

Beacon Report

July through September 2024

This report is provided by The Children’s Behavioral Health Transformation Initiative Team (CBHTI) pursuant to the 405 ILCS 165/10(5). Statute requires that the CBHTI participating agencies (DCFS, DHS, HFS, ISBE, DJJ & IDPH) submit a quarterly report to the General Assembly on the number of children submitted to the team; the clinical presentations that required enhanced agency collaboration; the types of services including residential treatment that were needed to support the needs of children presented; the timeframe it took to find placement or appropriate services and any other information deemed appropriate by the Interagency Children’s Behavioral Health Services Team. This report is a collaborative report put together based on cases staffed by all participating agencies.

The Interagency Children’s Behavioral Health Services Team reviews the cases of children submitted to the Interagency portal on a weekly basis. Staff from various agencies participate in these meetings and assist in helping find placement, services, and support for the children. The tables below reflect data regarding children who were submitted to the portal as well as those whose cases resolved during July through September 2024.

The counts in the report combine results of analysis from two data collection systems due to the transition to BEACON. For quarter 3 of calendar year 2024, there is partial data collection from the original interagency portal and partial data collection from the new BEACON portal. Data from July 1, 2024 to August 17, 2024 was generated from the original interagency portal. Data from August 18, 2024 to September 30, 2024 was generated from the recently launched BEACON portal.

Cases Entering the Portal During the 3rd Quarter of 2024

Table 1. Children submitted to the team from July 1st, 2024 to September 30th, 2024.

Total Cases Entering the original portal from 7/1/24 to 8/17/24	41
Total Cases Entering the BEACON portal from 8/18/24 to 9/30/24	65

Table 2. Clinical presentations of youth submitted to the team from July 1st, 2024 to September 30th, 2024. Cases may involve multiple disorder types. Some of the data was collected using a free-form text field due to the transition to the new data collection system.

Internalizing/Externalizing Disorder Type	Occurrences Within Caseload from 7/1/24 to 9/30/24
Externalizing	61
Internalizing	22
Combo	54
Developmental	30

Psychotic	3
Medical	5
Unknown	103

Cases Resolved During the 3rd Quarter 2024

Table 4. The total number of cases resolved between July 1st, 2024 and September 30th, 2024. The median number of days of casework it took for a child to find placement or support services for cases that resolved between July 1st, 2024 and August 17th, 2024. Due to the transition from the original interagency portal to the new BEACON portal, we only have accurate data for our median analysis for through August 17th, 2024.

Note: Cases that resolved within a quarter may have entered the portal in a previous quarter.

Total Cases Resolved from 7/1/24 to 9/30/24	105
Median # of days to resolution for cases closed from 7/1/24 to 8/17/24	285

Table 5. The types of placement and services received by the children whose cases resolved between July 1st, 2024 and September 30th, 2024. Children may receive multiple types of services.

Connected with CCSO - Pathways	6
Connected with CCSO - FSP	44
Connected with CCSO - Interim Relief	18
Connected with ISC	21
Connected with school district	43
DCFS YIC Placement	19
Non-DCFS Residential placement	26
Returned Home to Family	45