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Subject: County-Level Numbers on Unaccompanied Children Released to Sponsors

Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your interest in the humanitarian response to the unaccompanied children crossing the U.S. border. Unaccompanied children are children who come to the U.S. from other countries without an adult guardian. The Office of Refugee Resettlement within HHS' Administration for Children and Families (ACF) provides care for these children in shelters around the country until they can be placed with a sponsor, generally a parent or family relative, who can care for the child while their immigration case is processed.

In response to inquiries on the number of unaccompanied children placed with sponsors in their state, ACF has posted the aggregated state-by-state placement numbers on its website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/ucs/state-by-state-uc-placed-sponsors>

In addition, we have received requests for more local information from Governors and other officials, including on last month's call with Secretary Burwell. Today, ACF is also providing a breakdown of the numbers of children released to sponsors by the counties where the sponsors live, where 50 or more children have been released since January 1, 2014 (see table below). This information will also be posted at 4:00 pm EDT today at www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/unaccompanied-children-released-to-sponsors-by-county. This county-level data, covering 113 counties nationwide, comprises 27,706 of the 37,477 total children released to sponsors in this period. ACF will update this data each month.

HHS has strong policies in place to ensure the privacy and safety of unaccompanied children by maintaining the confidentiality of their personal information. We cannot release information about individual children that could compromise the child's location or identity. These children have frequently been victims of violence, targeted by gangs or traffickers, and many have suffered during the journey they have undertaken. In order to protect the privacy and confidentiality of this vulnerable population, it is imperative that the names and addresses of those they are released to are kept confidential.

You may also find more information about the unaccompanied children program at: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/orr/programs/ucs/about>.

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Mason and Greg Hunt in our office at james.mason@hhs.gov and gregorio.hunt@hhs.gov.

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List of Counties (with Major Cities) with 50 or more unaccompanied children released to sponsors between January 1 and July 31, 2014:

State	County	Total # of Unaccompanied Children Released between Jan. 1 – July 31, 2014
AL	Jefferson County (Birmingham)	83
AL	Marshall County (Guntersville, Albertville)	81
AR	Pulaski County (Little Rock)	59
AZ	Maricopa County (Phoenix)	183
CA	Alameda County (Oakland)	242
CA	Contra Costa County (East of Oakland)	91
CA	Fresno County (Fresno)	93
CA	Kern County (Bakersfield)	71
CA	Los Angeles County (Los Angeles)	1,993
CA	Marin County (North of San Francisco)	96
CA	Monterey County (Monterey)	67
CA	Orange County (Anaheim, Santa Ana)	206
CA	Riverside County (Riverside, Palm Springs)	108
CA	San Bernardino County (Northeast of LA)	94
CA	San Diego County (San Diego)	76
CA	San Francisco County (San Francisco)	185
CA	San Mateo County (South of San Fran.)	153
CA	Santa Clara County (San Jose)	132
CO	Arapahoe County (Aurora)	52
CO	Denver County (Denver)	58
CT	Fairfield County (Bridgeport)	253
DE	Sussex County (Seaford)	114

FL	Broward County (Fort Lauderdale)	356
FL	Collier County (Naples)	160
FL	Duval County (Jacksonville)	140
FL	Hillsborough County (Tampa)	142
FL	Lee County (Cape Coral, Ft. Myers)	232
FL	Manatee County (Bradenton)	59
FL	Martin County (Palm City)	81
FL	Miami-Dade County (Miami)	1,127
FL	Orange County (Orlando)	216
FL	Palm Beach County (West Palm Beach)	785
GA	Cherokee County (Canton)	65
GA	Cobb County (Marietta)	138
GA	DeKalb County (East of Atlanta)	68
GA	Fulton County (Atlanta)	64
GA	Gwinnett County (Northeast of Atlanta)	266
GA	Hall County (Gainesville)	85
IL	Cook County (Chicago)	52
IL	DuPage County (West of Chicago)	67
IN	Marion County (Indianapolis)	132
KS	Wyandotte County (Kansas City)	53
KY	Jefferson County (Louisville)	87
LA	East Baton Rouge Parish (Baton Rouge)	173
LA	Jefferson Parish (Southwest of NOLA)	533
LA	Lafayette Parish (Lafayette)	51

LA	Orleans Parish (New Orleans)	237
LA	St. Tammany Parish (Slidell, N. of NOLA)	54
MA	Bristol County (New Bedford)	60
MA	Middlesex County (Lowell)	189
MA	Suffolk County (Boston)	384
MA	Worcester County (Worcester)	69
MD	Anne Arundel County (Annapolis, Glen Burnie)	145
MD	Baltimore City	264
MD	Baltimore County (Towson)	206
MD	Frederick County (Frederick)	139
MD	Howard County (Columbia, Ellicott City)	102
MD	Montgomery County (Silver Spring, Germantown, Bethesda)	816
MD	Prince George's County (Bowie)	960
MS	Harrison County (Gulfport)	50
NC	Durham County (Durham)	157
NC	Mecklenburg County (Charlotte)	488
NC	Wake County (Raleigh)	170
NJ	Bergen County (Hackensack)	119
NJ	Camden County (Camden)	73
NJ	Essex County (Newark)	250
NJ	Hudson County (Jersey City)	238
NJ	Mercer County (Trenton)	128
NJ	Middlesex County (Edison, New Brunswick)	144
NJ	Morris County (Parsippany-Troy Hills)	181
NJ	Passaic County (Patterson)	67

NJ	Somerset County (Somerville)	66
NJ	Union County (Elizabeth)	395
NY	Bronx County (New York)	347
NY	Kings County (Brooklyn, New York)	59
NY	Nassau County (Long Island)	1,096
NY	Orange County (Newburgh)	63
NY	Queens County (New York)	578
NY	Suffolk County (Long Island)	1,181
NY	Westchester County (Yonkers)	226
OH	Franklin County (Columbus)	110
OH	Hamilton County (Cincinnati)	130
OK	Oklahoma County (Oklahoma City)	97
OK	Tulsa County (Tulsa)	74
PA	Montgomery County (Northeast of Philly)	58
SC	Beaufort County (Hilton Head Island)	56
SC	Greenville County (Greenville)	106
TN	Davidson County (Nashville)	255
TN	Hamilton County (Chattanooga)	109
TN	Knox County (Knoxville)	67
TN	Sevier County (Southeast of Knoxville)	88
TN	Shelby County (Memphis)	190
TX	Bexar County (San Antonio)	134
TX	Collin County (Plano)	56
TX	Dallas County (Dallas)	851

TX	Denton County (Northwest of Dallas)	55
TX	Fort Bend County (Sugar Land, SW of Houston)	61
TX	Galveston County (Southeast of Houston)	72
TX	Harris County (Houston)	2,866
TX	Montgomery County (Conroe, North of Houston)	117
TX	Travis County (Austin)	354
UT	Salt Lake County (Salt Lake City)	53
VA	Alexandria City	205
VA	Arlington County (Arlington)	133
VA	Chesterfield County (Chester)	104
VA	Fairfax County (Fairfax)	1,023
VA	Harrisonburg City	65
VA	Henrico County (Henrico, North and East of Richmond)	50
VA	Loudoun County (Leesburg)	210
VA	Manassas City	103
VA	Norfolk City	58
VA	Prince William County (Dumfries)	361
VA	Richmond City	112
	Total	27,706