

**Child Intervention Information and Statistics Summary
2016/17 Fourth Quarter (March) Update**

Initial Assessment	Not In Care	In Care	Post-Intervention Supports
	Family Enhancement	Child Protection	

- ❖ All 2016/17 numbers reflect data as of **March 2017**, unless otherwise stated.
- ❖ Percent changes reflect the current year-to-date average over the previous year-to-date average (For example, average of April to March 2017, compared to the average of April to March 2016).

Table 1: Average Number of Intakes Completed Each Month				
Monthly Average	Dec 2016	Apr-Dec 2015/16	Apr-Dec 2016/17	% Change from 2015/16
Regions	4,205	4,160	4,237	↑2%
DFNAs	229	346	326	↓6%
Intakes Completed	4,434	4,506	4,563	↑1%

* All initial assessment numbers are subject to change due to late entry.

 In December 2016, there were **4,434 Intakes completed** across the Province. There has been a **1% increase** from 2015/16.

Table 2: Number of Children in Child Protection and Family Enhancement				
Monthly Average	Mar 2017	2015/16	2016/17	% Change from 2015/16
Family Enhancement	2,637	2,261	2,598	↑15%
Child Protection	7,796	7,428	7,672	↑3%
Total Child Intervention	10,433	9,689	10,270	↑6%

 In March 2017, **7,796 children (75%)** received services through the Child Protection Program.

Table 3: Child Intervention Service Delivery				
Monthly Average	Mar 2017	2015/16	2016/17	% Change from 2015/16
Regions	8,738	8,166	8,630	↑6%
DFNAs	1,695	1,523	1,640	↑8%
Child Intervention	10,433	9,689	10,270	↑6%




 **84% of children** who received Child Intervention Services in March 2017 were served by the Regions.

Table 4: Child Intervention Caseload and Legal Statuses				
Monthly Average	Mar 2017	2015/16	2016/17	% Change from 2015/16
<i>Family Enhancement</i>	2,637	2,261	2,598	↑15%
<i>Child Protection Not In Care</i>	622	529	603	↑14%
Total Not In Care	3,259	2,790	3,201	↑15%
<i>Temporary Care</i>	2,238	1,742	2,109	↑21%
<i>Permanent Care</i>	4,936	5,157	4,960	↓4%
Total In Care	7,174	6,899	7,069	↑2%
Total Child Intervention	10,433	9,689	10,270	↑6%

 There were **10,433 children and youth** receiving Child Intervention Services at the end of March 2017. There has been a **6% increase** from 2015/16.


 There were **7,174 children In Care**, while an additional **3,259 children** received services at home.


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Monthly Average	Mar 2017	2015/16	2016/17	% Change from 2015/16
Indigenous	6,229	5,783	6,078	↑5%
Non-Indigenous	4,204	3,906	4,192	↑7%
CI Total	10,433	9,689	10,270	↑6%
% of children in CI who are Indigenous	60%	60%	59%	↓1%

 In March 2017, **60% of children and youth** receiving Child Intervention services were Indigenous.

Monthly Average	Mar 2017	2015/16	2016/17	% Change from 2015/16
Indigenous	4,934	4,753	4,862	↑2%
Non-Indigenous	2,240	2,146	2,207	↑3%
In Care Total	7,174	6,899	7,069	↑2%
% of children In Care who are Indigenous	69%	69%	69%	no change

 In March 2017, **69% of children and youth** receiving services In Care were Indigenous. There has been a **2% increase** in the number of Indigenous children In Care from 2015/16.

 According to the National Household Survey (2011), Indigenous children make up approximately **10%** of the child population (ages 0-19) in Alberta. In March 2017, they accounted for **69%** of the children In Care.

Monthly Average	Mar 2017	2015/16	2016/17	% Change from 2015/16
Parental Care	150	171	162	↓5%
Kinship Care*	2,104	1,717	1,960	↑14%
Foster Care	3,558	3,614	3,565	↓1%
Permanency Placements [†]	274	300	288	↓4%
Independent Living [‡]	181	171	186	↑9%
Group Care	503	487	498	↑2%
Treatment Care	198	218	196	↓10%
Other Placement Types [♦]	206	221	214	↓3%
All Placement Types (In Care)	7,174	6,899	7,069	↑2%

*Kinship Care includes children placed with relatives or community members.


[†]Permanency Placements refer to the child's placement in their permanent home prior to the Adoption or Private Guardianship Order being granted.


[‡]Independent Living includes Supported Independent Living.

[♦]Other Placement Types include those in a placement related to their Health Needs, in Secure Services, in a Y.C.J.A Facility, in a PSECA Facility, or those who are not currently placed.

 In March 2017, the most common placement types for children In Care were Foster and Kinship Care:


- ❖ **50% of children in care were placed in Foster Care; and**
- ❖ **29% of children in care were placed in Kinship Care.**

 There has been a **9% increase** in the number of children placed in Independent Living from 2015/16.


 There has been a **10% safe reduction** in the number of children placed in Treatment Care from 2015/16.

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Monthly Average	Mar 2017	2015/16	2016/17	% Change from 2015/16
Regions	4,364	4,253	4,345	↑2%
DFNAs	357	309	352	↑14%
Province	4,721	4,562	4,697	↑3%

 At the end of March 2017, there were **4,721 families** accessing the SFP Program. There has been a **3% increase** from 2015/16.


Monthly Average	Mar 2017	2015/16	2016/17	% Change from 2015/16
Regions	1,679	1,319	1,579	↑20%
DFNAs	196	110	170	↑55%
Province	1,875	1,429	1,749	↑22%

 At the end of March 2017, there were **1,875 young adults** who had an active SFA Agreement. There has been a **22% increase** from 2015/16.


	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	% Change from 2015/16
Number of Approved Students	553	575	625	↑9%
Percentage of youth who completed their studies	82%	84%	86%	↑2%

 In 2016/17, **625 students** were enrolled in the following program types:

- ❖ Upgrading (**18%**)
- ❖ Certificate/Trade (**25%**)
- ❖ Diploma (**29%**)
- ❖ Degree (**28%**)


 Since the inception of the program in January 2004, over **2,193 students** have accessed the program and over **1,000 students** have graduated with a certificate, trade, diploma or degree.

	2014/15 (Official)	2015/16 (Preliminary)	2016/17 (Preliminary)
Family Preservations	3,119	3,048	3,581
Family Reunifications	1,523	1,292	1,073
Private Guardianships	220	230	177
Adoptions	244	290	223
All Permanency Outcomes	5,106	4,860	5,054

 Preliminary data shows that in 2016/17, there were **3,581 Family Preservations** and **1,073 Family Reunifications**. Also, there were **177 Private Guardianships** and **223 Adoptions** granted during the same period of time.


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Monthly Average	2014/15	2015/16	As of March 31, 2017
Authority Foster Homes	1,390	1,344	1,201
Agency Foster Homes	638	613	529
Kinship Homes	1,444	1,529	1,806
All Approved Homes	3,472	3,486	3,536

 As of March 31, 2017, there were **1,730** approved and licenced Foster Homes and an additional **1,806** approved Kinship Homes.


	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Number of Distinct Children	146	167	178

The Protection of Children Involved in Prostitution Act (PChIP) was introduced in February 1999. PChIP was amended to PSECA in 2007.

 In 2016/17, **178 distinct children** were served through the *Protection of Sexually Exploited Children Act (PSECA)*. There has been an **increase of 7%** since 2015/16.

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Number of Distinct Children	3	2	5

DECA was introduced in November 2006.

 In 2016/17, **five distinct children** were apprehended under the *Drug Endangered Children Act (DECA)*.