

Foster Care Points of Interest

- On December 31, 2008, there were 2,638 children in out-of-home care in Milwaukee County; there were 3,489 children in out-of-home care for that same date in 2003.
- On December 31, 2008, there were 671 children in Milwaukee County in licensed foster homes (not with relatives), 186 in licensed foster homes (with relatives), and 800 children in court-ordered kinship care (with non-licensed relatives).
- On that same date in 2008, there were 680 active, licensed foster homes in Milwaukee County. The Bureau plans to increase the number of foster homes to 875 by December 31, 2009.
- During 2008, there were 4,132 children in out-of-home care in Milwaukee County. Of these children, seven were victims of maltreatment in court-ordered kinship care, and there were 16 substantiated allegations of child maltreatment by a foster parent or residential placement staff.
- According to federal data, in 2007, 99.5% of children in foster care did not experience maltreatment.
- Currently, foster parents in Milwaukee County are required to participate in 36 hours of initial training and 10 hours of ongoing training; there is no required training for court-ordered kinship care providers.
- Foster parents in Milwaukee County receive between \$349 and \$452 a month (depending on the age of the child) to care for a foster child; court-ordered kinship care providers receive \$215 a month.