



Texas Department of
Family and Protective Services

Senate Health and Human Services

Charge 2D: Foster Parent Recruitment

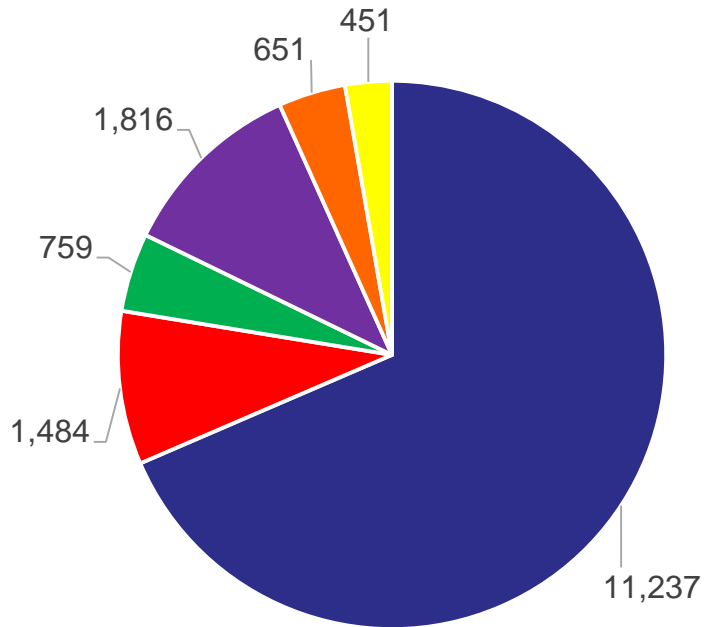
H.L. Whitman, DFPS Commissioner

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Foster Family Recruitment

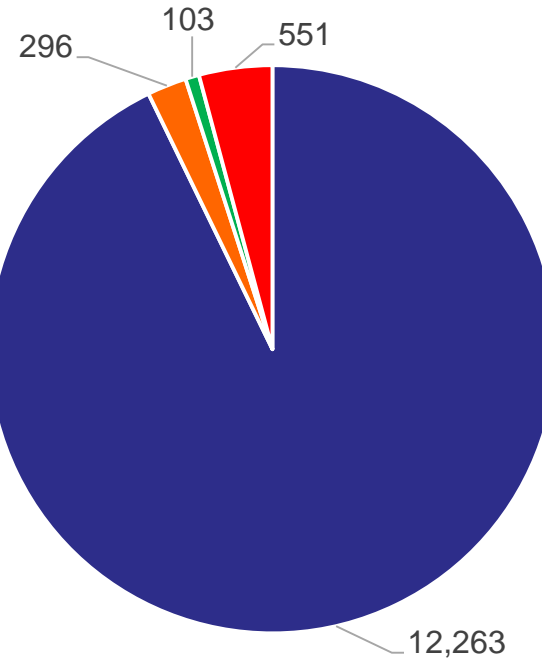
Children in Foster Care



- CPA Foster Homes
- DFPS Foster Homes
- Basic Child Care Settings
- RTCs
- Emergency Shelters
- Other

Total: 16,398

Children in Other Sub Care



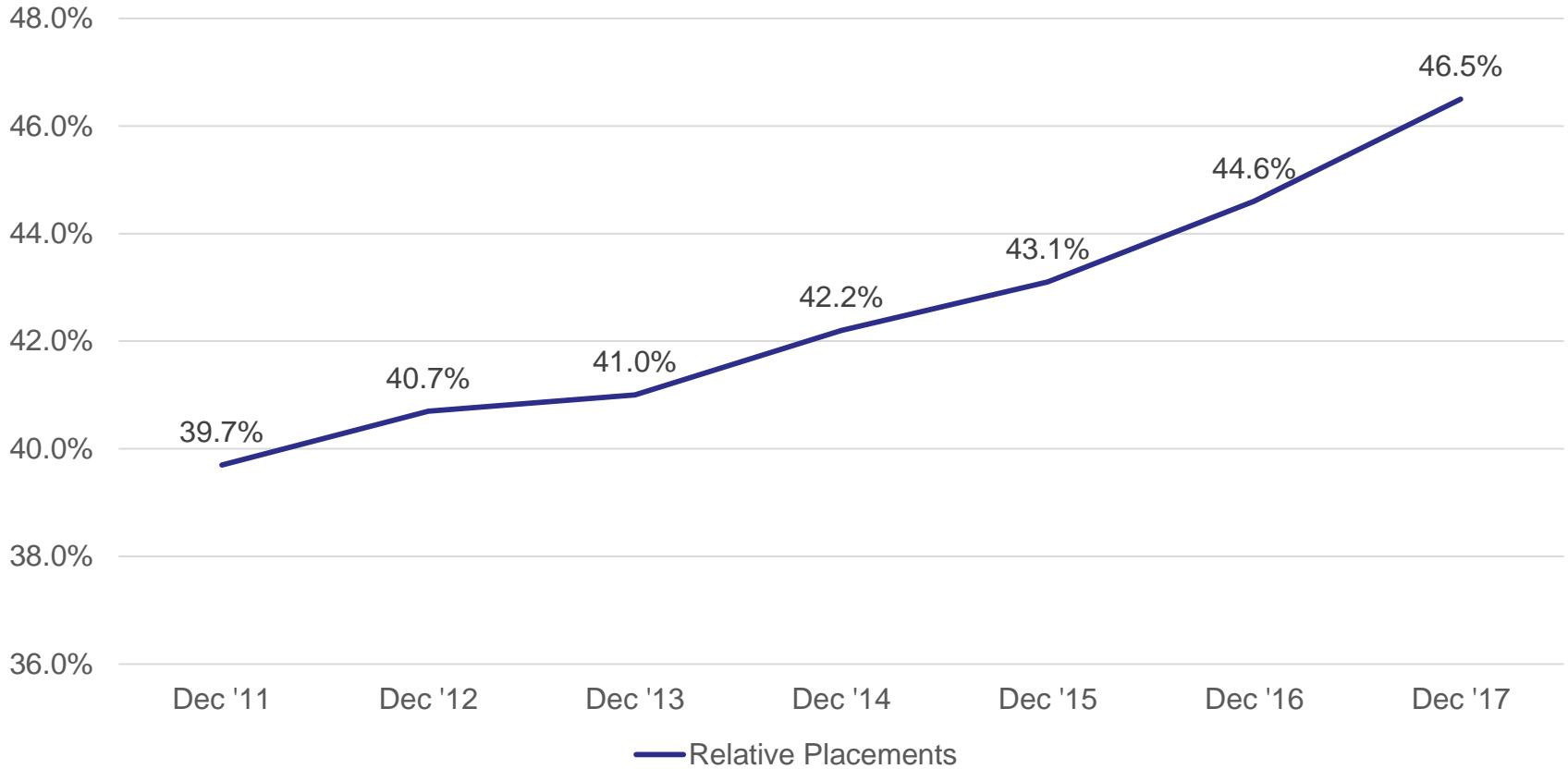
- Unverified Kinship
- CPA Adoptive Homes
- DFPS Adoptive Homes
- Independent Living

Total: 13,213



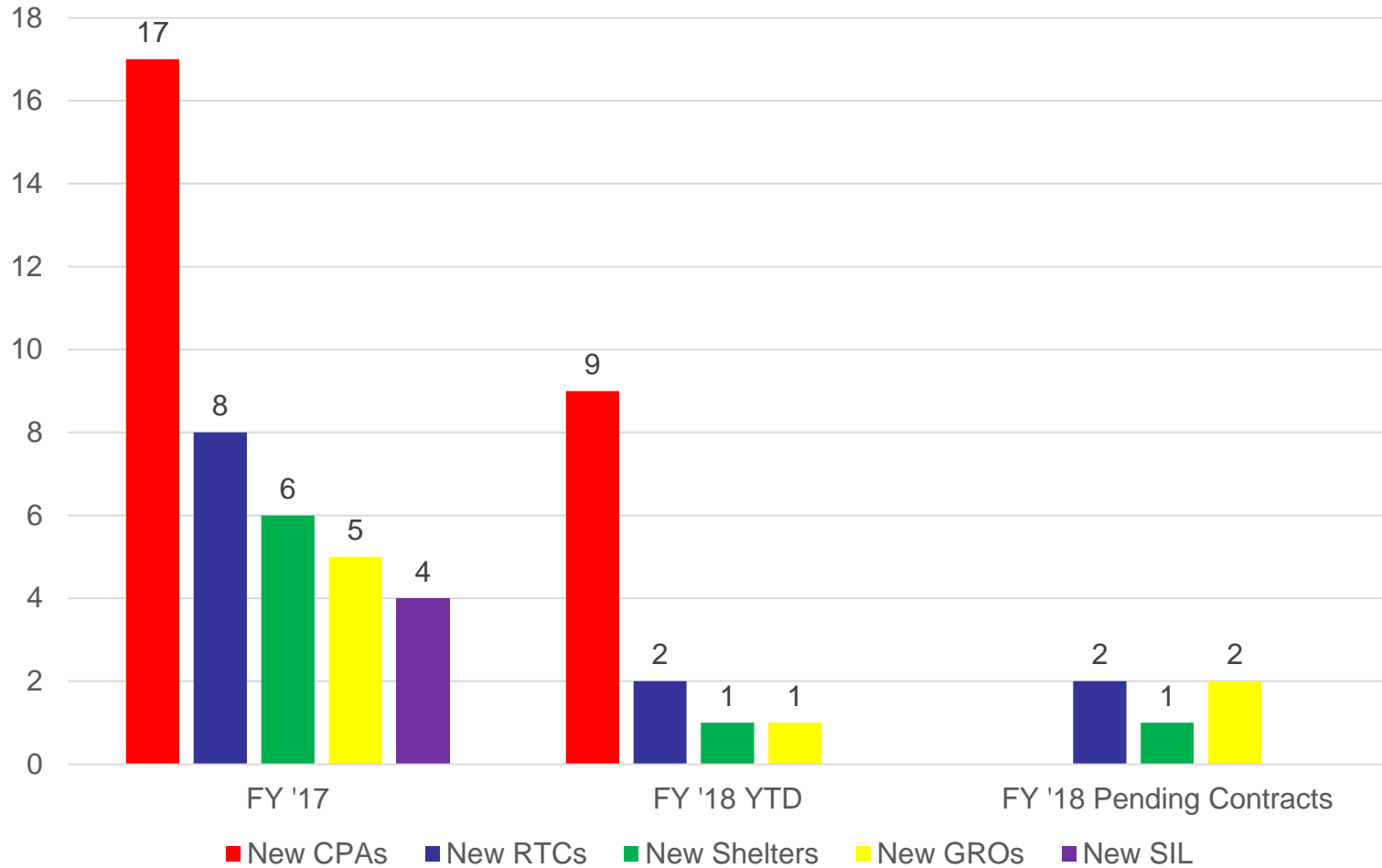
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Relative Placements



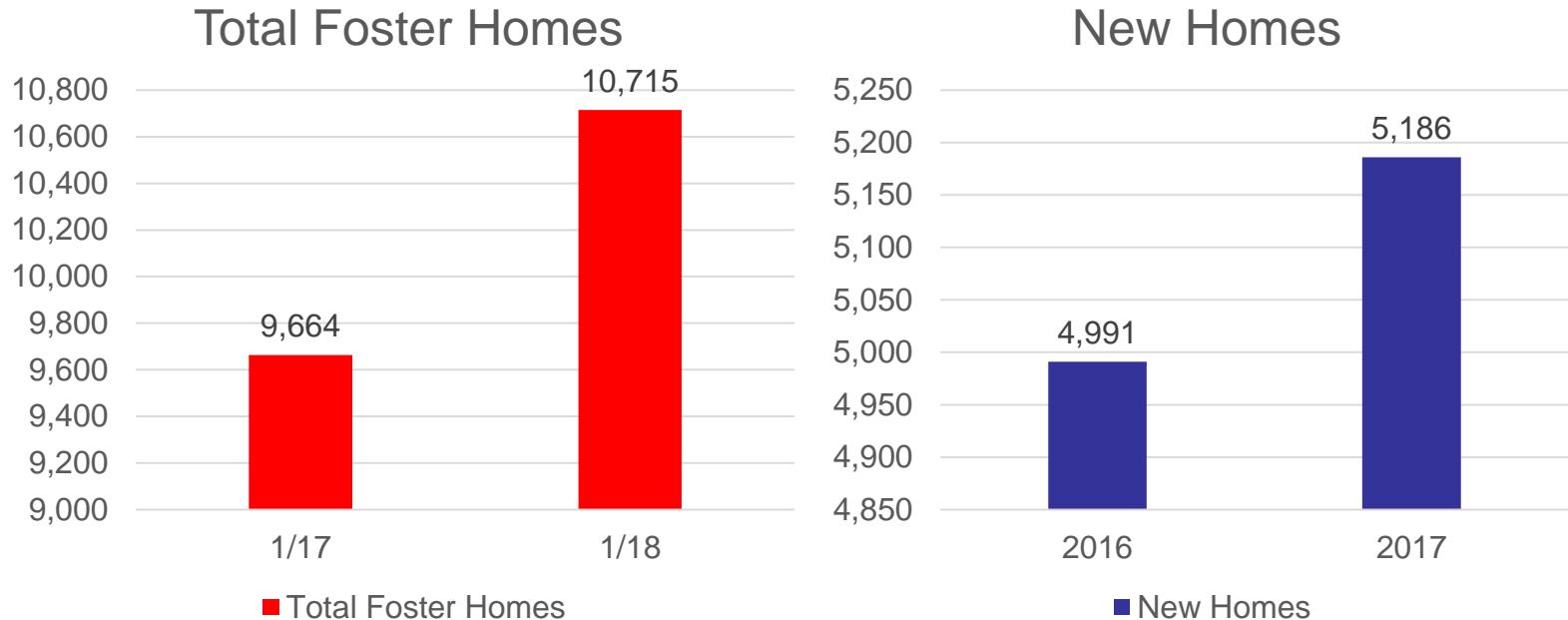


Capacity Growth





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In FY '17, DFPS completed the first Capacity Needs Assessment, that helps the department and providers know where capacity is needed the most and what kinds of capacity are needed. DFPS will be refreshing this needs assessment in FY '18 and incorporating provider community feedback as well as legislative changes.

- DFPS has partnerships with over 1,000 faith communities that provide:
 - One-time events and donations;
 - Support of children and families across the continuum – from prevention to permanency – with organizations like CarePortal; and
 - Foster/adopt ministry to recruit and support families.
 - Support Services may include:
 - Transportation, meals, home repair, babysitting, and support groups
 - Oaks Fellowship in Waxahachie
 - Recruiting foster families from its congregation while providing support services
 - Fielder Church in Arlington
 - Its mission is to recruit 1,000 foster/adopt families by 2026
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