

# **CITIZENS REVIEW BOARD FOR CHILDREN**



## **FOURTH QUARTER REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2014**

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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 Fourth 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 car 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.

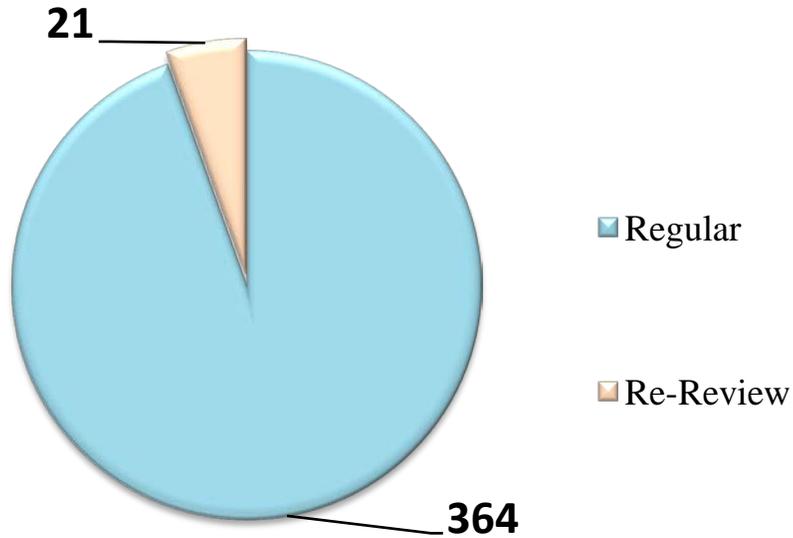
### **Re-Review Cases:**

- ✚ *Assessment of progress made by LDSS.* CRBC will conduct follow-up reviews during the previous three months of the current fiscal year of any case where the Local Board identified barriers to adequate progress. The purpose of the review is to assess status and any progress made by LDSS to determine if identified barriers have been removed.

## Fourth Quarter

In the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014 the Citizens Review Board for Children (CRBC) conducted a total of 385 case reviews.

### Total Number of Cases Reviewed



In the Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2014 CRBC conducted 385 case reviews including 21 of the previously reviewed cases in quarters one, two, and three for re-review; and 364 regularly scheduled children/youth case reviews.

### Gender of Youth

Male	Female
181 (49%)	183 (50%)

There were 364 regularly scheduled children/youth reviewed in the FY14 Fourth Quarter overall, consisting of 181(49%) males, and 183 (50%) females. This does not include the 21 re-review cases reviewed.

## Gender by Plan

Male Overall:

Reunification	Adoption	APPLA
47 (26%)	39 (22%)	95 (52%)

In FY14 Fourth Quarter, there were 181 children/youth reviewed who were male. These children/youth consisted of 47 with a plan of Reunification, 39 males with a plan of Adoption, and 95 with a plan of APPLA. This does not include the 21 re-review cases reviewed.

Female Overall:

Reunification	Adoption	APPLA
36 (19%)	36 (19%)	111 (61%)

In FY14 Fourth Quarter, there were 183 children/youth reviewed who were female. These children/youth consisted of 36 with a plan of Reunification, 36 with a plan of Adoption, and 111 with a plan of APPLA. This does not include the 21 re-review cases reviewed.

## Ethnicity

African American	Caucasian	Other
261 (72%)	91 (25%)	8 (2%)

Of the 364 children reviewed in the FY14 Fourth Quarter, there were 261 (72%) who were African American, 91(25%) who were Caucasian, and 8 (2%) of the children/youth reviewed who were identified as other. This does not include the 21 re-review cases reviewed. \*There were 4 cases with missing data.

## Ethnicity by Plan

### Reunification:

<b>African American</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Other</b>
57 (69%)	24 (29%)	1 (1%)

In FY14 Fourth Quarter, there were a total of 83 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Reunification consisting of 57 (69%) who were African American, 24 (29%) who were Caucasian, and 1 (1%) who were identified as other. This does not include the 21 re-review cases reviewed.

### Adoption:

<b>African American</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Other</b>
52 (69%)	19 (25%)	3 (4%)

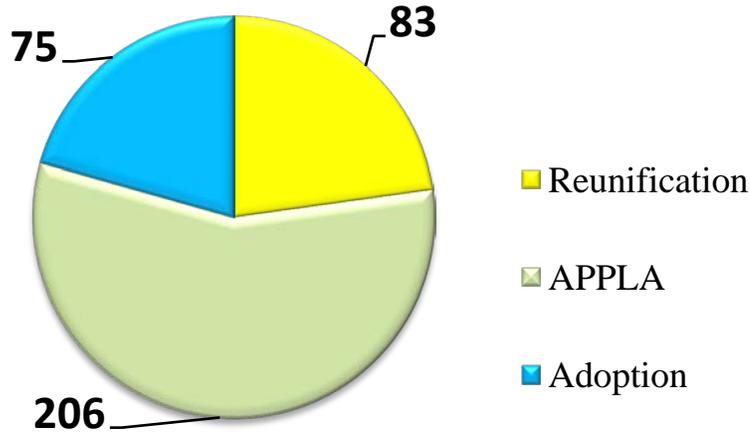
In FY14 Fourth Quarter, there were 75 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of Adoption consisting of 52 (69%) who were African American, 19 (25%) who were Caucasian, and 3 (4%) who were identified as other. This does not include the 21 re-review cases reviewed.

### APPLA:

<b>African American</b>	<b>Caucasian</b>	<b>Other</b>
152 (74%)	48 (23%)	4 (10%)

In FY14 Fourth Quarter, there were 206 children/youth reviewed with a permanency plan of APPLA consisting of 152 (74%) who were African American, 48 (23%) who were Caucasian, and 4 (10%) who were identified as other. This does not include the 21 re-review cases reviewed.

**Overall Permanency Plans Reviewed**



During the Fourth Quarter (April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 30<sup>th</sup>) CRBC conducted 364 regular case reviews of children/youth with a permanency plan of Reunification, Adoption, and Another Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA).

**Reunification Case Reviews Overall**

Overall CRBC reviewed 83 children/youth that had a permanency plan of Reunification in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.

**APPLA Case Reviews Overall**

Overall CRBC reviewed 206 children/youth that had a permanency plan of APPLA in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.

APPLA By Ages:

Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18	Age 19	Age 20
2	1	10	6	15	30	17	23	101

**Adoption Case Reviews Overall**

Overall CRBC reviewed 75 children/youth cases that had a permanency plan of Adoption in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.

## CRBC Overall Recommendations to All Local Jurisdictions

The Citizens Review Board for Children has made nine recommendations to the 23 counties and Baltimore City for their professional consideration and implementation.

It is CRBC's goal to provide useful and timely information about the adequacy and effectiveness of efforts to promote child safety and well-being, and achieve or maintain permanency for children, as well as provide plans and efforts to improve services.

- All jurisdictions are encouraged to continue bringing case records and/or supportive documentation to *all CRBC case reviews*.
- All jurisdictions are encouraged to continue supplying CRBC with the most recent and current contact information for all interested parties, including professionals and family members.
- 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.

Thank you for your considerate attention to this report and the above recommendations!

## 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	20	18	103	<b>141</b>
Baltimore County	4	8	11	<b>23</b>
Montgomery County	3	3	15	<b>21</b>
Prince Georges County	9	5	15	<b>29</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>214</b>

\* *Large*: 500 cases or more

Out of the 364 regularly scheduled children/youth reviewed in the Fourth Quarter of FY14, there were a total of 214 (59%) who were placed within large jurisdictions.

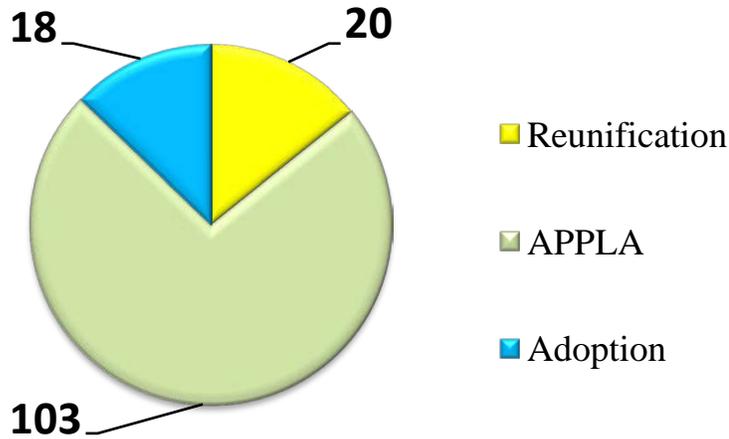
**Reunification within large jurisdiction** cases made up 36 (17%) of the 214 children/youth reviewed in the Fourth Quarter.

**APPLA within large jurisdiction** cases made up 144 (67%) of the 214 children/youth reviewed.

**Adoption within large jurisdiction** cases made up 34 (16%) of the 214 children/youth reviewed.

## Baltimore City

There were a total of 141 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Baltimore City in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



Reunification case reviews in Baltimore City made up 20 (9%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- There was 3 (15%) out of the 20 cases with a plan in place for 7 to 11 months.
- There were 2 (10%) out of the 20 cases with a plan in place for 1 to 2 years.
- There were 14 (70%) out of the 20 cases with a plan in place for 3 years or more.

Service Agreement with Parent:

- There were 4 (20%) out of the 20 cases reviewed with a service agreement signed by a parent.
- There were 12 (60%) out of the 20 cases reviewed with an unsigned service agreement by the parent.
- There were 3 (15%) out of the 20 cases reviewed without a service agreement.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for 12 (60%) out of the 20 children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for 14 (70%) out of the 20 children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that 19 (95%) out of the 20 children cases review educational needs were being met.
- The Local Board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification in 7 (35%) of the 20 reviewed cases.
- The Local Board permanency plan recommendation for 5 (25%) out of the 20 cases was APPLA.

### Baltimore City continued

- The Local Board permanency plan recommendation for 8 (40%) out of the 20 cases was Guardianship.

**APPLA case reviews in Baltimore City** made up 103 (48%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

#### Permanent connection:

- There were 40 (39%) out of the 103 cases reviewed in Baltimore City with a plan of APPLA without an identified permanent connection.
- There were 63 (61%) out of the 103 cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection:
  - Both parents (2 cases)
  - biological mother (7 cases)
  - biological father (1 case)
  - foster parent (6 cases)
  - grandparent (10 cases)
  - aunt or uncle (7 cases)
  - sibling (6 cases)
  - other (11 cases)

#### Education:

- There were 86 (83%) out of the 103 children/youth with plans of completing high school.
- There were 58 (56%) out of the 103 children/youth with plans for post secondary education.
- There were 33 (32%) out of the 103 youth with referrals for Education and Vocational Training Vouchers (ETV).

#### Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- There were 42 (40%) out of the 103 youth that were either working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- There were 21 (20%) out of the 103 youth earning a living wage of at least \$10 an hour.

#### Housing:

- There were 46 (45%) out of the 103 youth with an identified transitional housing plan.
- There were 53 (51%) out of the 103 youth provided with alternative housing options.

## Baltimore City continued

### Transitional plan:

- There were 53 (51%) out of the 103 children/youth had a transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board was in agreement with 62 (98%) out of the 63 identified permanent connections.
- The Local Board agreed that 95 (92%) out of the 103 children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board agreed that 40 (39%) out of the 103 children/youth with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board also agreed with 50 (48%) out of the 103 children/youth's transitional housing plan.
- The Local Board agreed that 51 (49%) out of the 103 children/youth reviewed were prepared to transition out of care.

**Adoption case reviews** in Baltimore City made up 18 (8%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- There were 9 (50%) out of the 18 children/youth reviewed with TPR granted.
- There were 10 (55%) out of the 18 cases with timely TPR filing.

### Barriers to Adoption:

- There were 3 (16%) out of the 18 cases reviewed with unidentified pre-adoptive resources by the agency.
- There were 5 (28%) out of the 18 cases reviewed being appealed by birth parents in court.
- There was 1 (5%) out of the 18 children/youth reviewed that did not consent to adoption.
- There were 3 (16%) out of the 18 children/youth reviewed with behavior problems in the home by the child.
- There were 3 (16%) out of the 18 children/youth reviewed with families unwilling due to a lack of services or financial support.

### 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.

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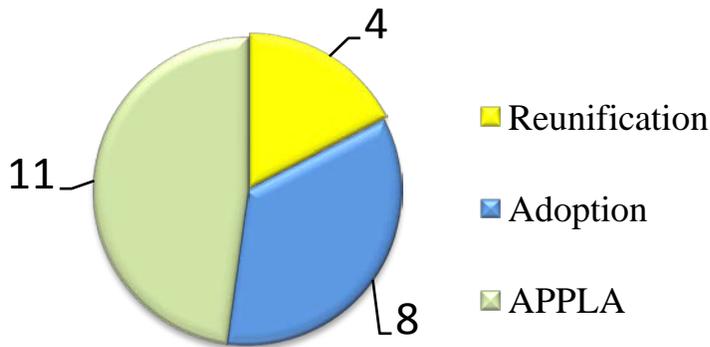
- There were 8 (44%) out of the 18 children/youth reviewed that needed post-educational services.

#### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that 9 (50%) out of the 18 cases had timely TPR filing.
- The Local Board agreed with all 18 (100%) of the current placements.
- The Local Board finds plan appropriate in 16 (89%) out of the 18 children/youth reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with permanency plan in 9 (50%) out of the 18 cases reviewed.
- The Local Board also agreed with 6 (33%) other cases permanency plan with recommendations.

### **Baltimore County**

There were a total of 23 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Baltimore County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



**Reunification** case reviews in Baltimore County made up 4 (2%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

#### Length of Reunification plan:

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

#### Service Agreement:

- There was 1 (25%) out of the 4 cases reviewed with a service agreement signed by a parent.

### Baltimore County continued

- There were 2 (50%) out of the 4 cases reviewed with an unsigned service agreement by the parent.
- There was 1 (25%) out of the 4 cases reviewed without a service agreement.

#### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for all 4 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for all 4 (100%) of the 4 children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that all 4 of the children cases reviewed were having their educational needs met.
- The Local Board agreed with the permanency plan of 2 (50%) out of the 4 cases reviewed.

APPLA case reviews in Baltimore County made up 11 (5%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

#### Permanent connection:

- There were 8 (73%) out of the 11 cases reviewed in Baltimore City with a plan of APPLA without an identified permanent connection.
- There were 3 (27%) out of the 11 cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection:
  - foster parent (1 case)
  - aunt or uncle (1 case)
  - other (1 case)

#### Education:

- There were 8 (73%) out of the 11 children/youth with plans of completing high school.
- There were 3 (27%) out of the 11 children/youth with plans for post secondary education.
- There were 4 (37%) out of the 11 youth with referrals for Education and Vocational Training Vouchers (ETV).

#### Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- There were 2 (18%) out of the 11 youth that were either working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- There were 1 (9%) out of the 11 youth earning a living wage of at least \$10 an hour.

## Baltimore County continued

### Housing:

- There were 3 (27%) out of the 11 youth with an identified transitional housing plan.
- There were 3 (27%) out of the 11 youth provided with alternative housing options.

### Transitional plan:

- There were 2 (18%) out of the 11 children/youth had a transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board was in agreement with the 3 (27%) identified permanent connections.
- The Local Board agreed that all 11 (100%) of the children/youth were being prepared to meet their educational goals.
- The Local Board agreed that 10 (91%) out of the 11 children/youth with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board also agreed with 4 (36%) out of the 11 children/youth's transitional housing plan.
- The Local Board agreed that 4 (36%) out of the 11 children/youth reviewed were prepared to transition out of care.

**Adoption case reviews** in Baltimore County made up 8 (4%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- There were 4 (50%) out of the 8 children/youth reviewed with TPR granted.
- There were 6 (75%) out of the 8 cases with timely TPR filing.

### Barriers to Adoption:

- There were no barriers to adoption for all 8 of the children/youth cases reviewed.

### Post-adoptive services:

- All 8 (100%) of the children/youth reviewed needed post-adoptive medical services.
- There were 6 (75%) out of the 8 children/youth that need post-adoptive mental health services.
- There were 5 (62%) out of the 8 children/youth reviewed that needed post-educational services.

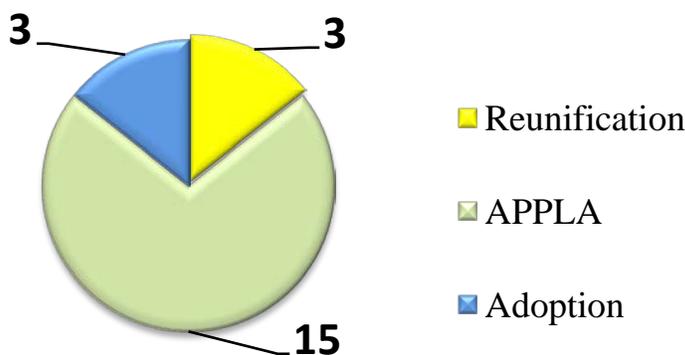
## Baltimore County continued

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that 7 (87%) out of the 8 cases had timely TPR filing.
- The Local Board agreed with all 11 (100%) of the current placements.
- The Local Board finds plan appropriate in all 8 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with permanency plan in all 8 (100%) out of the cases reviewed.

## Montgomery County

There were a total of 21 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Montgomery County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



Reunification case reviews in Montgomery County made up 3 (1%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### Length of Reunification plan:

- There were 3 (100%) out of the 3 cases reviewed with a plan in place for 3 years or more.

### Service Agreement:

- There were 3 (100%) out of the 3 cases reviewed with an unsigned service agreement by the parent.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed the physical health needs were being met for 2 (67%) out of the 3 children cases reviewed.

The Local Board agreed the mental health needs were being met for 2 (67%) out

## Montgomery County continued

of the 3 children cases reviewed.

- The Local Board agreed that all 3 of the children cases reviewed were having their educational needs met.
- The Local Board agreed with the permanency plan of all 3 of the children cases reviewed.

APPLA case reviews in Montgomery County made up 15 (7%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There were 3 (20%) out of the 15 cases reviewed in Baltimore City with a plan of APPLA without an identified permanent connection.
- There were 12 (80%) out of the 15 cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection:
  - Biological mother (3 cases)
  - foster parent (2 cases)
  - aunt or uncle (3 cases)
  - other (4 cases)

Education:

- There were 11 (73%) out of the 15 children/youth with plans of completing high school.
- There were 6 (40%) out of the 15 children/youth with plans for post secondary education.
- There were 4 (27%) out of the 15 youth with referrals for Education and Vocational Training Vouchers (ETV).

Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- There were 4 (27%) out of the 15 youth that were either working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- None of the 15 youth were earning a living wage of at least \$10 an hour.

Housing:

- There were 4 (27%) out of the 15 youth with an identified transitional housing plan.
- There were 4 (27%) out of the 15 youth provided with alternative housing options.

Transitional plan:

- There were 6 (40%) out of the 15 children/youth had a transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals.

## Montgomery County continued

### Local Board:

- The Local Board was in agreement with the 12 (80%) identified permanent connections.
- The Local Board agreed that all 14 (93%) of the children/youth were being prepared to meet their educational goals.
- The Local Board felt that none of the 15 children/youth with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board also agreed with 4 (27%) out of the 15 children/youth's transitional housing plan.
- The Local Board agreed that 4 (27%) out of the 15 children/youth reviewed were prepared to transition out of care.

**Adoption case reviews** in Montgomery County made up 3 (1%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- There was 1 (33%) out of the 3 children/youth reviewed with TPR granted.
- All 3 (100%) of the 3 cases had TPR filed in a timely.

### Barriers to Adoption:

- The birth parents were appealing 2 (67%) out of the 3 the children/youth cases reviewed.
- There was 1 (33%) pre-adoptive home not finalized out of the 3 youth cases reviewed.

### Post-adoptive services:

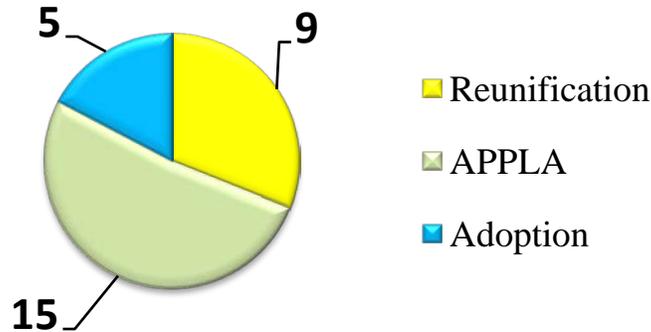
- All 3 (100%) of the children/youth reviewed needed post-adoptive medical services.
- There were no children/youth that needed post-adoptive mental health services.
- There was 1 (33%) out of the 3 children/youth reviewed that needed post-educational services.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that 1 (33%) out of the 3 cases had timely TPR filing.
- The Local Board agreed with all 3 (100%) of the current placements.
- The Local Board finds plan appropriate in all 3 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with permanency plan in all 3 (100%) out of the cases reviewed.

## Prince Georges County

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



Reunification case reviews in Prince Georges County made up 9 (4%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- There were 9 (100%) out of the 9 cases reviewed with a plan in place for 3 years or more.

Service Agreement:

- There were 3 (33%) out of the 9 cases reviewed with an unsigned service agreement by the parent.
- There were 5 (56%) out of the 9 cases reviewed without a service agreement.
- There was 1 (11%) out of the 9 cases identified as having a service agreement without a document.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed the physical health needs were being met for all 9 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed the mental health needs were being met for all 9 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that all 9 of the children cases reviewed were having their educational needs met.

APPLA case reviews in Prince Georges County made up 15 (14%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There were 9 (60%) out of the 15 cases reviewed in Baltimore City with a plan of APPLA without an identified permanent connection.

### Prince Georges County continued

- There were 6 (40%) out of the 15 cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection:
  - foster parent (3 cases)
  - grandparent (1 case)
  - other (2 cases)

#### Education:

- There were 9 (60%) out of the 15 children/youth with plans of completing high school.
- There were 7 (47%) out of the 15 children/youth with plans for post secondary education.
- There were 7 (47%) out of the 15 youth with referrals for Education and Vocational Training Vouchers (ETV).

#### Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- There were 9 (60%) out of the 15 youth that were either working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- There 4 (27%) out of the 15 youth cases reviewed earning a living wage of at least \$10 an hour.

#### Housing:

- There were 2 (13%) out of the 15 youth with an identified transitional housing plan.
- There were 4 (27%) out of the 15 youth provided with alternative housing options.

#### Transitional plan:

- There were 7 (47%) out of the 15 children/youth had a transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals.

#### Local Board:

- The Local Board was in agreement with the 6 (40%) identified permanent connections.
- The Local Board agreed that all 15 (100%) of the children/youth were being prepared to meet their educational goals.
- The Local Board felt that all of the 15 (100%) children/youth with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board also agreed with 4 (27%) out of the 15 children/youth's transitional housing plan.
- The Local Board agreed that 5 (33%) out of the 15 children/youth reviewed were prepared to transition out of care.

Prince Georges County continued

**Adoption case reviews** in Prince Georges County made up 5 (2%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- TPR was granted for all 5 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed.
- TPR was filed in a timely manner with all 5 of the cases reviewed.

Barriers to Adoption:

- There were no barriers to adoption for all 5 (100%) of the cases reviewed.

Post-adoptive services:

- There were 2 (40%) out of the 5 children/youth reviewed that needed post-adoptive medical services.
- There was 1 (20%) out of the 5 children/youth that need post-adoptive mental health services.
- There were 2 (40%) out of the 5 children/youth reviewed that needed post-educational services.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that 4 (80%) out of the 5 cases had timely TPR filing.
- The Local Board finds plan appropriate in all 5 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with permanency plan of all 5 (100%) out of the cases reviewed.

Medium Jurisdiction

	Reunification	Adoption	APPLA	Total Cases
<b>Allegany County</b>	1	1	2	<b>4</b>
<b>Anne Arundel County</b>	5	2	7	<b>14</b>
<b>Cecil County</b>	1	2	4	<b>7</b>
<b>Charles County</b>	3	1	4	<b>8</b>
<b>Frederick County</b>	1	1	3	<b>5</b>
<b>Harford County</b>	6	6	8	<b>20</b>
<b>Saint Mary's County</b>	1	1	3	<b>5</b>
<b>Washington County</b>	6	3	6	<b>15</b>
<b>Wicomico County</b>	0	7	8	<b>15</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>93</b>

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

Medium Jurisdiction continued

Out of the total 364 children/youth reviewed in the Fourth Quarter of FY14, there were a total of 93 (25%) who were placed within medium jurisdictions.

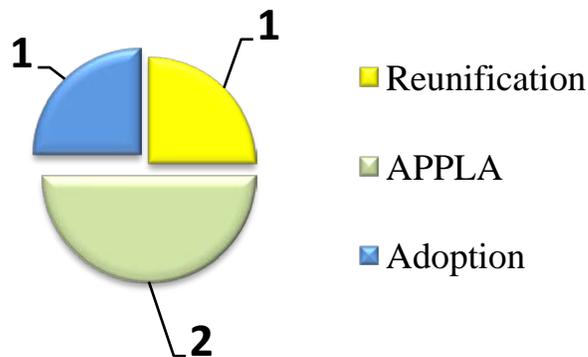
**Reunification within medium jurisdiction** cases made up 24 (26%) of the 93 children/youth reviewed in the Fourth Quarter.

**APPLA within medium jurisdiction** cases made up 45 (48%) of the 93 children/youth reviewed.

**Adoption within medium jurisdiction** cases made up 24 (26%) of the 93 children/youth reviewed.

**Allegany County**

There was a total of 4 children/youth case reviews conducted in Allegany County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14



**Reunification case reviews in Allegany County** made up 1 (1%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- The 1 child case reviewed had a plan of Reunification in place for 3 years or more.

Service Agreement with Parent:

- There was an unsigned service agreement by the parent for the 1 child case reviewed.

## Allegany County continued

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for the 1 child case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for the 1 child case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed the 1 children case review educational needs were being met.
- The Local Board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification of the 1 case reviewed.

APPLA case reviews in Allegany County made up 2 (2%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### Permanent connection:

- There were no identified permanent connections for the 2 (100%) cases reviewed.

### Education:

- There was 1 (50%) out of the 2 children/youth cases reviewed with plans of completing high school.
- None of the 2 children/youth cases reviewed had plans for post secondary education.

### Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- The 2 children/youth cases reviewed were not working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- The 2 children/youth cases reviewed were not earning a living wage of at least \$10 an hour.

### Housing:

- The 2 children/youth cases reviewed will be connected with DDA services and transitional housing will be provided.

### Transitional plan:

- The 2 children/youth reviewed did not have an actual transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals, because DDA services are pending.

### Local Board:

The Local Board did not agree with not having identified permanent connections

### Allegany County continued

for the 2 (100%) cases reviewed.

- The Local Board agreed that the 2 (100%) of the 2 children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board did not agree that the 2 children/youth with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board did not agree with the transitional plan of the 2 children/youth's cases reviewed.
- The Local Board did not agree that the 2 children/youth reviewed were prepared to transition out of care.
- The Local Board agreed with the 2 children/youth's permanency plan of APPLA.

**Adoption case reviews** in Allegany County made up 1 (1%) of the 214 cases reviewed in large jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- The 1 child case reviewed had TPR filed.
- The 1 child case reviewed had timely TPR filing.

Barriers to Adoption:

- There were no barriers to the 1 child case reviewed being adopted.

Post-adoptive services:

- The 1 child case reviewed need post-adoptive medical services.
- The 1 child case reviewed need post-adoptive mental health services.
- The 1 child case reviewed need post-educational services.

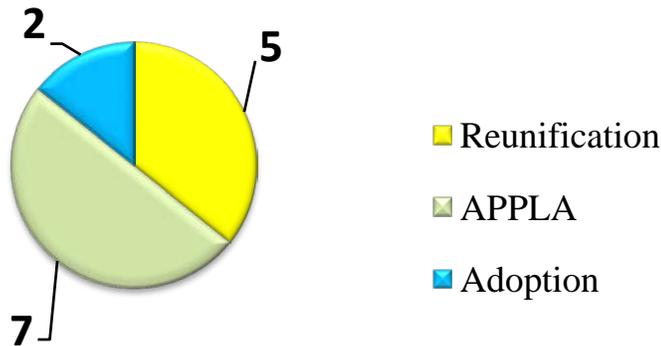
Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed the 1 child case reviewed had timely TPR filing.
- The Local Board agreed with the 1 child case reviewed pre-finalized adoptive home placement.
- The Local Board finds permanency plan appropriate with the 1 child case reviewed.

### **Anne Arundel County**

There was a total of 14 children/youth case reviews conducted in Anne Arundel County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.

Anne Arundel County continued



**Reunification** case reviews in Anne Arundel County made up 5 (5%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- There were 2 (40%) out of the 5 children cases reviewed with a plan of Reunification in place for 7 to 11 months.
- There were 3 (60%) out of the 5 children cases reviewed with a plan of Reunification in place for 3 or more years.

Service Agreement with Parent:

- There was an unsigned service agreement by the parent for all 5 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for 2 (40%) out of the 5 children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for 4 (80%) out of the 5 children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for 4 (80%) out of the 5 children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification for all 5 (100%) of the cases reviewed.

**APPLA** case reviews in Anne Arundel County made up 7 (11%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There were permanent connections identified for 4 (57%) out of the 7 children/youth cases reviewed.

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- Biological mother (2 cases)
- Foster parent (1 case)
- Other (1 case).

### Education:

- There were 5 (71%) out of the 7 children/youth cases reviewed with plans of completing high school.
- There was 1 (14%) out of the 7 children/youth cases reviewed had plans for post secondary education.

### Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- There were 2 (29%) out of the 7 children/youth cases reviewed were not working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- There were none of the 7 (100%) children/youth cases reviewed earning a living wage of at least \$10 an hour.

### Housing:

- There was 1 (14%) out of the 7 children/youth cases reviewed with transitional housing identified.
- There was 1 (14%) out of the 7 children/youth cases reviewed with alternative housing options provided.

### Transitional plan:

- There were 2 (29%) out of the 7 children/youth reviewed with an actual transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board did not agree with not having identified permanent connections for the 4 (57%) out of 7 cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 5 (71%) of the 7 children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board did not agree that the 7 (100%) children/youth with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with the transitional plan of 1 (14%) out of 7 children/youth's cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that 1 (14%) out of the children/youth reviewed were prepared to transition out of care.
- The Local Board agreed with all 7 (100%) of the children/youth's permanency plan of APPLA.

Anne Arundel County continued

**Adoption** case reviews in Anne Arundel County made up 2 (2%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

TPR:

- There was TPR granted for all 2 (100%) of the cases reviewed.

Barriers to Adoption:

- There were no barriers to adoption for the 2 (100%) child case reviewed being adopted.

Post-adoptive services:

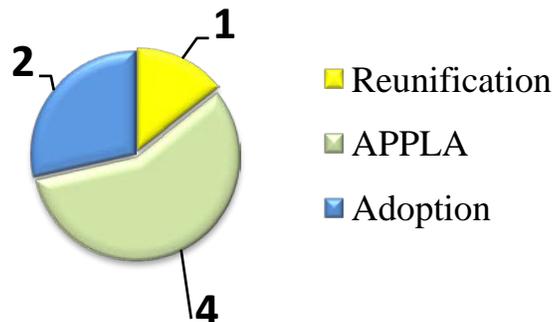
- Both of the 2 (100%) children cases reviewed need post-adoptive medical and mental health services.
- There was 1 (50%) out of the 2 children cases reviewed needed post-educational services.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the 2 (100%) children cases reviewed had timely TPR filing.
- The Local Board agreed with the 2 (100%) children cases reviewed pre-finalized adoptive home placements.
- The Local Board finds permanency plan appropriate with the 2 children cases reviewed.

**Cecil County**

There were a total of 7 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Cecil County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



## Cecil County continued

**Reunification** case reviews in Cecil County made up 1 (1%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

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

Service Agreement with Parent:

- Worker reported having a service agreement with the parent of the case reviewed without producing the document.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for the 1 child case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for the 1 child case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for the 1 child case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification for the 1 child case reviewed.

**APPLA** case reviews in Cecil County made up 4 (4%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There were permanent connections identified for 3 (75%) out of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed.
  - Biological mother (2 cases)
  - Foster parent (1 case)

Education:

- There were 3 (75%) out of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed with plans of completing high school.

Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- None of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed were working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- None of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed were earning a living wage of at least \$10 an hour.

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### Housing:

- None of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed had transitional housing identified.
- None of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed had alternative housing options provided.

### Transitional plan:

- None of the 4 children/youth reviewed with an actual transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the identified permanent connections for the 3 (75%) out of 4 cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 4 (100%) children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board did not agree that the 4 (100%) children/youth with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with all 4 (100%) of the children/youth's permanency plan of APPLA.

**Adoption case reviews in Cecil County** made up 2 (2%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### TPR:

- There was TPR granted for all 2 (100%) of the cases reviewed.

### Barriers to Adoption:

- There were unidentified pre-adoptive resources by the agency for the 2 (100%) cases reviewed.
- There was 1 (50%) out of the 2 children/youth reviewed with behavior problems in the home by the child.

### Post-adoptive services:

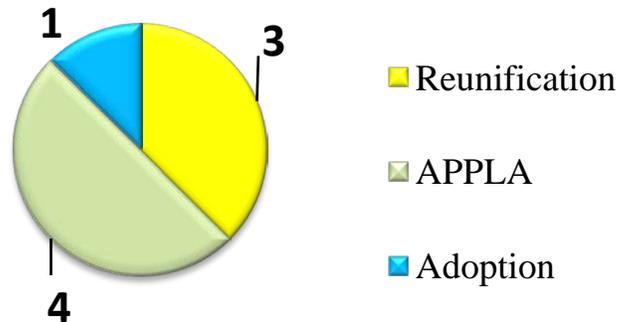
- Both of the 2 (100%) children cases reviewed did not need any post adoptive services.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the 2 (100%) children cases reviewed had timely TPR filing.
- The Local Board did not agree with the 2 (100%) children cases reviewed pre-finalized adoptive home placements.
- The Local Board finds permanency plan appropriate with the 2 children cases reviewed.

## Charles County

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



**Reunification** case reviews in Charles County made up 3 (37.5%) of the 8 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- All 3 (100%) child cases reviewed had a plan of Reunification in place for 3 or more years.

Service Agreement with Parent:

- There were 2 (67%) out of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed with a signed service agreement by parent.
- There was 1 (33%) out of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed with an unsigned service agreement.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for all 3 (100%) of the children case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for all 3 (100%) of the children case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for all 3 (100%) of the children case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification for all 3 (100%) of the children case reviewed.

**APPLA** case reviews in Charles County made up 4 (50%) of the 8 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

## Charles County continued

### Permanent connection:

- There were permanent connections identified for 3 (75%) out of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed.
  - Biological mother (2 cases)
  - Foster parent (1 case)

### Education:

- There were 3 (75%) out of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed with plans of completing high school/GED.

### Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- None of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed were working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- None of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed were earning a living wage of at least \$10 an hour.

### Housing:

- None of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed had transitional housing identified.
- None of the 4 children/youth cases reviewed had alternative housing options provided.

### Transitional plan:

- None of the 4 children/youth reviewed with an actual transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the identified permanent connections for the 3 (75%) out of 4 cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 4 (100%) children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board did not agree that the 4 (100%) children/youth with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with all 4 (100%) of the children/youth's permanency plan of APPLA.

**Adoption** case reviews in Charles County made up 1(1%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### TPR:

- The 1 child case reviewed had TPR granted.

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- The 1 child case reviewed had TPR filed timely.

Barriers to Adoption:

- The 1 child case reviewed had no barriers to adoption.

Post-adoptive services:

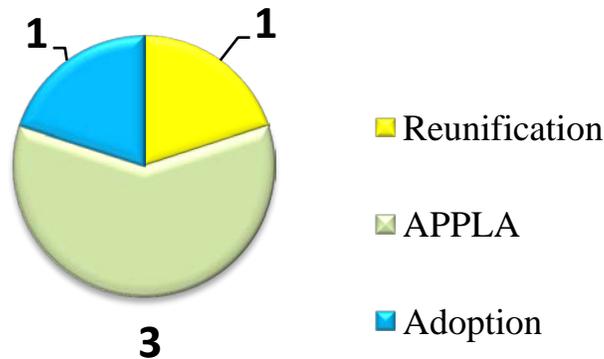
- The 1 child case reviewed needed post adoptive medical, mental health, and educational services.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the 1 child case reviewed had timely TPR filing.
- The Local Board finds permanency plan appropriate with the 1 child case reviewed.

**Frederick County**

There were a total of 5 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Frederick County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



Reunification case reviews in Frederick County made up 1 (1%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- The 1 child case reviewed had a plan of Reunification in place for 3 or more years.

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### Service Agreement with Parent:

- The 1 child case reviewed had an unsigned service agreement by the parent.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board did not agree that the physical health needs were being met for the 1 child case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for the 1 child case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for the 1 child case reviewed.
- The Local Board did not agree with the current permanency plan of reunification for the 1 child case reviewed.
- The Local Board recommended that the permanency plan be guardianship for the 1 child case reviewed.

APPLA case reviews in Frederick County made up 3 (3%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### Permanent connection:

- There were permanent connections identified for all 3 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed.
  - Both parents (1 case)
  - Foster parent (2 cases)

### Education:

- The 3 (100%) children/youth cases reviewed had plans of completing high school/GED.
- There was 1 (33%) of the 3 youth cases reviewed with plans for post secondary education.
- There was 1 (33%) of the 3 youth cases reviewed referred to Education and Training Voucher (ETV).

### Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- There were 2 (67%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed working, in an internship, or volunteering.  
None of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed were earning a living wage of at

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least \$10 an hour.

### Housing:

- There was 1 (33%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed had transitional housing identified.
- There was 1 (33%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed had alternative housing options provided.

### Transitional plan:

- There was 1 (33%) of the 3 children/youth reviewed with a transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the identified permanent connections for all 3 (100%) of cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 3 (100%) children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board did not agree that the 3 (100%) children/youth with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with 1 (33%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed transitional plan.
- The Local Board agreed that 1 (33%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed had an appropriate transitional plan.
- The Local Board agreed with 1 (33%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.
- The Local Board agreed with 2 (67%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan with recommendations.

**Adoption case reviews in Frederick County** made up 1 (1%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### TPR:

- The 1 child case reviewed did not have TPR granted.
- The 1 child case reviewed had TPR filed timely.

### Barriers to Adoption:

- The 1 case reviewed had an unidentified pre-adoptive resource by the agency.
- The 1 case reviewed was being appealed by birth parents in court.

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Post-adoptive services:

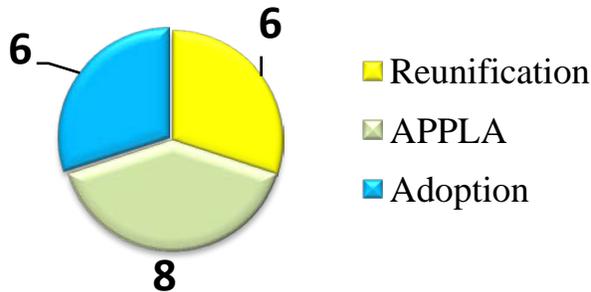
- The 1 child case reviewed needed post adoptive medical and educational services.

Local Board:

- The Local Board find the permanency plan appropriate with the 1 child case reviewed.

**Harford County**

There were a total of 20 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Harford County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14



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**Reunification** case reviews in Harford County made up 6 (6%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- There were 1 (16%) out of the 6 cases with a plan in place for 1 to 2 years.
- There were 5 (84%) out of the 6 cases with a plan in place for 3 years or more.

Service Agreement with Parent:

- There were 4 (67%) out of the 6 cases reviewed had a signed service agreement by the parent.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for all 6 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for all 6 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.  
The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for all 6

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(100%) of the children cases reviewed.

- The Local Board agree with the current permanency plan of reunification for 2 (33%) out of the 6 children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board recommended the permanency plan be APPLA for 2 (33%) out of the 6 children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board recommended the permanency plan be Adoption for 2 (33%) out of the 6 children cases reviewed.

**APPLA case reviews in Harford County** made up 8 (9%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There were 4 (50%) out of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed with a permanent connections identified.
  - Biological mother (1 case)
  - Foster parent (1 case)
  - Aunt or uncle (1 case)
  - Sibling (1 case)

Education:

- All 8 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed had plans of completing high school/GED.
- There were 4 (50%) of the 8 youth cases reviewed with plans for post secondary education.
- There was 1 (13%) of the 8 youth cases reviewed referred to Education and Training Voucher (ETV).

Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- There were 3 (38%) of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- There were 2 (25%) of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed were earning a living wage of at least \$10 an hour.

Housing:

- There were 3 (38%) of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed had transitional housing identified.
- There were 3 (38%) of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed had alternative housing options provided.

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### Transitional plan:

- There were 2 (25%) of the 8 children/youth reviewed with a transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the identified permanent connections for 3 (38%) out of 8 cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that all 8 (100%) children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board agreed 7 (87%) out of 8 children/youth with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with 3 (38%) of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed transitional plan.
- The Local Board agreed that 3 (38%) of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed were prepared to transition out of care.
- The Local Board agreed with all 8 (100%) of children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.

**Adoption** case reviews in Harford County made up 6 (6%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- TPR was granted for all 6 (100%) of the cases reviewed.
- TPR was filed timely for all 6 (100%) of the cases reviewed.

### Barriers to Adoption:

- There was 1 (17%) out of 6 children/youth reviewed that did not consent to adoption.
- There were 5 (83%) out of the 6 children/youth reviewed with a pre-adoptive home not yet finalized by the court.

### Post-adoptive services:

- There were 4 (67%) out of the 6 children/youth reviewed needed post-adoptive medical services.
- All 6 (100%) of the children/youth that need post-adoptive mental health services.
- There were 3 (50%) out of the 6 children/youth reviewed that needed post-educational services.

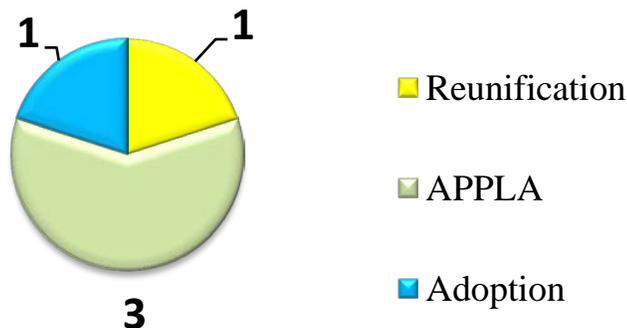
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### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that 4 (67%) out of the 6 cases had timely TPR filing.
- The Local Board agreed with all 6 (100%) of the placement plans.
- The Local Board agreed with permanency plan in all 6 (100%) out of the cases reviewed.

## Saint Mary's County

There were a total of 5 children/youth cases reviews conducted in St. Mary's County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



**Reunification** case reviews in St. Mary's County made up 1 (1%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### Length of Reunification plan:

- The 1 child case reviewed had a plan of Reunification in place for 3 or more years.

### Service Agreement with Parent:

- The 1 child case reviewed had a signed service agreement by the parent.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for the 1 child case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for the 1 child case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for the 1 child case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with the current permanency plan of reunification for the 1 child case reviewed.

## St. Mary's County continued

APPLA case reviews in St. Mary's County made up 3 (3%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There were no permanent connections identified for all 3 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed.

Education:

- The 3 (100%) children/youth cases reviewed had plans of completing high school/GED.
- There was 1 (33%) of the 3 youth cases reviewed with plans for post secondary education.
- There was 1 (33%) of the 3 youth cases reviewed referred to Education and Training Voucher (ETV).

Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- There was 1 (33%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- None of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed were earning a living wage of at least \$10 an hour.

Housing:

- There was 1 (33%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed had transitional housing identified.
- There was 1 (33%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed had alternative housing options provided.

Transitional plan:

- There was 1 (33%) of the 3 children/youth reviewed with a transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals.

Local Board:

- The Local Board did not agree with not having any identified permanent connections for all 3 (100%) of cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 3 (100%) children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board did not agree that the 3 (100%) children/youth with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with 1 (33%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed transitional plan.

The Local Board agreed that 1 (33%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed had

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an appropriate transitional plan.

- The Local Board agreed with all 3 (100%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.

**Adoption case reviews** in St. Mary's County made up 1 (1%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

TPR:

- TPR was denied.
- The 1 child case reviewed had TPR filed timely.

Barriers to Adoption:

- The 1 case reviewed had TPR denied by the court.

Post-adoptive services:

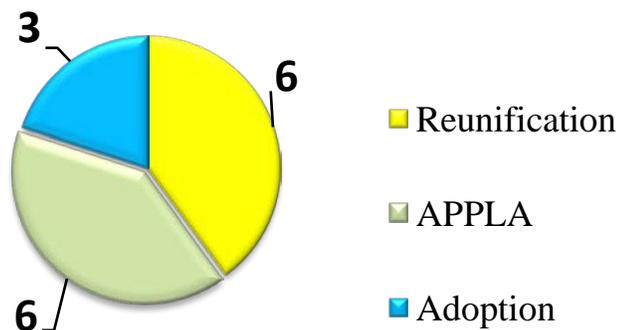
- The 1 child case reviewed needed post adoptive medical, mental health, and educational services.

Local Board:

- The Local Board find the permanency plan appropriate with the 1 child case reviewed.

**Washington County**

There were a total of 15 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Washington County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



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**Reunification** case reviews in Washington County made up 6 (6%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- There were 2 (33%) out of the 6 cases with a plan in place for 7 to 11 months.
- There were 4 (67%) out of the 6 cases with a plan in place for 3 years or more.

Service Agreement with Parent:

- There were 3 (50%) out of the 6 cases reviewed had a signed service agreement by the parent.
- There were 2 (33%) out of 6 cases reviewed with an unsigned service agreement by the parent.
- There was 1 (17%) out of 6 cases reviewed without a service agreement.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for all 6 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for all 6 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for all 6 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agree with the current permanency plan of reunification for all 6 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.

**APPLA** case reviews in Washington County made up 6 (6%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There were 2 (33%) the children/youth cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection.
  - Foster parent (2 cases)

Education:

- There were 3 (50%) out of 6 children/youth cases reviewed had plans of completing high school/GED.
- There were 3 (50%) out of 6 youth cases reviewed with plans for post secondary education.
- There were 3 (50%) out of 6 youth cases reviewed referred to Education and Training Voucher (ETV).

## Washington County continued

### Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- There were 4 (67%) of the 6 children/youth cases reviewed working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- There was 1 (17%) children/youth cases reviewed were earning a living wage of at least \$10 an hour.

### Housing:

- There was 1 (17%) of the 6 children/youth cases reviewed had transitional housing identified.
- There was 1 (17%) of the 6 children/youth cases reviewed had alternative housing options provided.

### Transitional plan:

- There was 2 (33%) of the 6 children/youth reviewed with a transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the 2 (33%) identified permanent connections for the cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 6 (100%) children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board agreed that the 6 (100%) children/youth with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with 1 (17%) of the 6 children/youth cases reviewed transitional plan.
- The Local Board agreed with all 6 (100%) of the 6 children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.

**Adoption** case reviews in Washington County made up 3 (3%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- TPR was granted for 1 (33%) out of 3 cases reviewed.
- TPR was filed timely for all 3 (100%) of the cases reviewed.

### Barriers to Adoption:

- There were no barriers to adoption with the 3 (100%) cases reviewed.

### Post-adoptive services:

There were 2 (67%) out of the 3 children/youth reviewed needed post-adoptive

### Washington County continued

medical services.

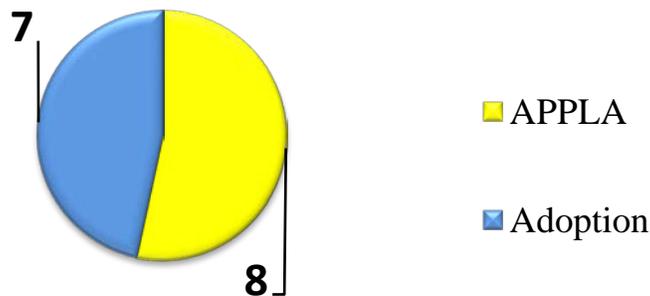
- There was 1 (33%) of the children/youth that need post-adoptive mental health services.
- There was 1 (33%) out of the 3 children/youth reviewed that needed post-educational services.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that all 3 (100%) of the cases had timely TPR filing.
- The Local Board agreed with the pre-adoptive home placements for 2 (67%) out of 3 cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with permanency plan in all 3 (100%) out of the cases reviewed.

### **Wicomico County**

There were a total of 15 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Wicomico County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



APPLA case reviews in Wicomico County made up 8 (9%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There was 1 (13%) out of 8 children/youth cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection.
  - Biological father (1 case)

Education:

There were 7 (88%) out of 8 children/youth cases reviewed had plans of

### Wicomico County continued

completing high school/GED.

- There were 2 (25%) out of 8 youth cases reviewed with plans for post secondary education.
- There were 1 (13%) out of 8 youth cases reviewed referred to Education and Training Voucher (ETV).

Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- There were 3 (38%) of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- There were 3 (38%) children/youth cases reviewed were earning a living wage of at least \$10 an hour.

Housing:

- There were 3 (38%) of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed had transitional housing identified.
- There were 3 (38%) of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed had alternative housing options provided.

Transitional plan:

- There was 1 (13%) of the 8 children/youth reviewed with a transitional plan with specific educational and financial goals.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the 1 (13%) identified permanent connections for the cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 8 (100%) children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board agreed that 7 (88%) out of 8 children/youth reviewed with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with 3 (38%) out of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed transitional housing plan.
- The Local Board agreed with all 8 (100%) of the 8 children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.

**Adoption case reviews in Wicomico County** made up 7 (7%) of the 93 cases reviewed in medium jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- TPR was granted for 4 (57%) out of 7 cases reviewed.
- TPR was filed timely for 6 (86%) out of 7 cases reviewed.

## Wicomico County continued

### Barriers to Adoption:

- There were 2 (29%) out of the 7 children/youth reviewed without a pre-adoptive resource identified by the agency.
- There were 2 (29%) out of the 7 children/youth reviewed with a pre-adoptive home not yet finalized by the court.
- There was 1 (14%) out of the 7 children/youth reviewed with a need for a siblings to be placed together.
- There was 1 (14%) out of the 7 children/youth reviewed with behavior problems in the home.
- There was 1 (14%) out of the 7 children/youth reviewed with a disruptive pre-adoption placement.

### Post-adoptive services:

- There were 2 (29%) out of the 7 children/youth reviewed needed post-adoptive medical services.
- There were 2 (29%) of the children/youth that need post-adoptive mental health services.
- There were 2 (29%) out of the 7 children/youth reviewed that needed post-educational services.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that 2 (29%) out of 7 cases had timely TPR filing.
- The Local Board agreed with the pre-adoptive home placements for 6 (86%) out of 7 cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with placement plan in all 7 (100%) out of the cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with permanency plan in 6 (86%) out of the 7 cases reviewed.
- The Local Board recommends permanency plan of Guardianship with 1(14%) out of the 7 cases reviewed.

Small Jurisdiction

	Reunification	Adoption	APPLA	Total Cases
<b>Calvert County</b>	3	1	3	<b>7</b>
<b>Carroll County</b>	3	3	2	<b>8</b>
<b>Dorchester</b>	2	0	2	<b>4</b>
<b>Garrett</b>	0	2	5	<b>7</b>
<b>Howard County</b>	4	3	1	<b>8</b>
<b>Kent County</b>	3	0	1	<b>4</b>
<b>Queen Anne County</b>	2	2	1	<b>5</b>
<b>Somerset County</b>	6	6	2	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>57</b>

Note: *Fewer than 100 cases*

There were a total of 57 (16%) out of the total 364 children/youth reviewed in the Fourth Quarter of FY14, who were placed within small jurisdictions.

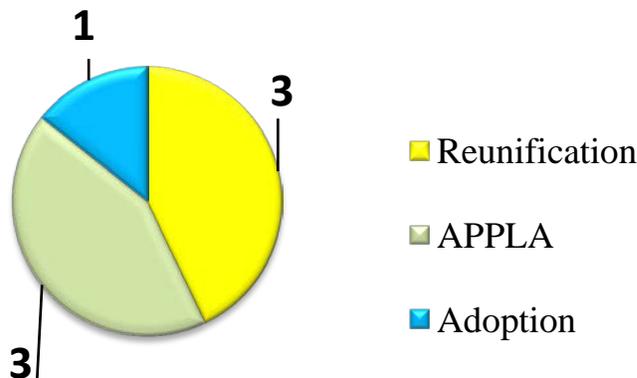
**Reunification** within small jurisdiction cases made up 23 (40%) of the 57 children/youth reviewed in the Fourth Quarter.

**APPLA** within small jurisdiction cases made up 17 (30%) of the total 57 children/youth reviewed.

**Adoption** within small jurisdiction cases made up 17 (30%) of the 57 children/youth reviewed.

**Calvert County**

There were a total of 7 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Calvert County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



**Reunification** case reviews in Calvert County made up 3 (5%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

## Calvert County continued

### Length of Reunification plan:

- All 3 (100%) of the cases with a plan in place for 3 years or more.

### Service Agreement with Parent:

- There was 1 (33%) out of the 3 cases reviewed had a signed service agreement by the parent.
- There were 2 (67%) out of 3 cases reviewed with an unsigned service agreement by the parent.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for all 3 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for all 3 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for all 3 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agree with the current permanency plan of reunification for all 3 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.

**APPLA case reviews in Calvert County** made up 3 (5%) of the 57 cases reviewed in the small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### Permanent connection:

- There was 1 (33%) out of 3 children/youth cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection.
  - Sibling (1 case)

### Education:

- There were 2 (67%) out of 3 children/youth cases reviewed had plans of completing high school/GED.
- There were 1 (33%) out of 3 youth cases reviewed with plans for post secondary education.

### Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- None of the 3 (100%) children/youth cases reviewed were working, in an internship, or volunteering.

Calvert County continued

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the 1 (33%) identified permanent connections for the cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 3 (100%) children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board agreed that 2 (67%) out of 3 children/youth reviewed with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with all 3 (100%) of the 3 children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.

**Adoption** case reviews in Calvert County made up 1 (2%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- TPR was granted for the case reviewed.

Barriers to Adoption:

- There were no barriers to adoption for the case reviewed.

Post-adoptive services:

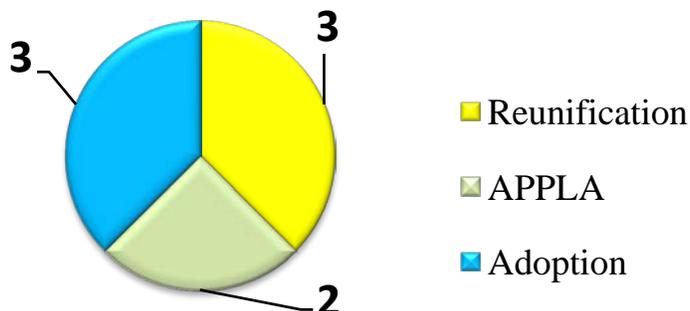
- Post-medical services needed for the child case reviewed.
- Post-mental health services needed for the child case reviewed.
- Post-educational services needed for the child case reviewed.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the pre-adoptive home placements for the child case reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with permanency of the child case reviewed.

### Carroll County

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



**Reunification** case reviews in Carroll County made up 3 (5%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- All 3 (100%) of the cases with a plan in place for 3 years or more.

Service Agreement with Parent:

- There was 2 (67%) out of the 3 cases reviewed had a signed service agreement by the parent.
- There were 1 (33%) out of 3 cases reviewed with an unsigned service agreement by the parent.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for 1 (33%) out of 3 the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for all 3 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for all 3 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agree with the current permanency plan of reunification for 1 (33%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board recommended APPLA for 2 (67%) out of 3 children cases reviewed.

**APPLA** case reviews in Carroll County made up 2 (4%) of the 57 cases reviewed in the small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- Both (100%) children/youth cases reviewed had an identified permanent connection.

### Carroll County continued

- Both parents (1 case)
- Aunt or uncle (1 case)

#### Education:

- Both (100%) children/youth cases reviewed had plans of completing high school/GED.

#### Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- None of the 2 (100%) children/youth cases reviewed were working, in an internship, or volunteering.

#### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with both (100%) identified permanent connections for the cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 1 (50%) out of 2 children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board did not agree both (100%) children/youth reviewed with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with both (100%) children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA with recommendations.

**Adoption case reviews in Carroll County** made up 3 (5%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

#### Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- TPR was granted for 2 (67%) out of 3 cases reviewed.
- TPR was filed timely for all 3 (100%) of cases reviewed.

#### Barriers to Adoption:

- There were no barriers to adoption for the 3 cases reviewed.

#### Post-adoptive services:

- Post-medical services needed for the child case reviewed.
- Post-mental health services needed for the child case reviewed.
- Post-educational services needed for the child case reviewed.

#### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that 2 (67%) out of 3 cases reviewed had TPR filed timely.  
The Local Board agreed with the pre-adoptive home placements for all 3 (100%)

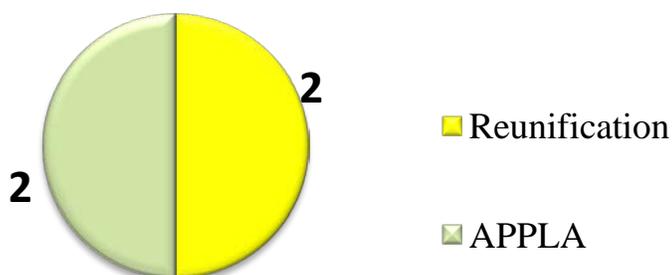
### Carroll County continued

of the child cases reviewed.

- The Local Board agreed with the permanency plan for all 3 (100%) child cases reviewed.

### **Dorchester County**

There were a total of 4 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Dorchester County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



**Reunification** case reviews in **Dorchester County** made up 2 (4%) of the 57 cases reviewed in the fourth quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- Both (100%) of the cases had a plan in place for 3 years or more.

Service Agreement with Parent:

- There was 1 (50%) out of 2 cases reviewed had a signed service agreement by the parent.
- There were 1 (50%) out of 2 cases reviewed reported having a signed service agreement without a document.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for both (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for both (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for both (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board did not agree with the current permanency plan of reunification for both (100%) of the children cases reviewed. The Local Board recommended APPLA for both cases.

## Dorchester County continued

**APPLA case reviews in Dorchester County** made up 2 (4%) of the 57 cases reviewed in the small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There was an identified permanent connection for both (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed.
  - Mother (1 case)
  - Other (1 case)

Education:

- Both (100%) of the 2 children/youth cases reviewed had plans of completing high school/GED.
- There were 1 (50%) out of 2 youth cases reviewed with plans for post secondary education.

Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- Both (100%) of the 2 children/youth cases reviewed were working, in an internship, or volunteering.

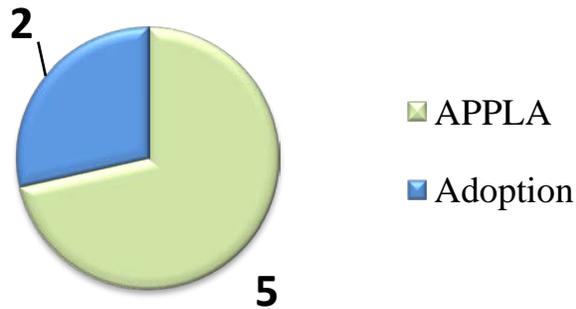
Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the 2 (100%) identified permanent connections for the cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 2 (100%) children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board agreed that 1 (50%) out of 2 children/youth reviewed with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with both (100%) of the 2 children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.

## **Garrett County**

There were a total of 7 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Garrett County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14

Garrett County continued



APPLA case reviews in Garrett County made up 5 (9%) of the 57 cases reviewed in the small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There were 2 (40%) out of 5 children/youth cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection.
  - Foster parents (2 case)

Education:

- There were 2 (40%) out of 5 children/youth cases reviewed had plans of completing high school/GED.
- There were 2 (40%) out of 5 youth cases reviewed with plans for post secondary education.
- There were 2 (40%) out of 5 youth cases reviewed referred to receive Educational and Training Voucher (ETV).

Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- There were 2 (40%) out of 5 children/youth cases reviewed were working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- There was 1 (20%) out of 5 children/youth earning a living wage.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the 2 (40%) identified permanent connections for the cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 5 (100%) children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board agreed that the 5 (100%) children/youth reviewed with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with all 5(100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.

### Garrett County continued

**Adoption** case reviews in Garrett County made up 1 (2%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

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

Barriers to Adoption:

- There was 1 (50%) out of 2 children cases reviewed with behavioral problems in the home by the child.

Post-adoptive services:

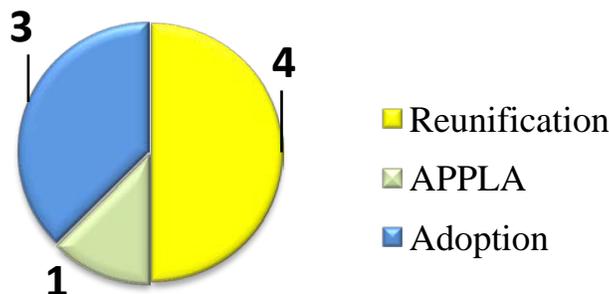
- Post-medical services needed for both of the children cases reviewed.
- Post-mental health services needed for both of the children cases reviewed.
- Post-educational services needed for both of the children cases reviewed.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the placement plan of both (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with permanency of both (100%) of the children cases reviewed.

### **Howard County**

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



**Reunification** case reviews in Howard County made up 4 (7%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- There was 1 (25%) out of 4 cases with a plan in place for 1 to 2 years.
- There were 3 (75%) out of 4 cases with a plan in place for 3 or more years.

## Howard County continued

### Service Agreement with Parent:

- There were 2 (50%) out of 4 cases reviewed had a signed service agreement by the parent.
- There were 2 (50%) out of 4 cases reviewed with an unsigned service agreement.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for 2 (50%) out of 4 children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for 3 (75%) out of 4 children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for all 4 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with the permanency plan of reunification for 2 (50%) out of 4 of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board recommended APPLA for 2 (50%) out of 4 cases.

**Adoption** case reviews in Howard County made up 3 (5%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- None of the 3 (100%) children cases reviewed had TPR granted.

### Barriers to Adoption:

- The agency did not file TPR petition for all 3 (100%) children cases reviewed.

### Post-adoptive services:

- Post-medical services needed for all 3 (100%) children cases reviewed.
- Post-mental health services needed for 1 (33%) out of 3 children cases reviewed.
- Post-educational services needed for all 3 (100%) children cases reviewed.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board did not agree that TPR was filed timely.
- The Local Board agreed with the placement plan of all 3 (100%) children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with permanency of all 3 (100%) children cases reviewed.

## Howard County continued

**APPLA case reviews in Howard County** made up 1 (2%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There was an identified permanent connection for the child case reviewed.
  - Other (1 case)

Education:

- There were no plans of completing high school/GED for the child case reviewed.

Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

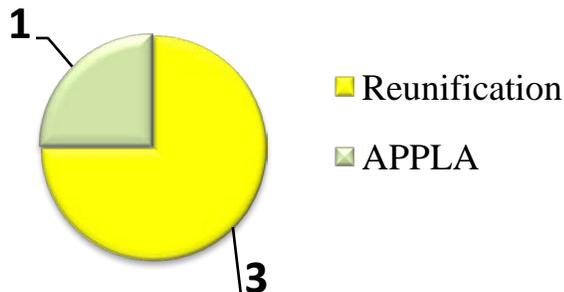
- The child/youth case reviewed was working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- The child/youth case reviewed was not earning a living wage.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the identified permanent connection for the case reviewed.
- The Local Board did not agree that the child/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board did not agree that the child/youth were being prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with the child/youth case reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.

## **Kent County**

There were a total of 4 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Kent County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



## Kent County continued

**Reunification** case reviews in Kent County made up 3 (5%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- All 3 (100%) of the cases reviewed had a plan in place for 3 or more years.

Service Agreement with Parent:

- There were 2 (67%) out of 3 cases reviewed had a signed service agreement by the parent.
- There was 1 (33%) out of 3 cases reviewed with an unsigned service agreement.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for all 3 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for all 3 (100%) of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for 2 (67%) out of 3 of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with the permanency plan of reunification for 2 (67%) out of 3 of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board recommended Adoption for 1 (33%) out of 3 cases.

**APPLA** case reviews in Kent County made up 1 (2%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Permanent connection:

- There was no identified permanent connection for the child/youth case reviewed.

Education:

- The child/youth case reviewed had plans of completing high school/GED.
- The child/youth case reviewed had plans for post secondary education.
- The child/youth case reviewed was referred for an Educational and Training Voucher (ETV).

Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- The child/youth case reviewed was working, in an internship, or volunteering.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the child/youth reviewed were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board agreed that the child/youth reviewed were with a plan of APPLA

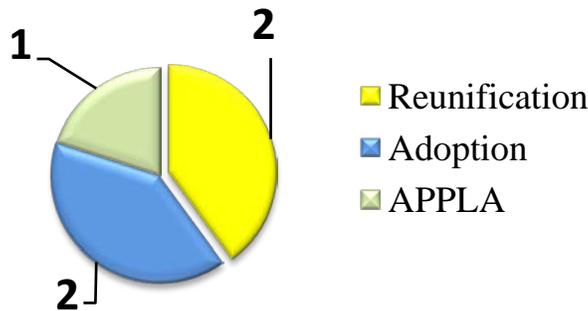
Kent County continued

were prepared to meet employment goals.

- The Local Board agreed with all 5(100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.

**Queen Annes County**

There were a total of 5 children/youth cases reviews conducted in Queen Annes County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



**Reunification** case reviews in Queen Annes County made up 2 (4%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- The 2 (100%) cases reviewed had a plan in place for 3 or more years.

Service Agreement with Parent:

- The 2 (100%) cases reviewed had a signed service agreement by the parent.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for the 2 (100%) children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for the 2 (100%) children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for the 2 (100%) children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with the permanency plan of reunification for the 2 (100%) cases reviewed.

**Adoption** case reviews in Queen Annes County made up 2 (4%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

## Queen Annes County continued

### Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- There was 1 (50%) out of 2 children cases reviewed that had TPR granted.

### Barriers to Adoption:

- There was 1 (50%) out of the 2 cases reviewed with unidentified pre-adoptive resources by the agency.
- There was 1 (50%) out of the 2 children/youth reviewed with behavior problems in the home by the child.
- There was 1 (50%) out of the 2 children/youth reviewed with disrupted pre-adoption placement related to the family.

### Post-adoptive services:

- There was 1 (50%) out of 2 children cases reviewed needed post-medical services.
- The 2 (100%) children cases reviewed needed post-mental health services.
- There was 1 (50%) out of 2 children cases reviewed needed post-educational services.

### Local Board:

- The Local Board did not agree that TPR was filed timely.
- The Local Board agreed with the placement plan of the 2 (100%) children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with permanency of the 2 (100%) children cases reviewed.

**APPLA** case reviews in Queen Annes County made up 1 (2%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

### Permanent connection:

- There were 2 (40%) out of 5 children/youth cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection.
  - Foster parents (2 case)

### Education:

- There were 2 (40%) out of 5 children/youth cases reviewed had plans of completing high school/GED.
- There were 2 (40%) out of 5 youth cases reviewed with plans for post secondary education.
- There were 2 (40%) out of 5 youth cases reviewed referred to receive

Educational and Training Voucher (ETV).

Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

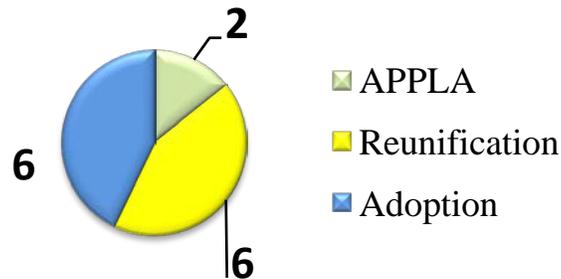
- There were 2 (40%) out of 5 children/youth cases reviewed were working, in an internship, or volunteering.
- There was 1 (20%) out of 5 children/youth earning a living wage.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the 2 (40%) identified permanent connections for the cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 5 (100%) children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board agreed that the 5 (100%) children/youth reviewed with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with all 5(100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.

### Somerset County

There was a total of 14 children/youth case reviews conducted in Somerset County in the Fourth Quarter of FY14.



**Reunification** case reviews in Somerset County made up 6 (11%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Length of Reunification plan:

- The 6 (100%) cases reviewed had a plan in place for 3 or more years.

Service Agreement with Parent:

- There were 3 (50%) out of 6 cases reviewed had a signed service agreement by the parent.

### Somerset County continued

- There were 3 (50%) out of 6 cases reviewed with an unsigned service agreement.

#### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that the physical health needs were being met for the 6 (100%) children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the mental health needs were being met for the 6 (100%) children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the educational needs were being met for the 6 (100%) children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with the permanency plan of reunification for 4 (67%) out of 6 of the children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board recommended APPLA for 2 (33%) out of 6 cases.

APPLA case reviews in Somerset County made up 2 (4%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

#### Permanent connection:

- There was 1 (50%) out of 2 children/youth cases reviewed with an identified permanent connection.
  - Biological father (1 case)

#### Education:

- The 2 (100%) youth cases reviewed had plans of completing high school/GED.
- The 2 (100%) youth cases reviewed had plans for post secondary education.

#### Employment/Internship/Volunteer:

- The 2 (100%) youth cases reviewed were not working, in an internship, or volunteering.

#### Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed with the 1 (50%) identified permanent connections for the cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed that the 2 (100%) children/youth were being prepared to meet educational goals.
- The Local Board agreed that the 2 (100%) children/youth reviewed with a plan of APPLA were prepared to meet employment goals.
- The Local Board agreed with all 2 (100%) of the children/youth cases reviewed permanency plan of APPLA.

## Somerset County continued

**Adoption case reviews in Somerset County** made up 6 (11%) of the 57 cases reviewed in small jurisdictions within the Fourth Quarter.

Termination of Parental Rights (TPR):

- The 6 (100%) children cases reviewed had TPR granted.

Barriers to Adoption:

- There was 1 (17%) out of the 6 cases reviewed with unidentified pre-adoptive resources by the agency.
- There was 1 (17%) out of the 6 children/youth reviewed with behavior problems in the home by the child.

Post-adoptive services:

- Post-medical services needed for 1 (17%) out of 6 children cases reviewed.
- Post-mental health services needed for 2 (33%) out of 6 children cases reviewed.
- Post-educational services needed for 2 (33%) out of 6 children cases reviewed.

Local Board:

- The Local Board agreed that 4 (67%) out of 6 cases reviewed had TPR was filed timely.
- The Local Board agreed with the placement plan of all 6 (100%) children cases reviewed.
- The Local Board agreed with permanency of all 6 (100%) children cases reviewed.

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