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Out-of-Home Placement & Screening Trends: Q2 2020

About this Report

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The Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCCR) has been tracking out-of-home placements (OHP) for juvenile offenders since 2009. This report describes youth who were in out-of-home placement during the 2nd quarter of 2020. Data is pulled from the juvenile case management information system (MAIn) using the OHP Population Report.

This report provides trend data on youth with placements that closed during the quarter, as well as those with placements that were open on the last day of the quarter (June 30, 2020). Placements are organized by location (Hennepin County, Greater Minnesota, or out of state), and by type (residential treatment centers, sexual health treatment centers, the County Home School, foster homes, shelters, transition centers, group homes, chemical dependency centers, mental health centers, and evaluations). This report also organizes placements by race and gender.

This report provides data on placement screenings by type, location, reason, race, and parental involvement. This report also provides a way to monitor recent policy changes. These policy changes include: (1) limiting the overall use of screening and OHP, but making every attempt to keep the youth in Hennepin County when OHP is recommended; (2) observing all aspects of screening and OHP decision points by race and gender in an effort to reduce disparity; (3) keeping RTC stays to under 180 days (6 months); (4) eliminating the use of OHP screening as a consequence/response for technical violations; (5) ensuring screening is matching youth to the least restrictive services that meet their needs; and (6) allowing parents to have a voice in the process.

Highlights/Key Trends:

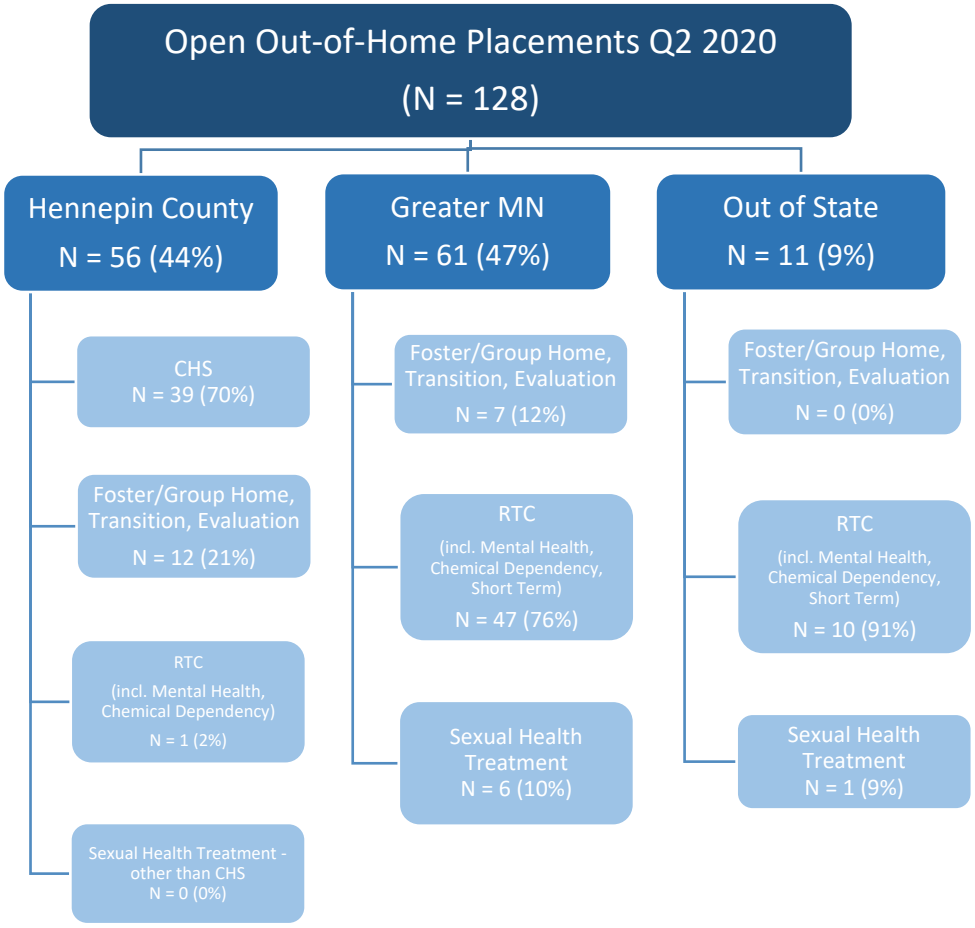
- Screenings
  - The total number of placement screenings were comparable to the last 3 quarters
  - 38% of screenings were done for an investigation
  - Screenings due to a probation violation were down from 25% of the total last quarter to 12% of the total this quarter
  - In Q2 2020, parental attendance at screenings increased to **79%** - by far the highest attendance since tracking started

- Placements
    - Youth whose CHS-RTC or other RTC placement ended in Q2 2020, spent a median of 122 days in placement; this is a 21 day decrease in length of stay compared to Q1 2020
    - At the end of Q2 2020, only one youth (1%) out of 77 remained in an OHP out-of-state; 46% were in placements within Hennepin – a continued increase from previous reports
    - Youth of color continue to be the majority of youth in placement be it RTC or otherwise

Total Out-of-Home Placements

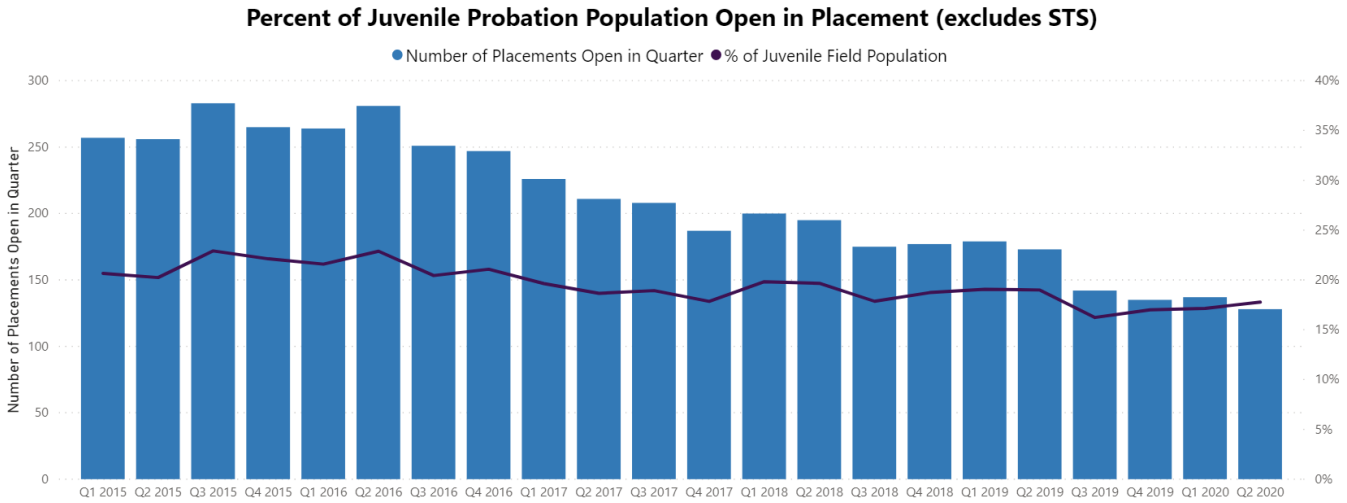
Figure 1[1] shows the breakout of Hennepin County clients in out-of-home placements. Overall, there were 128 out-of-home placements in Quarter 2 of 2020. Forty-four percent were placements within Hennepin County, 48% were placements in Greater Minnesota, and 9% were out of state placements. County Home School numbers are a combination of RTC and Sexual Health Treatment Programs.

Figure 1. Total Out-of-Home Placements Q2 2020



[1] Numbers in the chart may not equal the N identified at the top due to a small number of placements that do not fit the categories shown here, primarily shelters.

Figure 2. Percent of Juvenile Probation Population (excluding STS) Open in OHP by Quarter



Closed Placements

Figure 3[2] shows the breakout of closed out-of-home placements (those which ended in the quarter). Of the 128 total placements, 52 closed during Q2 2020.

Forty-two percent of the placements that closed were placements in Hennepin County, 39% were Greater Minnesota placements and 19% were out of state placements.

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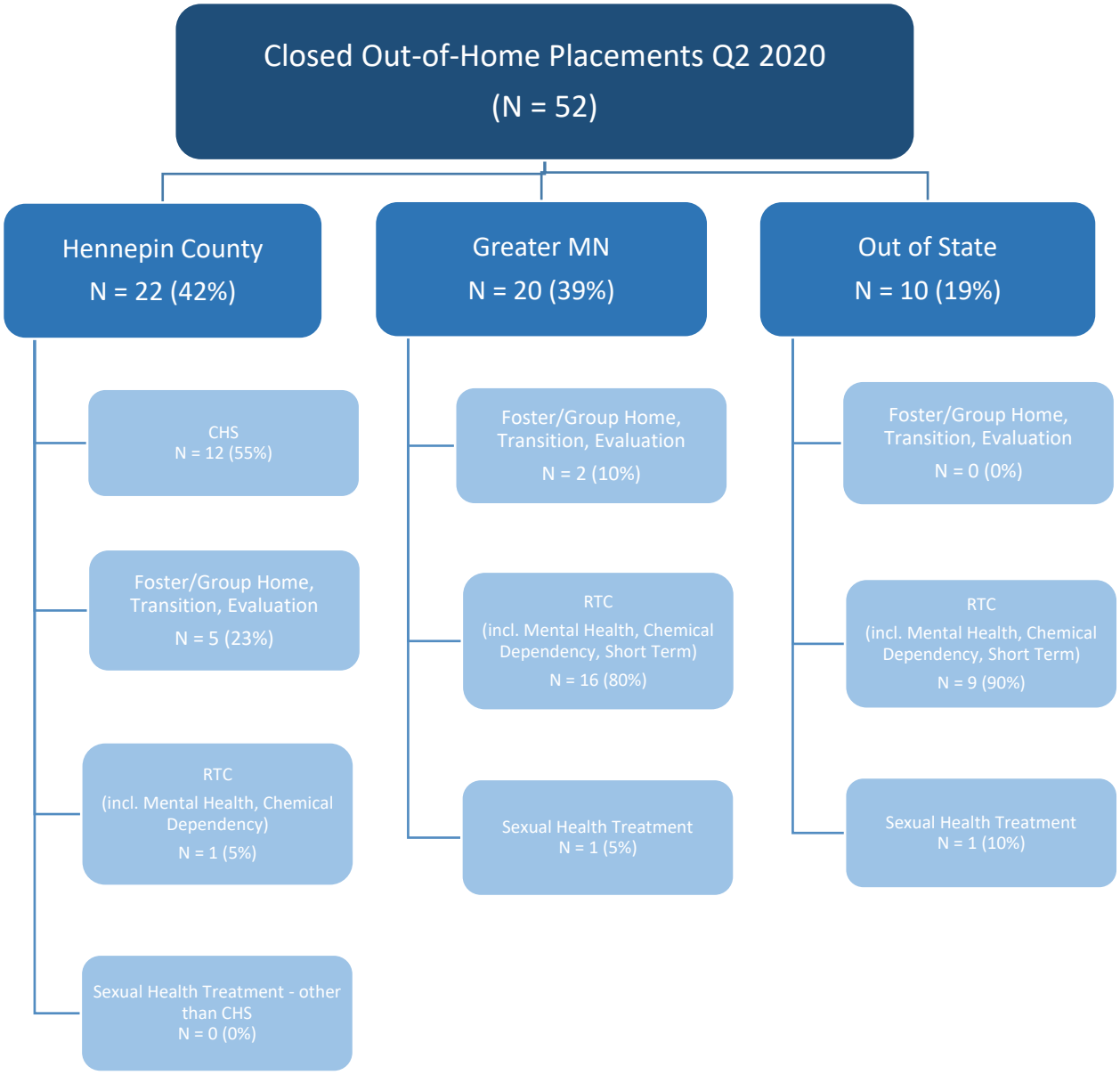
Figure 3. Closed Out-of-Home Placements Q2 2020



The median number of days in placement for youth with CHS-RTC placements and other RTC placements that closed during Quarter 2 of 2020 is shown below. The median number of days in placement for youth of color (n = 32) was 123 days. The median length of stay for white youth (n = 5) was 108 days. Two youth of color closed on Sexual Health Treatment in Q2 2020 and the median time in placement was 208 days; one White youth closed on Sexual Health Treatment in Q2 2020 at 446 days. Six youth of color closed from foster or group homes with a median of 45 days in placement. One youth of color closed in a transition or evaluation with a median of 36 days in placement.

Figures 4 and 5 show the median number of days in placement for CHS-RTC placements and other RTC placements that closed in that quarter. Figure 6 shows the median days in placement for all other types of placement that closed in Q2 2020.

Figure 4. Median number of days in placement for CHS-RTC[3] or other RTC placement for closed placements by race

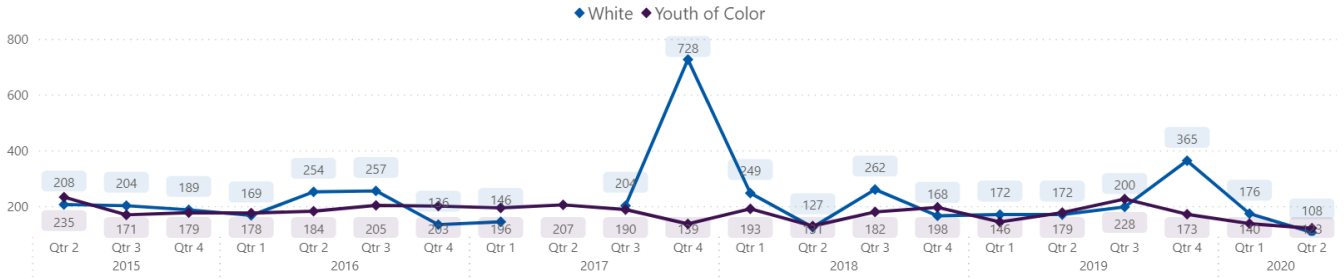


Figure 5. Median number of days in placement for CHS-RTC[4] or other RTC[5] placement for closed placements by race

	Year	2015			2016				2017				2018				2019				2020	
Race		Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2
Amer Indian/AK Native	Median Placement Days	229	273	155	124	183	179	377	171	207	149	31	79	174	161	287	27	174	108	95	172	287
	N	4	4	7	5	6	3	3	3	6	2	4	1	4	1	1	4	5	1	4	3	4
Asian	Median Placement Days	271			239			205	216	176												
	N	1			1			1	1	1												
Black/African American	Median Placement Days	231	169	179	177	187	191	202	195	211	207	125	198	112	208	176	178	202	235	174	128	120
	N	33	43	44	35	62	33	47	43	35	35	21	42	35	26	23	27	30	21	27	28	23
Other Race	Median Placement Days	284	86	131	186	177	207	12	240	154	114	273	128	181	126	229	132	172	281	179		146
	N	1	4	4	1	5	2	1	6	3	4	2	4	6	3	2	4	7	1	5		3
Two or more Races	Median Placement Days	245	268	267	216	156	269	114	121	257	179	196	172	248	163	215	56	97	92	204	142	260
	N	3	4	8	6	6	5	3	5	2	5	5	6	5	4	5	5	2	2	2	1	2
White	Median Placement Days	208	204	189	169	254	257	136	146		204	728	249	127	262	168	172	172	200	365	176	108
	N	3	3	4	3	4	5	1	2		5	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	1	2	5
Total	**Median Placement Days**	**231**	**173**	**179**	**177**	**189**	**216**	**202**	**192**	**207**	**199**	**146**	**195**	**131**	**184**	**198**	**149**	**179**	**228**	**174**	**143**	**122**
	N	**45**	**58**	**67**	**51**	**83**	**48**	**56**	**60**	**47**	**51**	**34**	**55**	**52**	**35**	**33**	**43**	**46**	**27**	**39**	**34**	**37**

[3] Does not include CHS – Sexual Health Treatment Programs.
[4] Does not include CHS – Sexual Health Treatment Programs.
[5] Includes Chemical Dependency, Mental Health, RTC, and Short-Term enrollment types.

Figure 6. Median number of days in placement for all other placements[6]

	Year	2015			2016				2017				2018				2019				2020	
Enrollment Type		Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2
CHS - Sexual Health Treatment	Median Placement Days	315	308	330	177	140	46	242	147	289	138	247		420	327		381	654	337	567		230
	N	5	6	4	4	9	3	4	2	4	6	2		3	1		1	1	2	1		1
Evaluation	Median Placement Days	31	36		49			43		41			46	38	17	63	60					
	N	1	1		1			1		1			1	2	1	1	1					
Foster Home	Median Placement Days	111	392	2	2	213	2	294	214	390	63		680	1109	277	75			425		547	
	N	1	1	4	5	5	7	3	5	3	3		1	1	4	2			2		1	
Group Homes	Median Placement Days	18	50	46	65	65	96	25	130	37	61	31	78	46	71	77	64	64	99	36	99	45
	N	19	21	12	10	15	12	13	3	7	9	6	10	7	6	5	10	13	15	7	11	6
Sexual Health Treatment	Median Placement Days		249		301	303	82	173	342	329	246	294	407	454	344	225	505	287	209	382		316
	N		3		2	1	4	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	2	4	2	3	3	2		2
Transition	Median Placement Days	114	141	46	112	168	27	215	97	105	128	111	28	213	43	47	413	99	184	92	72	36
	N	3	6	3	1	1	3	2	4	5	2	6	2	3	4	4	1	3	3	3	1	1
Total	**Median Placement Days**	**71**	**88**	**46**	**92**	**134**	**69**	**155**	**130**	**115**	**114**	**116**	**76**	**106**	**122**	**97**	**71**	**109**	**123**	**92**	**99**	**71**
	N	**29**	**38**	**23**	**23**	**31**	**29**	**25**	**15**	**22**	**23**	**15**	**15**	**18**	**18**	**16**	**15**	**20**	**25**	**13**	**13**	**10**

Open Placements

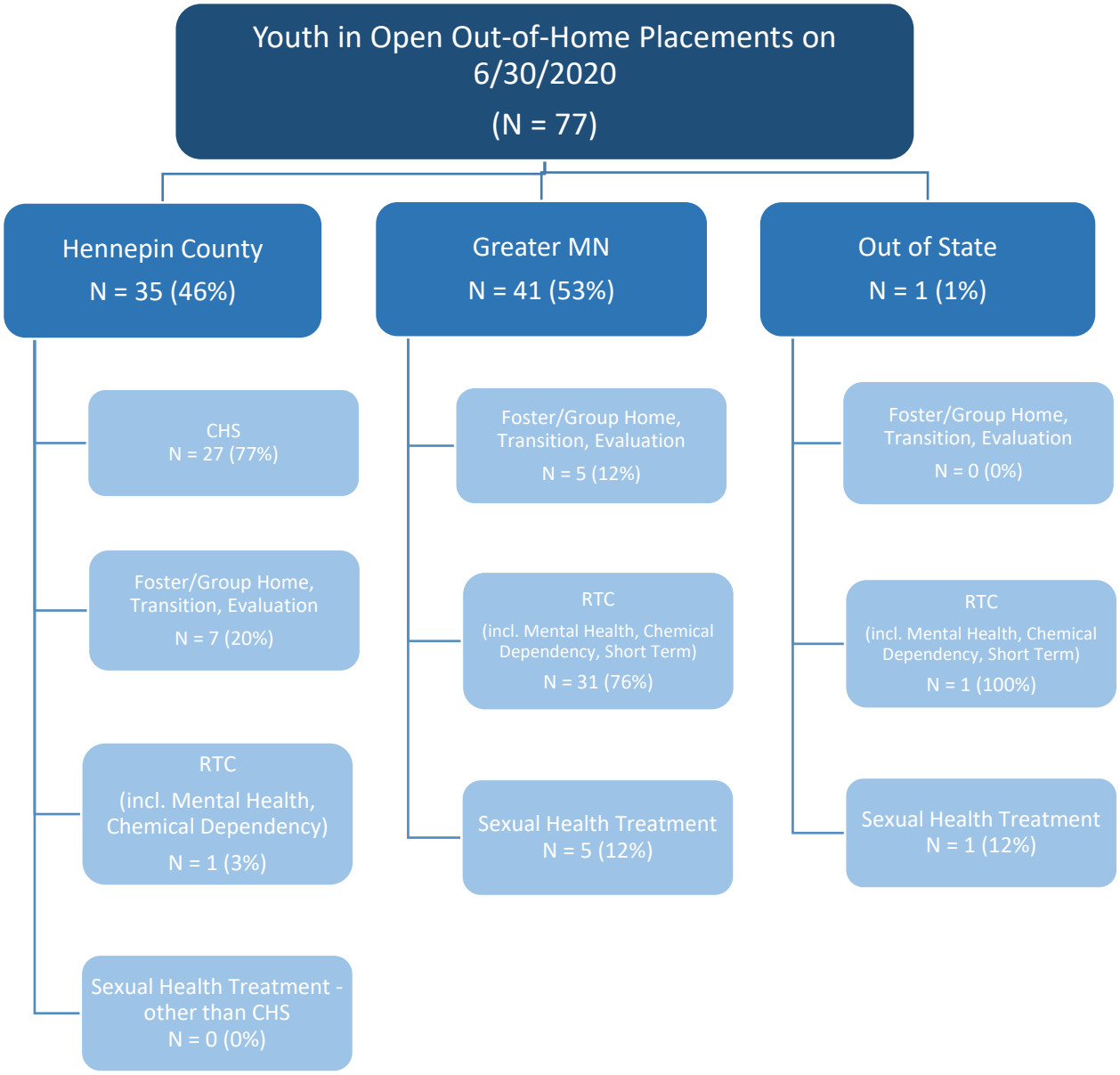
There were 77 youth in an out-of-home placement on the last day of the quarter (June 30, 2020).

Forty-six percent of open placements were in Hennepin County, 53% were in Greater Minnesota, and 1% were out of state (see Figure 7)[7].

[6] Ns are too small to be broken out by race. Does not include shelters.

[7] Numbers in the chart may not equal the N identified at the top due to a small number of placements that do not fit the categories shown here, primarily shelters.

Figure 7. Open Out-of-Home Placements Q2 2020



The charts below show the number of male and female youth in out-of-home placement on the last day of the quarter (June 30, 2020).

Figure 8. Open placements by gender on June 30, 2020

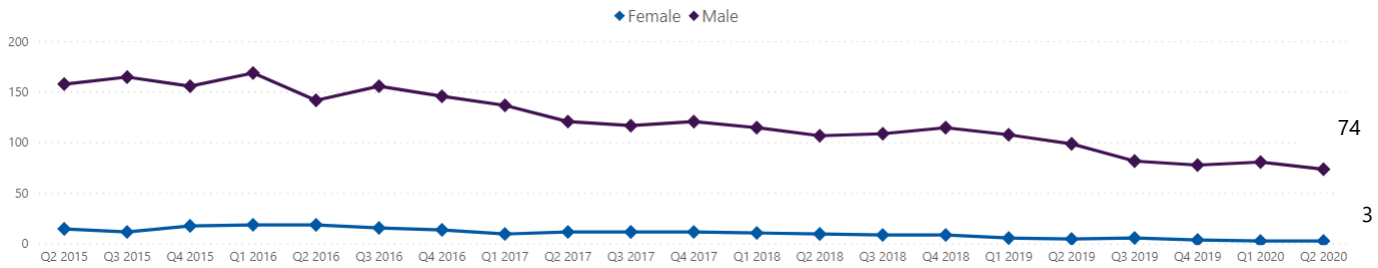


Figure 9. Boys in open placements by race on June 30, 2020

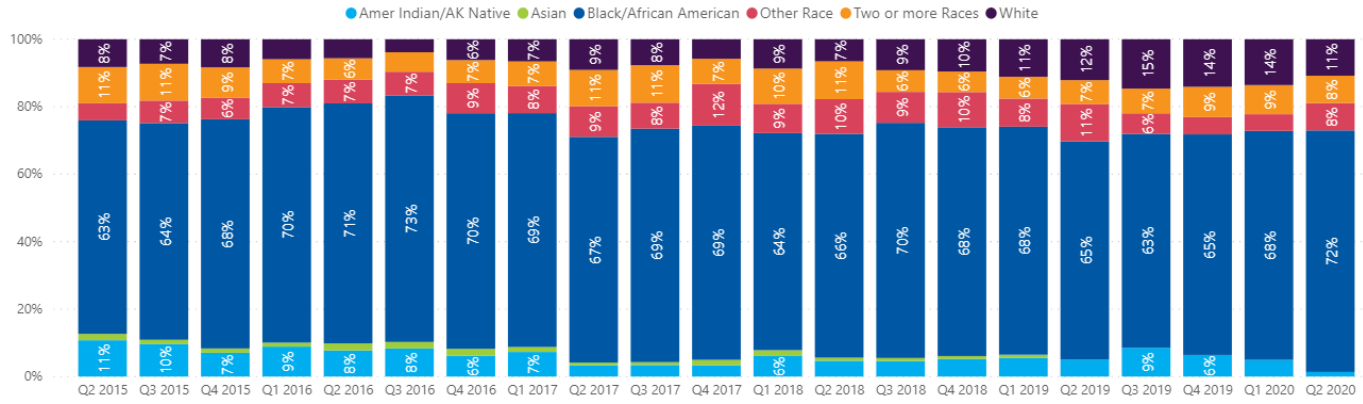
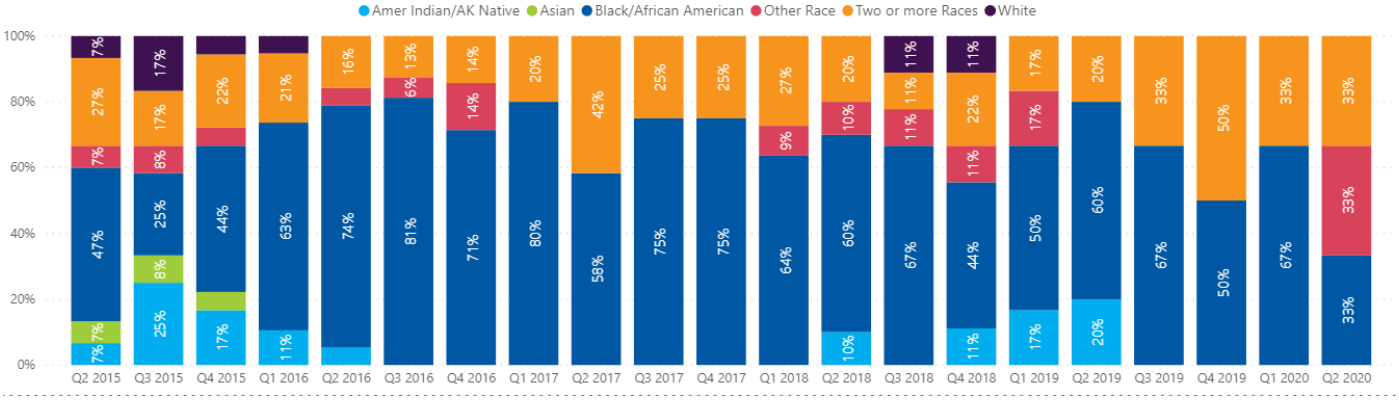


Figure 10. Girls in open placements by race on June 30, 2020



Hennepin County Placements

The table below details the number of youth open on the last day of the quarter (June 30, 2020) for each placement location in Hennepin County broken out by placement type and by gender and race. Note in Figure 11 that there were no White female juveniles open in Out of Home Placement in Hennepin County on June 30, 2020.

Figure 11. Open placements in Hennepin County

Type	Placement Name	Female		Male	Total
		Youth of Color	White	Youth of Color	
CHS - RTC	CHS STAMP			1	**1**
	CHS STAMP Plus			17	**17**
	Total			**18**	**18**
CHS - Sexual Health Treatment	CHS AFSHS Long Term		2	7	**9**
	Total		**2**	**7**	**9**
Foster/Group Homes	Kadiri House			3	**3**
	REM Cedar Heights			4	**4**
	Total			**7**	**7**
Transition/Evaluation/Shelter	St Josephs Intake	1			**1**
	Total	**1**			**1**
Total		**1**	**2**	**32**	**35**

Greater Minnesota Placements

The table below details the number of youth open on the last day of the quarter (June 30, 2020) for each placement location in greater Minnesota broken out by placement type and by gender and race.

Figure 12. Open placements in Greater Minnesota

Type	Placement Name	Female	Male		Total
		Youth of Color	White	Youth of Color	
Foster/Group Homes	Maple Tree			1	**1**
	Steps of Success-And	1			**1**
	Village Ranch Contry		1	2	**3**
	Total	**1**	**1**	**3**	**5**
RTC	Maple Lake Recovery			1	**1**
	MNDOC Red Wing RTC		1	20	**21**
	Omegon		1		**1**
	Woodland Hills RTC	1	1	6	**8**
	Total	**1**	**3**	**27**	**31**
Sexual Health Treatment	MLA RTC		1	1	**2**
	MNDOC Red Wing SOT		1	2	**3**
	Total		**2**	**3**	**5**
Total		**2**	**6**	**33**	**41**

Out of State Placements

The table below details the number of youth open on the last day of the quarter (June 30, 2020) for each placement location outside of Minnesota broken out by placement type and by gender and race.

Figure 13. Open placements outside of Minnesota by location

Type	Placement Name	Male Youth of Color	Total
RTC	Benchmark	1	1
	Total	**1**	**1**
Total		**1**	**1**

Placement Screening

Youth receive a placement screening to determine if an out-of-home placement is recommended[8]. The chart below shows the number of placement screenings conducted on youth by quarter. There was a 75% decrease in initial screenings between Q2 2015 and Q2 2020. After six months, placements may be re-screened for a 90-day extension. Screenings marked as "done deal" are included in Figure 14 for the overall trend but excluded from Figures 15 – 17.

Figure 14. Number of placement screenings by type of screening

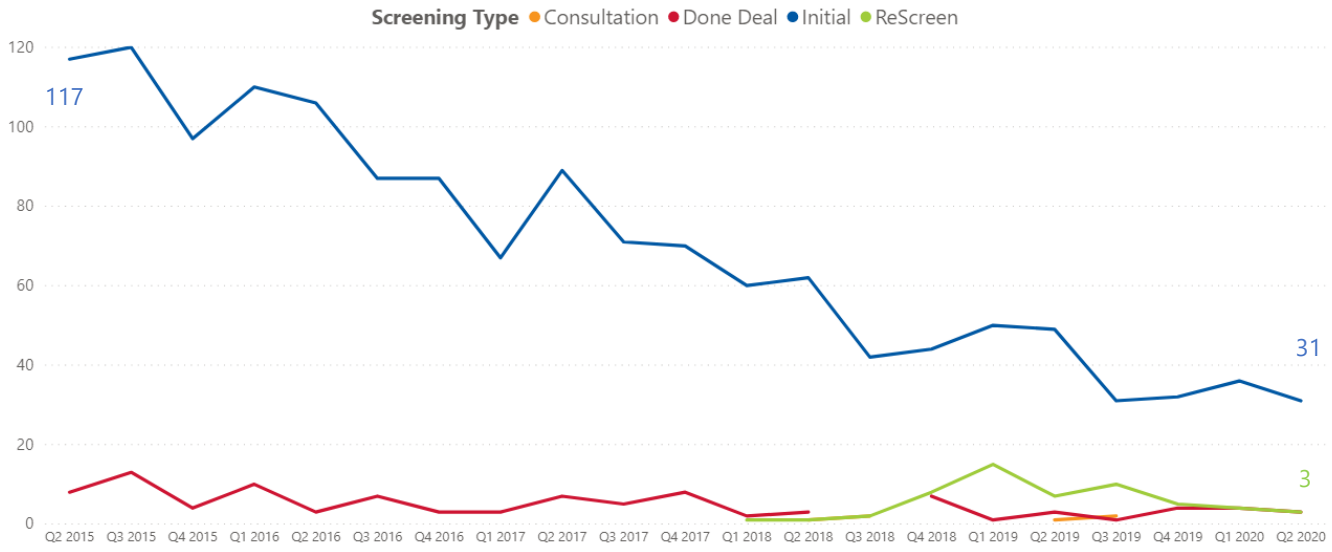
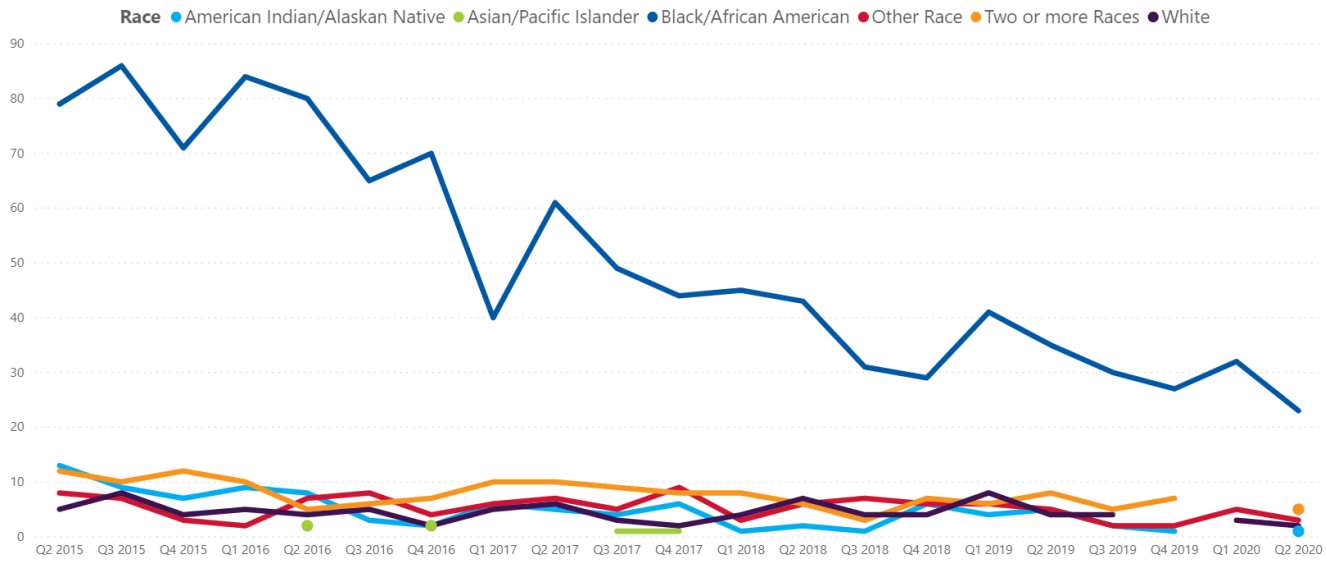


Figure 15 shows the total number of screenings above broken out by race excluding screenings sent directly to placement by the courts. These are all screenings referred by a Probation Officer.

[8] At times a youth may be screened for more than one placement on a single day. These records have been counted as duplicates and have been removed for analysis. Youth who are sent directly to placement as a court order have also been removed for analysis, though the trend appears in Figure 14.

Figure 15. Placement screenings by race

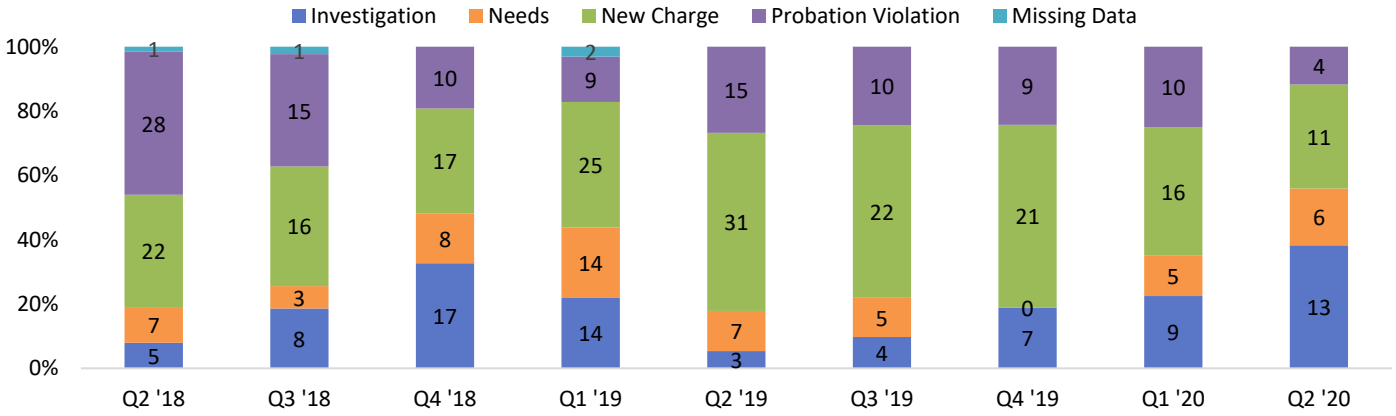


Placement screenings are conducted for several different reasons[9]. In Q2 2020, 13 (38%) were for an investigation, 11 screenings (32%) were conducted for a new charge, 6 (18%) were for a needs-based welfare screening, and 4 (12%) because of a probation violation[10]. Of the 4 clients screened for a probation violation, all 4 were removed from the RTC in which they had been placed.

[9] Staff began recording the reason for conducting placement screenings in Q2 2017, though it was infrequently recorded until Q2 2018. **Investigation**: Client is pending an Investigation event and is not already on probation;
Welfare: Client's placement is needs-based (housing need, closure of past placement, etc.);
New Charge: Client has a new pending offense;
Probation Violation: Client is being screened due to probation violations other than a new offense.

[10] One client was screened twice.

Figure 16. Reason for placement screening



The following chart and table show the breakdown of placement screenings by race. Of the 34 screenings, 23 (68%) were youth who identified as Black/African American.

Figure 17. Placement admissions after screening by type and race

Admission	Q2 2016	Q3 2016	Q4 2016	Q1 2017	Q2 2017	Q3 2017	Q4 2017	Q1 2018	Q2 2018	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020
CHS	**33**	**22**	**21**	**19**	**23**	**15**	**18**	**9**	**11**	**5**	**12**	**7**	**13**	**5**	**8**	**16**	**10**
Of Color	32	18	20	16	23	14	16	7	11	4	12	7	12	5	8	14	10
White	1	4	1	3		1	2	2		1			1			2	
Community Based				**1**	**8**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**5**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**4**	**2**		**2**	**3**
Of Color				1	7	2	3		2	3	1	2	4	2		2	3
White					1			1	3								
Group Homes/Transition	**17**	**15**	**20**	**8**	**13**	**15**	**12**	**11**	**11**	**7**	**13**	**19**	**19**	**12**	**5**	**6**	**7**
Of Color	16	15	20	8	13	14	12	11	11	6	12	16	17	11	5	6	6
White	1					1				1	1	3	2	1			1
Other	**5**	**4**	**2**	**2**	**6**	**3**	**6**	**4**	**4**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**1**		**1**	**1**	
Of Color	4	4	2	2	6	3	6	4	3	3	4	5	1		1	1	
White	1								1								
RTC/Short Term	**50**	**46**	**44**	**33**	**36**	**40**	**29**	**34**	**31**	**28**	**19**	**30**	**20**	**23**	**23**	**13**	**14**
Of Color	49	45	44	31	33	39	29	33	30	26	17	27	19	20	23	12	13
White	1	1		2	3	1		1	1	2	2	3	1	3		1	1
Sexual Health Treatment	**2**	**3**	**3**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**4**	**1**	**3**	**3**		**1**		**2**	
Of Color	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	1		1		2	
White			1		2				2		1	2					
Total	**106**	**87**	**87**	**65**	**89**	**71**	**70**	**60**	**64**	**46**	**52**	**65**	**57**	**43**	**37**	**40**	**34**

Staff began recording parental attendance at placement screenings in Q2 2018. To increase parent participation, parents were given the opportunity to attend via phone, beginning in Q4 2018. In Q2 2020 parents attended 79% (n = 27) of placement screenings.

Figure 18. Parental attendance at placement screening