

# Parent Representation Semi-Annual Report (PRR-195)

Please refer to the Instructions and Definitions when completing this form. Throughout, 'reporting period' refers to the January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. The reporting deadline is March 3, 2025.

Nan	ne of the Provider Office:
Sub	mitted by:
	First Name: Last Name:
	Phone:
	Email Address:

- 1. Which ILS Parent Representation grant(s) has/have your provider office received? (Select all that apply)
  - 1. First Upstate Model Office
  - 2. Second Upstate Model Office
  - 3. Third Upstate Model Office
  - 4. First Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant
  - 5. Second Upstate Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant
  - 6. Third Family Defense (Child Welfare) Quality Improvement & Caseload Reduction Grant
- 2. Is your office a(n) (select one)
  - 1. Assigned Counsel Program
  - 2. Institutional provider

3. What case management system do you use	e?
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Instructions and Definitions				
Investigation Representation (IR)	IR occurs when a provider advises a client of their rights, gives legal advice or takes legal action on behalf of a client during a CPS investigation prior to court intervention.			
Beginning of Investigation Representation	An <b>IR</b> is opened and must be counted when a provider advises a client of their rights, gives legal advice, or takes legal action on behalf of a client who is facing a CPS investigation.			
End of Investigation Representation	For ILS reporting purposes, an IR is closed when:  a) CPS does not file a petition and affirmatively notifies the client or the provider that they will not be pursuing court action at the conclusion of the investigation, OR  b) CPS does not file a petition within 60 days of commencing the investigation, OR  c) CPS does file a petition. In this instance, the provider should close the IR, and open a new neglect or abuse petition in their case management system.			

**Screener question** [This question facilitates skip patterns]

- 4. Under the above ILS grant(s) does your office provide representation during a CPS investigation (IR)?
  - 1. Yes [If yes, proceed to questions #5 through #17]
  - 2. No [If no, skip to question #18]
- 5. Please report the total number of IRs <u>opened</u> during the reporting period. Please do not leave blanks enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

IRs Opened	Unable to Report

6. Please report the total number of IRs <u>closed</u> during the reporting period. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

IRs Closed	Unable to Report

7. Please report the total number of IRs <u>pending</u> on December 31, 2024. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

IRs Pending	Unable to Report

Clients Represented

investigation

Children who were subjects of CPS

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9. In how many enter '0' (zero)		•	<b>O</b> .	•	true? Pl	ease do not leave blanks -
D 00 E9 L A				Number of IRs		
Petition Filed - A						
Petition Filed - N	eglect					
Article 10 Petitio	n Not Filed - Ind	icated Allegat	ions			
Article 10 Petitio	n Not Filed - Un	founded Allega	ations			
Other (Please De	escribe)					
Unknown						
worker/casewo	rker and/or IF	R parent adv	ocate/m	entor continue to re	present	IR attorney, IR social the client in the Article 10 er '0' (zero) where applicable.
	Total	Not Applical	ble - None	of the IRs Resulted in a	Finding	Unable to Report
Number of IRs						
11. Of the IRs of blanks - enter '	_	•	• .	, please report the t	otal nun	nber of: Please do not leave
			Total	Unable to Report		

12. For IRs that have been <u>closed</u> during this reporting period, please report the number of **removals** that occurred during the CPS investigation pursuant to Family Court Act §§ 1021, 1022, or 1024. After the IR, how many children were **returned** to their parent(s)? If the corresponding statute is unknown, report the removal(s) next to §Unknown. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

	Total Number of Children Removed	Total Number of Children Returned to Parent	Not Applicable – No Removals Occurred	Unable to Report
§ 1021				
§ 1022				
§ 1024				
§ Unknown				

13. For IRs <u>closed</u> during the reporting period, please indicate how many of the **other petition** types listed below were pending for the same client at the same time that the IR was occurring.

For example, if an investigation representation client was also the respondent in a paternity petition and a custody/visitation petition, a "1" should be recorded in both "Paternity" and "Custody/Visitation." Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

	Number of Petition Types Pending	Unable to Report
Custody/Visitation		
Family Offense		
Guardianship		
Modification of a Prior Final Order		
Paternity		
Willful Violation of Child Support		
Willful Violation (Other)		
Other (please specify)		

14. Of the clients with IRs <u>closed</u> during the reporting period, how many **clients** were also charged with a **criminal offense** related <u>or</u> unrelated to the CPS/ACS investigation? Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

	Number of Clients	Unable to Report
Violent Felony		
Non-Violent Felony		
Misdemeanor/Violation		
Post-Disposition		
Parole Violation		
Yes, but the specific charge is unknown		
Charge Unknown		

15. Please report the number of IRs <u>closed</u> during the reporting period in which any of the following **specialized services** were utilized. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

Instructions and Definitions			
Specialized Service	is a broad characterization of interdisciplinary representation wherein another discipline is part of the defense/representation team (e.g., <b>staff or contracted</b> social workers who facilitate access to services and who can support a client during events such as out-of-court meetings). It can also describe contracted expert services obtained to advance the client's legal goals, (e.g., investigators, interpreters, experts, and social workers/forensic experts who formally assess the parent's strengths and needs and may, upon the attorney's request, produce a report for the court).		

	Number of IRs	Position Type (Personnel or Contract)	Unable to Report
Social Worker/Case Manager			
Parent Advocate/Mentor			
Paralegal			
Investigator			
Interpreter			
Expert			
Other			

# Investigation Representation (IR) 16(a). Please provide a summary of your office's use of grant-funded specialized service personnel in IRs. In your response, please describe how specialized service personnel are assigned and ways in which the utilization of specialized service personnel positively impacted representation. 16(b). Please provide a summary of how your office worked with grant-funded contracted specialized service professionals in IRs. In your response, please describe how contracted specialized service professionals are assigned and ways in which the utilization of contracted specialized services positively impacted representation.

17. Please provide a brief description of any barriers to providing IR in the comment box below.

# Public Outreach Campaign Tasks & Initiatives

**Screener question** [This question facilitates skip patterns]

- 18. Do(es) the grant contract(s) for your office include funding for public outreach campaigns and initiatives? Please see Attachment B-1 of your contract if you are unsure.
  - 1. Yes [If yes, proceed to questions #19 through #22]
  - 2. No [If no, skip to question #23]

19. Summarize your office's efforts to i representation during a CPS/ACS inve	, ,	rding the availability of public d	efense
20. Please provide the total number of Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (2		ferral source during the reporti	ng period.
Instructions and Definitions Investigation Representation (IR)		ses a client of their rights, gives legal a client during a CPS/ACS investigation	
	Total	Unable to Report	
DSS	Total.		
Community Organizations		_	
Other Attorneys (Within or from outside of yo program)	our		
Self-Referral (e.g., community outreach campaign, flyers, social media, etc.)			
21. If you were unable to provide the to provide any relevant information in the		d from each referral source, ple	ase

# Public Outreach Campaign Tasks & Initiatives

Screener question [This question facilitates skip patterns]

- 22. Did your program create an "on-call" phone line/procedure to monitor intake of the IRs?
  - 1. Yes [If yes, proceed to questions #22(a) through #22(c)
  - 2. No [If no, skip to question #23]

22(a). How was the "on-call" initiative implemented?
22(b). How many calls were received during the reporting period?
22(a) Places provide a suppose of supposes and shallonges related to the on cell initiative
22(c). Please provide a summary of successes and challenges related to the on-call initiative.

# Officewide Family Court Caseloads

23. Please report the total number of petitions <u>opened</u> during the reporting period. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable. If you cannot report the total numbers by petition type, select "Unable to Report" and then provide any data you currently collect and an explanation in Question 26.

	Petitions Opened	Unable to Report
Abuse		
Neglect		
Termination of Parental Rights		
Paternity		
Willful Violation of Support		
Willful Violation Other (Contempt)		
Family Offense		
Guardianship		
Violation of Conditional Surrender		
Adoption		
Modification of Prior Order		
Custody/Visitation		
Conditional Surrender		

24. Please report the total number of petitions <u>closed</u> during the reporting period. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable. If you cannot report the total numbers by petition type, select "Unable to Report" and then provide any data you currently collect and an explanation in Question 26.

	Petitions Closed	Unable to Report
Abuse		
Neglect		
Termination of Parental Rights		
Paternity		
Willful Violation of Support		
Willful Violation Other (Contempt)		
Family Offense		
Guardianship		
Violation of Conditional Surrender		
Adoption		
Modification of Prior Order		
Custody/Visitation		
Conditional Surrender		

# Officewide Family Court Caseloads

24(a). Of the petitions <u>closed</u> during the reporting period, how many <u>clients</u> were represented? Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable. If you cannot report the total numbers by petition type, select "Unable to Report" and then provide any data you currently collect and an explanation in Question 26.

	Number of Clients Represented	Not Applicable – Type of Petition Not Closed	Unable to Report
Abuse			
Neglect			
Termination of Parental Rights			
Paternity			
Willful Violation of Support			
Willful Violation Other (Contempt)			
Family Offense			
Guardianship			
Violation of Conditional Surrender			
Adoption			
Modification of Prior Order			
Custody/Visitation			
Conditional Surrender			

25. Please report the total number of <u>petitions</u> pending on December 31, 2024. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable. If you cannot report the total numbers by petition type, select "Unable to Report" and then provide any data you currently collect and an explanation in Question 26.

	Petitions Pending	Unable to Report
Abuse		
Neglect		
Termination of Parental Rights		
Paternity		
Willful Violation of Support		
Willful Violation Other (Contempt)		
Family Offense		
Guardianship		
Violation of Conditional Surrender		
Adoption		
Modification of Prior Order		
Custody/Visitation		
Conditional Surrender		

Officewide Family Court Caseloads  26. If you were unable to report the total numbers ab you currently collect and an explanation in the comm	
27. [For Institutional Providers only] Please report the	o following staffing information as of Docombor 31
2024. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) wh	<u> </u>
Instructions and Definitions	
Full-time equivalent (FTE)	Counting 'staff' in full-time equivalent terms is done as follows. One staff-person who works full-time in your program is counted as '1', whereas a staff member who works less than full-time is counted according to the proportion of a full-time position that they work (e.g. a staff person working 50% of full-time is counted as '0.5'). A program with one full-time and one 50% part-time attorney, for example, would therefore have '1.5 full-time equivalent' attorney staff. This same approach should be taken with each category of staff.

	Total Number of FTE Attorneys
Total Number of FTE Attorneys who	
Provide Family Court Representation	
Of the FTE Attorneys, how many provide	
Article 10 Representation (in FTE)?	

28. [For Assigned Counsel Providers only] Please report the total number of attorneys on the Assigned
Counsel Panel who provide representation in Family Court matters as of December 31, 2024. Please do
not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

Total Number of Attorneys
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29. For Article 10 and Termination of Parental Rights petitions <u>opened</u> during the reporting period, in how many of those petitions was an attorney present/not present at the first court appearance? Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable. If your program did not open an Article 10 or Termination of Parental Rights petition, please enter 'N/A'.

	Number of First Appearances Where Attorneys were Present	Number of First Appearances where Attorneys were NOT Present	Unable to Report
Abuse			
Neglect			
Termination of Parental Rights			

30. For Article 10 and Termination of Parental Rights petitions <u>closed</u> during the reporting period, how many **began as IRs?** Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable. If your program did not open an Article 10 or Termination of Parental Rights petition, please enter 'N/A'.

Instructions and Definitions	
Investigation Representation (IR)	IR occurs when a provider advises a client of their rights, gives legal advice or takes legal action on behalf of a client during a CPS investigation prior to court intervention.

	Total that began as IR	Unable to Report
Abuse		
Neglect		
Termination of Parental Rights		

31. For Article 10 and Termination of Parental Rights petitions <u>closed</u> during the reporting period, please report the total number of **children** who were subjects of the petitions. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable. If your program did not open an Article 10 or Termination of Parental Rights petition, please enter 'N/A'.

	Total Number of Children	Unable to Report
Abuse		
Neglect		
Termination of Parental Rights		

32. For Article 10 petitions closed during the reporting period, please report the total number of	children
who were removed at any time during the Article 10 proceeding. Please do not leave blanks - en	iter '0'
(zero) where applicable.	

	Total	Unable to Report
Total Number of		
Children Removed		_

32(a). Please report the total number of children removed during the Article 10 proceeding who were placed into the following **initial placement** options. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

	Number of Children Placed	Unable to Report
Kinship Custody		
Kinship Foster Care		
Non-Kinship Foster Care		
Institutional Setting		
Non-Respondent Parent		
Other/Placement Unknown		

32(b). Please report the following. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

	Total	Unable to Report
I) Of the children removed, how many experienced at least one change in placement?		
II) Of the children removed, how many were returned to your client's custody by the close of the petition?		
III) Of all children who were returned to parent, what was the average number of days that they were out of your client's custody?		
IV) Of children who were not returned, how many remained in placement at the close of the petition?		

33. For Article 10 <u>and</u> Termination of Parental Rights petitions closed during the reporting period, how many contested Fact-Finding Hearings took place? This includes hearings which commenced but were settled before conclusion of the Fact-Finding Hearing. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

	Total Article 10 and TPR Petitions Closed
Contested Fact-Finding Hearing Occurred	
No Contested Fact-Finding Hearing Occurred (e.g., because there was a settlement)	
Unknown	

33(a). Please report the number of **Fact-Finding** outcomes for <u>all children</u> who were the subjects of the <u>closed</u> **Article 10 petitions.** This includes outcomes that occurred **either** in lieu of (e.g., a settlement) **or** as a result of a contested fact-finding hearing. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable. If no Article 10 petitions were closed during the reporting period, please enter 'N/A.'

	Number of Outcomes for All Children Who Were Subjects of the Closed Article 10 Petitions
Dismissed	
Adjournment in Contemplation of	
Dismissal (ACD)	
Withdrawal	
Finding After Hearing	
Finding: Consent (No admission)	
Finding: Consent (Admission)	
Other: (Please specify)	
Outcome Unknown	

33(b). Please report the number of Fact-Finding outcomes for <u>all children</u> who were the subjects of the <u>closed</u> Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) petitions. This includes outcomes that occurred either in lieu of (e.g., a settlement) or as a result of a contested fact-finding hearing. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable. If no TPR petitions were closed during the reporting period, please enter 'N/A.'

	Number of Outcomes for All Children Who Were Subjects of the Closed TPR Petitions
Dismissed	
Finding	
Conditional Surrender	
Other: (Please specify)	
Outcome Unknown	

34. For all Article 10 and Termination of Parental Rights petitions closed, how many contested Dispositional Hearings took place? This includes hearings which commenced but were settled before conclusion of the Dispositional Hearing. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable. If neither Article 10 nor Termination of Parental Rights petitions were closed during the reporting period, please enter 'N/A.'

	Total Article 10 and TPR Petitions Closed
Contested Dispositional Hearing Occurred	
No Contested Dispositional Hearing Occurred	
(e.g., because there was a settlement)	
Unknown	

34(a). Please report the number of **Dispositional** outcomes for <u>all children</u> who were the subjects of the closed **Article 10** petitions. This includes outcomes that occurred either in lieu of (e.g., a settlement) **or** as a result of a contested dispositional hearing. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable. If no Article 10 petitions were closed during the reporting period, please enter 'N/A.'

	Number of Outcomes for All Children Who Were Subjects of the Closed Article 10 Petitions
Suspended Judgement	
Order of Protection	
Child Released to Client	
Child Release to Non-Respondent Parent	
Foster Care	
Custody/Guardianship Granted to Client	
Custody/Guardianship Granted to Other (Please Specify)	
Other (Please specify)	
Outcome Unknown	

34(b). Please report the number of **Dispositional** outcomes for <u>all children</u> who were the subjects of the closed **TPR** petitions. This includes outcomes that occurred either in lieu of (e.g., a settlement) **or** as a result of a contested dispositional hearing. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable. If no TPR petitions were closed during the reporting period, please enter 'N/A.'

	Total
Suspended Judgement	
Termination of Parental Rights	
Other: (Please specify)	
Outcome Unknown	

35. For Article 10 and Termination of Parental Rights petitions closed, report total number of **motions** filed (specifying by type of motion). Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

	Total	Unable to Report
§ 722-C Ex Parte Application for Services Other than Counsel		
FCA § 1028 Hearing		
Discovery Motions		
Enter/Modify/Enforce Visitation Order		
Dismiss Petition		
Return/Release of Child/Trial Discharge		
Vacate or Modify Any Order		
Contempt		
Motion/OTSC Reply/Responses		

36. Please report the number of Article 10 and Termination of Parental Rights petitions closed during the reporting period in which any of the following **specialized services** were utilized. Please do not leave blanks - enter '0' (zero) where applicable.

Instructions and Definitions				
Specialized Service	is a broad characterization of interdisciplinary representation wherein another discipline is part of the defense/representation team (e.g., <b>staff or contracted</b> social workers who facilitate access to services and who can support a client during events such as out-of-court meetings). It can also describe contracted expert services obtained to advance the client's legal goals, (e.g., investigators, interpreters, experts, and social workers/forensic experts who formally assess the parent's strengths and needs and may, upon the attorney's request, produce a report for the court).			

	Abuse	Neglect	Termination of Parental Rights	Position Type (Personnel or Contract)	Unable to Report
Social Worker/Case Manager					
Parent Advocate/Mentor					
Paralegal					
Investigator					
Interpreter					
Expert					
Other					

Article 10 and Termination of Parental Rights Representation 37(a). Please provide a summary of your office's use of grant-funded specialized service personnel in Article 10 petitions. In your response, please describe how specialized service personnel are assigned and ways in which the utilization of specialized service personnel positively impacted representation.
37(b). Please provide a summary of how your office worked with contracted specialized service professionals in Article 10 petitions. In your response, please describe how contracted specialized service professionals are assigned and ways in which the utilization of contracted specialized services positively impacted representation.

# Family Court Attorney and Specialized Service Position Information

38. Please report the number of **Article 10 attorney** positions that are funded by the above ILS grant(s) as of December 31, 2024. For each attorney position, please provide the **type, starting date**, indicate if it was a **new hire**, an upgrade of an existing hire (i.e., an increase in hours), or an attorney position placed **on contract**, and select if the attorney provides **supervision and/or mentorship** to other staff in the office. Then, **enter the total number of Article 10 petitions assigned** during the reporting period. **If your office provides IR**, **please also include the total number of IRs assigned during the reporting period.** 

Instructions and Definitions	
General Instructions	As this question tries to get a cumulative overview of attorney positions since the implementation of one or multiple ILS Family Defense Grant(s) (i.e., Model Office 1, 2, 3; Upstate Family Defense Grants 1 & 2; Family Defense Grant 3), answers to this question should include all attorney positions that were funded through the ILS Family Defense Grant Contract(s) on the last business day of the reporting period (i.e., December 31, 2024)
Type of Position:	
New Hire	refers to any new attorney position, part- or full-time, that was filled on the last business day of the reporting period (i.e., December 31, 2024), including, but not limited to, ACP attorney-administrators and other ACP attorney staff.
Upgrade of Existing Hire	refers to any attorney position that existed prior to the reporting period, and for which the number of hours worked was increased as of the last business day of the reporting period (i.e., December 31, 2024). For example, an existing attorney whose position changed from part- to full-time would be included in this category. Salary increases that are not accompanied by an increase in the number of hours worked should not be included.
On Contract	refers to any individual attorney who occupies a position through a contract to provide services under this funding, and who was working under that contract on the last business day of the reporting period (i.e., December 31, 2024). It excludes contractors who did not occupy a position, such as those who received stipends, were paid as assigned counsel pursuant to NY County Law § 722-b-1, or who received funding for mentoring programs, second-chair programs, or litigation support

	Type of Position	Starting Date (mm/yyyy)	New Hire, Upgrade of Existing Hire, or On Contract	Provides Investigation Representation (Y/N)	Total number of Article 10 petitions assigned 1/1/24 – 12/31/24	Total number of IRs assigned 1/1/24 – 12/31/24
Attorney Position 1						
Attorney Position 2						
Attorney Position 3						
Attorney Position 4						
Attorney Position 5						

# Family Court Attorney and Specialized Service Position Information

39. Please report the number of **specialized services** positions that are <u>funded</u> by the above ILS grant(s) as of December 31, 2024. For each non-attorney position, please provide the <u>type, starting date</u>, indicate if it was a <u>new hire, an upgrade of an existing hire</u> (i.e., an increase in hours), or a non-attorney position placed <u>on contract</u>. Then, enter the total number of <u>closed</u> <u>Article 10 petitions</u> where the specialized services positions were used during the reporting period. If your program provides IR, please also include the total number of <u>closed IRs</u> where the specialized service(s) were used during the reporting period.

	Type of Position	Starting Date (mm/yyyy)	New Hire, Upgrade of Existing Hire, or On Contract	Provides Investigation Representation (Y/N)	Total number of closed Article 10 petitions 1/1/24 – 12/31/24	Total number of closed IRs 1/1/24 – 12/31/24
Specialized Service Position 1						
Specialized Service Position 2						
Specialized Service Position 3						
Specialized Service Position 4						
Specialized Service Position 5						

# **Attorney-Client Communication**

**Screener question** [This question facilitates skip patterns]

- 40. Are you able to report the number of days that elapsed before an attorney had an in-person meeting outside of court with their client after the client was accepted for representation?
  - 1. Yes [If yes, proceed to question #41]
  - 2. No [If no, skip to question #41(b)]
- 41(a). For each category below, please report the total number of petitions closed that correspond to the number of days that elapsed before an attorney had an in-person meeting outside of court with their client after the client was accepted for representation.

	Total Number of Petitions
< 1 Day	
1 - 2 Days	
3 - 5 Days	
6 - 10 Days	
11 - 20 Days	
21 Days or More	

41(b). Please provide a brief description of how your office manages attorney-client communication in IRs
and Article 10 petitions. Please include any relevant policies or practices, for instance, if a program policy
exists that requires the attorney to contact the client within a specified time frame after notification that
the client is being investigated.

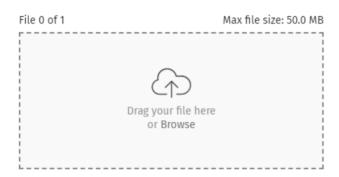
### **Trainings & Continuing Legal Education**

**Screener question** [This question facilitates skip patterns]

- 42. Do(es) the grant contract(s) include funding for trainings and continuing legal education (CLE) under the ILS grant? Please see Attachment B-1 of your contract if you are unsure.
  - 1. Yes [If yes, proceed to question #43]
  - 2. No [If no, skip to question #45]
- 43. Did you fund, co-sponsor, or host any ILS grant-funded trainings during the reporting period?
  - 1. Yes [If yes, please describe the training]
  - 2. No
- 44. Please report the total number of attorneys and specialized service professionals who utilized ILS grant funding to attend any type of training.

	Total	Unable to Report
Attorneys		
Specialized Service Professionals		

45. [Third Family Defense Grant Only] If you have not yet submitted your Implementation Memo, please upload it here.



46. Please upload any documents that you prepared or utilized as part of the grant funding (e.g., CLE training flyers, job descriptions, intake sheet, case closing form, etc.).

