

ITFC/MTFC Monthly Report
All Board Districts
1/31/2010

The following is our tenth monthly report, including matrix format, updating the status of our efforts to contract 300 Treatment Foster Care (TFC) beds. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Heidi Sorensen, Board Relations, at 213-351-5807 or sorenh@dcfs.lacounty.gov.

There are currently 25 children in ITFC and MTFC placement homes in Los Angeles County, an increase of 2 since December 2009. Between the two programs, 19 additional beds are still in development in various stages of certification {e.g., some need to complete training, some need Community Care Licensing (CCL) clearance, some need adoption fingerprint results}.

In December, DCFS Contracts sent out the Start Work letters to the nine agencies (13 programs) who have approved contracts for ITFC and/or MTFC.

The contracts are for two-years, 10 months. Also in December, Hathaway-Sycamores submitted a Program Statement to provide ITFC homes. The Program Statement was reviewed, approved and sent back to Contracts for completion. However, their Program Statement must be approved by CCL before the contract can be executed. Since that time, the Board gave DCFS delegated authority to execute contracts with other qualified FFA agencies for the TFC program, and the Board will no longer be required to vote on this new contract. The addition of Hathaway-Sycamores ITFC program will increase the number of approved TFC agencies to ten with 14 programs (10 ITFC and 4 MTFC) overall.

At this time there are still three agencies with program statements approved but pending execution, until their appeals with the Auditor are resolved. The Auditor/Controller has been asked to provide targeted reviews. The issue of the length of time required to resolve these outstanding contract problems remains. Since mandatory training for all ITFC program staff through the Department of Mental Health (DMH) will begin in February, it would be most cost effective to have all the contracts in place by that time. This would increase the TFC agencies to 17 programs (13 ITFC and 4 MTFC).

MTFC – During January 2010, all MTFC placements remained stable. **CII** removed three of their four potential MTFC homes off of the hold list and, now have three vacancies. One child is scheduled to return to his parent during February. Two placements that were planned did not take place as one child is AWOL (but still being considered for placement upon his return), and the other child was returned home with WRAP services. District 1 made an inquiry on behalf of a youth who could benefit from an MTFC placement and this is being addressed by CII. It should be noted that, at the end of December, the youth ran away from her group home and was subsequently hospitalized with possible conservatorship being sought. CII is still willing to consider this youth once these

matters are resolved. **Penny Lane** had another placement in January, and one of their MTFC foster parents transferred to their ITFC program in SPA 1. Although finding youth who meet the MTFC requirements and have identified permanent caregivers in SPA 1 has proven difficult, a placement was scheduled for February 1, 2010 and children are being assessed for possible placement in the other two openings.

ITFC – During this reporting period, one of **Penny Lane’s** MTFC foster families moved to their new ITFC program and had a child placed. **Five Acres** decertified one home and dropped another that was pending certification. All other placements remained stable at Five Acres. One likely placement for January did not occur as the child was hospitalized from the group home where she resided. The children in **ChildNet** and **Olive Crest** all remained stable. A total of 16 beds are in development for ITFC.

SUMMARY OF TREATMENT FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

As of 1/28/2010	ITFC					MTFC			TOTAL
	Five Acres	Child Net	Olive Crest	Penny Lane	Sub Total	CII	Penny Lane	Sub Total	
Total Homes certified	11	7	2	1	21	9	5	14	35
Total Children Placed	10	6	1	1	18	5	2	7	25
Certified Homes Vacancies	2	1	0	0	3	3	2	5	8
Certified Homes On Hold per Agency Request	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	2	4
Potential Matches	6	2	0	0	8	10	5	15	23
Upcoming Beds (cert. incomplete)	9	7	0	0	16	3	0	3	19

Discrepancy between total # of certified homes and vacancies due to 3 placements in one home

Month	ITFC Program Placements	MTFC Program Placements	TOTAL Placements
May 2009	11	7	18
June 2009	10	8	18
July 2009	13	9	22
August 2009	16	8	24
September 2009	20	8	28
October 2009	17	6	23
November 2009	18	6	24
December 2009	17	6	23
January 2010	18	7	25

There was an increase of 1 ITFC placement; and 1MTFC placement; total net change was an increase of +2 for January 2010.