

# **CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD** **FOR CHILDREN**



**THIRD QUARTER REPORT**  
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## **CRBC Volunteer Recruitment**

CRBC is continuously recruiting new volunteers to be a part of our local boards across the entire state of Maryland. There are some jurisdictions currently experiencing volunteer shortages. Those identified jurisdictions are:

- Allegany County
- Baltimore City
- Caroline County
- Carroll County
- Cecil County
- Dorchester County
- Howard County
- Kent County
- Montgomery County
- Prince George's County
- Queen Anne's County
- Somerset County
- Talbot County
- Wicomico County
- Worcester County

## **Citizens Review Board for Children Location**

We are currently located at 1100 Eastern Boulevard, Essex, Maryland 21221.

Please visit us on our Facebook page and on DHR website.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Maryland-Citizens-Review-Board-for-Children-CRBC/>

and [http://www.dhr.state.md.us/blog/?page\\_id=4750](http://www.dhr.state.md.us/blog/?page_id=4750) .

### **Our Mission**

Volunteer reviewers monitor child welfare systems and review cases, make findings and recommendations, and advocate improving the administration of the system and the management of individual cases. As a result, children will be safe; be placed in stable, permanent living arrangements without undue delay; enjoy continuity of relationships; and have the opportunity to develop to their full potential.

### **Our Vision**

The child welfare community, General Assembly, other key decision-makers, and the public will look to the Citizens Review Board for Children for objective reports on vital child welfare programs and for consistent monitoring of safeguards for children. The State of Maryland will investigate child maltreatment allegations thoroughly, protect children from abuse and neglect, give families the help they need to stay intact, place children in out-of-home care only when necessary, and provide placements that consider all the child's needs. Casework will combine effective family services with expeditious permanent placement of children.

## **Introduction**

The Citizens Review Board for Children (CRBC) continues to support all efforts to provide permanence for children in foster care. CRBC has two major components consisting of the review and monitoring of out-of-home care and child protection. CRBC consists of governor appointed volunteer representatives that serve on local boards in each county and Baltimore City.

During the Third Quarter review period of January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014; CRBC local boards conducted 287 case reviews for children/youth in out-of-home placement with a primary permanency plan of Reunification, Adoption, or Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA).

## **Review Criteria**

### **Reunification:**

- *Already established plans of Reunification for youth 10 years of age and older.* CRBC will conduct a review for a child 10 years of age and older who has an established primary permanency plan of Reunification, and has been in care 12 months or longer. The review will be conducted within 3 months of the next court hearing.
- *Newly changed plans of Reunification for youth 10 years of age or older.* CRBC will conduct a review of a child that has a plan of Reunification within 3 months before the child's 18-month court hearing.

### **Adoption:**

- *Existing plans of Adoption.* CRBC will conduct a review for a child that has had a plan of Adoption for over 12 months. The purpose of the review is to assess the appropriateness of the plan and identify barriers to achieve the plan.
- *Newly changed plans of Adoption.* CRBC will conduct a review of a child within 3 months of the establishment of Adoption as a primary permanency plan. The purpose is to ensure that there is adequate and appropriate movement by the local departments to promote and achieve the Adoption.

**Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA):**

- *Already established plans of APPLA for youth 16 years of age and younger.* CRBC will conduct a full review for a child 16 years of age and younger who has an established primary permanency plan of APPLA. The primary purpose of the review is to assess appropriateness of the plan and review documentation of the Federal APPLA requirements.
- *Newly established plans of APPLA.* CRBC will conduct a review of a child within 3 months of the establishment of APPLA as the primary permanency plan. Local boards will review cases to ensure that local departments made adequate and appropriate efforts to assess if a plan of APPLA was the appropriate recourse for the child.
- *Older youth aging-out or remaining in care of the State between the ages of 17 and 20 years old.* CRBC will conduct a review of a youth that are 17-20 years of age. The primary purpose of the review is to assess services provided to prepare the youth to transition to adulthood.

**Demographics of Youth Reviewed**

**Gender – Overall:**

Male	Female
146 (51%)	140 (49%)

There were a total of 286 children/youth reviewed in the FY14 Third Quarter overall, consisting of 147 (51%) males, and 140 (49%) males.

**Male by Permanency Plan:**

Reunification	Adoption	APPLA
39 (55%)	24 (55%)	84 (48%)

In FY14 Third Quarter, there were 146 children/youth reviewed who were male. These children/youth consisted of 39 with a plan of Reunification, 24 males with a plan of Adoption, and 84 with a plan of APPLA.



**Female by Permanency Plan:**

<b>Reunification</b>	<b>Adoption</b>	<b>APPLA</b>
32 (45%)	20 (45%)	87 (51%)

In FY14 Third Quarter, there were 140 children/youth reviewed who were female. These children/youth consisted of 32 with a plan of Reunification, 20 with a plan of Adoption, and 87 with a plan of APPLA.

**Ethnicity – Overall:**

<b>African American</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Other</b>
205 (72%)	71 (25%)	10 (3%)

Of the 286 children reviewed in the FY14 Third Quarter, there were 205 (72%) who were African American, 71(25%) who were Caucasian, and 10 (3%) of the children/youth reviewed who were identified as other.

**Reunification by Ethnicity:**

<b>African American</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Other</b>
48 (68%)	21 (30%)	2 (2%)

In FY14 Third Quarter, there were a total of 71 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Reunification consisting of 48 (68%) who were African American, 21 (30%) who were Caucasian, and 2 (2%) who were identified as other.

**Adoption by Ethnicity**

<b>African American</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Other</b>
25 (57%)	16 (36%)	3 (7%)

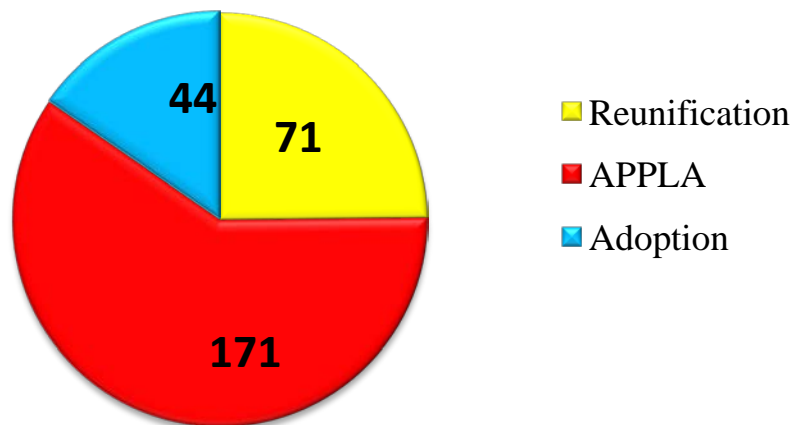
In FY14 Third Quarter, there were 44 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Adoption consisting of 25 (57%) who were African American, 16 (36%) who were Caucasian, and 3 (3%) who were identified as Other.

**APPLA by Ethnicity:**

<b>African American</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Other</b>
132 (77%)	34 (20%)	5 (3%)

In FY14 Third Quarter, there were 171 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA consisting of 132 (77%) who were African American, 34 (20%) who were Caucasian, and 5(3%) who were identified as other.

**Overall Permanency Plans Reviewed**



During the Third Quarter (January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>) CRBC conducted 286 reviews of children/youth with a permanency plan of Reunification, Adoption, and Another Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA).

## Reunification Case Reviews Overall

Overall CRBC reviewed 71 children/youth that had a permanency plan of Reunification in the Third Quarter of FY14.

Concurrent planning overall:

- There were only 11 (15%) out of the 71 cases reviewed with a plan of Reunification identified as having a concurrent plan.

Local board permanency plan recommendations overall:

- The local boards did agree with the permanency plan of 54 (76%) out of the 71 cases with a permanency plan of Reunification.

The local boards recommended the permanency plan of the remaining cases be changed:

- APPLA (4)
- Relative Placement (5)
- Adoption (3)

Length of permanency plan overall:

- There were 14 (20%) out of the 71 overall children with a permanency plan of Reunification from 1 to 2 years.
- There were 50 (70%) out of the 38 cases reviewed with a permanency plan of Reunification for 3 or more years.
- There were 2 (3%) out of the 38 cases reviewed with a plan of Reunification for 7 to 11 months.

Worker visits with child overall:

- There were 88% of the overall cases reviewed with a plan of Reunification that had a worker visit with the children/youth at least once a month/less than twice a month.

Placement stability overall:

- There were 19 (27%) out of 71 overall children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Reunification that had 1 placement change in the last 12 months.
- There were 6 (9%) out of the 71 children/youth reviewed that had 2 placement changes in the last 12 months.
- There were 2 (3%) out of the 71 children/youth reviewed that had 3 placement changes in the last 12 months.
- There were 2 (3%) out of the 71 children/youth reviewed that had 4 or more placement changes in the last 12 months.

## Reunification Case Reviews Overall continued

### Family Involvement Meeting:

- There were 20(51%) out of the 39 children/youth reviewed with a placement change in the last 12 months that had a FIM take place with the placement change.

### Matching children's needs overall:

- There was information indicating that 69 (97%) out of the 71 overall children/youth reviewed had current placements matching the needs of the children/youth with the provider's ability to meet those needs.

### Local boards and placement plan overall:

- The local boards agreed with 69 (97%) out of the 71 overall children/youth cases with a permanency plan of Reunification placement plans.

### Local boards and life skills overall:

- The local boards agreed with 24 (77%) of the 31 children/youth cases reviewed with a permanency plan of Reunification that were age appropriate for independent living; were receiving required independent living skills.

### Service agreements overall:

- There were 32 (45%) out of the 71 overall cases reviewed with a permanency plan of Reunification with a signed service agreement by the parents.
- There were 17 (24%) out of the 71 overall cases reviewed with an unsigned service agreement by the parents.
- There were 5 (7%) out of the 71 cases reviewed being reported that there was a signed service agreement by the parents without the required documentation.

### Physical and mental health overall:

- There were 45 (63%) out of the 71 overall cases reviewed with a plan of Reunification that had completed medical records in the file, including physical, dental, vision, and immunization.
- There were 64 (90%) out of the 71 overall children/youth with a permanency plan of Reunification had a comprehensive physical and mental health assessment.
- There were 23 (33%) out of the 71 children/youth reviewed that were prescribed medication.
- There were 7 (10%) out of the 38 children/youth reviewed that have a history of substance abuse problems and all 7 (100%) children/youth are having the substance abuse problem addressed.

## Reunification Case Reviews Overall continued

### Education overall:

- There were 64 (90%) out of 71 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Reunification that were enrolled in school.
- There were 31 (44%) out of the 71 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Reunification that had their school placement remain the same at entry.
- The local boards agreed that the education needs of 66 (93%) out of the 71 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Reunification were being met.

### Re-reviewed:

- The local boards recommended that 20 (28%) out of the 71 cases with a permanency plan of Reunification overall should be re-reviewed.

### Reviewed timely overall:

- CRBC did review all of the 62 (87%) children/youth cases with a permanency plan of Reunification in a timely manner.

## **APPLA Case Reviews Overall**

Overall CRBC reviewed 171 children/youth that had a permanency plan of APPLA in the Third Quarter of FY14.

### APPLA By Ages:

Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18	Age 19	Age 20
5	3	6	14	16	7	19	80

### APPLA permanency plan overall:

- There were 135 (79%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA that are expected to remain in existing placement until they reaches the age of majority (emancipation/independence).
- There were 19 (11%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed that are in long-term out of home care with a non-relative.
- There were 13 (8%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed that were placed in a long-term care facility until transition to an adult facility.

## APPLA Case Reviews Overall continued

### Plan options overall:

- Reunification was considered for 131 (77%) out of the 171 overall cases reviewed.
- Relative placement was considered for 118 (69%).
- Adoption was considered for 98 (57%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA.

### Biological father overall:

- Whereabouts unknown for 16 (9%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed.
- Unable or unwilling to work towards Reunification for 74 (43%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA.
  - or deceased 12 (7%)
- Unable to meet the child/youth's needs for the remaining 68 (40%) of the children/youth reviewed.

### Biological mother overall:

- Unable or unwilling to work towards Reunification for 74 (43%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA.
- Whereabouts unknown 8 (5%), or deceased 16 (9%)
- Unable to meet the child/youth's needs for the remaining 73 (43%) of the children/youth reviewed.

### Consent to adopt overall:

- There were 152 (89%) out of the 171 overall children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA did not want to be Adopted.

### Length of plan overall:

- 11 (6%) 0 to 6 months
- 12 (7%) 7 to 11 months
- 44 (26%) 1 to 2 years
- 84 (49%) had a plan of APPLA for 3 or more years

### Termination of parental rights overall:

- TPR was granted for 24 (14%) out of the 171 cases reviewed.
- TPR was not filed for 54 (32%) out of the 171 cases reviewed.

### Why APPLA overall:

- 52 (30%) of the children/youth did not consent to Adoption;
- 47 (26%) of the children/youth have a lack of family resources;
- 29 (17%) of the children/youth had a plan of APPLA due to their behavior;
- 13 (8%) children/youth were medically or mentally fragile; and

APPLA Case Reviews Overall continued

- 26 (15%) of the children/youth, the agency saw age as a barrier and did not pursue Adoption.

Life Skills overall:

- There were 158 (92%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed who were appropriate for life skills.
- There were 123 (78%) out of the 158 children/youth cases reviewed were assessed for life skills.
- There were 124 (78%) out of the 158 children/youth reviewed receiving appropriate life skills services to prepare for independent living.

Overall ages of Children with a plan of APPLA 15 years of age and older:

Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18	Age 19	Age 20
6	14	16	7	19	80

Independent living overall:

- There were 60 (38%) of the 158 children/youth who are age and circumstance appropriate that have been assessed for life skills with an assigned independent living caseworker.
- There were 119 (75%) out of the 158 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA who are age and circumstance appropriate that are receiving required independent living skills.

Services needed for discharge overall:

- 110 (64%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed with a permanency of plan of APPLA needed housing services;
- 104 (61%) needed medical services;
- 71 (42%) needed mental health services;
- 77 (45%) needed educational services; and
- 89 (52%) needed employment services for discharge.

Service Agreement overall:

- There were 79 (42%) out of the 171 overall children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA that had a service agreement.
- There were 21 children/youth that were either under age 16, medically fragile, or unable to function and a service agreement is non-applicable.

## APPLA Case Reviews Overall continued

### Case planning overall:

- There were efforts made to involve 99 (58%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA in the case planning process.

### Family involvement meeting overall:

- There were 87 (51%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed that had a FIM.
- There were 22 (13%) of the 171 children/youth reviewed with a scheduled FIM.

### Placement overall:

- 42 (28%) independent living;
- 47 (26%) private treatment foster care;
- 21 (12%) treatment foster care;
- 9 (5%) regular foster care;
- 24 (14%) therapeutic group homes;
- 2 (1%) formal kinship care;
- 6 (7%) residential treatment centers;
- 3 (2%) residential group homes.

### Placement match with child needs overall:

- There was a match between the children/youth's needs and the provider's ability to meet those needs for 155 (91%) out of the 171 cases reviewed with a plan of APPLA.

### Board and placement plan overall:

- The local boards agreed with the placement plan of 159 (93%) out of 171 children/youth cases reviewed with a plan of APPLA.

### Medical records overall:

- There were 94 (55%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed with completed medical records in the file.

### Physical and mental health assessment overall:

- There were 151 (88%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed received comprehensive physical and mental health assessments in a timely manner.

### Medication overall:

- There were 43 (25%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed with a plan of APPLA being prescribed psychotropic medications.



## APPLA Case Reviews Overall continued

### Mental health care overall:

- There is an identified plan for 53 (31%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed to obtain mental health services in an adult mental health care system.

### Board and physical and mental health overall:

- The local boards agreed with that physical and mental health needs are being met with 121 (71%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA.

### Permanent connection overall:

- There was a permanent connection identified for 90 (53%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA.

### Those individuals identified as a permanent connection were:

- 16 (9%) biological mother,
- 6 (4%) biological father,
- 29 (17%) foster parents,
- 13 (8%) grandparent,
- 5 (3%) aunt or uncle,
- 7 (4%) sibling,
- 12 (7%) other.

### Board and permanent connection overall:

- The local boards found the 88 (52%) out of the 171 identified permanent connections as being appropriate.
- There were 82 (48%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA without an identified permanent connection.

### Caseworker visits overall:

- There were 134 (79%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed that were receiving caseworker visits less than twice a month, but at least once a month.
- There were 5 (3%) of the children/youth reviewed that were not receiving caseworker visits less than once a month.

### Living wage (\$10 hour) overall:

- There were 14 (2%) out of the 171 children/youth reviewed earning a living wage.

### Board and employment overall:

- The local boards agreed that 73 (43%) of the 171 children/youth reviewed were being prepared to meet employment goals.

## APPLA Case Reviews Overall continued

### Housing overall:

- There were 54 (32%) out of the 50 children/youth reviewed that were transitioning that had housing identified.
- There were 59 (35%) out of the 50 children/youth transitioning that received information on alternative housing options.

### Board and transitional housing plan overall:

- The local boards agreed with the transitional housing plans of 65 (38%) out of the 50 children/youth reviewed that were transitioning.

### Re-review overall:

- The local boards recommend that 49 (28%) out of the 171 cases reviewed should be re-reviewed.

### Board and permanency plan overall:

- The local boards agreed with the permanency plan of APPLA of 149 (87%) out of the 171 cases reviewed.

### Reviewed timely:

- CRBC reviewed 155 (91%) out of the 171 cases in a timely manner.

## Adoption Case Reviews Overall

Overall CRBC reviewed 44 children/youth cases that had a permanency plan of Adoption in the Third Quarter of FY14.

### Permanency overall:

- The permanency plan of Adoption was established in a timely manner for 34 (77%) out of the 44 children/youth cases reviewed.

### Length of plan overall:

- 1 (2%) 0 to 6 months,
- 8 (18%) 7 to 11 months,
- 14 (32%) 1 to 2 years, and
- 21 (48%) for 3 or more years.

### Board and concurrent planning overall:

- The local boards agreed that concurrent planning took place for 38 (86%) out of the 44 children/youth reviewed.

## Adoption Case Reviews Overall continued

### Termination of parental rights overall:

- There were 25 (57%) out of the 44 cases reviewed that had TPR granted.
- There were 33 (75%) out of the 44 TPR filed were done in a timely manner.

### Appeal delay overall:

- There were 32 (73%) out of the 44 cases reviewed and filed for TPR that were delayed by appeal.

### Child consent overall:

- There were 16 (70%) out of the 23 children/youth reviewed that were age appropriate that consented to being adopted.
- There were 21 (48%) out of the 44 children/youth with a permanency plan of Adoption that were not at legal age to consent.

### Adoption counseling overall:

- There were 9 (20%) out of the 44 children/youth reviewed that received counseling services around Adoption.

### Board and TPR overall:

- The local boards agreed that 28 (64%) of the TPR's were done in a timely manner.

### Board placement recommendation overall:

- The local boards agreed with 42 (96%) out of the 44 children/youth reviewed placement plan.

### Pre-adoptive home overall:

- There were 33 (75%) out of the 44 children/youth reviewed placed in a pre-adoptive home.

### Health needs overall:

- There were appropriate efforts to meet the health needs of all 40 (91%) out of the 44 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Adoption.

### Education needs overall:

- There were appropriate efforts to meet the education needs of 43 (98%) out of the 44 children/youth reviewed.

## Adoption Case Reviews Overall continued

### Medication overall:

- There were 7 (16%) out of the 44 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Adoption that were prescribed non-psychotropic medications.
- There were 13 (30%) out of the 44 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Adoption that were prescribed psychotropic medications.

### Behavioral issues:

- There were 18 (41%) out of the 44 children/youth reviewed that had behavioral issues.

### Caseworker visits overall:

- There were 41 (93%) out of the 44 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Adoption that received a caseworker visit less than twice a month, but at least once a month.

### Agency related Adoption barriers overall:

- There were 3 (7%) out of the 44 children/youth had no pre-adoptive resource identified.
- There were 1 (3%) child/youth with an inadequate pool of prospective adoptive families.
- There were 1 (2%) out of the 44 children/youth with the notification not published.

### Court related Adoption barriers overall:

- There were 6 (14%) out of the 44 children/youth had TPR denied.
- There were 1 (2%) out of the 44 children/youth with parents appealing TPR.
- There were 6 (14%) out of the 44 children/youth without a finalized pre-adoptive home.

### Child related Adoption barriers overall:

- There were 1 (2%) out of the 44 children/youth did not consent to adoption.
- There were 1 (2%) out of the 44 children/youth had behavior problems in the home.

### Family related Adoption barriers overall:

- There was 3 (7%) out of the 44 children/youth's with a home-study not completed or approved.
- There was 1 (2%) out of the 44 children/youth with unwilling to adopt because of lack of services or financial support.
- There was 4 (9%) out of the 44 children/youth with a disrupted pre-adoption placement.

### Adoption Case Reviews Overall continued

- There was 1 (2%) out of the 44 children/youth with pre-adoptive foster parents could not decide to adopt.

#### Re-reviewed overall:

- The local boards recommends 6 (14%) of the 44 Adoption cases reviewed should be re-reviewed.

#### Board and permanency plan overall:

- The local boards agreed with the permanency plan of Adoption with 34 (77%) of the 44 cases reviewed.

#### Reviewed timely:

- CRBC reviewed 40 (91%) out of the 44 cases in a timely manner.

### **CRBC Case Review Overall Recommendations**

- All jurisdictions are encouraged to continue bringing case records and/or supportive documentation to *all CRBC case reviews*.
- All jurisdictions are encouraged to improve their efforts with documenting a concurrent permanency plan.
- All jurisdictions are encouraged to include the paternal family members as possible resources for all children who are in out-of-home care.
- All jurisdictions are encouraged to improve their efforts with getting parents to sign service agreements for those children/youth with a permanency plan of reunification.
- All jurisdictions are encouraged to have children/youth who are age appropriate assessed for independent living skills, and linked with identified needed life skills training.
- All jurisdictions are encouraged to improve their efforts with preparing youth that have a plan of APPLA to meet their employment goals.
- All jurisdictions are encouraged to improve their efforts with identifying permanent connections for those children/youth with a plan of APPLA.
- All jurisdictions are encouraged to have children/youth that are age appropriate with a permanency plan of Adoption linked with Adoption Counseling services.

## Jurisdictions

Maryland is comprised of 23 counties and Baltimore City. The Department of Human Resources (DHR) identifies jurisdictions according to caseload size such as large, medium, and small.

### Large Jurisdictions:

	Reunification	Adoption	APPLA	Total Cases
Baltimore City	18	18	75	<b>111</b>
Baltimore County	7	1	26	<b>34</b>
Montgomery County	12		16	<b>28</b>
Prince Georges County	6	1	16	<b>23</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>196</b>

\* *Large*: 500 cases or more

Out of the 286 children/youth reviewed in the Third Quarter of FY14, there were a total of 196 (69%) who were placed within large jurisdictions.

**Reunification within large jurisdiction** cases made up 43 (22%) of the 196 children/youth reviewed in the Third Quarter.

- There are plans to return 31 (72%) of the 43 children/youth to the biological mothers.
- There are plans to return 3 (7%) of the 43 children/youth to the biological fathers.
- There are plans to return 7 (16%) of the 43 children/youth to both biological parents.
- There are plans to return 1 (2%) of the 43 children/youth to relative placement.

**APPLA within large jurisdiction** cases made up 133 (68%) of the 196 children/youth reviewed.

Length of APPLA plan within large jurisdiction:

- There were 9 (7%) of the 133 children/youth reviewed who had a permanency plan of APPLA from 0 to 6 months.
- There were 9 (7%) children/youth reviewed who had a permanency plan of APPLA from 7-11 months.
- There were 33 (25%) children/youth reviewed who had a permanency plan of APPLA from 1 to 2 years.
- There were 65 (49%) children/youth reviewed who had a permanency plan of APPLA for 3 or more years.

Large Jurisdictions continued:

Permanent connections within large jurisdiction:

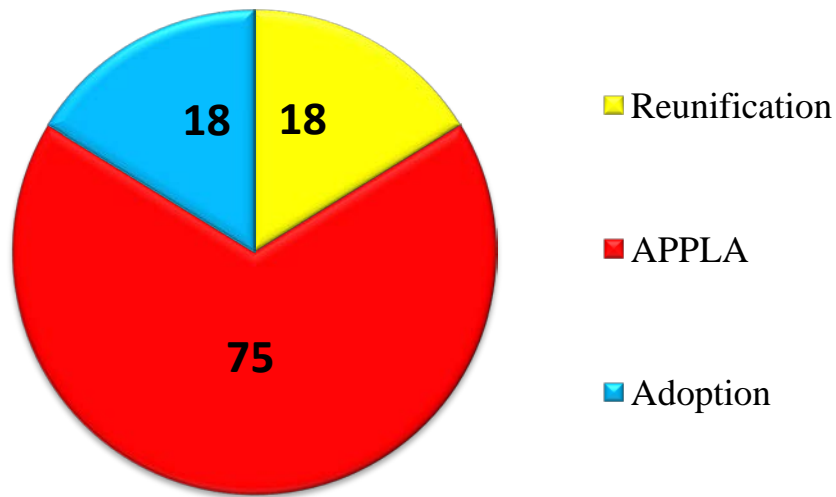
- There were 70 (53%) of the 133 children/youth identified with permanent connections.

Adoption within large jurisdiction cases made up 20 (10%) of the 196 children/youth reviewed.

- There were 12 (60%) out of the 20 children/youth reviewed with TPR granted.
- The local boards agreed with 10 (50%) of the 20 children/youth cases reviewed had TPR done in a timely manner.
- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of Adoption with 19 (95%) of the 20 cases reviewed.

**Baltimore City**

There were a total of 111 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Baltimore City in the Third Quarter of FY14.



Reunification case reviews in Baltimore City made up 18 (9%) of the 196 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Reunification Family Involvement Meeting:

- There were 6 (33%) of 18 children/youth cases reviewed was held prior to entering into care.



## Baltimore City continued

### Length of Reunification plan:

- There was 1 (6%) out of the 18 cases with a plan in place for 7 to 11 months.
- There were 4 (22%) out of the 18 cases with a plan in place for 1 to 2 years.
- There were 13 (72%) out of the 18 cases with a plan in place for 3 years or more.
- The local board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification in 13 (72%) of the 18 reviewed cases.

**APPLA** case reviews in Baltimore City made up 75 (38%) of the 196 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

### Permanent connection:

- There were 41 (55%) out of the 75 cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection:
  - biological mother (6 cases),
  - biological father (2 cases),
  - foster parent (9 cases),
  - grandparent (10 cases),
  - aunt or uncle (2 cases),
  - sibling (5 cases), and
  - other (6 cases).
- The local board was in agreement with 40 out of the 41 identified permanent connections.
- There were 35 (45%) out of the 75 cases reviewed in Baltimore City with a plan of APPLA without an identified permanent connection.

### Local board:

- The local board agreed that 59 (79%) out of the 75 children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The local board agreed that 30 (40%) out of the 75 children/youth were with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The local board also agreed with 40 (53%) out of the 75 children/youth's transitional housing plan.
- The local board agreed that 43 (57%) out of the 75 children/youth reviewed were prepared to transition out of care.

**Adoption case reviews** in Baltimore City made up 18 (9%) of the 196 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

## Baltimore City continued

### Adoption current placements:

- 1 placement in formal kinship care
- 1 placement in regular foster care
- 2 placements in restrictive foster care
- 3 placements in treatment foster care
- 5 placements in private treatment foster care
- 2 placements in therapeutic group home
- The local board agreed with the pre-adoptive placement plan 14 (78%) out of the 18 cases.

### Post-adoptive services:

- There were 11 (61%) out of the 18 children/youth reviewed that needed post-adoptive medical services.
- There were 8 (44%) out of the 18 children/youth that need post-adoptive mental health services.
- There were 9 (50%) out of the 18 children/youth reviewed that needed post-educational services.
- There were 12 (67%) out of the 18 children/youth that needed DORS post-adoptive services.
- There were 12 (67%) out of the 18 children/youth that needed DDA post-adoptive services.

### Psychotropic medication:

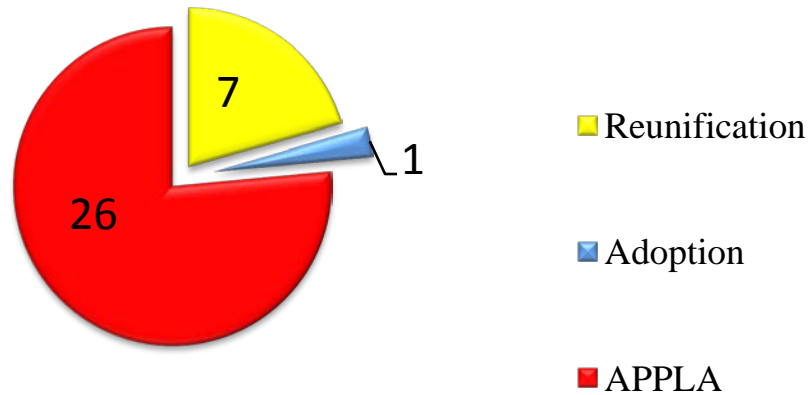
- There were 6 (33%) out of the 18 children/youth reviewed that were being prescribed psychotropic medication.

### Barriers to Adoption:

- There were 4 (22%) out of the 18 cases reviewed that had TPR denied.
- There were 1 (6%) out of the 18 children/youth that did not consent to adoption.

## Baltimore County

There were a total of 34 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Baltimore County in the Third Quarter of FY14.



**Reunification** case reviews in Baltimore County made up 7 (4%) of the 196 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Reunification Family Involvement Meeting:

- A Family Involvement Meeting was held prior to entering into care for 5 (71%) out of the 7 children/youth cases reviewed.
- Appropriate services are being offered to 6 (86%) of the 7 children/youth and their birth families.

Length of Reunification plan:

- There were 3 (43%) out of the 7 cases the plan of Reunification has been in place for 1 to 2 years.
- There were 3 (43%) out of the 7 cases the plan of Reunification has been in place for 3 years or more.
- The local board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification for 5 (71%) out of the 7 cases reviewed.

**APPLA** case reviews in Baltimore County made up 26 (13%) of the 196 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There were 9 (35%) out of the 26 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA with an identified permanent connection.
  - 1 mother,
  - 5 foster parents,
  - 1 aunt or uncle, and
  - 2 other.

### Baltimore County continued

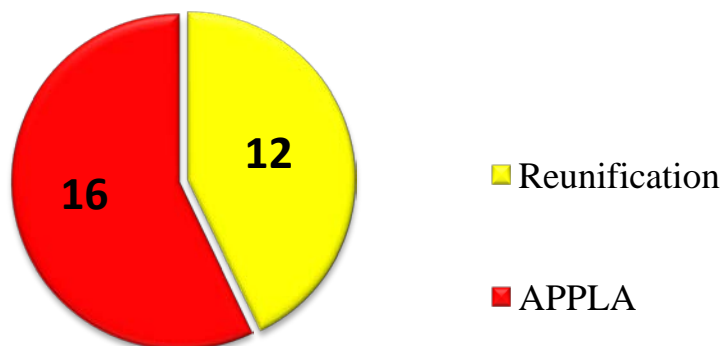
- The other 17 (65%) cases reviewed with a plan of APPLA did not have an identified permanent connection.

#### Local board:

- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of APPLA for all 26 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed.
- The local board agreed with the 9 identified permanent connections.
- The local board does not agree with 15 (58%) out of the 26 children/youth were prepared to meet employment goals.

### Montgomery County

There were a total of 28 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Montgomery County in the Third Quarter of FY14.



Reunification case reviews in Montgomery County made up 12 (6%) of the 196 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

#### Reunification Family Involvement Meeting:

- There were 7(58%) out of the 12 children/youth cases reviewed that had a Family Involvement Meeting prior to entering into care for.
- There were appropriate services are being offered to 9 (75%) out of the 12 children/youth's birth families reviewed.
- There were appropriate services being offered to all 12 of the children/youth reviewed.

### Montgomery County continued

#### Length of Reunification plan:

- There were 4 (33%) out of the 12 cases the plan of Reunification has been in place for 1 to 2 years.
- There were 8 (67%) out of the 12 cases the plan of Reunification has been in place for 3 or more years.
- The local board agreed with 11 (92%) out of the 12 cases reviewed with a permanency plan of reunification.

APPLA case reviews in Montgomery County made up 16 (8%) of the 196 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

#### Length of APPLA plan:

- There were 3 (19%) children/youth reviewed who had a permanency plan of APPLA from 0 to 6 months.
- There were 7 (44%) children/youth reviewed that had a permanency plan of APPLA for 1 to 2 years.
- There were 6 (38%) children/youth reviewed that had a permanency plan of APPLA for 3 or more years.

#### Permanent connection:

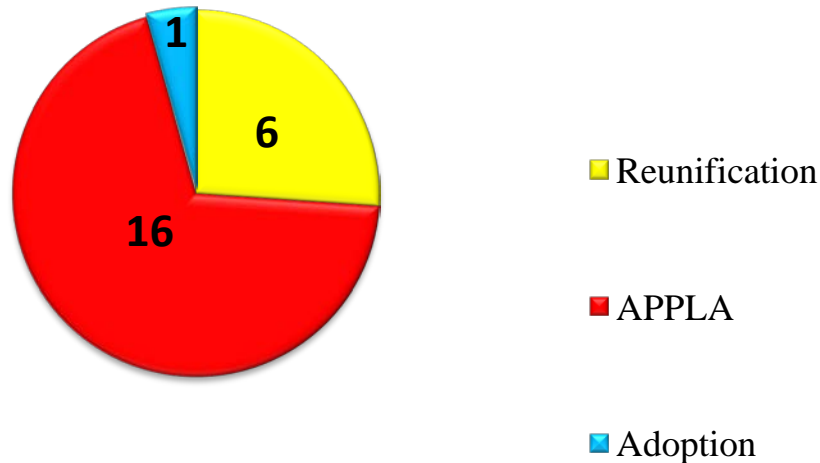
- There were 15 (94%) of the 16 children/youth reviewed with a plan of APPLA that had an identified permanent connection:
  - mother (2 case),
  - father (3 case),
  - grandparent (1 case)

#### Local board:

- The local board agreed with the 15 identified permanent connections.
- The local board did not agree that 14 (88%) out of the 9 children/youth were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The local board agreed that 14 (88%) out of the 9 children/youth reviewed were being prepared to meet the educational goals.

## Prince Georges County

There were a total of 29 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Prince Georges County in the Third Quarter of FY14.



Reunification case reviews in Prince Georges County made up 6 (3%) of the 196 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Reunification Family Involvement Meeting:

- A Family Involvement Meeting was held for 2 (33%) out of the 6 children/youth cases reviewed prior to entering into care for.
- There were appropriate services being offered to all 6 (100%) of the children/youth reviewed.

Length of Reunification plan:

- 1 to 2 years for 1 (17%) of the children/youth reviewed.
- 3 or more years for 5 (83%) of the children/youth reviewed.
- The local board agreed with the permanency plans of reunification for all 6 (100%) cases reviewed.

APPLA case reviews in Prince Georges County made up 16 (14%) of the 196 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There were permanent connections identified for 5 (29%) of the 16 youth reviewed.
  - biological mother (1 case),
  - foster parent (2 cases),
  - aunt or uncle (1 case),
  - other kin (1 cases).

Prince Georges County continued

- There were 11 (65%) cases reviewed with a plan of APPLA that did not have an identified permanent connection.

Local board:

- The local board agreed that 15 (88%) out of the 16 children/youth were prepared to meet educational goals.
- The local board agreed that 14 (82%) out of the 16 children/youth were prepared to meet educational goals.

Medium Jurisdiction

	Reunification	Adoption	APPLA	Total Cases
<b>Allegany County</b>	5		7	<b>12</b>
<b>Anne Arundel County</b>	1	3	7	<b>11</b>
<b>Cecil County</b>		5	3	<b>8</b>
<b>Charles County</b>	3	4	1	<b>8</b>
<b>Frederick County</b>	2	8	1	<b>11</b>
<b>Harford County</b>	4	1	3	<b>8</b>
<b>Washington County</b>	3	1	4	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>66</b>

\*\* *Medium*: 300-500 cases

Out of the total 286 children/youth reviewed in the Third Quarter of FY14, there were a total of 66 (23%) who were placed within medium jurisdictions.

**Reunification** within medium jurisdiction cases made up 18 (27%) of the 66 children/youth reviewed in the Third Quarter.

- There are plans to return 12 (67%) of the 18 children/youth to the biological mothers.
- There are plans to return 3 (17%) of the 18 children/youth to the biological fathers.
- There are plans to return 2 (11%) of the 18 children/youth to both biological parents.

**APPLA** within medium jurisdiction cases made up 26 (39%) of the total 66 children/youth reviewed.

Medium Jurisdiction continued

Length of plan:

- There were 2 (7%) children/youth reviewed that had a permanency plan of APPLA from 0 to 6 months.
- There were 3 (11%) children/youth reviewed that had a permanency plan of APPLA from 7 to 11 months.
- There were 8 (31%) children/youth reviewed that had a permanency plan of APPLA from 1 to 2 years.
- There were 12 (46%) children/youth reviewed who had a permanency plan of APPLA for 3 or more years.

Permanent connection:

- There were 16 (62%) out of the 26 children/youth reviewed identified with a permanent connection.
- There were 10 (38%) out of the 26 children/youth who were not identified as having a permanent connection.

**Adoption** within medium jurisdiction cases made up 22 (26%) of the 66 children/youth reviewed.

- There were 12 (55%) out of the 22 children/youth reviewed who were granted TPR.
- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of Adoption for 21 (96%) out of the 22 cases reviewed.

**Allegany County**

There was a total of 12 children/youth case reviews conducted in Allegany County in the Third Quarter of FY14.





## Allegany County continued

**Reunification** case reviews in Allegany County made up 5 (8%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Reunification Family Involvement Meeting:

- There were 3 (60%) out of the 5 children/youth cases reviewed that had a Family Involvement Meeting prior to entering into care for.
- There were appropriate services are being offered to all 5 children/youth's reviewed.
- The local board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification for all 5 children/youth cases reviewed.

**APPLA** case reviews in Allegany County made up 7 (11%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Length of plan:

- There were 2 (29%) of the 7 cases reviewed with a plan of APPLA for 0 to 6 months.
- There were 3 (43%) of the 7 cases reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA for 1 to 2 years.
- There was 2 (29%) case reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA for 3 or more years.

Permanent connection:

- There were 6 out of the 7 cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection.
  - mother (2 cases)
  - foster parent (1 case)
  - grandparent (1 case)
  - sibling (1 case)
  - other (1 case)

Local board:

- The local board does not agree with 5 (71%) out of the 7 children/youth were not being prepared to meet employment goals.
- The local board does agree with the 7 children/youth with a permanency plan of APPLA were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The local board agreed with 4 (57%) out of the 7 children/youth's permanency plan of APPLA.
- The local board also agreed with the other 3 (43%) of the 7 children/youth's permanency plan of APPLA with recommendations.

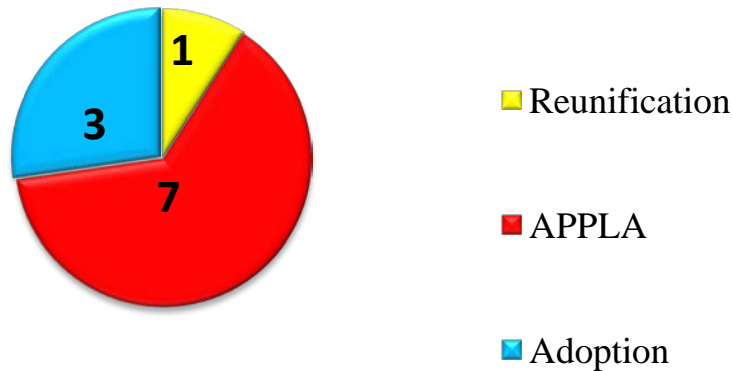
Allegany County continued

Psychotropic medication:

- There were 3 (43%) out of 7 children/youth reviewed prescribed psychotropic medication.

**Anne Arundel County**

There was a total of 11 children/youth case reviews conducted in Anne Arundel County in the Third Quarter of F



**Reunification** case reviews in Anne Arundel County made up 1 (2%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Reunification Family Involvement Meeting:

- There was a Family Involvement Meeting prior to entering into care for this case.
- There were appropriate services are being offered to both the child/youth and the birth family.
- The local board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification for this case.

**APPLA** case reviews in Anne Arundel County made up 7 (11%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Length of plan:

- There were 4 (57%) of the 7 cases reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA for 1 to 2 years.

### Anne Arundel County continued

- There was 2 (29%) case reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA for 3 or more years.
- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of APPLA for all 5 (71%) out of 7 cases reviewed.

#### Permanent connection:

- There were permanent connections identified for 4 (57%) out of the 7 children/youth cases reviewed.
  - Foster parent (2 cases),
  - Aunt or uncle (1 case), and
  - Sibling (1 case).
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#### Local Board:

- The local board agreed that 6 (86%) out of the 7 children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The local board does not agree that all 7 of the children/youth were not being prepared to meet employment goals.

**Adoption case reviews in Anne Arundel County** made up 3 (5%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

#### TPR:

- There was TPR granted for all 3 (100%) of the cases reviewed.

#### Length of plan:

- All 3 children/youth with a plan of Adoption for 3 or more years.

#### Current placement:

- There was 1 (33%) out of the 3 child/youth reviewed placed in a regular foster home.
- There were 2 (67%) out of the 5 child/youth reviewed placed in a private treatment foster home.
- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of Adoption for all 3 children/youth cases reviewed.

## Anne Arundel County continued

### Post-adoptive services:

- All 3 (100%) of the children/youth reviewed needed post-adoptive medical and educational services.

### Psychotropic medication:

- All 3 (100%) of the children/youth reviewed were prescribed psychotropic medication.

### Consent to Adoption:

- There were 1 (33%) out of 3 children/youth reviewed that consented to being adopted.
- There were 2 (67%) out of 3 children/youth reviewed not at legal age to consent.

### Adoption counseling:

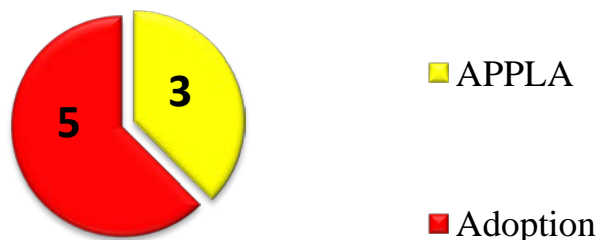
- None of the 3 children/youth with a plan of Adoption has received adoption counseling.

### Court related barriers to Adoption:

- All 3 children/youth reviewed have not yet finalized pre-adoptive home.

## Cecil County

There were a total of 8 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Cecil County in the Third Quarter of FY14.



APPLA case reviews in Cecil County made up 3 (5%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

### Length of plan:

- All 3 cases reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA for 3 or more years.

## Cecil County continued

### Permanent connection:

- There were permanent connections identified for 2 (67%) out of 3 of the youth reviewed.
  - Biological mother (2 cases).

### Local board:

- The local board agreed with all 3 (100%) children/youth's plan of APPLA.
- The local board agreed that all 3 (100%) of the children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.

**Adoption case reviews in Cecil County** made up 3 (5%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

### TPR:

- There was TPR granted for 1 (20%) out of the 5 cases reviewed.

### Length of plan:

- There were 4 (80%) out of the 5 children/youth with a plan of Adoption for 7 to 11 months.
- There was 1 (20%) out of the 5 children/youth with a plan of Adoption for 3 or more years.

### Current placement:

- There was 4 (80%) out of the 3 child/youth reviewed placed in a regular foster home.
- There was 1 (20%) out of the 5 child/youth reviewed placed in a residential group home.
- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of Adoption for 4 (80%) out of the 5 children/youth cases reviewed.

### Psychotropic medication:

- There were 2 (40%) out of the 5 children/youth reviewed were prescribed psychotropic medication.

### Consent to Adoption:

- There were 2 (40%) out of 5 children/youth reviewed that consented to being adopted.
- There were 2 (40%) out of 5 children/youth reviewed not at legal age to consent.

Cecil County continued

Adoption counseling:

- There were 2 (40%) out of the 5 children/youth with a plan of Adoption has received adoption counseling.

Court related barriers to Adoption:

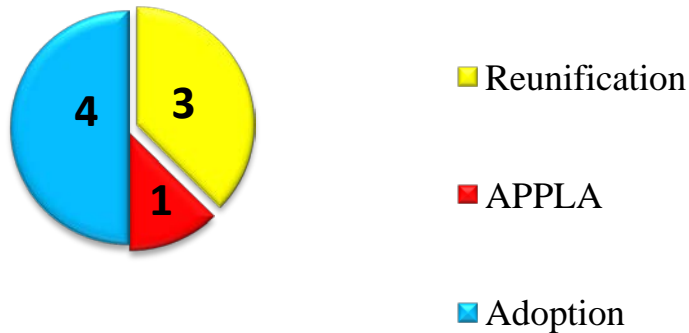
- There were 3 (60%) out of the 5 children/youth reviewed have not yet finalized pre-adoptive home.

Agency related barriers to Adoption:

- There was 1 (20%) out of the 5 children/youth without an identified pre-adoptive resource.

**Charles County**

There were a total of 8 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Charles County in the Third Quarter of FY14



**Reunification** case reviews in Charles County made up 3 (3%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Reunification Family Involvement Meeting:

- A Family Involvement Meeting was held prior to entering into care for all 3 (100%) of the child/youth cases reviewed.
- All of the 3 children/youth reviewed with a plan of Reunification has been in place for 3 or more years.
- There were appropriate services being provided for all 3 children/youth reviewed.
- The local board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification for all 3 children/youth reviewed.

Charles County continued

**APPLA case reviews in Charles County** made up 1 (2%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There was a permanent connections identified for the 1 youth reviewed.
  - Foster parent

Local board:

- The local board agreed with the youth's permanency plan of APPLA.
- The local board agreed that the youth reviewed was being prepared to meet the educational needs.
- The local board agreed that the youth reviewed was being prepared to meet employment goals.

Length of plan:

- The youth case reviewed had a plan of APPLA for 1 to 2 years.

Local board:

- The local board agreed with 4 (80%) out of the 5 cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.

**Adoption case reviews in Charles County** made up 4 (6%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

TPR:

- There were 3 (75%) out of the 4 cases reviewed that had TPR granted.

Length of plan:

- There was 1 (25%) out of the 4 children/youth with a plan of Adoption for 7 to 11 months.
- There was 3 (75%) out of the 4 children/youth with a plan of Adoption for 3 or more years.

Current placement:

- There were 2 (50%) out of the 4 children/youth reviewed placed in a pre-finalized adoptive home.
- There was 1 (25%) out of the 4 children/youth reviewed placed in treatment foster care.
- There was 1 (25%) out of the 4 children/youth placed in a residential treatment center.
- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of Adoption for all 4 (10%) of the children/youth cases reviewed.

Charles County continued

Consent to Adoption:

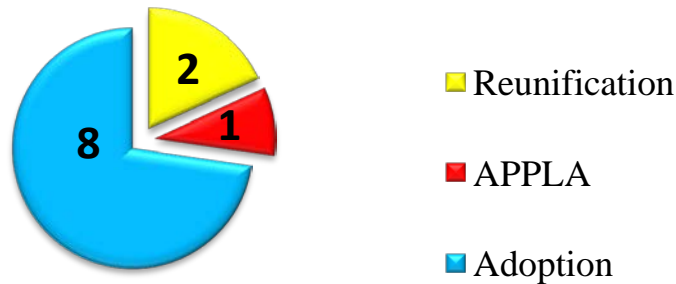
- There were 3 (75%) out of 4 children/youth reviewed that consented to being adopted.

Adoption counseling:

- There were 3 (75%) out of the 4 children/youth with a plan of Adoption has received adoption counseling.

**Frederick County**

There were a total of 11 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Frederick County in the Third Quarter of FY14.



**Reunification** case reviews in Frederick County made up 2 (3%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Family Involvement Meeting:

- A Family Involvement Meeting was not held prior to entering into care for the 2 children/youth cases reviewed.
- Appropriate services are being offered to both (100%) of the child/youth and the birth family for both of the cases reviewed.

Length of plan:

- There was 1 child/youth (50%) out of the 2 with a plan of Reunification for 1 to 2 years.
- There was 1 child/youth (50%) out of the 2 with a plan of Reunification for 3 or more years.



## Frederick County continued

### Local board:

- The local board does agree with the current permanency plan of reunification for both (100%) of the cases reviewed.

**APPLA case reviews in Frederick County** made up 1 (2%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

### Permanent connection:

- There was not an identified permanent connection for the 1 child/youth case reviewed.

### Length of plan:

- The child/youth case reviewed with a plan of APPLA for 7 to 11 months.

### Local board:

- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of APPLA for the 1 child/youth case reviewed.
- The local board agreed that the 1 child/youth was being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The local board did not agree that 1 child/youth was being prepared to meet employment goals.

**Adoption case reviews in Frederick County** made up 8 (12%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

### TPR:

- There were 4 (50%) out of the 8 cases reviewed that had TPR granted.

### Length of plan:

- There was 1 (13%) out of the 8 children/youth with a plan of Adoption for 0 to 6 months.
- There was 1 (13%) out of the 8 children/youth with a plan of Adoption for 7 to 11 months.
- There were 6 (75%) out of the 8 children/youth with a plan of Adoption for 1 to 2 years.

## Frederick County continued

### Current placement:

- All 8 of the children/youth cases reviewed with a plan of Adoption were placed in regular foster care.

### Local board:

- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of Adoption for 5 (63%) out of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed.
- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of Adoption with recommendations for 1 (13%) out of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed.

### Psychotropic medication:

- There was 1 (13%) out of the 8 children/youth reviewed were prescribed psychotropic medication.

### Consent to Adoption:

- There was 1 (13%) out of 8 children/youth reviewed that consented to being adopted.
- There were 7 (88%) out of 8 children/youth reviewed not at legal age to consent.

### Court related barriers to Adoption:

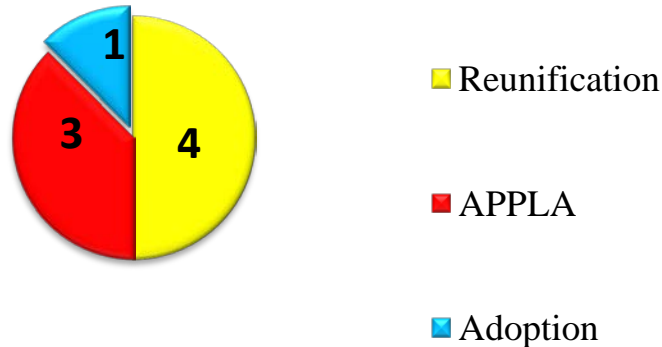
- There was 1 (13%) out of the 8 children/youth reviewed have not yet finalized pre-adoptive home.

### Agency related barriers to Adoption:

- There was 1 (13%) out of the 8 children/youth without an identified pre-adoptive resource.

## Harford County

There were a total of 8 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Harford County in the Third Quarter of FY14



**Reunification** case reviews in Harford County made up 4 (6%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Family involvement meeting:

- A Family Involvement Meeting was held for 2 (50%) out of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed prior to entering into care.

Length of plan:

- There were 2 (50%) of the 4 children/youth review with a plan of Reunification in place for 3 or more years.

**APPLA** case reviews in Harford County made up 3 (5%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There were 2 (67%) out of the 3 children/youth that had a permanent connection identified.
  - The permanent connection for the 1 child/youth was the foster parents.

Length of plan:

- There was 1 (33%) out of the 3 children/youth reviewed with a plan of APPLA for 7 to 11 months.
- There were 2 (67%) out of the 3 child/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA for 3 or more years.

Local board:

- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of APPLA for all 3 (100%) of the cases reviewed.

### Harford County continued

- The local board agreed that 1 (33%) out of the 3 children/youth were being prepared to meet employment goals.

**Adoption** case reviews in Harford County made up 1 (2%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

TPR:

- The case reviewed had TPR granted.

Length of plan:

- The youth case reviewed had a permanency plan of Adoption for 3 or more years.

Current placement:

- The youth case reviewed was placed in residential treatment center.

Local board:

- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of Adoption.

Psychotropic medication:

- The youth case reviewed was being prescribed psychotropic medication.

Consent to Adoption:

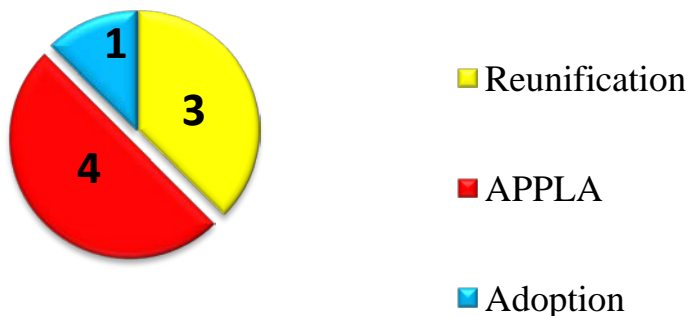
- The youth case reviewed was not at legal age to consent.

Child related barriers to Adoption:

- The youth case reviewed had behavior problems in the home

## Washington County

There were a total of 8 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Washington County in the Third Quarter of FY14.



Reunification case reviews in Washington County made up 3 (5%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Length of plan:

- The plan of Reunification has been in place for the children/youth reviewed for 3 or more years.

Family involvement meeting:

- A Family Involvement Meeting was held for 2 (67%) out of the 3 children/youth case reviewed prior to entering into care.
- Appropriate services are being offered to all 3 (100%) of the children/youth.

Local board:

- The local board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification for all 3 (100%) of the children/youth case reviewed.

APPLA case reviews in Washington County made up 4 (6%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Length of plan:

- There was 1 (25%) out of 4 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA for 7 to 11 months.
- There were 3 (75%) out of 4 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA for 3 or more years.

Permanent connection:

- There was 1 (25%) out of 4 children/youth reviewed with a permanent connection identified.

Washington County continued

Local board:

- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of APPLA for all 4 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed
- The local board agreed that all 4 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed were being prepared to meet educational and employment goals.

**Adoption** case reviews in Washington County made up 1 (2%) of the 66 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

TPR:

- TPR was granted for the child/youth case reviewed.

Consent to Adoption:

- The child/youth reviewed did not consent to being adopted.
- The child/youth case reviewed did not receive adoption counseling.

Length of plan:

- The child/youth has had a permanency plan of Adoption for 1 to 2 years.

Current placement:

- The child/youth reviewed is placed in a therapeutic group home.

Local board:

- The local board agreed with the permanency plan of Adoption.

Post adoptive services:

- The child/youth reviewed needed post-adoptive medical, mental health, and educational services.

Small Jurisdiction

	Reunification	Adoption	APPLA	Total Cases
<b>Calvert County</b>	4	2	5	<b>11</b>
<b>Howard County</b>	4		5	<b>9</b>
<b>Kent County</b>	1			<b>1</b>
<b>Queen Anne County</b>	1		1	<b>2</b>
<b>Somerset County</b>			1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>

Note: *Fewer than 100 cases*

### Small Jurisdiction continued

There were a total of 24 (8%) out of the total 286 children/youth reviewed in the Third Quarter of FY14, who were placed within small jurisdictions.

**Reunification** within small jurisdiction cases made up 10 (42%) of the 24 children/youth reviewed in the Third Quarter.

Plans to return:

- There were plans to return 5 (50%) of the 10 children/youth to the biological mothers.
- There were plans to return 2 (20%) of the 10 children/youth to the biological fathers.
- There are plans to return 2 (20%) of the 10 children/youth to both biological parents.
- There are plans to return 1 (10%) of the 10 children/youth to other relatives.

**APPLA** within small jurisdiction cases made up 12 (50%) of the total 24 children/youth reviewed.

Length of plan:

- There were 3 (25%) out of 12 child/youth reviewed that had a permanency plan of APPLA from 1 to 2 years.
- There were 7 (58%) out of 12 children/youth reviewed who had a permanency plan of APPLA for 3 or more years.

Permanent connection:

- There were 4 (33%) of the 12 children/youth identified with permanent connections.

**Adoption** within small jurisdiction cases made up 2 (8%) of the 24 children/youth reviewed.

TPR:

- There was 1 (50%) out of 2 children/youth cases reviewed with a permanency plan of Adoption that had TPR granted.
- There was 1 (50%) out of 2 children/youth cases reviewed with a TPR filed.

Length of plan:

- There was 1 (50%) out of 2 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Adoption for 7 to 11 months.

Small Jurisdiction continued

- There was 1 (50%) out of 2 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Adoption for 1 to 2 years.

Current placement:

- There was 1 (50%) out of 2 children/youth reviewed placed in treatment foster care.
- There was 1 (50%) out of 2 children/youth reviewed placed in a pre-finalized adoptive home.
- The local board agreed with both (100%) of the permanency plans of Adoption.

Consent to Adoption:

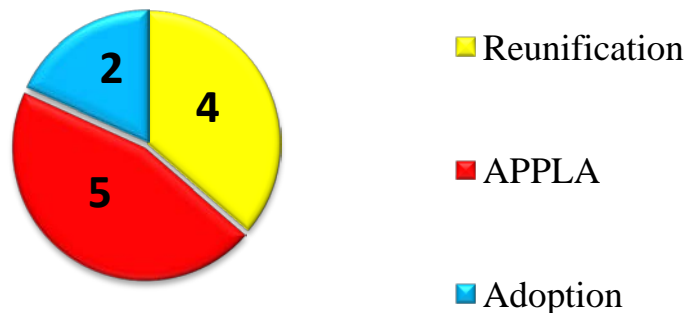
- Both (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed has consented to being adopted.

Adoptive counseling:

- Both (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed received adoption counseling.

**Calvert County**

There were a total of 11 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Calvert County in the Third Quarter of FY



**Reunification** case reviews in Calvert County made up 4 (17%) of the 24 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Family involvement meeting:

- There were 2 (50%) out of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed that had a Family Involvement Meeting held prior to entering into care.
- There were appropriate services are being offered to all 4 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed.



### Calvert County continued

- There were appropriate services being offered to 2 (50%) out of the 4 birth families for the cases reviewed.

#### Length of plan:

- There were 2 (50%) out of the 4 cases with the plan of Reunification has been in place for 1 to 2 years.
- There were 2 (50%) out of the 4 cases with the plan of Reunification has been in place for 3 or more years.

#### Plans to return:

- There were plans to return 2 (50%) of the 9 children/youth to the biological mothers.
- There were plans to return 1 (25%) of the 9 children/youth to the biological fathers.
- There are plans to return 2 (50%) of the 9 children/youth to both biological parents.

**APPLA case reviews in Calvert County** made up 5 (21%) of the 24 cases reviewed in the small jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

#### Permanent connection:

- There were 4 (80%) out of 5 children/youth cases reviewed without an identified permanent connection.
- There were 1 (20%) out of 5 children/youth cases reviewed with an identified permanent connections.
  - foster parent (1 case)

#### Local board:

- The local board was in agreement with 1 (20%) out of the 5 reviewed cases with an identified permanent connection.
- The local board agreed that all 5 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed with a plan of APPLA were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The local board agreed that 4 (80%) out of the 5 children/youth's were being prepared to meet employment goals.

**Adoption case reviews in Calvert County** made up 2 (8%) of the 24 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

#### TPR granted:

- There was 1 (50%) out of the 2 cases reviewed with TPR granted.

Calvert County continued

Current placement:

- 1 placement in a pre-finalized adoptive home.
- 1 placement in a treatment foster care.

Local board:

- The local board agreed with both (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan.
- The local board agreed with both (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed pre-adoptive placement.

**Howard County**

There were a total of 8 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Howard County in the Third Quarter of FY14.



**Reunification** case reviews in Howard County made up 4 (17%) of the 24 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Family involvement meeting:

- There were no Family Involvement Meeting held prior to entering into care for all 4 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed.
- There was a Family Involvement Meeting scheduled for 1 (25%) out of 4 children/youth cases reviewed.
- There were appropriate services are being offered to all 4 (100%) of the children/youth and their birth parents of the reviewed cases.

Length of plan:

- In all 4 (100%) of the children/youth cases with the plan of Reunification for 3 or more years.

### Howard County continued

#### Plans to return:

- There were plans to return 1 (25%) of the 4 children/youth to the biological mother.
- There were plans to return 1 (25%) of the 4 children/youth to the biological fathers.
- There are plans to return 2 (50%) of the 4 children/youth to both biological parents.

#### Local board:

- The local board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification in all 4 (100%) of the cases reviewed.

**APPLA case reviews in Howard County** made up 5 (21%) of the 24 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

#### Permanent connection:

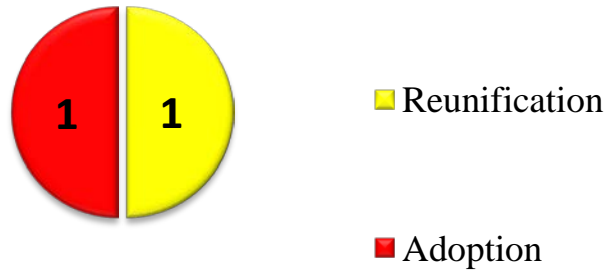
- There were 3 (60%) out of the 5 cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection.
  - Mother (1 case)
  - grandparent (1 case)
  - other family member(1 case)

#### Local board:

- The local board agreed with all 5 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed with a plan of APPLA.
- The local board was in agreement with the 3 (60%) identified permanent connections.
- The local board agreed with 2 (40%) of the 5 children/youth cases review were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The local board did not agree with any of the 5 (100%) children/youth cases review were being prepared to meet employment goals.

## Kent County

There were a total of 1 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Kent County in the Third Quarter of FY14.



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Reunification case reviews in Kent County made up 1 (4%) of the 24 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Family involvement meeting:

- A Family Involvement Meeting was not held prior to entering into care with 1 children/youth case reviewed.

Length of plan:

- The 1 child/youth reviewed with a plan of Reunification has been in place for 3 or more years.

Local board:

- The local board agreed with the current permanency plan of Reunification for the 1 child/youth case reviewed.

Current placement:

- The current placement of the 1 child/youth reviewed with a plan of Reunification was in placements in a residential group home.

Local board:

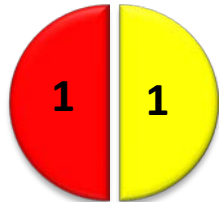
- The local board agreed with the placement plan of the 2 (100%) children/youth cases reviewed.

Psychotropic medication:

- The 1 child/youth case reviewed was being prescribed psychotropic medication.

## Queen Annes County

There were a total of 2 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Queen Annes County in the Third Quarter of FY14.



■ Reunification  
■ APPLA

**Reunification** case reviews in Queen Annes County made up 1 (4%) of the 24 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Family involvement meeting:

- A Family Involvement Meeting was held prior to entering into care for the 1 children/youth case reviewed.
- There were appropriate services are being offered to the 1 child/youth case reviewed.

Length of plan:

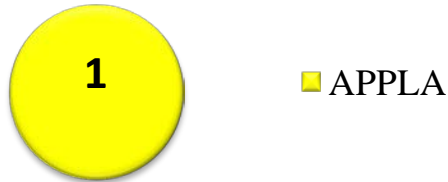
- The 1 case with the plan of Reunification has been in place for 3 or more years.

Local board:

- The local board did not agree with the current permanency plan of reunification for the 1 case reviewed.
- The local board recommended the permanency plan be changed to relative placement.

## Somerset County

There was a total of 1 children/youth case reviews conducted in Somerset County in the Third Quarter of FY14.



APPLA case reviews in Somerset County made up 1 (4%) of the 24 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Third Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There was no permanent connection identified for the 1 case reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA.

Local board:

- The local board agreed with the 1 child/youth case reviewed with a plan of APPLA.
- The local board agreed with the 1 child/youth case reviewed was being prepared to meet educational and employment goals.
- The local board also agreed with the 1 child/youth's transitional housing plan and was being prepared to transition out of care.

## **Children's Legislative Advocacy Committee (CLAC)**

### 2014 Legislation Supported:

- Senate Bill 0064 – Children in Need of Assistance – Educational Stability
- Senate Bill 1055 – Family Law: Child Abuse and Neglect – Expungement of Reports and Records – Time Period (with amendments)
- House Bill 1344 – Task Force on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse
- House Bill 0794 – Maryland Unaccompanied Homeless Youth and Young Adult Count Demonstration Project
- Senate Bill 0914 – Family Law: Protecting the Resources of Children in State Custody
- Senate Bill 0685 – Family Law: Child Abuse and Neglect – Provision of Information to Health Care Provider
- House Bill 1307 – Children in Out-of-Home Placement – Annual Notice of Benefits
- Senate Bill 1018 – Task Force to Study Housing and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth – Continuation, Membership, Stipend, and Duties
- House Bill 0362 – Criminal Law – Part-time School Employees, Contractors, and Coaches – Sexual Contact With Minors Prohibited
- Senate Bill 0455 – Higher Education – Unaccompanied Homeless Youth – Tuition Exemption
- House Bill 0315 – Equity Court Jurisdiction – Immigrant Children – Custody or Guardianship

## **CRBC Third Quarter Activities**

- Deputy Secretary Thomasina Hires attended CRBC State Board Meeting On March 7, 2014.
- CRBC State Board made local board member volunteer recruitment a priority.
- George Randall was named CRBC Interim Administrator.

## The State Board

Nettie Anderson-Burrs (Chairperson)  
*Representing Allegany, Garrett, and Washington Counties*

James Trent (Vice Chairperson)  
*Representing Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's Counties*

Delores Alexander  
*Representing Baltimore and Harford Counties*

Heidi Busch  
*Representing Anne Arundel, Carroll, and Howard Counties*

Doretha Henry  
*Representing Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties*

Sheila Jessup, PhD  
*Representing Baltimore City*

Helen Diane Johnson, MSW  
*Representing Frederick and Montgomery Counties*

Mary MacClelland  
*Representing Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, and Talbot Counties*

Sylvia Smith  
*Representing Baltimore City*

George Randall, PhD Candidate, LGSW  
*Interim Administrator*