





CHILDREN WITHOUT PLACEMENT AGENCY EFFORTS

PRIORITY

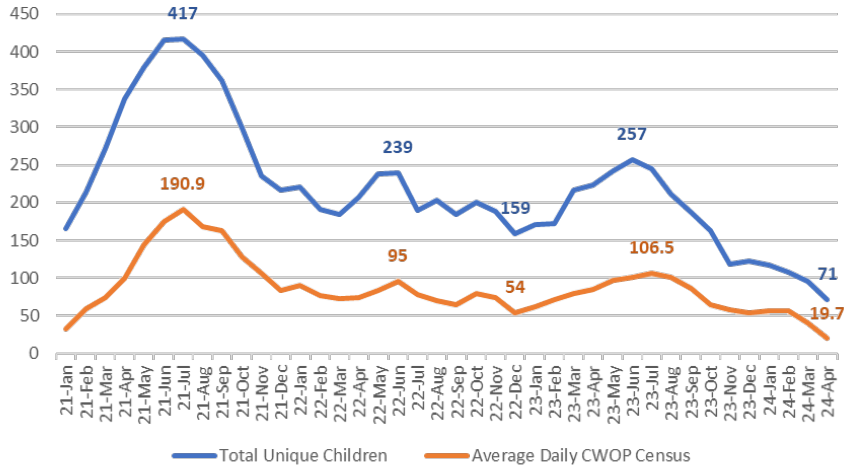
GOAL

ACTIONS

	<p>CARE</p> <p>Augment the structure and staffing of DFPS Supervision sites, providing an environment that incentivizes positive youth behaviors while prioritizing the safety of both youth and caseworkers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot in Regions 6 & 7 targeted at behavior modification for youth to establish added structure, youth incentives, and staff responsibilities • Additional staff training for pilot participants, including de-escalation techniques • Hiring dedicated positions • Increased temporary staffing • Placement staffings • Expediting placement referrals to Residential Treatment Placement Coordinators and for Child Specific Contract searches • Law enforcement engagement • Clinical coordinators to support with caseworker tasks when a child/youth is in DFPS Supervision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy updates to support staff wellbeing by limiting the number of DFPS Supervision shifts allowable • Trafficking assessment • Missing youth searches • DFPS Temporary Housing Implementation Plan • Convening of State Agencies and Stakeholders • Pathways to Placement • Interagency Critical Case Meetings • Children’s Mental Health Strategic Plan Subcommittee
	<p>CAPACITY</p> <p>Enhance the capacity and stability of kinship and licensed placements while streamlining DFPS placement processes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP), Intensive Psychiatric Stabilization Program (IPSP), and Treatment Family Foster Care (TFFC) expansion • Temporary Emergency Placement (TEP) expansion • Placement process improvement and additional staffing • Emergency Shelter Partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training for staff regarding engaging kin and placement with kinship. • Developing strategies to increase 1st placements with kinship • Updating kinship policies to strengthen kinship practices • Expanded and flexible Kinship spending • Provider Clinical and Programmatic Support
	<p>SERVICES</p> <p>Support programs and services to meet the specific needs of youth in DFPS Supervision, with a focus on preparing older youth for successful transitions to independence and self-sufficiency within appropriate placements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on services and support, such as preparation for adult living, housing, job opportunities, and other basic life skills • Utilize behavioral health funding for youth crisis outreach and extended inpatient hospital support • Partnering youth with mentor support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure every youth is referred for a Circle of Support • Providing up to date mental health resources to staff through broadcasts and Job Aids • Ensure therapeutic supports are scheduled for youth regardless of participation
	<p>DIVERSION</p> <p>Implement actions to divert children and youth from entering state custody as appropriate through effective intervention strategies and alternative support systems, promoting family preservation and community-based solutions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with HHSC to support access to behavioral health resources and additional funding to prevent removals as a result of refusal to accept parental responsibility • Increased use of Alternative Response • Increased use of Behavioral Health Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on least restrictive environment • Partnership with Juvenile Justice • Increased communication with psychiatric hospitals • Emphasis on first placement with kinship

Children Without Placement Data

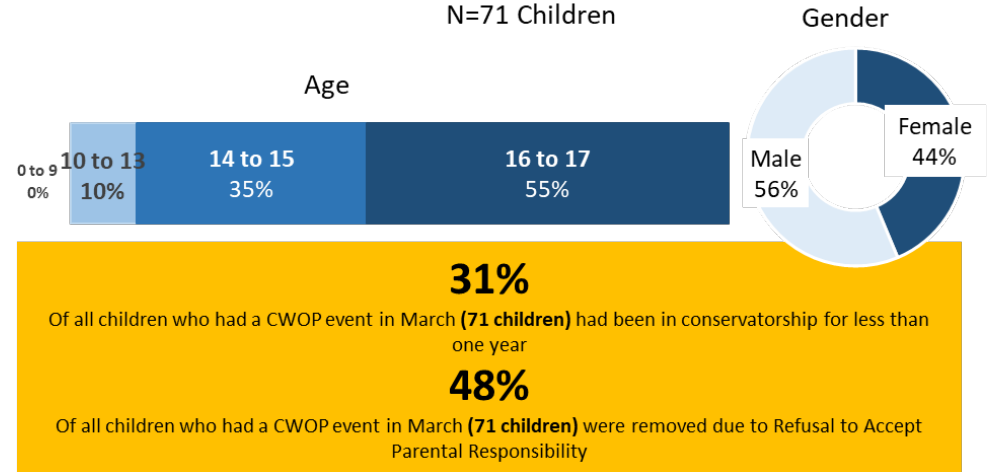
Total Children Without Placement



Definition: A child without placement event refers to when a child or youth was without placement for at least two consecutive, uninterrupted nights. If a youth goes missing during a child without placement event, the youth will be in a missing status rather than a child without placement event to ensure protocols are followed for safe return of the youth. If the youth returns from the missing event, a new event starts after at least two consecutive, uninterrupted nights.

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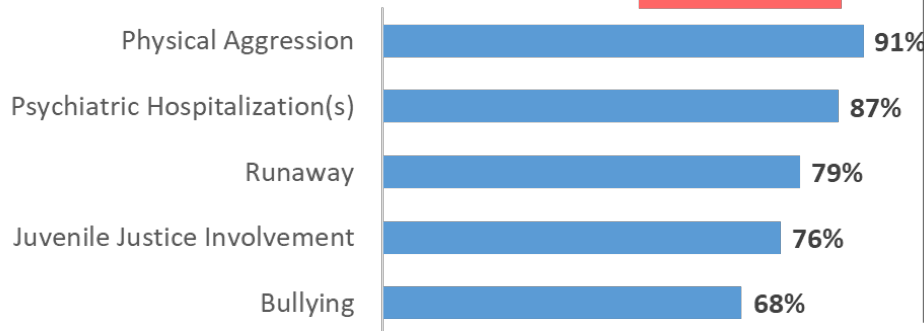
April 2024
N=71 Children



Top 5 Child Characteristics/Needs

April 2024
N=82 Events

Children without placement have complex needs



Subsequent CWOP Event for CWOP Events

Ending in January 2024
N= 87 events

