right turn

Help for post-adoptive parents & guardians is just around the corner

March 2010

Part 1. ACCESS LINE

Reporting data provided by KVC Behavioral Health, which operates the access line.

Total Calls to the Access Line	**37**	
Abandoned Calls	**3**	**8.1%**
Wrong Numbers	**2**	**5.4%**
Hang Ups	**0**	**0%**
Inbound Follow-up (current RT family requesting information)	**2**	**5.4%**
Information Only	**0**	**0%**
Ineligible: Referred to Helpline	**5**	**13.5%**
Total Referrals	**25**	**67.5%**

0 calls had a hold time greater than 100 seconds

5.89 seconds is average hold time

Part 2. Referrals To Right Turn

Total Referrals **25**

Referrals responded to within 72 Hours	**25**	**100%**
Ineligible Referrals	**4**	**16%**
Eligible Referrals	**21**	**84%**

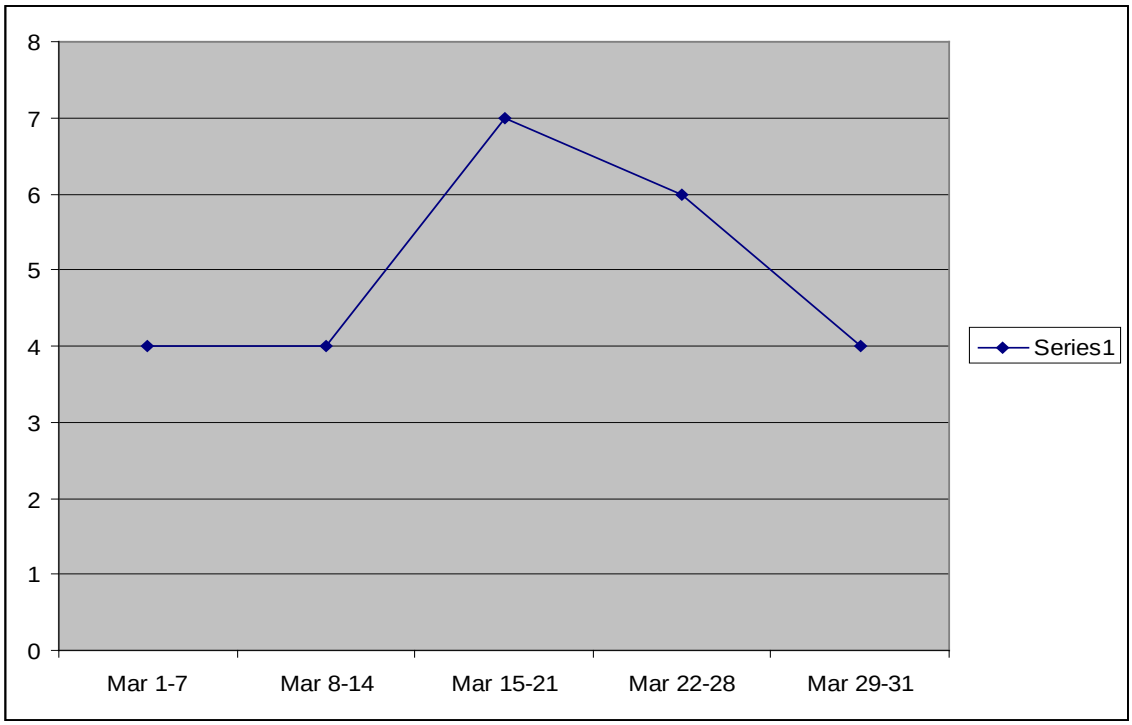
Total Ineligible	**4**	
Ineligible: Referred to Post adoption Support**	**4**	**100%**
Ineligible: Referred for Helpline for Referral and Support	**0**	**0%**

***Right Turn made contact with all ineligible families and provided resources to families in addition to referring families to the Helpline and post-adoption support (when applicable). Families who are not eligible for Right Turn services are referred to other programs that will meet the needs of families. In cases where the families are adoptive parents who have a child not eligible for Right Turn, post adoption supports are needed but Right Turn is unable to serve these families. Right Turn has partnered with Nebraska Children's Home Society who has post adoption support for families who are not eligible for Right Turn. Right Turn is committed to ensuring all adoptive families access the support they need even when not eligible for Right Turn.

Disposition of Eligible Referrals

Total Eligible	**21**	
Eligible: Accepted case management services	**14**	**66.6%**
Eligible: Declined case management (e.g. support needs resolved, not interested in case management, did not respond to attempts to contact)	**7**	**33.3%**

Number of Referrals Received per Week



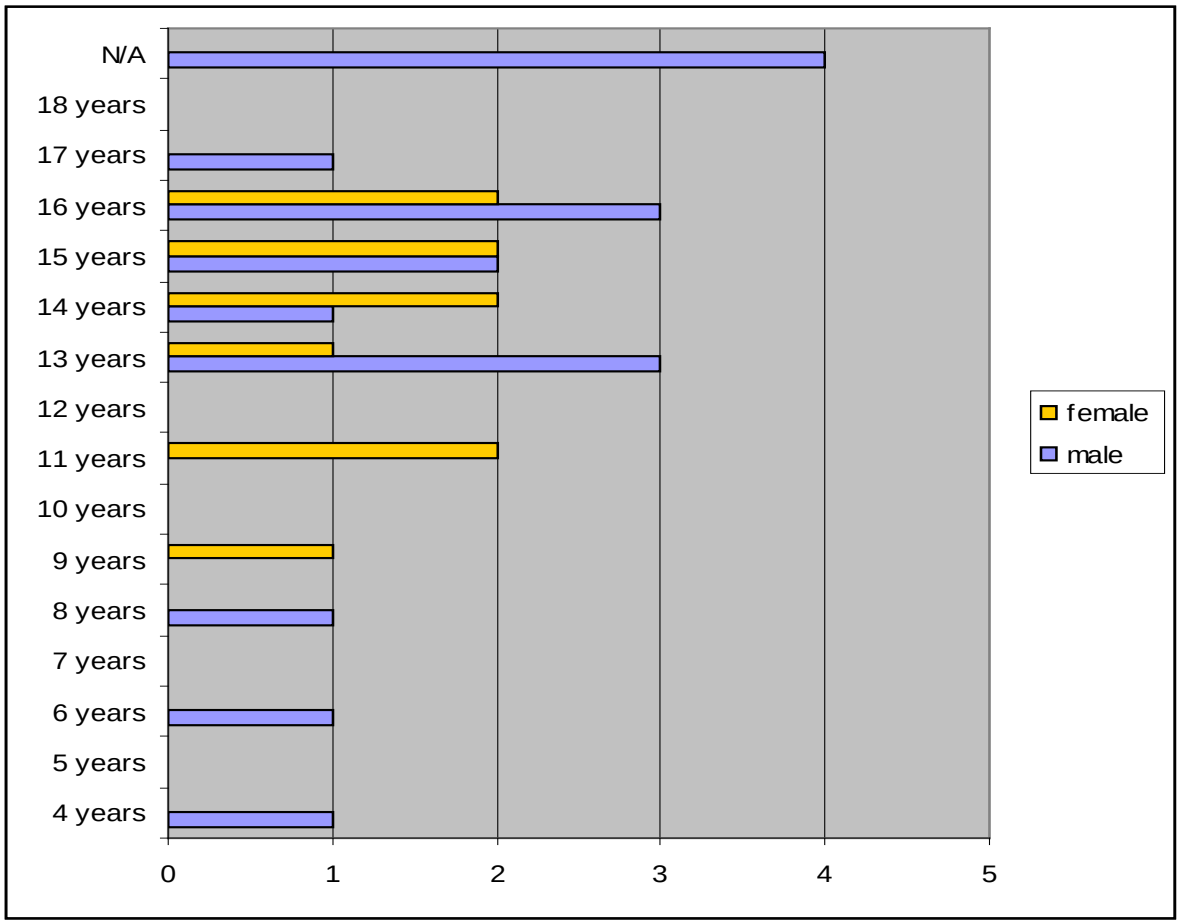
Part 3. Characteristics of New Case Management Families

New Case Management Families (Monthly)

Adoption	**12**	**85.7%**
Guardianship	**2**	**14.2%**
Total New Case Management Families	**14**	

AGE AND GENDER OF THE ELIGIBLE CHILD

The age and gender of the child that qualifies a family for Right Turn *services. Parents of children under the age of four years did not self-refer to the* Right Turn *Access Line this past reporting period (N/A - services were not provided to family and age and/or gender of child was not gathered during intake).*

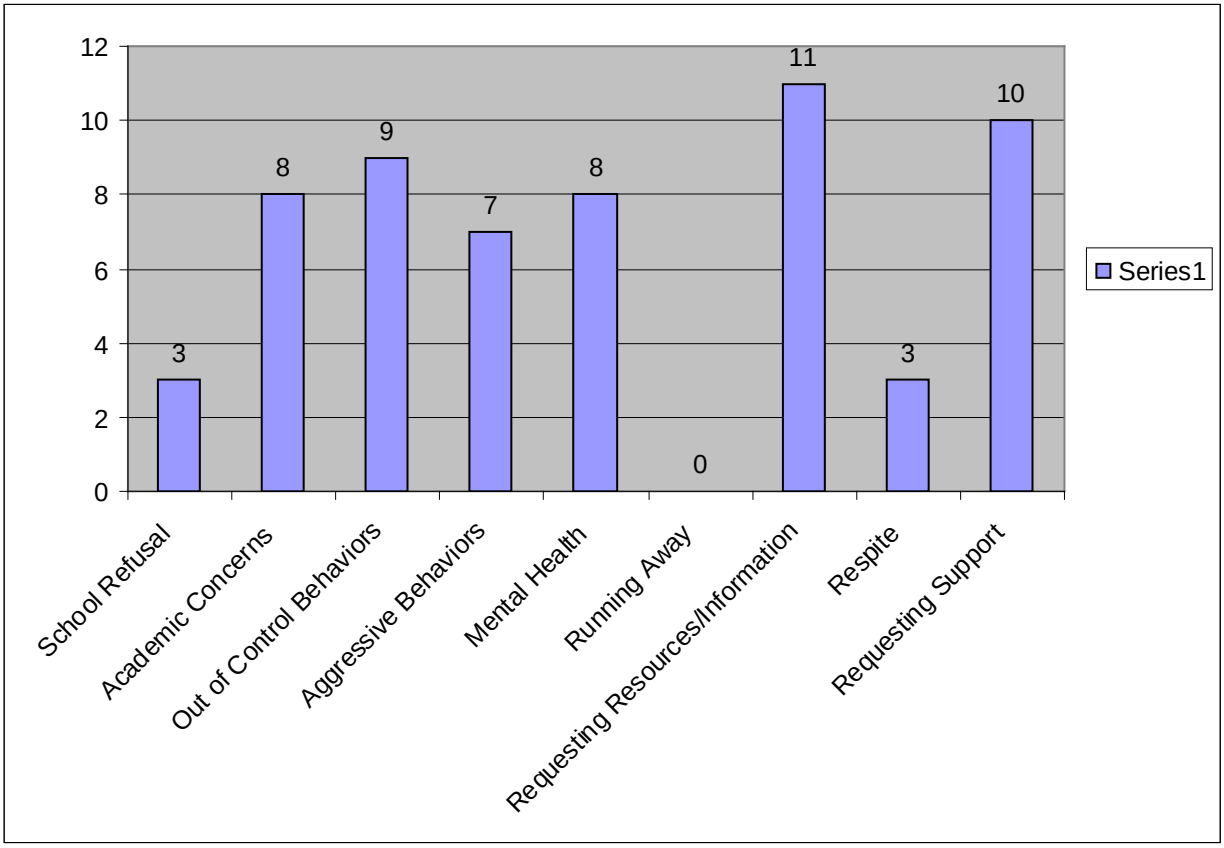


New Youth Served (Monthly)
***accounts for total youth in families served, not the eligible child**

Female	**14**	**56%**
Male	**11**	**44%**
Total New Youth Served	**25**	

ISSUES IDENTIFIED AS THE REASON FOR REFERRAL

More than one reason can be identified. Reasons for referral are identified by both the family and the permanency support specialist once case management begins.



	Adoption	Guardianship	Total
Families at start of month	**56**	**15**	**71**
Families opened this month	**12**	**2**	**14**
Families that closed this month	**6**	**1**	**7**
Families at the end of the month	**62**	**16**	**78**
Total families served	**68**	**17**	**85**

Families closed this month	**7**
Average length of service for families that closed this month	**41 days**

	Total
Children at start of month	**167**
Children opened this month	**25**
Children that closed this month	**14**
Children at the end of the month	**178**
Total Children served	**192**

PART. 4 SERVICES PROVIDED

Services provided to each family through the Right Turn *program. Length of service is not detailed as all families are within their first 30 days of services. Services are on-going for 90 days unless otherwise requested by family.*

SERVICES PROVIDED TO FAMILIES RECIEVEING CASE MANAGEMENT:

March: Served 85 families

Case Management *Family-centered, short-term case management services that work with families in their home and at the intensity defined by the families' needs and wants.*	**100%**	Case management cases/ total number of intakes received
Short-term respite *Emergency respite care services provided as a safety service when other informal respite arrangements cannot be arranged.*	**3%**	Total number of RT families receiving case management were offered respite services/the total number of families receiving case management services
Mentoring *Peer mentoring support provided by Nebraska Adoptive and Foster Parent Association (NFAPA).*	**65%**	Total number of families receiving NFAPA peer mentoring/ total number of families receiving case management services
Education Referrals *Referral to area trainings provided by community agencies, NFAPA, Right Turn, and other agencies providing post-adoption services.*	Type of (percent): Training-17% Classes-11% Websites-25% Online training 11% Literature-36%	Types of Educational referrals by percentage Total Educational Referrals: 36
Support Referrals *Access and referral to local support groups.*	Type of: Parent support group-77% Youth support group 23%	Types of support group referrals by percentage Total Support Referrals: 9

Referral for Services *Right Turn has phone contact with all families who self-refer and eligible for services. If a family chooses not to participate in case management services, the initial contact with Right Turn provides referral for services that may better meet family need. Locating services with services providers who provide professional post-adoption services and facilitating access to services is also a function of case management.*	Types of referrals: Assistance- 0% CD evaluation 0% Child Care- 2% Community Support- 37% Community Support Emergency- 0% CPS- 0% Educational Support- 16% Independent Living Services- 5% Legal- 1% Mental Health- 13% MH evaluation- 4% Magellan 1% NFAPA Mentoring- 9% Peer mentoring (youth) 13% Post Adoption Support- 6% Residential Social Security- 0% Social Services- 3% Treatment- 2% Tutoring- 7%	Types of referrals by percentage Total service referrals: 149

GAPS IN SERVICE TRENDS THAT HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED AS FAMILIES ARE SERVED BY *RIGHT TURN*

(In cooperation with Hornby Zellar, it was determined the best method of capturing gaps and/or barriers to services would be to collect a list of identified gaps and/or barriers over the course of three months. At the end of the three month period, we hope to establish categories of gaps and/or barriers to services and then be able to quantify the number of gaps and/or barriers experienced by Right Turn families)

1. Lack of Community based services necessary to avoid of out of home care for youth with a mental health diagnosis
2. Lack of Parent education or training related to raising an adopted child (i.e. loss, grief, shame, identity, intimacy, control, rejection)
3. Lack of Appropriate level of support and service for children who have been diagnosed with Reactive Attachment Disorder
4. Lack of Access to mental health services in rural areas (specialty services which are available within thirty miles of the family home and therefore not reimbursable by Medicaid
5. Lack of educational training on what life looks like for the adopted child who has been prenatally exposed to drugs, has mental health issues, or who has been in several placements prior to adoption)
6. Lack of information/training on transferring subsidy benefits to another State and the differences in State Medicaid when accessing mental health services
7. Lack of education or training on out of state services available to families when or if they move from Nebraska
8. Difficulty in accessing or identifying services in the community for a family that does not have the internet
9. Lack of cooperation from schools to address special needs, parents feel like school is not listening or being responsive
10. Lack of understanding or information on what type of testing or services are responsive to the needs of children with pre/post natal drug exposure
11. Adoption/guardianship subsidies not covering the cost of the child as they get older and needs increase.
12. No training on the costs related to raising high/special needs children.
13. Mental health services or treatment end prior to child making progress due to stop in payment or authorization from insurance company
14. Parents not receiving the details or the “full picture” of their child’s mental health issues prior to adoption/guardianship (parents feeling like information was withheld to get them to adopt)
15. Lack of communication between mental health providers and the rest of the interdisciplinary team.

16. Lack of childcare resources available for children with special needs.

17. Lack of educational advocacy to create and enforce responsive IEP's.

18. Lack of respite care resources available to special needs children.

19. Recommended level of service by insurance companies not available (MST and FFT programs have waiting lists).

20. Lack of services in the Panhandle (No CTA or mental health service providers.)

21. Several high needs or special needs children placed in one home, as children age families are unable to attend to all the needs.

22. Respite costs are greater than respite subsidy amount

23. Lack of education or training on adoption issues

24. Not trained in accessing the services or on-going parent education needs that would enable the parent to better meet the emotional, physical and behavior needs of their child

25. Parents who feel rushed into providing permanency through adoption or guardianship when they felt ill prepared but did not want to risk losing the child in their home

26. Families lack of understanding on the limitations of Medicaid and even if recommended by mental health provider, services are not always authorized for payment