

## Johnston Co. DSS

Average 77 children in custody

54% (42 children) placed in a regular foster home/level 1/group home care/medical hospital setting

- Had an average of 3.2 moves per child
- Reasons for moves:
  - Home unable to manage behavior
  - Respite
  - Independent living program/Job Corps
  - Child's mental health not able to be met in the approved level of care
  - Inpatient hospital initiated the higher level of care or a move to another placement
- 19% (8 children) were placed 60 miles beyond county line—all in a group home setting/independent living shelter/home

29% (22 children) placed in a Level II home

- Had an average of 4.3 moves per child
- Reasons for moves:
  - Unable to manage behavior
  - Inpatient hospital initiated the higher level of care or a move to another placement
- All placed within 60 miles of county line

13% (10 children) placed in a Level III home

- Had an average of 2 moves per child
- Reasons for moves:
  - Unable to manage behavior
  - Inpatient hospitalization/threatening behaviors
  - Committed a crime and involved with adult justice system
  - Ran away
  - Substance use
- 80% (8 children) were placed 60 miles beyond county line

3% (2 children) placed in a PRTF/jail

- Had an average of 6.4 moves per child
- Reasons for moves:
  - Committed a crime and involved with adult justice system
  - Ran away
  - Self-injurious behaviors/drug use
- All were placed 60 miles beyond county line

## Guardianship:

- 57 wards
  - 52 have a primary mental health diagnosis
  - 24 in a mental health group home and/or hospital living setting
  - 1 in jail
  - 15 were involved with Child welfare prior to turning 18
  - 4 transferred to guardianship at the age of 18 from foster care
- Average of 3 moves of the 52 of those with a mental health diagnosis
  - Reasons for moves—
    - increased behavioral issues,
    - running away,
    - increase in Involuntary Commitments to assist in managing client's behaviors
- 11 placed beyond 60 miles from county line