## SWI

## Statewide Intake Overview

Statewide Intake serves as the "front door to the front line" for all DFPS programs. As the central point of contact for reports of abuse, neglect and exploitation of vulnerable Texans, SWI staff are available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year.

## Expenditures and Total Average Filled Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Staff

| Total Staff | 353.4           |
|-------------|-----------------|
| Workers     | 265.3           |
| Supervisors | 30.4            |
| Other       | 57.7            |
| Staff Costs | \$15,515,108.63 |

## **Worker Demographic**

| Turnover Rate        | 28.4%       |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Tenure               |             |
| Less than 1 Year     | 29.1%       |
| 1 - 3 Years          | 27.0%       |
| Greater than 3 Years | 43.9%       |
| Entry Salary         | \$29,881.44 |
| Average Age          | 38.8        |
| Race/Ethnicity       |             |
| African-American     | 12.9%       |
| Anglo                | 62.6%       |
| Hispanic             | 20.1%       |
| Other                | 4.3%        |

#### **Supervisor Demographics**

| Turnover Rate        | 0.0%        |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Tenure               |             |
| Less than 1 Year     | 0.0%        |
| 1 - 3 Years          | 6.5%        |
| Greater than 3 Years | 93.5%       |
| Entry Salary         | \$36,043.00 |
| Average Age          | 44.0        |
| Race/Ethnicity       |             |
| African-American     | 6.5%        |
| Anglo                | 54.8%       |
| Hispanic             | 32.3%       |
| Other                | 6.5%        |

### Contact with Statewide Intake

(Phone, Fax, Mail, Internet, Walk-in/Other)

## Interview & Assessment Information about the caregiver

- · History/ability of caregiver
- History of abuse/neglect or exploitation

## Information about the victim

- · Mental, physical, or medical disability
- Age
- Ability to protect self
- Access of alleged perpetrator to the alleged victim
- Location

## Information about the alleged abuse/neglect or exploitation

- Duration/severity of problem
- Bodily injury or substantial risk of bodily injury
- Type, location and degree of injury
- · Length of time victim unattended
- · Safety of surroundings

### Resources available to the family General dynamics of family – strength & weaknesses

## Meets Statutory Definition of Abuse / Neglect / Exploitation (51.8% of calls)

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## **Actions Taken**

- Determine DFPS Program
- Determine Priority
- Notify Law
  Enforcement \*
- Notify Field Office

### Does not Meet Statutory Definition of Abuse / Neglect / Exploitation (48.2% of calls)

## Actions Taken

- Refer to other Agency
- Provide Resource information

### Appropriate Referral Made

Report of Abuse/ Neglect or Exploitation to APS, CPS or CCL

\* CPS, CCL

## Legal Responsibility for Statewide Intake

#### **Statutory References**

Federal: Social Security Act State: Texas Family Code, Human Resource Code

## **Major Functions**

- Centralized point of intake for child abuse and neglect, abuse, neglect or exploitation of the elderly or adults with disabilities, clients served by DSHS or DADS employees in State Hospitals or State Schools, and children in licensed child-care facilities or treatment centers for the entire State of Texas.
- Open 365 days a year, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.
- Able to receive information via phone, Internet reporting system, fax or mailed correspondence.
- Responsibility to assess information received to the definitions of possible abuse, neglect or exploitation for each program served and to prioritize and route the information to the correct destination workload.
- Information and Referral Service as warranted or when information received does not meet statutory definitions.
- Generate Law Enforcement Notifications and route to the correct law enforcement jurisdiction for CPS and CCL programs.
- Insure confidentiality of IMPACT history and caller identity.
- Serve as an Expedited Background Check function for CPS by checking criminal and IMPACT history to aid field staff during emergency removals.
- Quality Assurance unit to review complaints, random call monitors and to develop Best Practice trainings for Intake staff.
- Point program for identifying problems with IMPACT rollouts.

- Provide daily reports on call volume per application; hold times per application, etc.
- Integrate hardware and software upgrades to phone and computer systems to reduce hold times and improve efficiency.
- Use of an IEX Workforce Management System to schedule shifts, breaks and meal times for intake workers in order to maximize efficiency.
- Telstrat Call Parrot call recording system utilized to record phone calls for Quality Assurance and legal requirements.

## Challenges

- Respond to ever increasing number of phone calls, Internet reports, fax and mailed correspondence while keeping hold times to five minutes or less while maintaining a high quality of intakes.
- · Increase number of bilingual staff.
- · Reduce turnover.

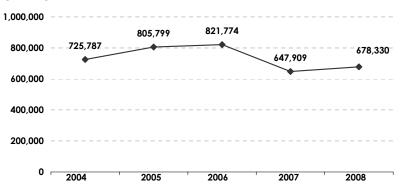
## **Number of Calls Received**

| Fiscal Year | Hold Time | # of Calls | % Change |
|-------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 2004        | 7.4       | 725,787    |          |
| 2005        | 5.2       | 805,799    | 11.0%    |
| 2006        | 7.1       | 821,774    | 2.0%     |
| 2007        | 9.6       | 647,909    | -21.2%   |
| 2008        | 11.4      | 678,330    | 4.7%     |

## Number of Calls Received by Method of Receipt Fiscal Year 2008

| Call Type | Number of Calls | %      |
|-----------|-----------------|--------|
| Internet  | 131,264         | 19.4%  |
| Mail/Fax  | 27,995          | 4.1%   |
| Other     | 1,197           | 0.2%   |
| Phone     | 517,743         | 76.3%  |
| Walk-in   | 131             | 0.0%   |
| Total     | 678,330         | 100.0% |

## **Number of Calls Over Time**



Note: A major phone system upgrade occurred at Statewide Intake in August 2006. Phone scripts were updated, giving callers information about entities external to DFPS who might better meet their needs, such as 211, TANF, and Foodstamps. As a result, signficantly fewer callers chose to be routed to intake specialists than in past years for information and referral information.

## Number of Calls by Type of Call Fiscal Year 2008

|   | Adult<br>Protective<br>Services<br>- In Home | Adult<br>Protective<br>Services -<br>Facility | Child<br>Protective<br>Services | Residential<br>Child Care<br>Licensing | Child Care<br>Licensing | Unknown | Total   | % of Total |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Reports of Alleged<br>Abuse/Neglect*                          | 83,658                                       | 9,308   | 250,153                         | 4,410                                  | 4,011                   | 188     | 351,728 | 51.9%      |
| Case Related Special Requests                                 | 16   | 0   | 29,490                          | 3                                      | 1                       | 5       | 29,515  | 4.4%       |
| Non Case Related Special<br>Requests                          |  | Data not                                      | available b                     | y program                              |                         |         | 1,138   | 0.2%       |
| Information and Referral - Related to Protective Services     |  |   |                                 |  |                         |         | 255,766 | 37.7%      |
| Information and Referral - Not Related to Protective Services |  |   |                                 |  |                         |         | 40,183  | 5.9%       |
| Grand Total   | 83,674                                       | 9,308   | 279,643                         | 4,413                                  | 4,012                   | 242     | 678,330 | 100.0%     |

Note: The term "calls" represent information received by DFPS and then entered into IMPACT system. Information may be received in the form of a telephone call, regular mail, via Internet reporting system or via fax:

<sup>\*</sup> Calls and reports by date report received.

# Source of Reports of Abuse/Neglect by Program Fiscal Year 2008

| CPS - Source of Report | Number  | Percent |
|------------------------|---------|---------|
| Anonymous              | 10,645  | 4.3%    |
| Blank/Unknown          | 8,595   | 3.4%    |
| Child Care Facility    | 2,267   | 0.9%    |
| DFPS Staff             | 1,132   | 0.5%    |
| Friend/Neighbor        | 15,570  | 6.2%    |
| Law Enforcement        | 33,540  | 13.4%   |
| Medical Personnel      | 41,321  | 16.5%   |
| Other                  | 35,186  | 14.1%   |
| Parent                 | 23,803  | 9.5%    |
| Relative               | 29,477  | 11.8%   |
| School                 | 47,868  | 19.1%   |
| Victim                 | 786     | 0.3%    |
| Grand Total            | 250,190 | 100.0%  |

| APS In-Home Source of Report | Number | Percent |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Anonymous                    | 1,938  | 2.3%    |
| Blank/Unknown                | 4,118  | 4.9%    |
| Friend/Neighbor              | 5,334  | 6.4%    |
| Institutional Personnel MHMR | 12,612 | 15.1%   |
| Law Enforcement              | 3,871  | 4.6%    |
| Legal/Court                  | 408    | 0.5%    |
| Medical Personnel            | 6,742  | 8.1%    |
| Other                        | 6,935  | 8.3%    |
| Provider                     | 6,735  | 8.0%    |
| Relative                     | 14,723 | 17.6%   |
| Social Agency                | 10,032 | 12.0%   |
| Victim                       | 10,217 | 12.2%   |
| Grand Total                  | 83,665 | 100.0%  |

| APS Facility - Source of Report | Number | Percent |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Anonymous                       | 656    | 7.0%    |
| Blank/Unknown                   | 466    | 5.0%    |
| Friend/Neighbor                 | 84     | 0.9%    |
| Institutional Personnel MHMR    | 3,483  | 37.4%   |
| Law Enforcement                 | 65     | 0.7%    |
| Legal/Court                     | 30     | 0.3%    |
| Medical Personnel               | 506    | 5.4%    |
| Other                           | 765    | 8.2%    |
| Provider                        | 279    | 3.0%    |
| Relative                        | 345    | 3.7%    |
| Social Agency                   | 540    | 5.8%    |
| Victim                          | 2,089  | 22.4%   |
| Grand Total                     | 9,308  | 100.0%  |

| CCL - Source of Report | Number | Percent |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Anonymous              | 168    | 4.2%    |
| Blank/Unknown          | 490    | 12.2%   |
| Child Care Facility    | 680    | 17.0%   |
| DFPS Staff             | 64     | 1.6%    |
| Friend/Neighbor        | 90     | 2.2%    |
| Law Enforcement        | 407    | 10.1%   |
| Medical Personnel      | 412    | 10.3%   |
| Other                  | 435    | 10.8%   |
| Parent                 | 992    | 24.7%   |
| Relative               | 177    | 4.4%    |
| School                 | 92     | 2.3%    |
| Victim                 | 4      | 0.1%    |
| Grand Total            | 4,011  | 100.0%  |

| RCCL - Source of Report | Number | Percent |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| Anonymous               | 79     | 1.8%    |
| Blank/Unknown           | 848    | 19.2%   |
| Child Care Facility     | 44     | 1.0%    |
| DFPS Staff              | 131    | 3.0%    |
| Friend/Neighbor         | 56     | 1.3%    |
| Law Enforcement         | 160    | 3.6%    |
| Medical Personnel       | 477    | 10.8%   |
| Other                   | 1,885  | 42.7%   |
| Parent                  | 237    | 5.4%    |
| Relative                | 74     | 1.7%    |
| School                  | 375    | 8.5%    |
| Victim                  | 44     | 1.0%    |
| Grand Total             | 4,410  | 100.0%  |

Note: Not all reports are assigned for investigation.