The chart below shows an increase in the department's disruption rate these past years after a significant decrease during the previous four state fiscal years. However, we still are significantly below the national average for adoption disruption, which is 10-12%. An "Adoptive Placement" occurs when a child is placed in a home with parent(s) who are <u>planning</u> to adopt the child. The purpose of an "Adoptive Placement" is to give the child and the family time to adjust to one another. "Adoptive Placement Disruption" describes when a child is removed from an adoptive placement (at the request of the child or the family) <u>prior to</u> the finalization of the adoption, resulting in the parent(s) not adopting the child.

