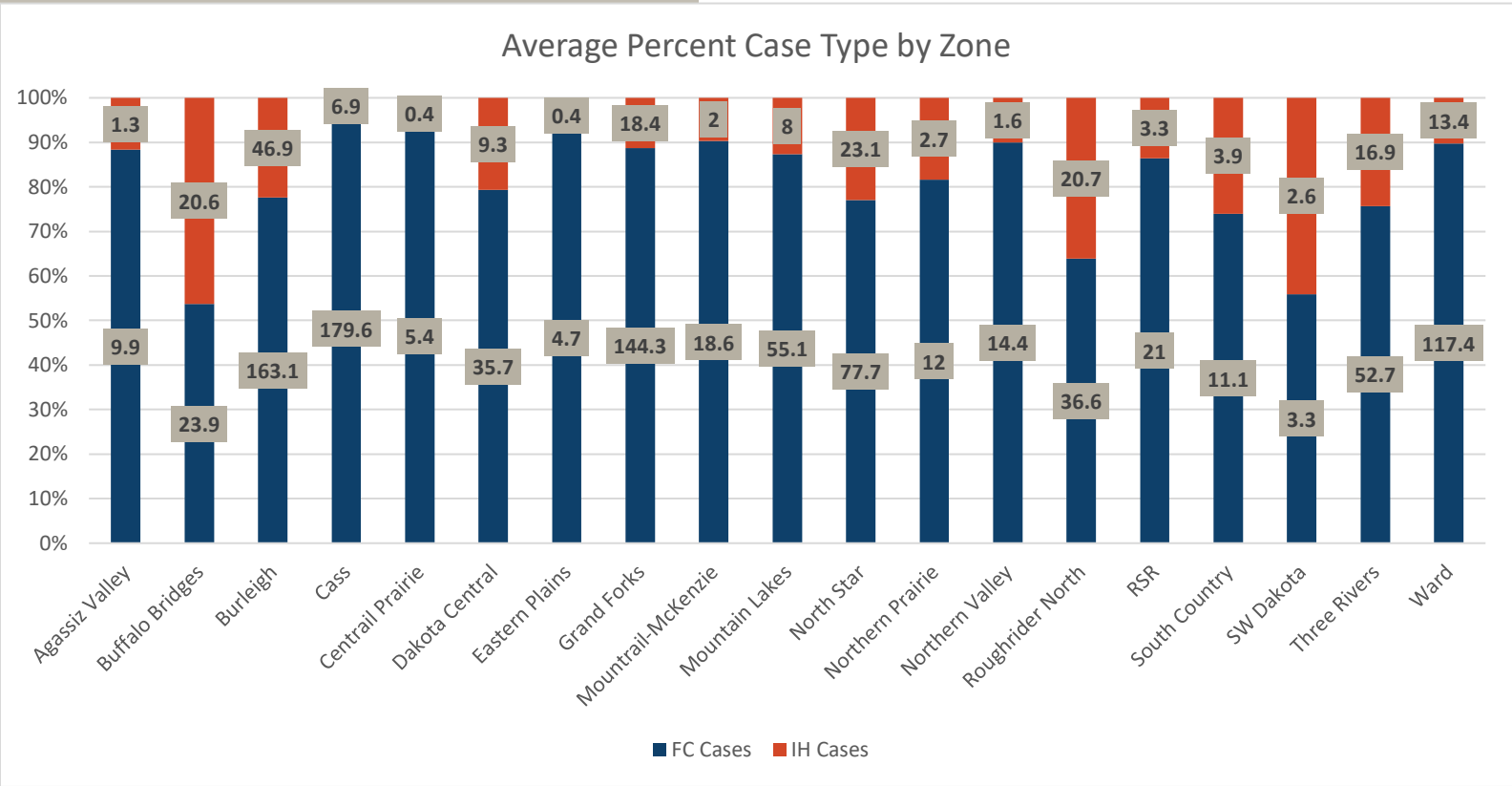
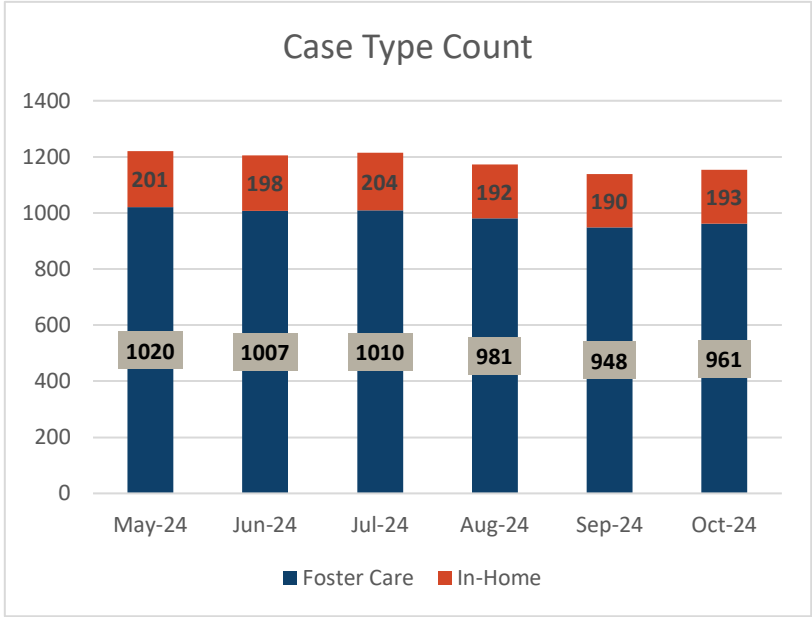




ND Case Management Data Trends

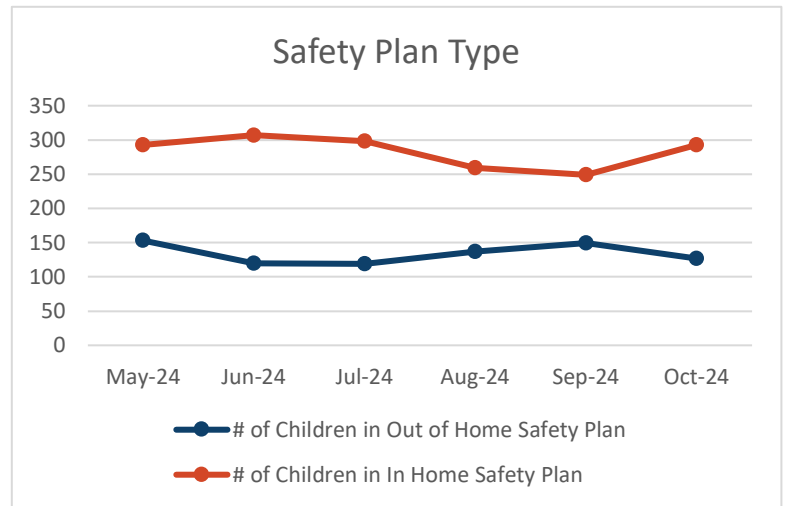
In the North Dakota child welfare system, case management case types are distinguished between in-home and foster care cases. Foster care data tracks the total number of children in each family unit that have entered the foster care system. In-home data focuses on the family unit as a whole, and each family is counted as a single case regardless of the number of children involved with that family. For additional in-depth data trend reporting, in-home cases are sometimes separated out to include the number of children included in each case, as well as the type of safety plan being utilized.



Case type average from May-October 2024

Types of Safety Plans

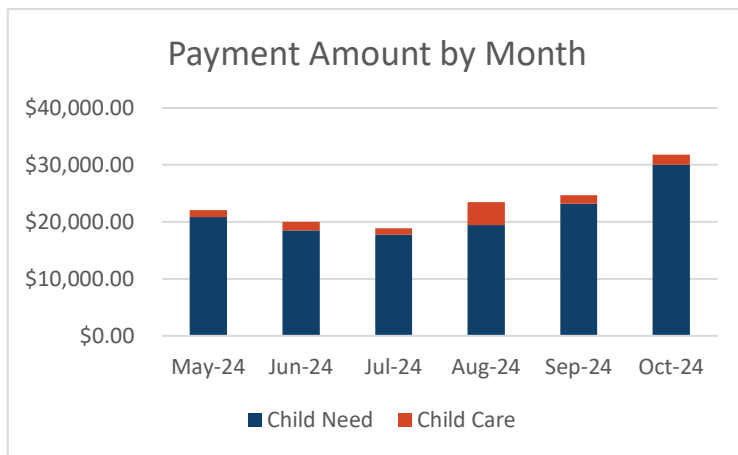
When in-home cases are reported for data tracking purposes, the safety plan type is also considered, as well as how many children that safety plan type involves. This is when it can be more effective to track total number of children in the family unit as opposed to identifying the whole family as the case unit, since there may be situations in which some children in the family unit remain in the home with a safety plan, while other children may need to have an out-of-home safety plan implemented.



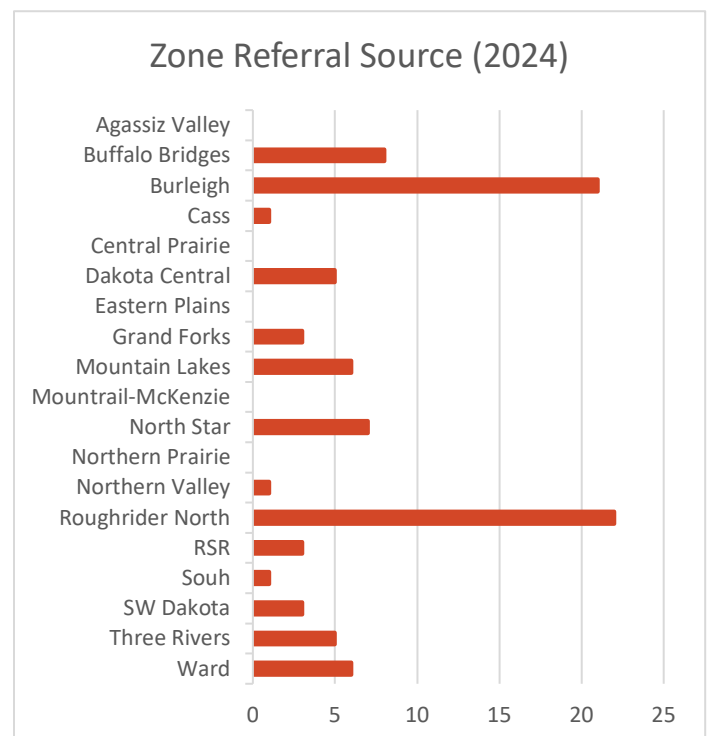
Kinship-ND

Kinship-ND is a program that can be utilized to support families in a variety of ways, including supporting kinship providers with children being served in out-of-home safety plans without agency custody, therefore reducing the level of intrusion into the family unit.

Month (2024)	# of Caregivers	# of Children	# Cases Closed	# New Applications
May	29	50	5	1
June	25	44	54	4
July	28	43	3	5
August	30	46	6	8
September	39	64	7	1
October	34	56	11	7



*Child Need rate was increased starting with Oct 2024 payments



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