

Incidence of Alcohol and other Drug Abuse Among the  
Families, Adults, and Children Served by the Department

This report is being submitted by the Department of Children and Family Services pursuant to the Children and Family Services Act, 20 ILCS 505/34.6. The statute requires that the Department submit a report to the General Assembly on the incidence of alcohol and other drug abuse among the families, adults, and children served by the Department.

Children and family members involved with DCFS are assessed at multiple entry, transition, and other milestones within the life of a DCFS case. DCFS caseworkers, clinicians, and specialty staff primarily use the Child and Adolescents Needs and Strengths (CANS) tool to identify and measure service needs. The tables below indicate the number of children and adults involved with DCFS who were identified on a CANS assessment as having actionable substance abuse needs during state *calendar years* 2017-2022 for comparison. The actionable items in the CANS assessment tools are defined as those needing action with a moderate degree of severity or those needing immediate, intensive action.

**Calendar Years 2017 -2022**  
**Youth with Actionable Substance Use**  
**Any CANS**

Age at Case opening-CY17	# Cases	# with actionable substance use need	% with actionable substance use need
0-5	1689	14	0.8%
6-14	859	36	4.2%
15-17	294	91	31.0%
Total	2842	141	5.0%
Age at Case opening-CY18	# Cases	# with actionable substance use need	% with actionable substance use need
0-5	1813	10	0.6%
6-14	981	33	3.4%
15-17	304	95	31.3%
Total	3098	138	4.5%



Age at Case opening-CY19	# Cases	# with actionable substance use need	% with actionable substance use need
0-5	2130	7	0.3%
6-14	1180	28	2.4%
15-17	310	74	23.9%
Total	3620	109	3.0%
Age at Case opening-CY20	# Cases	# with actionable substance use need	% with actionable substance use need
0-5	2237	23	1.0%
6-14	1127	26	2.3%
15-17	319	59	18.5%
Total	3683	108	2.9%

Age at Case opening-CY21	# Cases	# with actionable substance use need	% with actionable substance use need
0-5	1843	24	1.3%
6-14	961	34	3.5%
15-17	273	48	17.6%
Total	3077	106	3.4%

Age at Case opening-CY22	# Cases	# with actionable substance use need	% with actionable substance use need
0-5	1333	16	1.2%
6-14	718	17	2.4%
15-17	168	26	15.5%
Total	2219	59	2.7%

## Biological Caregivers Substance Use Need

	# of Case Openings in CY17 with at least one biological/natural parent entering caregiver CANS	# of Case Openings with at least one biological/natural parent with actionable substance use (CANS item #123)	% of Case Openings with at least one biological/natural parent with actionable substance use (CANS item #123)
Parents of children 0-5 years old when the spell began (at entry)	1498	912	60.9%
Parents of children 6-14 years old when the spell began (at entry)	694	417	60.1%
Parents of children 15-17 years old when the spell began (at entry)	170	74	43.5%
Total	2362	1403	59.4%

	# of Case Openings beginning in CY18 with at least one biological/natural parent entering caregiver CANS	# of Case Openings with at least one biological/natural parent with actionable substance use (CANS item #123)	% of Case Openings with at least one biological/natural parent with actionable substance use (CANS item #123)
Parents of children 0-5 years old when the spell began (at entry)	1499	952	63.5%
Parents of children 6-14 years old when the spell began (at entry)	748	452	60.4%
Parents of children 15-17 years old when the spell began (at entry)	171	68	39.8%
Total	2418	1472	60.9%

	# of Case Openings beginning in CY19 with at least one biological/natural parent entering caregiver CANS	# of Case Openings with at least one biological/natural parent with actionable substance use (CANS item #123)	% of Case Openings with at least one biological/natural parent with actionable substance use (CANS item #123)
Parents of children 0-5 years old when the spell began (at entry)	1785	930	52.1%
Parents of children 6-14 years old when the spell began (at entry)	915	475	51.9%
Parents of children 15-17 years old when the spell began (at entry)	189	75	39.7%
Total	2889	1480	51.2%

	# of Case Openings beginning in CY20 with at least one biological/natural parent entering caregiver CANS	# of Case Openings with at least one biological/natural parent with actionable substance use (CANS item #123)	% of Case Openings with at least one biological/natural parent with actionable substance use (CANS item #123)
Parents of children 0-5 years old when the spell began (at entry)	1885	1096	58.1%
Parents of children 6-14 years old when the spell began (at entry)	866	488	56.4%
Parents of children 15-17 years old when the spell began (at entry)	205	84	41.0%
Total	2956	1667	56.4%

	# of Case Openings beginning in CY21 with at least one biological/natural parent entering caregiver CANS	# of Case Openings with at least one biological/natural parent with actionable substance use (CANS item #123)	% of Case Openings with at least one biological/natural parent with actionable substance use (CANS item #123)
Parents of children 0-5 years old when the spell began (at entry)	1523	818	53.7%
Parents of children 6-14 years old when the spell began (at entry)	750	396	52.8%
Parents of children 15-17 years old when the spell began (at entry)	170	74	43.5%
Total	2443	1287	52.7%

	# of Case Openings beginning in CY22 with at least one biological/natural parent entering caregiver CANS	# of Case Openings with at least one biological/natural parent with actionable substance use (CANS item #123)	% of Case Openings with at least one biological/natural parent with actionable substance use (CANS item #123)
Parents of children 0-5 years old when the spell began (at entry)	1061	557	52.5%
Parents of children 6-14 years old when the spell began (at entry)	543	249	45.9%
Parents of children 15-17 years old when the spell began (at entry)	96	30	31.3%
Total	1700	836	49.2%

DCFS also collaborates with the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) to provide substance use assessment, treatment, and recovery support services to DCFS involved families. A summary of services to DCFS involved youth and adults is provided below using the most recently available data.

**Gender & Age**

	0-17	18-25	26-44	45-64	65+	Total
Female	32	299	3063	291	11	3696
Male	43	173	1501	321	23	2062
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>4564</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5758</b>

**State Fiscal Year 2021(FY-21) Services to DCFS Involved Individuals  
(Source: Department of Human Services,  
Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery)**

**Referral Source**

Age		0-17	18-25	26-44	45-64	65+	Total
	Child Welfare (DCFS/POS)	124	588	11939	2198	222	15071
	Criminal Justice Referral	2	8	1014	347	8	1379
	DHS/SAPP Prevention Provider	11		281	31		323
	Early Intervention Provider	15	78	1053	95		1241
	Employer/EAP	2	89	1535	329	18	1973
	Individual	25	13	43	9		90
	Other Community Referral		1	10			11
	Other Health Care Provider	36	637	5695	1182	4	7554
	School	248	1762	10519	1791	17	14338
	Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Provider	563	2748	32031	3912	122	39376
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1026</b>	<b>5924</b>	<b>64120</b>	<b>9894</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>81356</b>

**Primary Substance**

Age		0-17	18-25	26-44	45-64	65+	Total
	02 - Alcohol	37	782	17029	3323	68	21239
	03 - Cocaine/Crack	59	280	4259	1144	68	5810
	04 - Marijuana/Hashish	832	2747	11461	824	45	15909
	05 - Heroin		426	9387	2139	120	12072
	06 - Non-Prescription Methadone			28			28
	07 - Other Opiates and Synthetics	11	231	4376	387		5005
	08 - PCP - Phencyclidine		9	943	190		1142
	09 - Other Hallucinogens -			22			22
	10 - Methamphetamine	16	1127	14012	1640	20	16815
	11 - Other Amphetamines -		13	618	128		759
	12 - Other Stimulants -	44	30	160	3		237
	13 - Benzodiazepines -		82	370	13		465
	15 - Barbiturates -			8			8
	17 - Inhalants			4			4
	18 - Over the Counter -			32			32
	20 - Other -			78			78
	21 - Gambling		20	66			86
	22 - Other	27	177	1267	103	70	1644
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1026</b>	<b>5924</b>	<b>64120</b>	<b>9894</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>81356</b>

**Route of Administration of Primary Substance**

Age		0-17	18-25	26-44	45-64	65+	Total
	Oral	77	1002	21362	4022	68	26531
	Smoking	816	3710	23079	3121	139	30865
	Inhale	106	632	7862	2093	114	10807
	Injection		519	10945	551		12015
	NA	27	61	872	107	70	1138
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1026</b>	<b>5924</b>	<b>64120</b>	<b>9894</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>81356</b>