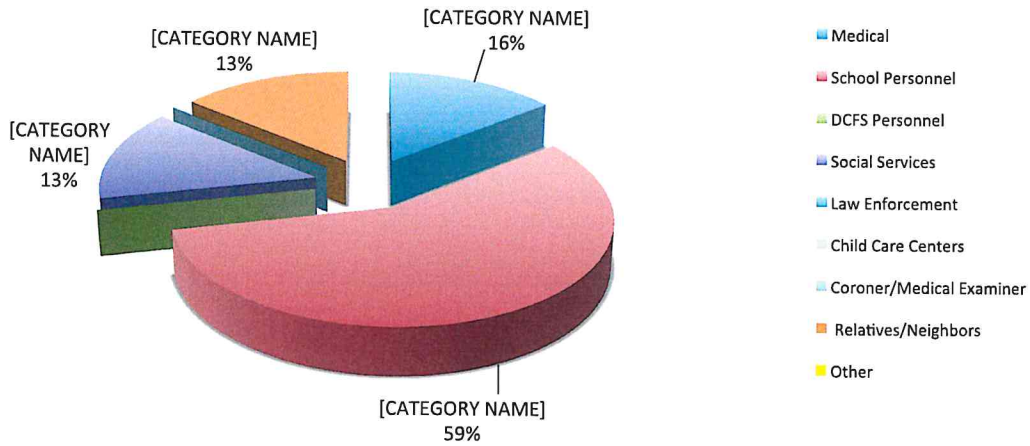
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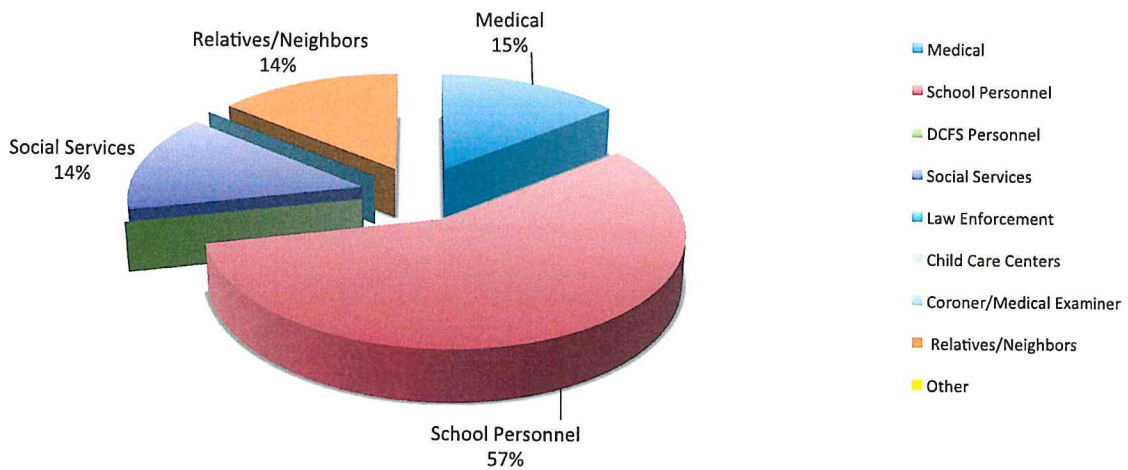
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Sources of Indicated Reports**



**Q3: Jan. - March 2015, N = 9
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Sources of Indicated Reports**



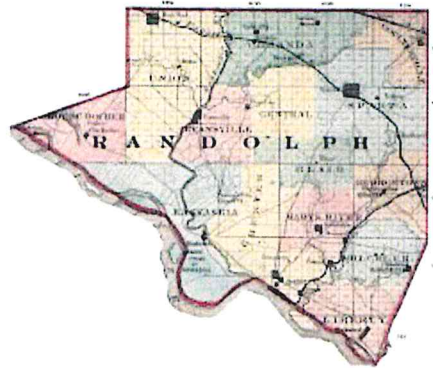
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Sources of Indicated Reports

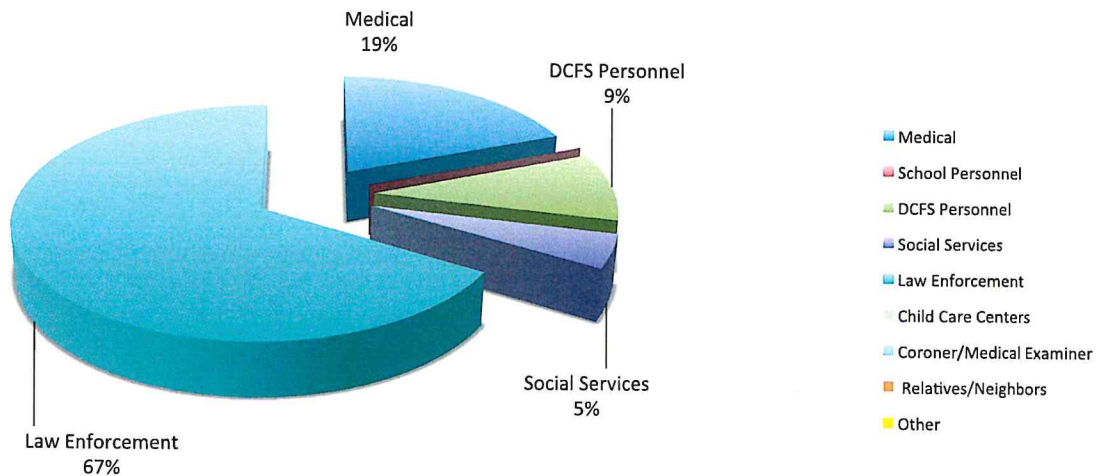
Carlyle/Sparta Action Team – Randolph County

FY 2015: Quarter 1 – Quarter 4



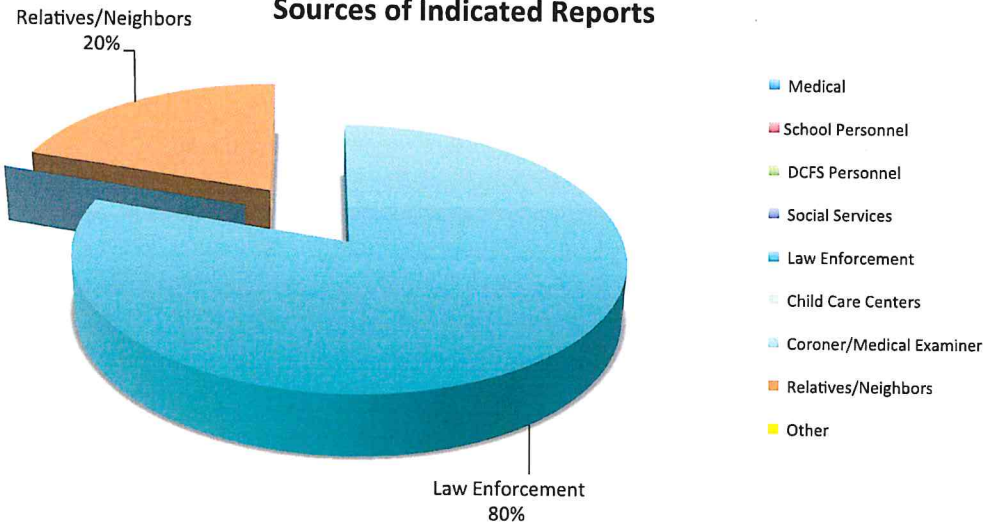
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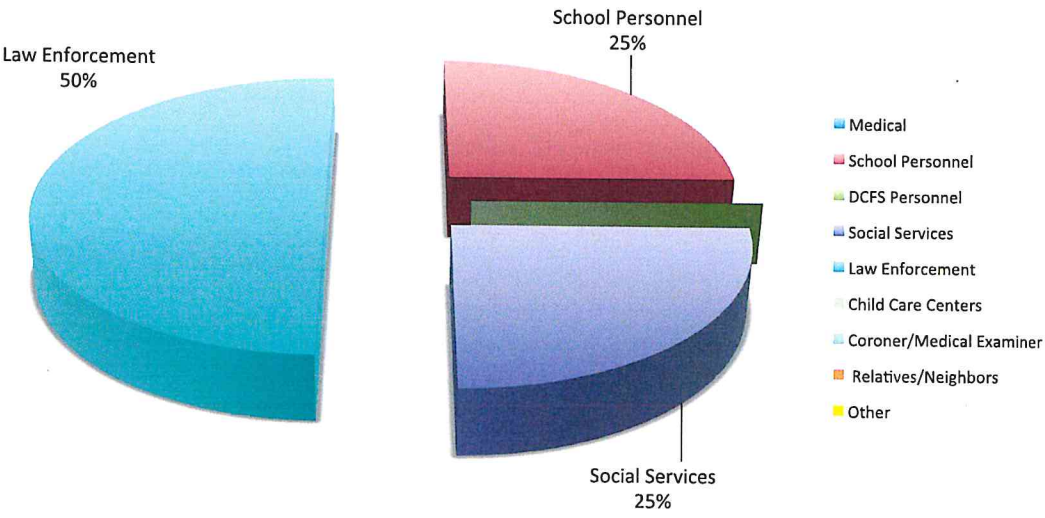


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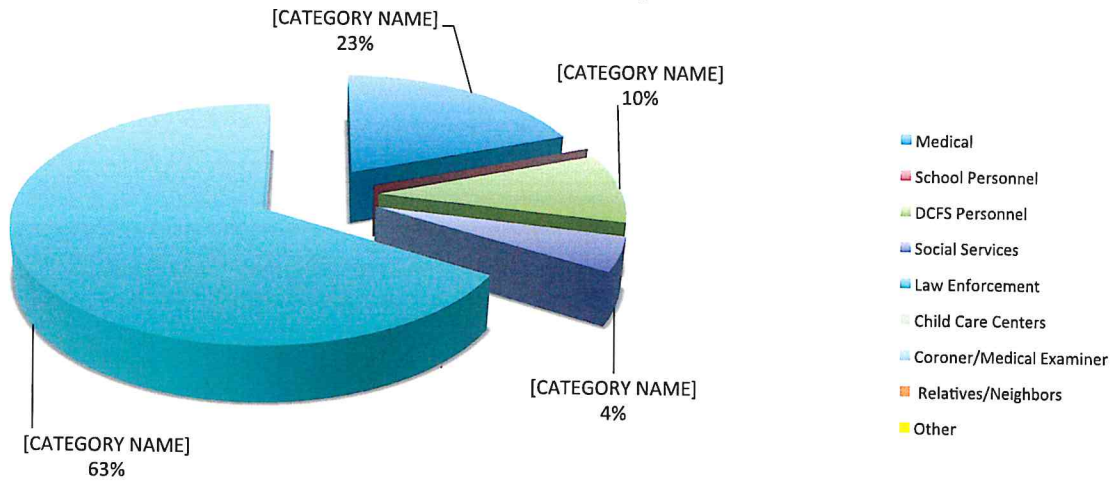
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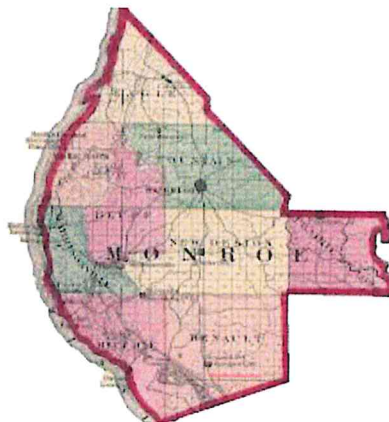
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Carlyle/Sparta~Randolph
Sources of Indicated Reports**



**Q4: April - June 2015, N = 13
 Carlyle/Sparta~Randolph
 Sources of Indicated Reports**



**Sources of Indicated Reports
 Carlyle/Sparta Action Team – Monroe County
 FY 2015: Quarter 1 – Quarter 4**



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Carlyle/Sparta~Monroe
Sources of Indicated Reports

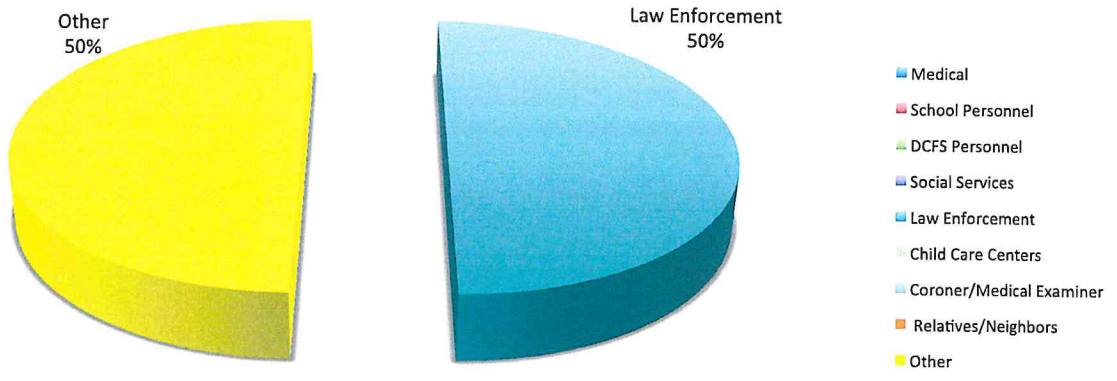


- Medical
- School Personnel
- DCFS Personnel
- Social Services
- Law Enforcement
- Child Care Centers
- Coroner/Medical Examiner
- Relatives/Neighbors
- Other

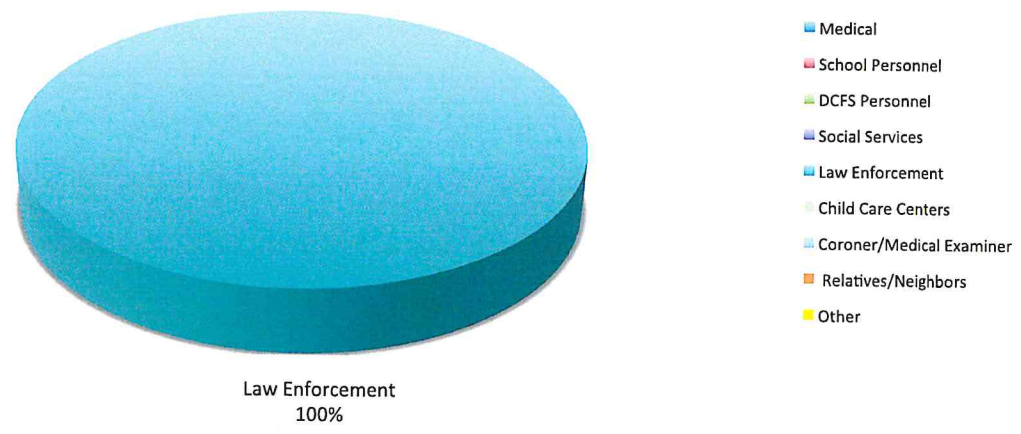
Law Enforcement
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Q2: Oct. – Dec. 2014, N = 0
Carlyle/Sparta~Monroe
Sources of Indicated Reports

**Q3: Jan. - March 2015, N = 2
Carlyle/Sparta~Monroe
Sources of Indicated Reports**



**Q4: April - June 2015, N = 8
Carlyle/Sparta~Monroe
Sources of Indicated Reports**



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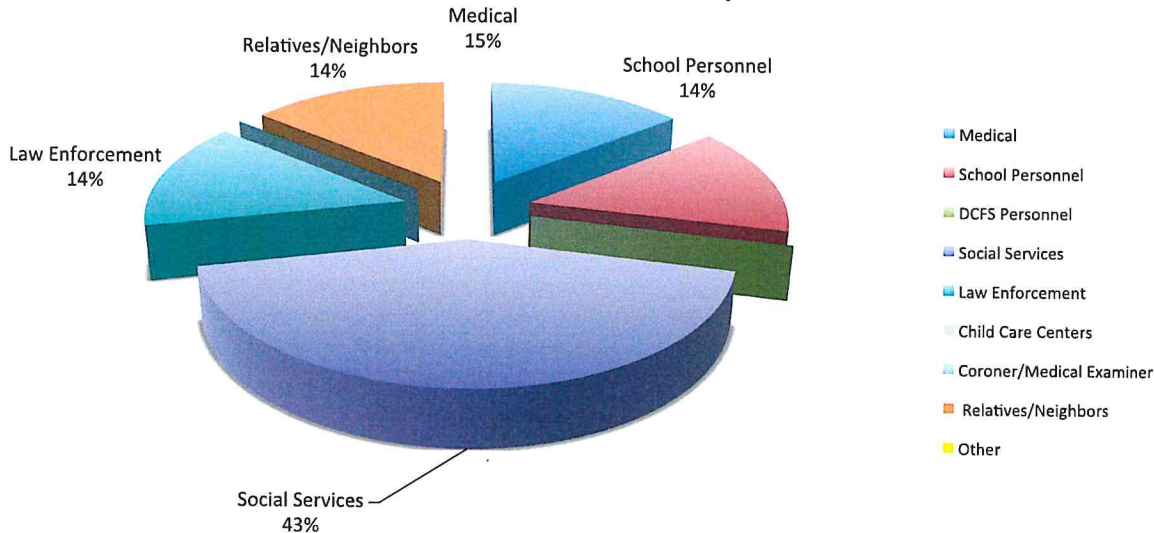
Carlyle/Sparta Action Team – Washington County

FY 2015: Quarter 1 – Quarter 4



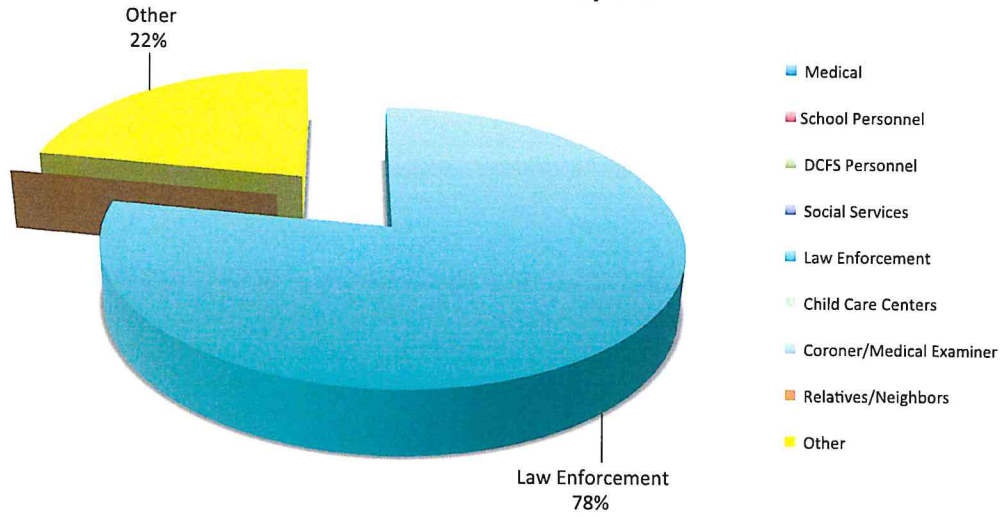
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Carlyle/Sparta~Washington
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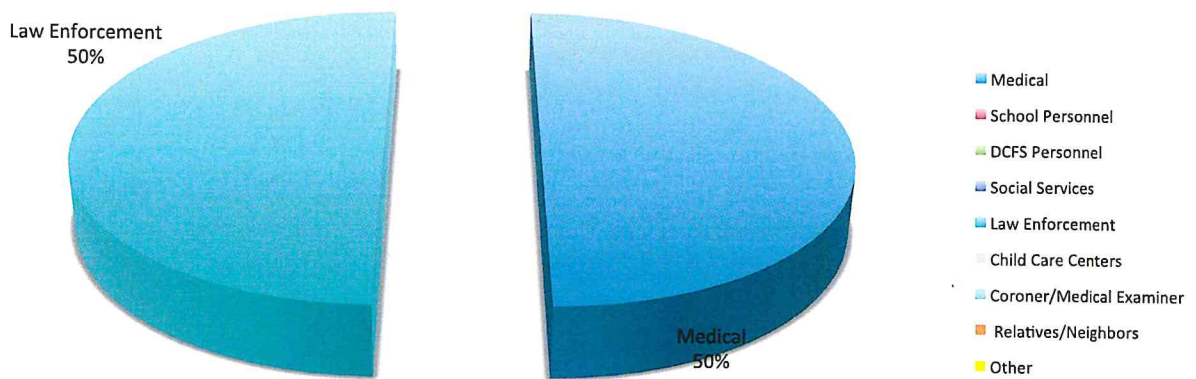


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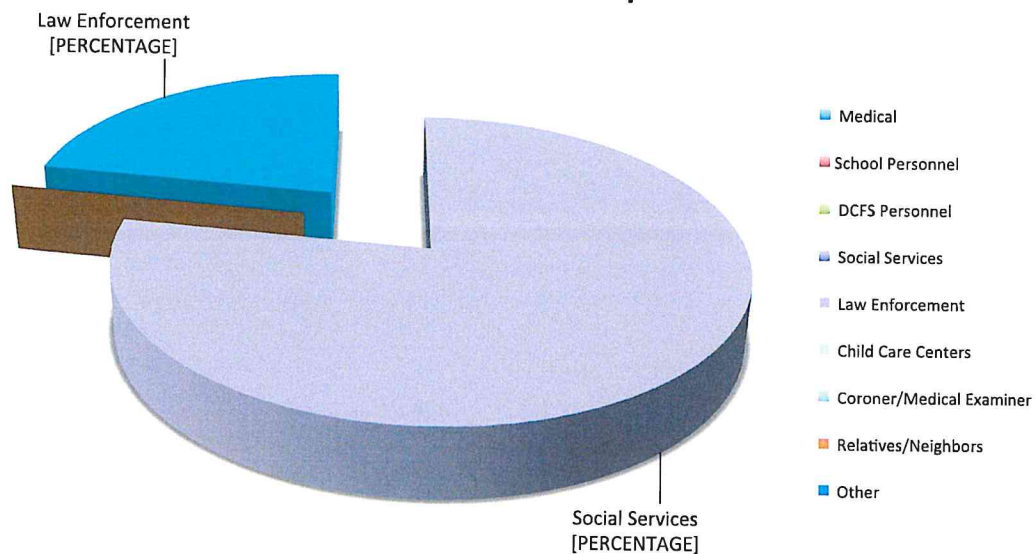
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**Q3: Jan. - March 2015, N = 4
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Q4: April – June 2015, N = 3 Carlyle/Sparta~Washington
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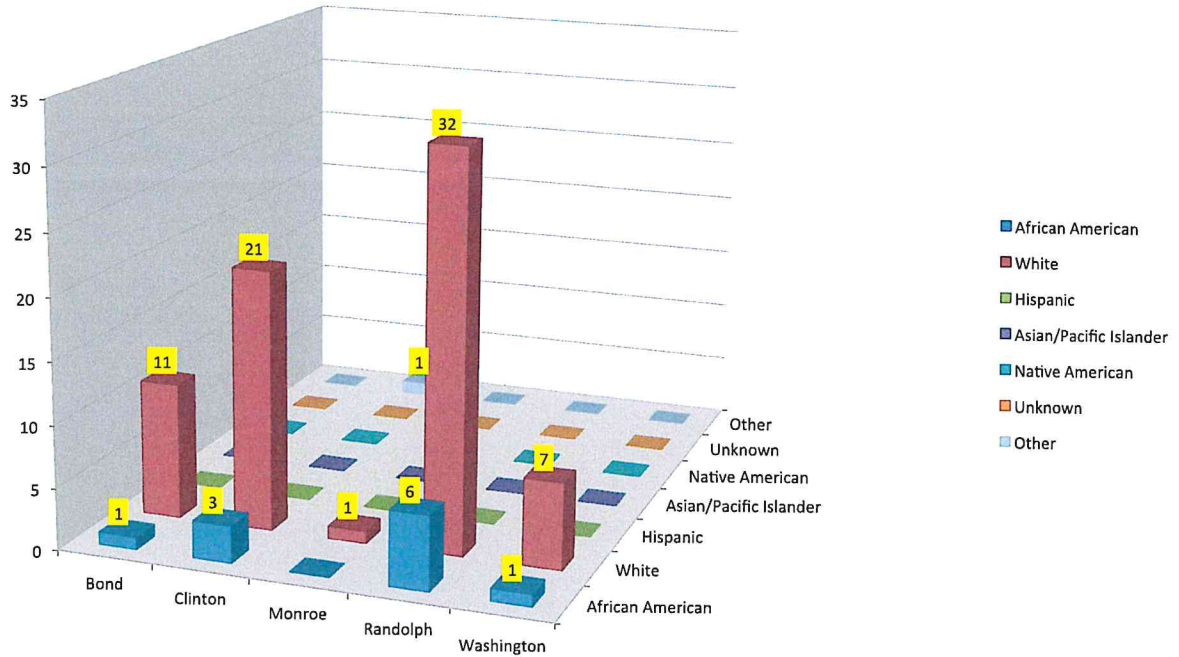


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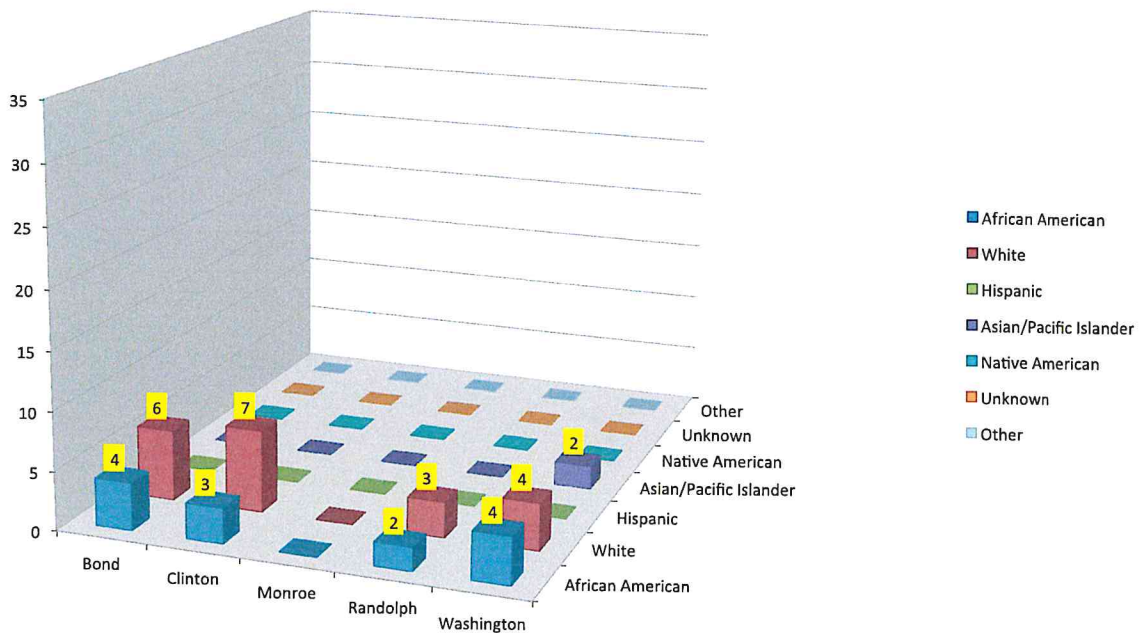
Patterns in Sources of Indicated Reports for
Cairo Action Team:
Quarters 1 – 4: July 2014 – June 2015

- Primary Mandated Reporters
 - Law enforcement
 - Social services
 - School
 - Medical
- Questions to consider
 - How do these cases present to DCFS?
 - Are members of these mandated reporting groups represented in the Carlyle-Sparta PEP conversation?
 - Is additional reporter training needed by any primary reporting groups?

Carlyle-Sparta Action Team: Indicated Cases by Race Q1: July – September 2014

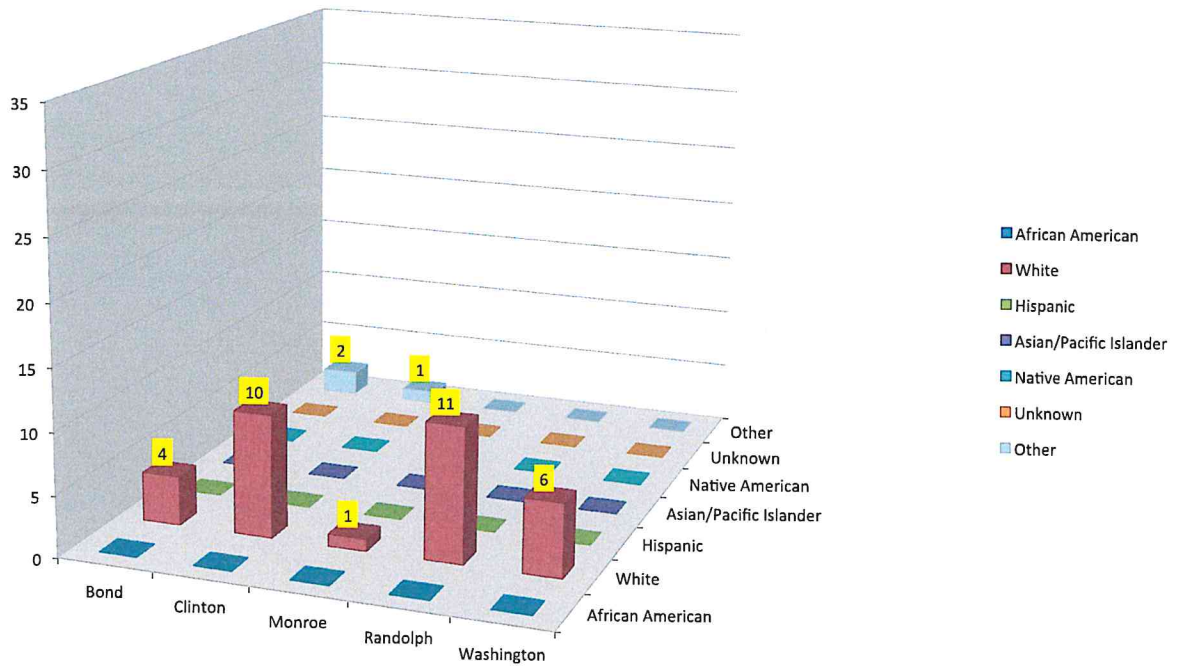


Carlyle-Sparta Action Team: Indicated Cases by Race Q2: October – December 2014



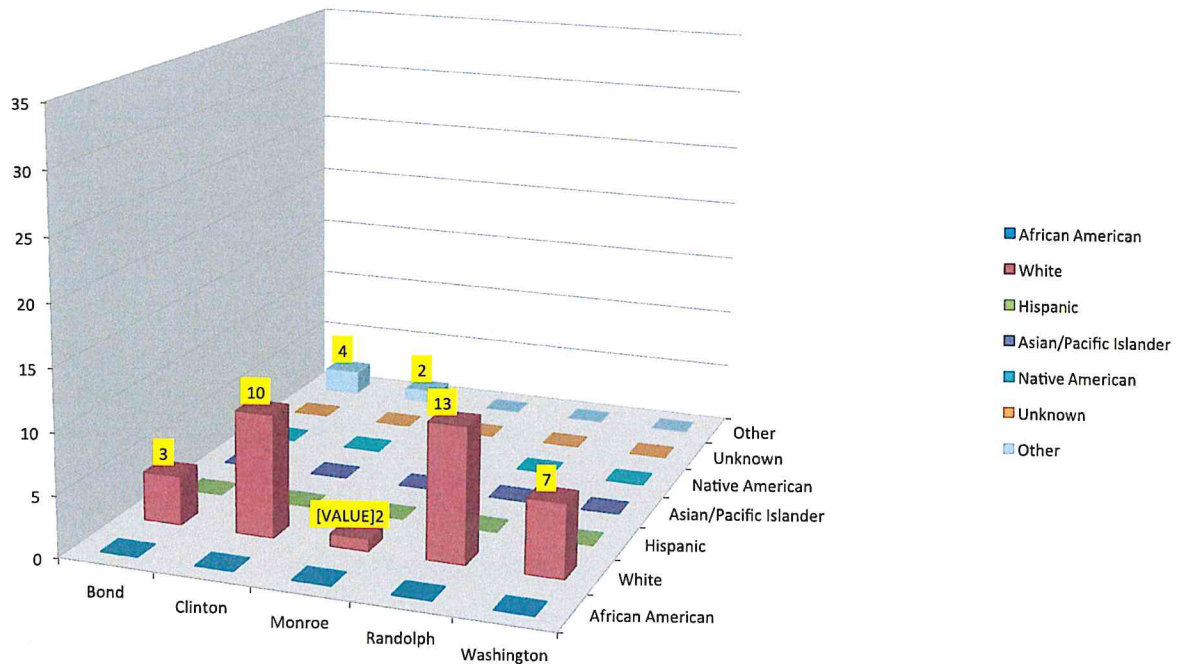
Carlyle-Sparta Action Team: Indicated Cases by Race

Q3: January – March 2015

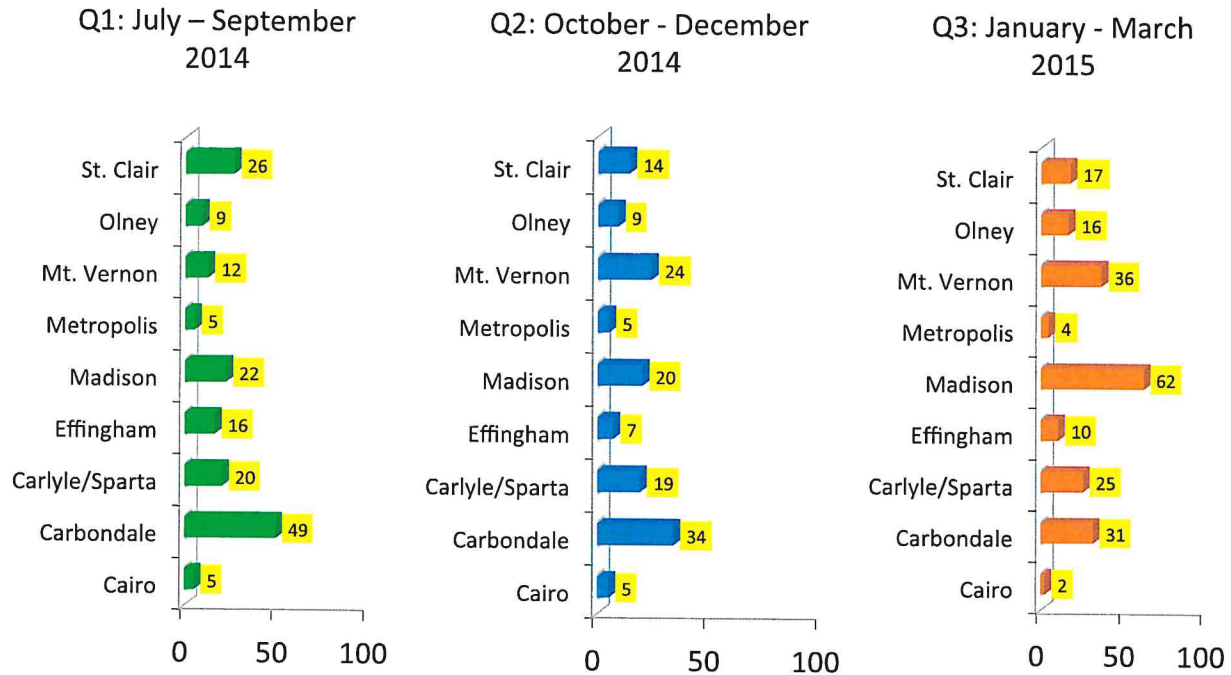


Carlyle-Sparta Action Team: Indicated Cases by Race

Q4: April – June 2015



Entries into Out-of Home Care



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Entries into Out-of Home Care by Race & Age Carlyle-Sparta Action Team

Quarter 1: July – September 2014				
Age x Race	African Americans	White	Unknown	TOTALS
age, 00-02	0	2	0	2
age, 03-05	0	1	1	2
age, 06-09	0	1	0	1
age, 10-13	0	0	0	0
age, 14-17	0	1	0	1
TOTAL Race	0	5	1	6
Quarter 2: October – December 2014				
Age x Race	African Americans	White	Unknown	TOTALS
age, 00-02	0	3	0	3
age, 03-05	0	1	0	1
age, 06-09	0	1	0	1
age, 10-13	0	0	0	0
age, 14-17	0	2	0	2
TOTAL Race	0	7	0	7
Quarter 3: January – March 2015				
Age x Race	African Americans	White	Unknown	TOTALS
age, 00-02	1	2	0	3
age, 03-05	0	4	0	4
age, 06-09	0	5	0	5
age, 10-13	0	2	0	2
age, 14-17	0	1	0	1
TOTAL Race	1	14	0	15

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Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care Quarter 1 – Quarter 3

Action Team	Number in Care		
	Q1: July – September 2014	Q2: October – December 2014	Q3: January – March 2015
Cairo	32	32	33
Carbondale	439	439	426
Carlyle/Sparta	111	126	131
Effingham	100	100	101
Madison	526	434	528
Metropolis	48	48	45
Mt. Vernon	257	257	271
Olney	163	163	162
St. Clair	438	393	417
Total Southern Region	2260	1990	2107

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Number in Children in Out-of-Home Care by Age

Action Team	Under 3 Years			3 to 5 Years			6 to 9 Years			10 to 13 Years			14 to 17 Years		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
Cairo	5	5	5	8	8	7	9	9	10	5	5	6	4	4	4
Carbondale	116	116	105	84	84	78	87	87	86	63	63	63	71	71	73
Carlyle/Sparta	25	25	30	16	16	17	20	20	22	26	26	25	24	24	20
Effingham	24	24	24	30	30	28	16	16	19	9	9	11	13	13	11
Madison	127	127	128	136	146	131	134	140	130	94	97	88	90	91	92
Metropolis	8	8	7	9	9	7	12	12	10	8	8	9	8	8	9
Mt. Vernon	53	53	64	41	41	39	52	52	55	36	36	38	54	54	51
Olney	35	35	37	28	28	25	29	29	29	29	29	32	32	32	31
St. Clair	74	72	73	75	77	66	80	82	79	67	71	60	75	70	76
Total Southern Region	467	460	473	436	439	398	435	448	440	349	344	332	371	367	367

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Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care by Race

Action Team	African American			Hispanic			White			Asian/Pacific Islander			Native American			Unknown		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
Cairo	13	13	13	0	0	0	19	19	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carbondale	91	91	94	8	8	4	329	329	317	0	0	0	2	2	2	9	9	9
Carlyle/Sparta	10	10	10	3	3	3	111	111	116	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Effingham	3	3	3	0	0	0	97	97	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madison	143	143	159	5	5	5	362	362	384	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	16	12
Metropolis	1	1	3	1	1	1	46	46	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mt. Vernon	46	56	58	4	2	3	205	199	207	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3
Olney	0	0	0	1	1	2	154	127	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	5
St. Clair	274	274	264	6	6	6	107	107	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	5
Total Southern Region	581	591	604	28	26	24	1430	1397	1436	1	1	1	2	2	2	42	39	35

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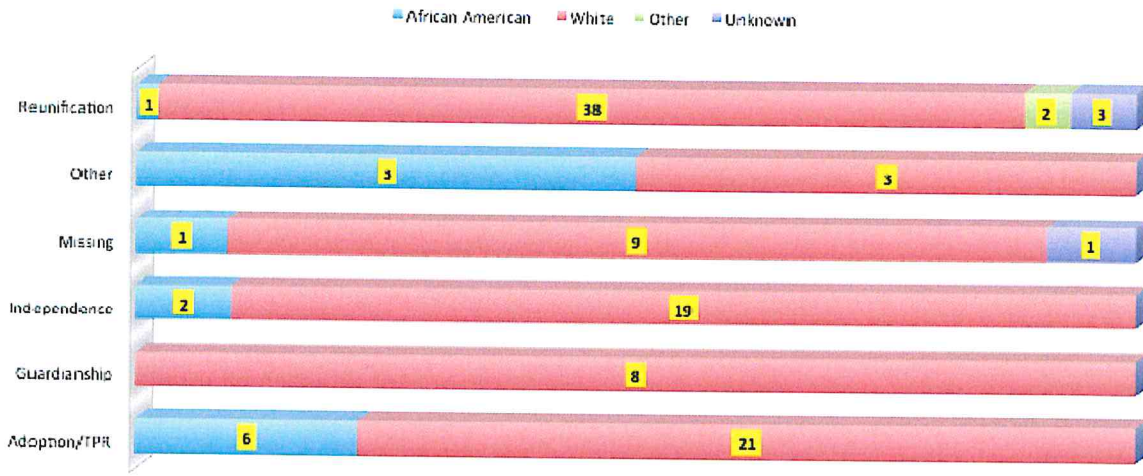
Number in Children in Out-of-Home Care by Placement Type

Action Team	Foster/Relative			Residential			Independent			Other Institution			Other Care		
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q1	Q2	Q3
Cairo	25	25	27	4	4	3	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	1
Carbondale	331	331	332	39	39	36	6	6	8	10	10	5	53	53	44
Carlyle/Sparta	190	190	94	20	20	10	10	10	7	6	6	2	26	26	18
Effingham	75	75	76	5	5	5	6	6	5	0	0	2	14	14	13
Madison	434	434	462	29	29	28	27	27	25	8	8	11	28	28	34
Metropolis	32	32	34	6	6	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	7	7	4
Mt. Vernon	163	163	175	30	30	27	13	13	13	10	10	11	41	41	25
Olney	115	115	114	17	17	16	5	5	4	1	1	5	25	25	23
St. Clair	289	289	287	28	28	27	23	23	25	14	14	10	39	39	24
Total Southern Region	1654	1654	1601	178	178	156	91	91	90	52	52	48	235	235	186

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Permanency Goals by Race – Carlyle-Sparta Action Team

Q1 – July – September 2014

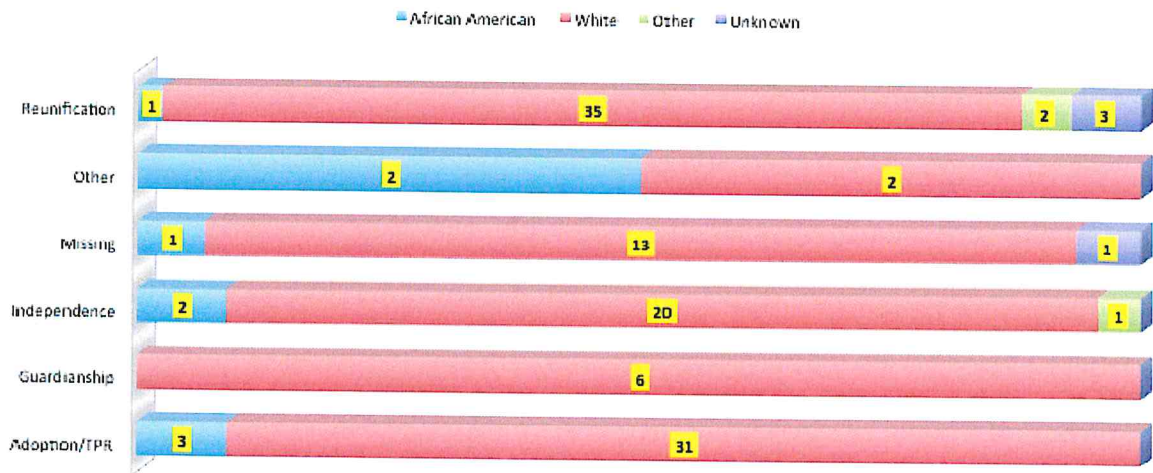


Completed Permanencies during Quarter 1

- 2 African American Adoptions 3 African American Reunifications
- 3 White Adoptions
- 2 Hispanic Adoptions

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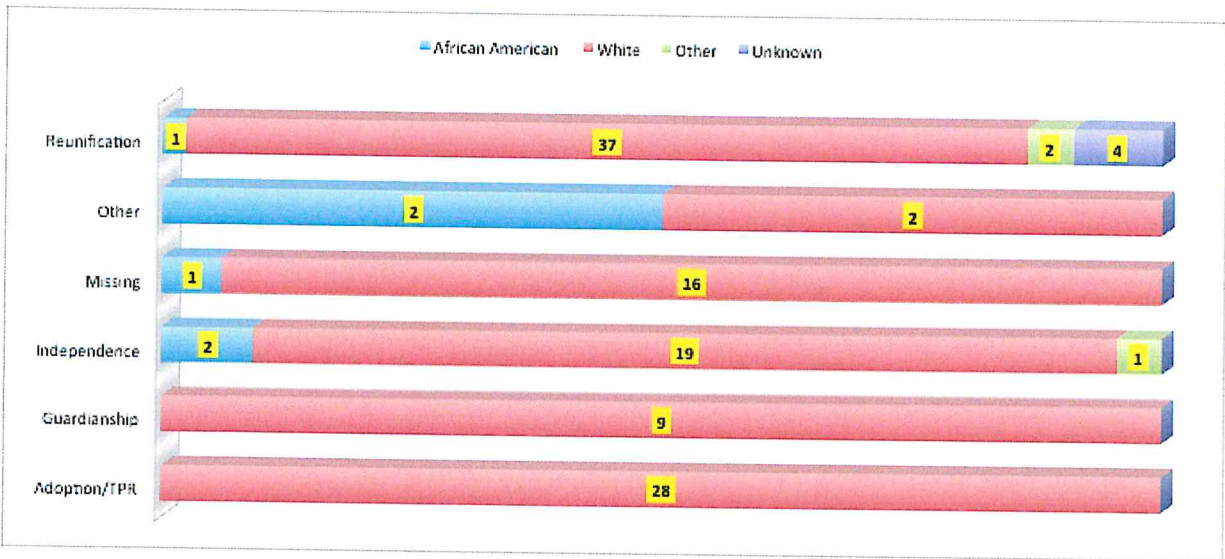
Q2 – October – December 2014



Completed Permanencies during Quarter 2

- 5 White Adoptions
- 4 White Reunifications
- 1 White Sub-Guardianship

Permanency Goals by Race – Carlyle-Sparta Action Team Q3: January – March 2015



Completed Permanencies during Quarter 3

- 3 African American Adoptions
- 2 White Adoptions
- 1 Unknown Reunification
- 1 White Sub-Guardianship

Permanency Goals by Race Carlyle/Sparta Action Team Q4: April – June 2015

Do to the nature of the Quarter 4 data, no data on
Permanency Goals were available for Quarter 4.

Completed Permanencies during Quarter 4

Permanency Outcomes for FY 2015 Carlyle-Sparta Action Team

Goal Trends

- Higher numbers of white children with a goal of reunification
- Only White children have a goal of guardianship

Permanencies

- 5 completed adoptions of African American children during Q1 – Q3
- 3 completed reunifications of African American children during Q1-Q3