



Board of Directors Meeting

January 10, 2019

Eckerd Connects Reports

Item V.D.

Recommended Action: Information Only

Strategic Plan Alignment: Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

The Eckerd Connects Report is attached.

Staff Resource: Judith Warren

Eckerd Connects Community Alternatives- C6 Lead Agency Performance Overview

As of November 30, 2018, ECA had a total of **3,198** children and young adults receiving child welfare services (2,027 in Pinellas County and 1,171 in Pasco County). This total represents a net decrease of **23** clients, since November 30, 2017. Eckerd Community Alternatives is the **2nd** largest CBC Lead Agency in the State of Florida, based on the number of children and young adults served.

Child Population	Pasco	Pinellas	C6 Overall
November 30, 2018	1171	2027	3198
November 30, 2017	1240	1981	3221
Difference	-69	+46	-23

So far, as of the end of November 2018 the rate of children entering the child welfare system has increased when compared to last fiscal year (**new fiscal year began on July 1, 2018**). The overall monthly average for Pinellas last fiscal year was **81** entries from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. In Pasco County, the monthly average from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 was **50** entries.

New Intakes / Entries – Monthly Average			
	Pasco	Pinellas	C6 Overall
FY17-18	50	81	131
FY16-17	50	68	118
FY15-16	38	60	98

New Intakes / Entries Actuals For The Last 3 Months			
	Pasco	Pinellas	C6 Overall
November 2018	61	82	143
October 2018	52	103	155
September 2018	37	46	83

On the back end of our system, the average number of children being discharged from Out of Home Care increased in the month of November 2018.

Exits from Foster Care – Monthly Average			
	Pasco	Pinellas	C6 Overall
FY17-18	44	63	107
FY16-17	43	57	100
FY15-16	42	68	110

Exits from Foster Care Actuals for The Last 3 Months			
	Pasco	Pinellas	C6 Overall
November 2018	31	87	118
October 2018	33	48	81
September 2018	25	46	71

1) **Placement Stability** is measured by children’s placement moves per one thousand (1000) days in foster care. The federal standard is 4.12% (lower is better) and, in our community, we are currently performing above the federal target at **5.50% for the month of November 2018. The statewide average is 4.56%**. In an effort to continue to improve this performance, we are requesting that community stakeholders join efforts with Eckerd Community Alternatives in helping to recruit more foster families that have the ability to care for large sibling groups; teenagers; assist in the recruitment of minority foster families; and to assist in our efforts to identify mentors for children placed in foster care. In addition, Eckerd Connects Community Alternative is working with our Residential Group Care Providers (who have the highest placement disruption rate) to provide more wraparound supports to better address the needs of our children with the most challenging behaviors.

2) **Permanency**

a. **Timeliness of Reunification:** According to the Child and Family Service Review (CFSR), the Federal Children’s Bureau measures timeliness of reunification by the percentage of children who enter out of home care and are reunified within 12 months. The national standard is **40.5%** (higher is better). In Judicial Circuit 6, for **November 2018** our performance was **34.9%** compared to the State average of **38.5%**.

b. **Adoption Finalization:** Eckerd Connects Community Alternative adoption goal this year is to ensure **389** children are linked to their forever families. As of **December 14, 2018**, Eckerd Connects Community Alternatives and its sub contracted providers (Directions for Living, Lutheran Services of Florida and Youth and Family Alternatives) has finalized **189 adoptions**, which is the most in the state of Florida at this time.

3) Retention/Turnover:

CMO Agency	Budgeted CM Positions*	Filled with Case Carrying Staff	% Budgeted Case Carrying	Case Workers In Training	Case Workers Awaiting Training	Case Workers on FMLA	Total Filled	% Total Filled
DFL	46	41	89%	5	1	0	47	102%
LSF	50	43	86%	3	0	5	51	102%
YFA	57.5	49.5	86%	7	0	1	57.5	100%
Total	153.5	133.5	87%	15	1	6	155.5	101%

CMO Agency	CM Resignations Pending	Supervisor Resignations Pending	Supervisor Vacancies
DFL	3	0	1
LSF	2	0	2
YFA	4	0	1
Total	9	0	4

Source: Self-Reported by PD CMO-Workers with protected caseloads are included

*Budgeted CM Positions reported by each CMO

Children In-Home and Out of Home	Average Case carrying
277269	21