

# The “New” Responsible Individuals List and News from the Division of Social Services

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# Responsible Individuals List: Background

- North Carolina's Central Registry
- The Adam Walsh Act
- The Responsible Individuals List enacted—  
2005
- In re: WBM (March 2010)
- Senate Bill 567, Ratified 7/8/2010

# In Re: WBM: Due Process

- Individual found responsible for abuse or serious neglect must be given the opportunity for a hearing before their name is placed on the list.
- Court must find the individual was responsible for the abuse or serious neglect.

# 2010 Legislation

- Removes director and DA review
- Requires court to find individual responsible for abuse/serious neglect at adjudication
- Provides procedure for hearing, even when no adjudication
- Provides that DSS must provide individual with petition and instructions
- Provides definition of “serious neglect” in statute

Questions?

# News from the Division of Social Services

- Fostering Connections Update
- Innovations involving Older Youth
- Working with AOC to implement a Child Safety Model for courts
- Disproportionality/ Disparity
- Upcoming Federal IV-E Eligibility Review

# Fostering Connections

- Relatives & Siblings
- Education
- Health
- Training
- Adoption/Guardianship Assistance

Dear County Director Letter will be available soon...

# Older Youth in Foster Care

- North Carolina's Summer Employment Program
- National Youth in Transition Database
- LINKS Funds
  - Housing
  - Automobiles
  - Other Transitional Expenses
- Medicaid Expansion
- Education
  - Educational Training Vouchers
  - NC Reach

# SAYSO

- North Carolina's Youth Advisory Organization:

<http://saysoinc.org/>

# Child Safety Framework for Courts

Guide for Judges and Attorneys may be downloaded here:

[http://www.nrccps.org/documents/2009/pdf/The\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.nrccps.org/documents/2009/pdf/The_Guide.pdf)

# Child Safety Framework for Courts

Joint initiative by the National Resource  
Center for CPS and National Resource  
Center on Legal and Judicial Issues

[http://www.nrccps.org/resources/guide\\_judges\\_attorneys.php](http://www.nrccps.org/resources/guide_judges_attorneys.php)

# Disproportionality/Disparity

The following four slides are used with permission from Dean Duncan, Ph.D., UNC School of Social Work. They originally were part of a larger presentation entitled, “Child Welfare in North Carolina: Ethnic and Racial Disproportionality and Disparity,” presented on March 13, 2009.

# Disproportionality/ Disparity

- Overrepresentation: situations in which a number or quantity (such as children, in this case) is disproportionately high or low.<sup>1</sup>

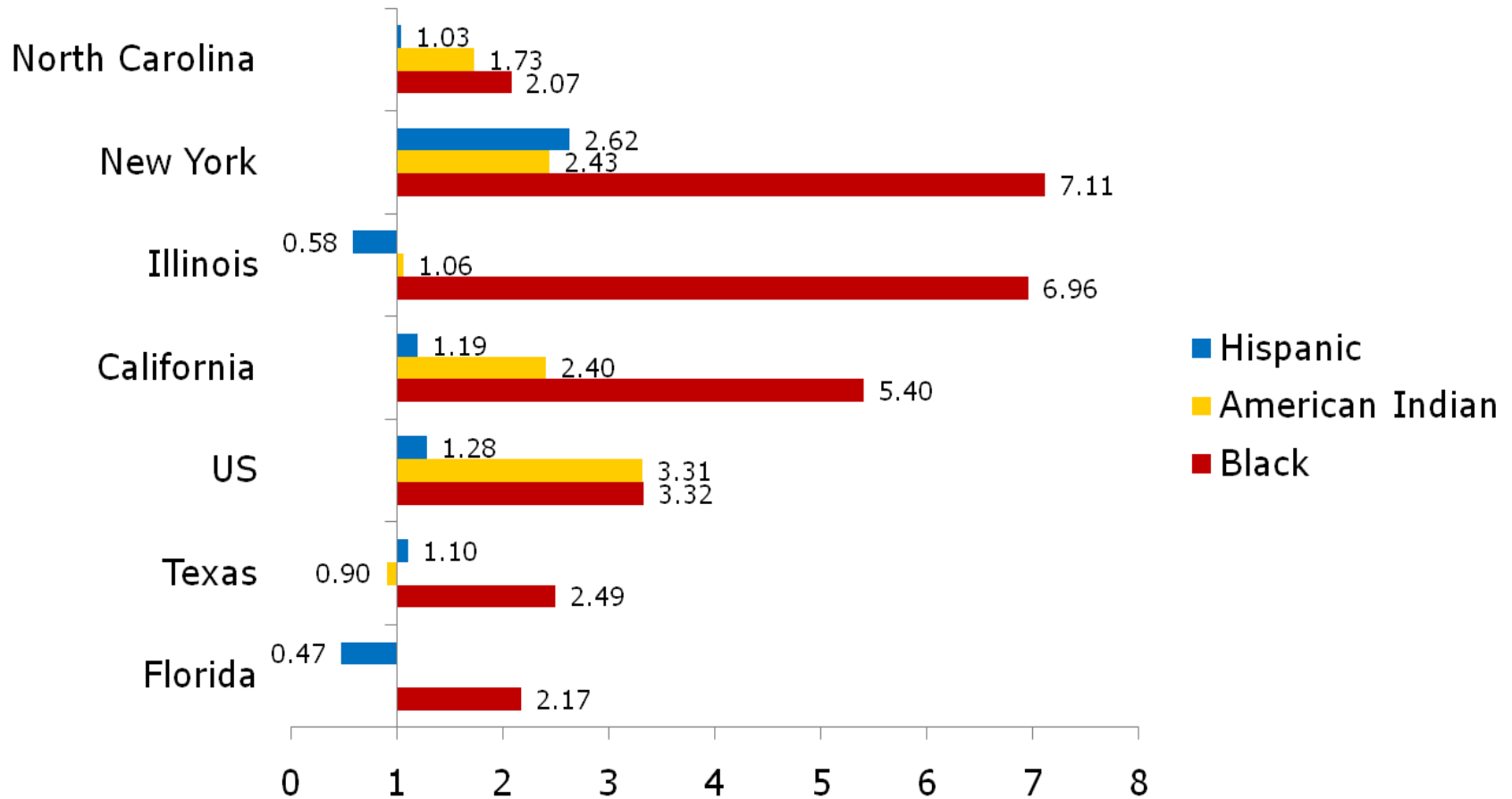
1 Chapin Hall Center for Children. (2008). "Racial and Ethnic Disparity and Disproportionality in Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice: A Compendium," Chicago: Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago.

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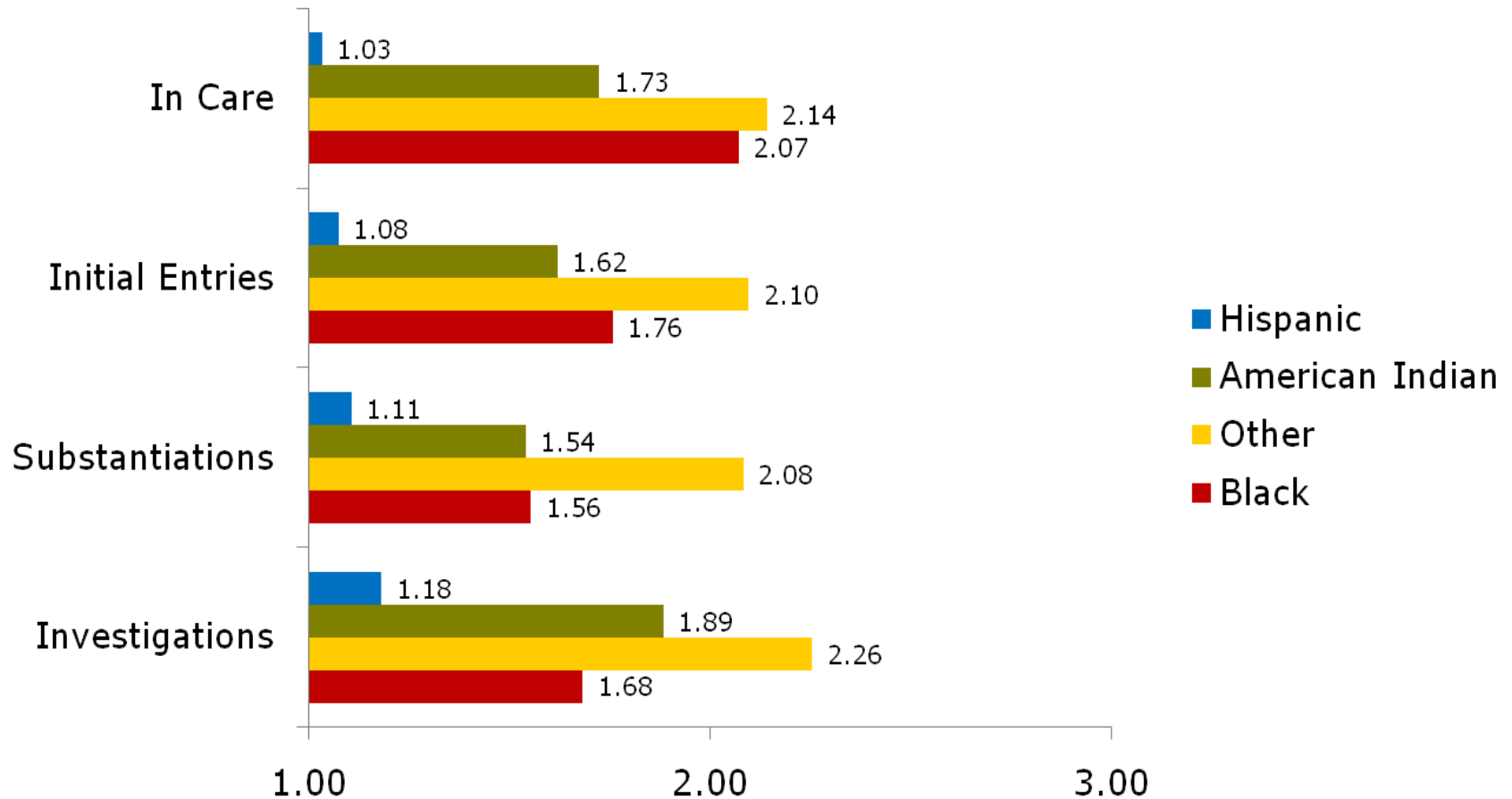
- Disproportionality: the state of being disproportional. ... disproportionality and over- and underrepresentation are used with regard to a reference population. If more than one group represents more than its share of the total, another group will necessarily account for less.<sup>1</sup>
- Disparity: a comparison of one group (e.g, regarding disproportionality, services, outcomes) to another group.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup>Needell, Barbara. "Child Welfare in California: Ethnic/Racial Disproportionality and Disparity."

# National Data: Racial and Ethnicity Disparity Indices



# North Carolina: Disparity Indices for Race and Ethnicity



# IV-E Eligibility Review

- Review sometime in the second half of 2011
- Period Under Review will be October 1, 2010 – March 31, 2011

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