

FLORIDA LEADS



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Florida is the BEST performer compared to the seven states using client-directed attorney ad litem representation as their primary representation model in FY 2020.



MA, CT, LA, OK, NY, NJ, NV

- ✓ **LOWEST** average length of time in foster care.
- ✓ **LOWEST** percentage of children in foster care over five years.
- ✓ **LOWEST** average length of time in foster care before adoption.
- ✓ **LOWEST** percentage of children waiting for adoption that spent five-plus years in foster care.
- ✓ **LOWEST** average length of stay of children waiting to be adopted.
- ✓ **HIGHEST** percentage of children in current foster care placement with relatives.
- ✓ **HIGHEST** percentage of children adopted from foster care by relatives.
- ✓ **LOWEST** percentage of children with maltreatment in foster care.

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Florida is the BEST performer among the ten most populous states.

CA, TX, FL, NY, PA, IL, OH, GA, NC, and MI



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Data Sources:

Child Trends <https://www.childtrends.org/publications/state-level-data-for-understanding-child-welfare-in-the-united-states> (last visited March 23, 2023) and <https://cwoutcomes.acf.hhs.gov/cwodatasite/byState>