Local interagency staffing teams are responsible for identifying the foster children who are emotionally or behaviorally disturbed and in need of a therapeutic placement (i.e. ISCEDC eligible). Because youth in certain categories (ISCEDC Step-Down, Medically Fragile, and Specialized Foster Care) are no longer included in the count of ISCEDC Eligible children (effective SFY 15), the percentage of foster children who were ISCEDC eligible is difficult to compare between SFY14 and SFY15. However, because the total number of youth in foster care also rose between SFY14 and SFY15, our best estimate is that the percentage of ISCEDC eligible youth remained basically the same in SFY15 as it was in SFY14.

![Bar graph showing Emotionally or Behaviorally Disturbed Youth Deemed ISCEDC Eligible and in Need of a Therapeutic Placement During SFY 2015-2016](image)

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