



Wednesdays Child  
BENEFIT CORPORATION

2009 Fact Sheet

**WCBC 2009 Program Statistics**

Number of foster children served in North Texas in 2009.....	5149
Number of Birthday cards given to children in 2009.....	900
Number of Winter Coats/shoes provided for children in 2009.....	2326
Amount spent on winter coats and winter shoes in 2009.....	\$59,383
Number of children sent to the summer camp of their choice in 2009.....	56
Dollars invested in assistance for foster children for tutoring, scholarships, extracurricular activities, camp and preparation for adult living.....	\$184,382
Dollars invested in expenses of children in the process of being adopted, including travel expenses, adoption fees, and "Life Book" photo albums/workbooks.....	\$1,134
Amount provided for medical, dental, and optical care expenses of foster children.....	\$22,787
Number of Teens served in Back to School Clothing program in 2009.....	453
Approximate number of requests filled in the last 26 years.....	75,551

**Foster Care Statistics for Region III (North Texas) in November 2009**

Children in foster/substitute care.....	2,880
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**Demographics**

Male.....	54.5%
Female.....	45.5%
Age 9 and under.....	54.8%
Age 10 and above.....	45.24%
African American.....	38%
Hispanic.....	22.7%
Anglo.....	36%
Asian, American Indian, Multiple, other.....	3.3%

**Living Arrangements of foster children in North Texas**

DFPS Foster Homes.....	300
Private CPA Foster Homes.....	2,199
Residential Treatment Centers.....	61

**Foster Care Statistics for the State of Texas in 2008**

1 out of every 207 children living in Texas is in foster/substitute care	
Number of children in foster/substitute care.....	31,058

Number of completed investigations..... 165,010

**Adoption Statistics for the State of Texas**

Average stay in foster care from placement to adoption consummation..... 29.5 months  
Percent of foster families adopting foster children..... 41%  
Number of adoptions completed in 2008..... 4,517

**Life After Foster Care**

Percent Unemployed..... 50%  
Percent that do not finish high school..... 40%  
Percent that end up homeless..... 35%  
Percent that require public assistance..... 33%  
Percent of males that will be incarcerated..... 27%  
Percent of females who will have children out of wedlock..... 60%

**Sources**

Casey Family Foundation, 2008  
Center for Public Policy Priorities, 2008  
Texas Department of Family and Protective Services Data Book, 2008 and 2009