

Legal Representation of Children in DFS Custody
OCA/CASA Joint Database Statistics
June 30, 2007

County	OCA	% OCA Represents by County/Total	CASA	% CASA Represents by County/Total	Unrepresented	% Unrepresented by County/Total	Total # of Children by County/Total	% of Children by County	Average Caseload of DAGS by County	Average Caseload of Judges ¹ by County	ESPP Services
Kent	62	29%	107	50%	45	21%	214	18%	107	71	32
New Castle	565	77%	143	19%	26	4%	734	63%	147 ³	197 ²	114
Sussex	88	42%	60	28%	64	30%	212	18%	106	71	37
TOTALS	715	62%	310	27%	135	12%	1160	X	X	X	183

¹ Judges in Kent and Sussex counties handle all Family Court matters and have only one day per week allocated to handle DFS cases, or an average of 4 days per month. Judges in New Castle County are broken in four judges assigned to the at-risk unit are available to handle DFS cases on average 10-11 days per month.

² Judge Hitch's caseload (144 children as of 6/30/07) has been subtracted from the total with the remaining number divided by 3. To not do so would inaccurately convey the caseloads of the other 3 New Castle County judges. Judge Hitch, the newest Judge for the at-risk unit, has not yet built a full caseload.

³ In January 2007, a 5th Deputy Attorney General was added to the New Castle County workforce to represent the Division of Family Services. As such, this number is now divided by 5.

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% Children receiving ESPP Services
15%
16%
17%
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