

Definitions of Terms Used in Adoption Reports

SFY = State Fiscal Year = July 1 of one year through June 30 of the next year (e.g. SFY 2014 = July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014)

Finalized Adoption = adoption that is legally completed in court and signed by a Judge

TPR = Termination of Parental Rights = the legal termination of all parental rights of a parent by a Judge; each legal parent must be TPRd individually

Completion of All Parent TPRs = the parental rights for ALL person(s) who previously held parental rights to the child have been terminated by a Judge

Legally Free = all legal processes to clear the way for the child to be adopted (including resolution of contested termination of parental rights) have been completed; the child is ready to be adopted

CAPSS = Child and Adult Protective Services System = the data system in which SCDSS maintains all records related to child and adult protective services, including investigations, family preservation services, foster care, adoption, adult treatment services, etc.

County of Origin = the county in which a child first entered foster care; the county which handles the child's legal proceedings

Office of Case Management = office which is responsible for managing the child's foster care services

Finalized <24 Months = the child's adoption was finalized within 24 months of the child's entering foster care

IFCCS = Intensive Foster Care and Clinical Services = offices which provide intensive case management, financial management, and/or contract support for foster children/youth who require therapeutic placement and/or services; these services are for children/youth who have

- Emotional or behavioral problems so severe they cannot function effectively at home or adjust in regular foster care.
- Severe medical problems requiring special support
- Severe developmental delays without serious behavioral or medical issues
- Autism or other developmental disorders
- Other intellectual disabilities without serious behavioral or medical issues