Youth Parents and Pregnant Youth in DFPS Conservatorship: Fiscal Year 2016

Pursuant to Senate Bill 206 Section 48, the department is providing the following data:
- Number of children who are pregnant while in the managing conservatorship of the department
- Number of children who are a parent while in the managing conservatorship of the department
- Number of the children born to a parent in the managing conservatorship of the department who are placed in the managing conservatorship of the department.

This legislation requires the report to be submitted to the legislature and the department shall publish the report and make the report available electronically to the public not later than February 1 of each year. The fiscal year 2016 report serves as the first such required report.

Fiscal Year 2016	
Number of Youth Parents who were in DFPS Conservatorship and the parent of a child[1]	208
Number of Children born to Youth Parents while in DFPS Conservatorship and who were also placed in DFPS Conservatorship[1]	40
Number of pregnant youth in DFPS Conservatorship[2]	333
1 Source: DFPS Management & Reporting Statistics 2 Source: Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2016 Data Subject to Change.	

The number of youth parents who were in DFPS Conservatorship and a parent of the child includes mothers and fathers who were the under the age of 18. The person characteristic of "parent" was checked in IMPACT, but this does not necessarily mean that youth is acting as a parent. This number excludes youth in DFPS Conservatorship who are parents of a child without DFPS's knowledge of parenting a child (male youth who may not know he has a child or DFPS may not be aware of the youth having a child in the past).

The number of children born to a youth parent while in DFPS Conservatorship only includes those infants born in fiscal year 2016 and subsequently placed in DFPS Conservatorship.

The Health and Human Services (HHS) Center for Analytics and Decision Support provided the data for the number of pregnant youth while in the managing conservatorship of DFPS by utilizing Paid Medicaid encounters for inpatient hospital, outpatient hospital, and professional services selected for female clients, under the age of 19 years, enrolled in STAR Health (Medicaid managed care plan code 1E) during state fiscal year 2016. Encounter codes were used for procedures associated with pregnancy-related services.