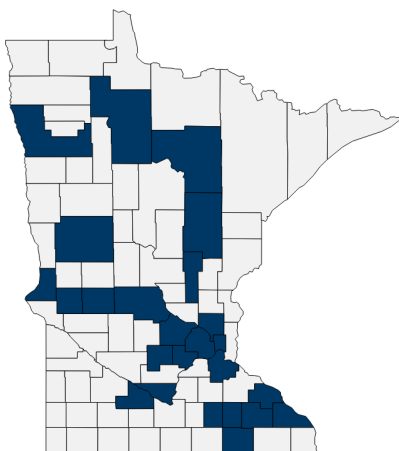




Established in May 2024, the Office of the Foster Youth Ombudsperson (OOFY) handles complaints from anyone, **prioritizing concerns from young people** about their **rights, care, safety, and placement** in Minnesota foster care, including youth in extended foster care and those who have recently aged out of care.

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concerns

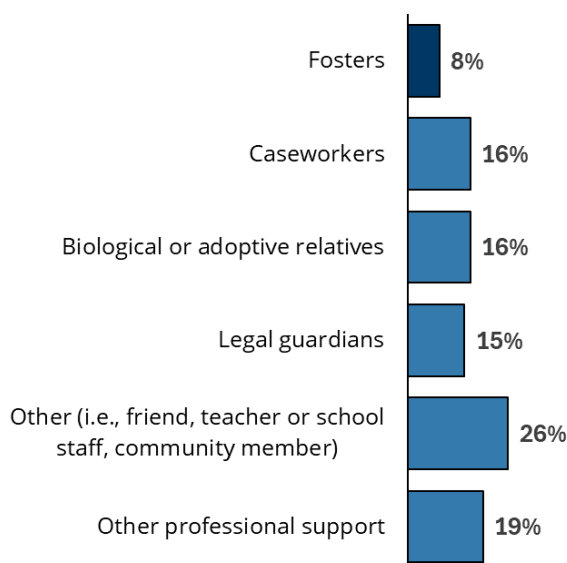


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OOFY had direct contact with [Fosters](#) in 50 percent of the cases (14 out of 28) that involved a specific person. The remaining 34 cases were related to general consultations, policy questions, an anonymous concern, and other non-person-specific matters.**

People who submitted concerns to OOFY included:



- No county information was available for ten reported concerns. Five cases involved multiple counties, and one case originated from a tribal nation.

** OOFY uses the term “Foster,” following the example of those with lived experience, to refer to people with experience in foster care, no matter their age or whether they reunited with family, were adopted, or aged out of foster care.