

The deceptive increase in OOHC exits

This is how FACS purport that there is an increase in the number of children exiting OOHC. They classify residential support (ie public guardian) as exiting – when really they’re transferring to another human trafficking agency. Then they classify a Sole Parental Responsibility Order as “exiting OOHC” when in fact they’re merely closing books – because these kids must still be recognised as being in OOHC. And last but not least we have the Adoption Order – Pru Gowards famous way of lowering the amount of children in OOHC – to make statistics look good on paper, when in fact the increase in not only in children entering OOHC but remaining there – and just hidden on technicalities. If the government is not responsible for these children, then who is?

9 Out-of-home care Children and young people entering and exiting out-of-home care

9j. Children and young people exiting OOHC

There are a number of ways in which children and young people leave OOHC. These include:

- a young person reaching the age of 18 years
- the expiration or rescission of the Care Order
- transition to independent living and after care support
- restoration to the family
- the granting of a Sole Parental Responsibility Order
- granting of an Adoption Order
- the child or young person moving to another jurisdiction.

Over the last three years there has been a slight increase (6.1 per cent) in the number of children and young people exiting OOHC. The highest number of children and young people exiting OOHC was evident among young people aged 15 to 17 years. At 30 June 2012, this age group made up 39.9 per cent of all children and young people exiting OOHC. This is largely the result of an ageing OOHC population in NSW.

Figure 9.5 Children and young people exiting out-of-home care during the year, by age at exit, NSW, 2009/10 to 2011/12

What’s your Unit worth?

This report is some five years old now – and the value of your UNIT (legally kidnapped child) is definitely in line with the rest of this report – INCREASING. Referring to children as a mere number shows just how much care the department gives to the children they remove from their entire families.

1.5.2 Unit Costs

OOHC Service Type	Unit Cost
General Foster Care and Care +1 (weighted average)	\$37,000 per annum
General Foster Care +2	\$37,000 per annum plus an additional amount up to \$10,000 per annum
Intensive Foster Care	\$88,000 per annum
Residential Care	\$176,000 per annum
Intensive Residential care	\$288,000 per annum