



**TEXAS**  
Department of Family  
and Protective Services

# Presentation to the Senate Finance Committee

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## Senate Bill 1

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# Mission and Vision

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## **DFPS Mission**

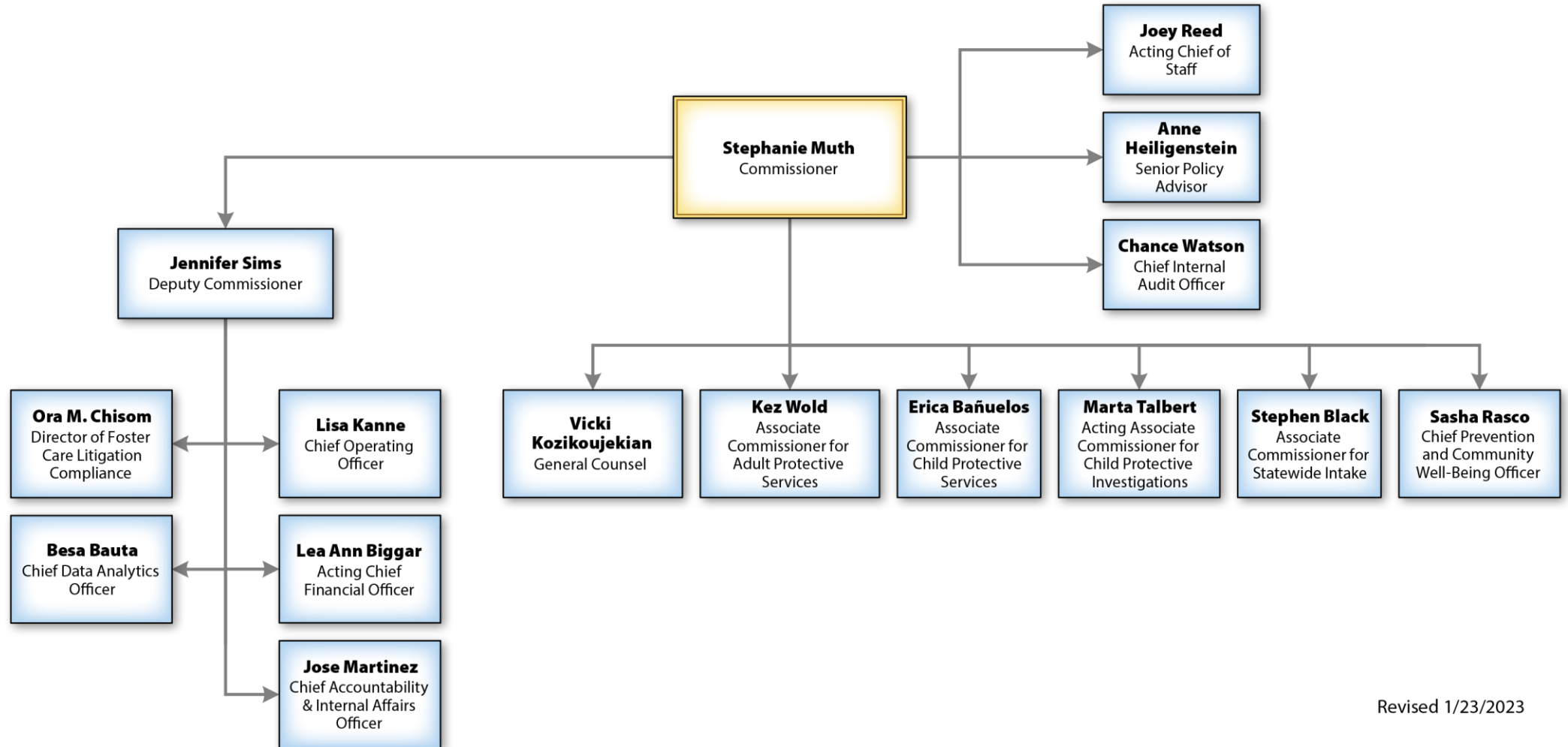
We promote safe and healthy families and protect children and vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation

## **DFPS Vision**

Improving the lives of those we serve



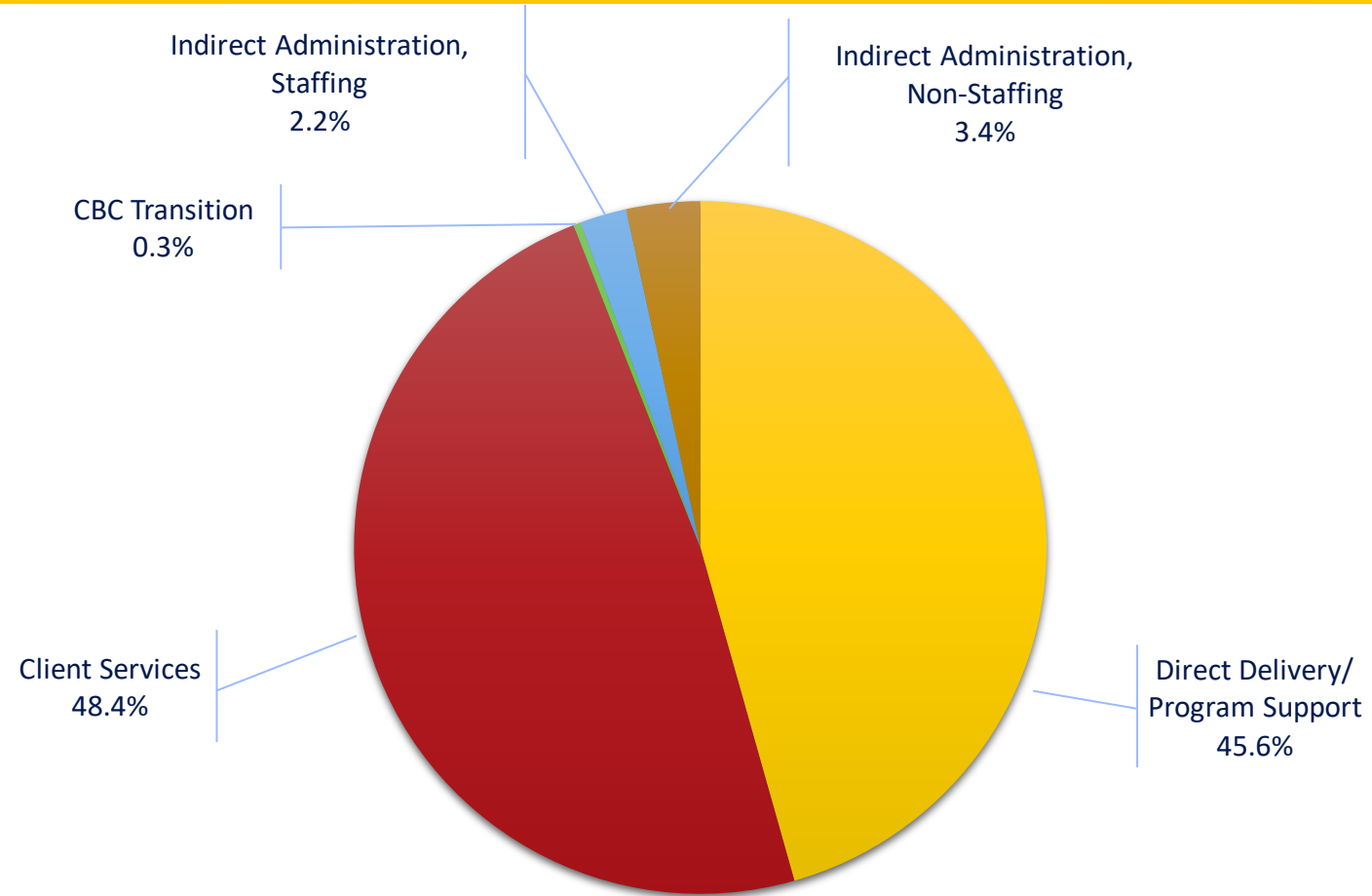
# Organizational Chart



Revised 1/23/2023



# DFPS Overview: Budget



**FY 2022-23  
Appropriation:  
\$4.6 Billion**

**Appropriated FTEs:  
12,825.5**





# DFPS Overview:

## Core Functions

### Adult Protective Services (APS)

protects adults living in their own homes who have disabilities or who are 65 years old or older by investigating reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation and providing short-term services

- APS completed 84,655 investigation and provided services to over 35,000 elderly and disabled Texans

### Child Protective Investigations (CPI)

investigates reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including those within certain residential facilities

- CPI Investigations opened 229,726 investigations and closed 230,407
- 22% percent of all cases received a reason to believe finding

### Child Protective Services (CPS)

assesses and places children in foster care when they are not safe in their own homes, and for ensuring the best permanency outcomes for children in care

- There were 24,186 children in conservatorship on average each month
- 698 children were in an adoptive placement on average each month
- 4,483 children were adopted

### Prevention and Community Well-Being (PCW)

improves the safety and well-being of children and families by overseeing a network of programs and initiatives to support parents and youth, and partners with stakeholders to strengthen outcomes for all DFPS clients

- PCW managed 131 grants and 42 contracts; 60,077 families and youth served, and 97 percent of children remained safe during services

### Statewide Intake (SWI)

operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as the centralized point of intake for reporting suspected incidents of abuse, neglect, and exploitation and childcare licensing standards violations

- SWI received 802,606 reports, approximately 480,000 were handled via phone calls
- SWI met or exceeded the LBB hold time benchmark of 7.4-minutes

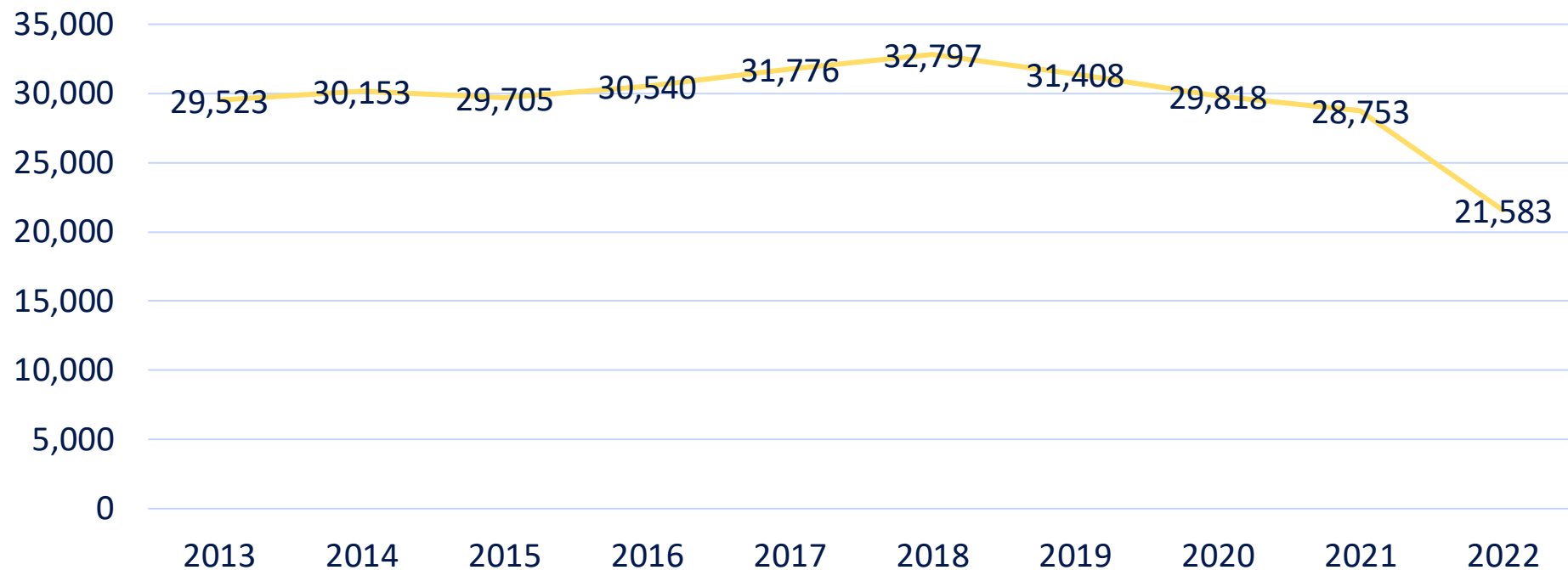
Note: All Data is for FY 2022



# DFPS Overview:

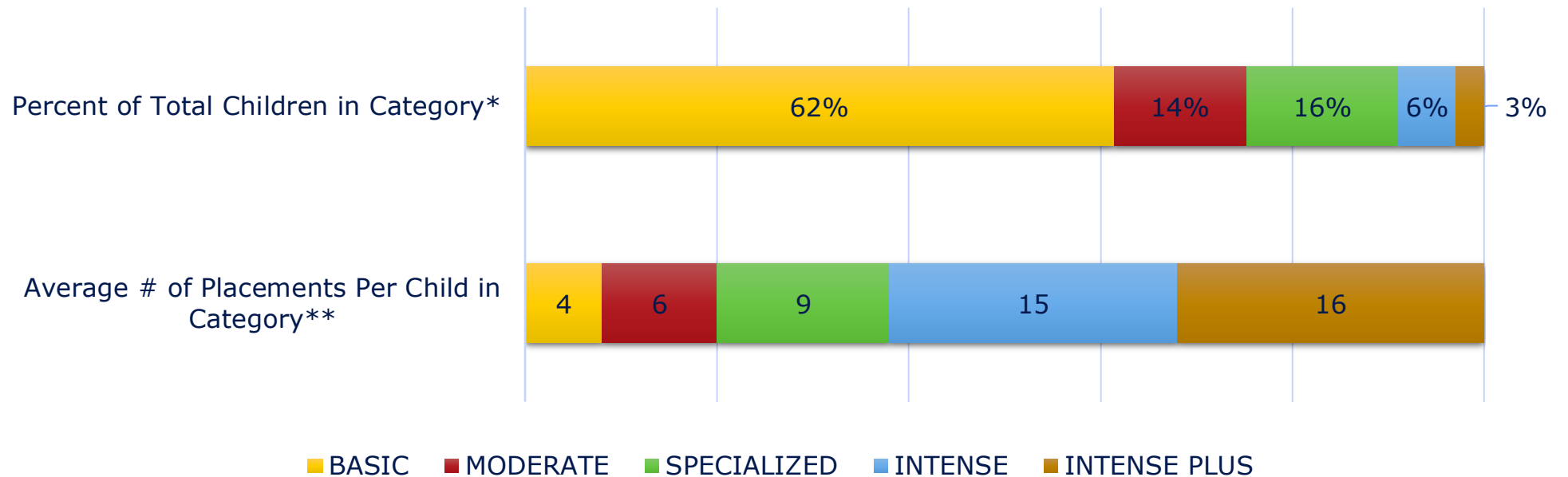
## Number of Children in Conservatorship

Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility on August 31, 2022



# DFPS Overview:

## Level of Care by Average # of Placements



\*Average # of placement by category for current removal episode

\*\*Legacy Only. Excludes children in SIL and SSCC placements and those without a level of care. FY 2022.





# Capacity and Mental Health Initiatives

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## Increasing Capacity

- **HB 5 Capacity Fund** – Surplus funds used to increase rates for Specialized, Intense, and Intense Plus placement settings
- **Intensive Psychiatric Stabilization Program** – Engaged with psychiatric providers to establish a stabilization program for children after a psychiatric hospital admission. Pilot Program in partnership with UT – Health Houston
- **Rate Modernization** – Proposed changes to the service delivery model for providers to provide specialize services

## Behavioral and Mental Health Interventions

- **Multisystemic Therapy (MST)** – An evidence-based therapy – recognizing a child’s severe behavioral problems are often due to multiple factors – deployed though community-based treatment for at-risk youth with intensive needs and their families
- **Mobile Crisis Units** – A group of behavioral health professionals, such as social workers, peer specialists, and family peer advocates, who provide care and short-term management for people experiencing severe behavioral crisis
- **Crisis Stabilization for Youth** – For times when a youth (ages 12-18) is experiencing an acute mental health, behavioral health, or substance use issue that requires more than a visit to the pediatrician, but less than a trip to the emergency room
- **HHS RTC Diversion Project** – Provide children with intensive mental health care in a Residential Treatment setting while their guardian keeps legal responsibility for their child



# Texas vs. National Data

Measure	Texas	National
Entry Rate (per 1,000 children)	1.5	2.6
Permanency within 12-months	32%	34%
Re-Entry into Care	3%	6%
Percent Longstayers	27%	34%
Placement Stability (per 1,000 days of foster care)	4.1	4.5
Kinship Placement	32%	35%
Group Placement	9%	11%
Aging Out of Care	7%	9%

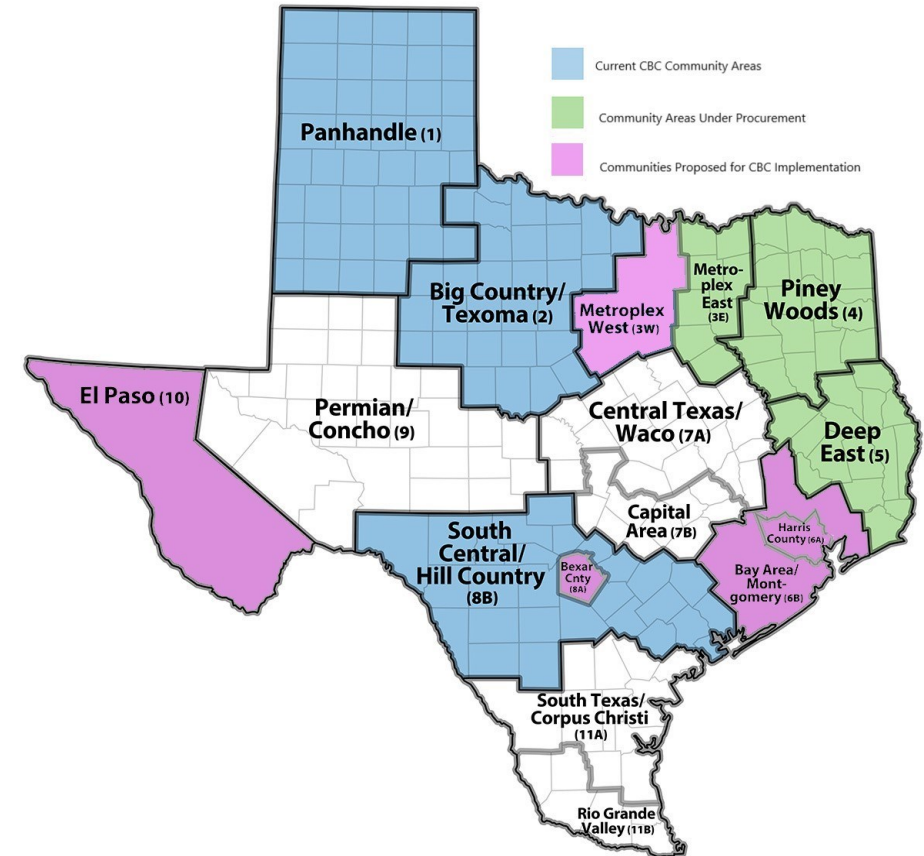
Note: Green indicates the Texas average is better than the National average. Red indicates the National average is better than the Texas average.



# FY 2022-23 Updates

## Community Based Care

- Serves 24% of the children in conservatorship
- By the end of FY 2023, approximately half the state geographically will be under CBC (Stage I and II)



# FY 2022-23 Updates

## Adult Protective Services (APS)

- Piloted Financial Exploitation Units in Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio/Rio Grande
- Focused on improving client and case outcomes through case reading standards redesign
- Implemented a Supervisor Mentoring Program to help improve staff retention

## Child Protective Investigations (CPI)

- Reduced the number of Parental Child Safety Placements by 76 percent in FY 2022
- Experienced a 40 percent reduction of removals in FY 2022

## Child Protective Services (CPS)

- Allocated \$70 Million provided by the 87th Legislature for supplemental payments to retain providers and increase capacity
- Awarded \$20 Million in grants provided by the 87th Legislature to providers who submitted plans to increase capacity options
- Expanded Treatment Foster Family Care to more than 125 homes and child placing agencies
- Increased the kinship rate to meet the statutory limit of 50 percent of the Foster Care Rate
- Reduced Children without Placement (CWOP) by approximately 60 percent since the Summer 2021 peak



# FY 2022-23 Updates

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## Prevention and Community Well-Being (PCW)

- Funded seven Family Resource Centers to serve families in Bexar, Cameron, Harris, El Paso, Hidalgo, Tarrant and Travis counties
- Launched the PEI Parent Advisory Committee to focus on upstream prevention policies
- Implemented Kinship Navigator and Early County Liaisons pilots to support kinship caregivers and families involved in the judicial system in accessing support and services

## Statewide Intake (SWI)

- Answered approximately 480,000 calls in FY 2022, the busiest year to date
- Met or exceeded the LBB hold time benchmark of 7.4-minutes
- Launched the Parent Helpline in July of 2022





# FY 2023 Supplemental Funding Request

Program	GR	All Funds
<b>Foster Care</b>	<b>\$42.8*</b>	<b>\$42.8</b>
• Foster Care Payments	\$42.8	\$42.8
<b>CPS Direct Delivery</b>	<b>\$74.2</b>	<b>\$78.4</b>
• Children Without Placement	\$47.7	\$49.8
• Non-CWOP Travel/Overtime	\$14.5	\$15.5
• Increased Mileage	\$1.0	\$1.1
• Retention Bonus for Frontline Staff	\$11.0	\$12.0
<b>Increased Court Monitor Fees</b>	<b>\$1.9</b>	<b>\$1.9</b>
<b>Assessment – DCS</b>	<b>\$2.9</b>	<b>\$3.1</b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b>\$6.0</b>	<b>\$6.6</b>
• Agency DCS	\$4.5	\$4.9
• IMPACT Upgrades	\$1.5	\$1.7
<b>Adult Protective Services**</b>	<b>\$1.4</b>	<b>\$1.4</b>
• Program Support	\$0.1	\$0.1
• Purchased Client Services	\$1.3	\$1.3
<b>Total Need for FY2023</b>	<b>\$129.2</b>	<b>\$134.2</b>

\*Foster Care Payments are based on June 2022 Forecast data and will be updated with a new forecast in February 2023.



# FY 2024-25 Key Budget Drivers

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## **Declines in Foster Care Census and Removals**

- Decline in the population of children in care which is reflected in an anticipated reduced need in our entitlement strategies
- Decline in removals due to changes made during the 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session

## **Foster Care Rate Modernization**

- Consideration of new legacy and Community-Based Care rates
- Implementation plan costs

## **Current Service Funding**

- Full two years of funding for Community-Based Care rollouts in the current biennium
- Increased staffing is requested for Statewide Intake and not Child Protective Services, Child Protective Investigations or Adult Protective Services
- Sustain funding to support children without placement



# FY 2024-25 Summary of Senate Bill 1

*All \$ figures in millions*

DFPS Goals	FY 2022-23 LBE	FY 2024-25 Introduced Bill	FY 2024-25 Exceptional Items	FY 2024-25 Total Request
Goal 1 Statewide Intake Services	\$59.9	\$59.8	\$8.7	\$68.5
Goal 2 Child Protective Services	\$3,845.4	\$4,041.7	\$224.9	\$4,266.6
Goal 3 Prevention Programs	\$250.5	\$236.6	\$88.4	\$325.0
Goal 4 Adult Protective Services	\$150.1	\$139.8	\$17.4	\$157.2
Goal 5 Indirect Administration	\$194.2	\$200.2	\$62.8	\$263.1
Goal 6 Agency-wide Automated Systems	\$63.7	\$74.1	\$51.5	\$125.5
Goal 7 Office of Community-based Care Transition	\$15.4	\$16.1	\$0.9	\$17.0
Goal 8 Salary Adjustments	\$0.0	\$125.7	\$0.0	\$125.7
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>\$4,579.2</b>	<b>\$4,894.1</b>	<b>\$454.5</b>	<b>\$5,348.6</b>
General Revenue	\$2,609.1	\$3,062.0	\$439.8	\$3,501.7
General Revenue - Dedicated	\$8.6	\$8.6	\$0.0	\$8.6
Federal	\$1,940.4	\$1,799.0	\$14.8	\$1,813.8
Other	\$21.1	\$24.5	\$0.0	\$24.5
<b>Total Agency Method of Finance</b>	<b>\$4,579.2</b>	<b>\$4,894.1</b>	<b>\$454.5</b>	<b>\$5,348.6</b>



# FY 2024-25 Summary of Senate Bill 1

*FTE – Full Time Equivalents*

DFPS Goals	Full Time Equivalents			
	FY 2023 LBE	FY 2025 Introduced Bill	FY 2025 Exceptiona Items	FY 2025 Total Request
Goal 1 Statewide Intake Services	494.8	497.0	45.0	542.0
Goal 2 Child Protective Services	10,487.3	9,510.4	31.5	9,541.9
Goal 3 Prevention Programs	72.1	68.8	20.0	88.8
Goal 4 Adult Protective Services	883.8	848.0	27.0	875.0
Goal 5 Indirect Administration	813.0	829.1	91.0	920.1
Goal 7 Office of Community-based Care Transition	74.5	84.2	-	84.2
<b>Total Agency</b>	<b>12,825.5</b>	<b>11,837.5</b>	<b>214.5</b>	<b>12,052.0</b>



# Overview of Exceptional Items

All \$ figures in millions

Department of Family and Protective Services Exceptional Items	FY 2024		FY 2025		Biennial		FY 2024 FY2025	
	GR/GRD	All Funds	GR/GRD	All Funds	GR/GRD	All Funds	FTE	FTE
01 Stabilize and Expand Foster Care Capacity	76,028,655	76,228,980	75,869,591	76,011,448	151,898,246	152,240,428	32.0	32.0
02 Ensure Client Safety Through Services	60,006,282	60,815,911	60,261,416	61,070,874	120,267,698	121,886,785	127.5	138.5
03 Expand and Support Community-Based Care	8,879,814	9,057,310	15,298,329	16,070,905	24,178,143	25,128,215	(63.1)	(32.0)
04 Stabilize and Retain Workforce	36,288,729	38,969,823	36,709,046	39,423,988	72,997,775	78,393,811	50.0	50.0
05 Expand and Protect Information Technology and Data Resources	28,516,332	31,199,878	41,894,551	45,690,434	70,410,883	76,890,312	26.0	26.0
06 HHSC Assessment Placeholder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$209,719,812</b>	<b>\$216,271,902</b>	<b>\$230,032,933</b>	<b>\$238,267,649</b>	<b>\$439,752,745</b>	<b>\$454,539,551</b>	<b>172.4</b>	<b>214.5</b>







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# Appendix A:

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## Exceptional Items

# #1 Stabilize and Expand Foster Care Capacity

## 1 Sustain Enhanced Foster Care

*\$77.8M GR/\$77.8M AF for the biennium*

## 2 Sustain Clinical Coordinator Team to Support Child Placement

*\$7.6M GR/\$7.9M AF and 21.0 FTEs for the biennium*

## 3 Intensive Psychiatric Stabilization Program

*\$21.0M GR/\$21.1M AF for the biennium*

## 4 Address Support for Children Without Placement

*\$45.3M GR/\$45.3M AF for the biennium*

## 5 FTE Authority for Residential Treatment Placement Coordinator Staff

*11.0 FTEs for the biennium*

(\$ in Millions)	FY 2024	FY 2025	Biennium
General Revenue (GR)	\$76.0	\$75.8	\$151.8
All Funds (AF)	\$76.2	\$76.0	\$152.2
FTEs	32.0	32.0	

**6 Placeholder – New Legacy Foster Care Rates**  
*To be determined*

**7 Placeholder – Strengthen Mental and Behavioral Health Services in Foster Care**  
*To be determined*



# #2 Ensure Client Safety Through Services

## 1 Sustain and Strengthen Statewide Intake (SWI) Services

*\$9.0M GR/\$9.2M AF for the biennium and 38.0 FTEs in FY 2024 and 49.0 FTEs in FY 2025*

## 2 Strengthen Program Support for Child Protective Investigations (CPI)

*\$6.0M GR/\$6.5M AF and 38.0 FTEs for the biennium*

## 3 Strengthen Services and Support for Child Protective Services (CPS)

*\$9.0M GR/\$9.7M AF and 4.5 FTEs for the biennium*

## 4 Sustain and Strengthen Services for Adult Protective Services (APS)

*\$8.2M GR/\$8.3 AF and 27.0 FTEs for the biennium*

(\$ in Millions)	FY 2024	FY 2025	Biennium
General Revenue (GR)	\$60.0	\$60.2	\$120.2
All Funds (AF)	\$60.8	\$61.0	\$121.8
FTEs	127.5	138.5	

## 5 Strengthen Services for Prevention Services

*\$87.8M GR/\$87.9M AF and 20 FTEs for the biennium*



# #3 Expand and Support Community-Based Care

## 1 Interoperability of Systems between SSCC's and DFPS

*\$4.4M GR/\$4.8M AF and 10.0 FTEs for the biennium*

## 2 Adjust Resources for State Salary Increases

*\$11.8M GR/\$12.9M AF for the biennium*

## 3 Sustain Staffing Salaries for the Office of Community-Based Care (CBC) Transition (OCBCT)

*\$739,882 GR/\$806,964 AF for the biennium*

## 4 CBC Transition Project Coordination Team for DFPS

*\$1.1M GR/\$1.2M AF and 5.0 FTEs for the biennium*

## 5 Transition to Private Child Placing Agencies

*\$5.9M GR/\$5.2M AF for the biennium  
with a reduction in 78.1 FTEs in FY 2024 and  
a reduction in 47.0 FTEs in FY 2025*

(\$ in Millions)	FY 2024	FY 2025	Biennium
General Revenue (GR)	\$8.8	\$15.3	\$24.1
All Funds (AF)	\$9.0	\$16.1	\$25.1
FTEs	(63.1)	(32.0)	

## 6 Placeholder – Foster Care Lawsuit Compliance for SSCCs

*To be determined*

## 7 Placeholder – Set-aside Appropriation for Unsolicited Bid

*To be determined*





# #4 Stabilize and Retain Agency Workforce

## 1 Address Travel Costs

*\$9.0M GR/\$9.8M AF for the biennium*

## 2 Strengthen Support Structure to Meet Agency Goals through Competitive Salaries

*\$19.5M GR/\$21.1M AF for the biennium*

## 3 Strengthen Support Structure to Meet Agency Goals through Enhanced Staffing

*\$11.1M GR/\$12.0M AF and 50.0 FTEs for the biennium*

## 4 Stabilize and Retain Frontline Staff through Competitive Salaries

*\$9.9M GR/\$10.1M AF for the biennium*

(\$ in Millions)	FY 2024	FY 2025	Biennium
General Revenue (GR)	\$36.2	\$36.7	\$72.9
All Funds (AF)	\$38.9	\$39.4	\$78.3
FTEs	50.0	50.0	

## 5 Stabilize and Retain Frontline Staff through One-Time Salary Actions

*\$21.6M GR/\$23.4M AF for the biennium*

## 6 Adjusting Salaries to the New Minimum SAO Job Classification Alignments

*\$1.6M GR/\$1.7M AF for the biennium*





# #5 Enhance and Protect Information Technology and Data Resources

## 1 Sustain Data Center Services

*\$24.5M GR/\$26.5M AF for the biennium*

## 2 Finalize IMPACT Updates and Modernize Case Management System

*\$15.4M GR/\$17.5 AF and 5.0 FTEs for the biennium*

## 3 Strengthen Agency Information Technology Systems

*\$19.8M GR/\$21.3M AF and 5.0 FTEs for the biennium*

## 4 Strengthen Data and System Support

*\$4.3 M GR/\$4.6M AF and 10.0 FTEs for the biennium*

## 5 Enhancing Cybersecurity Infrastructure for DFPS

*\$6.3M GR/\$6.8M AF and 6.0 FTEs for the biennium*

(\$ in Millions)	FY 2024	FY 2025	Biennium
General Revenue (GR)	\$28.5	\$41.9	\$70.4
All Funds (AF)	\$31.2	\$45.6	\$76.8
FTEs	26.0	26.0	





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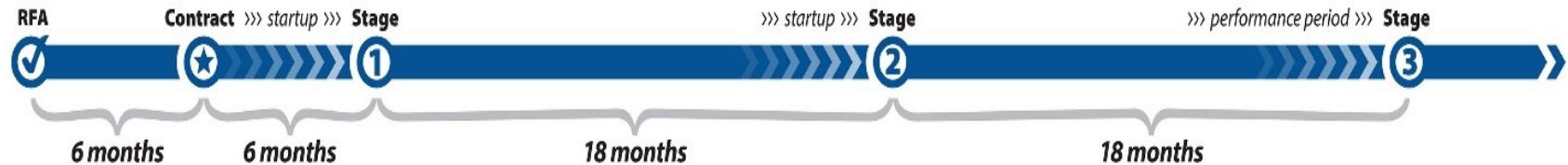
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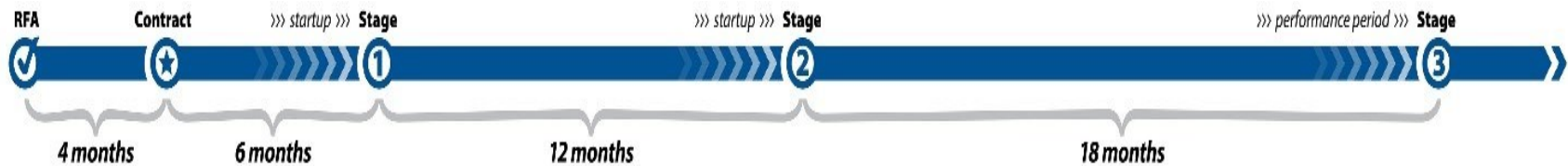
## Community-Based Care

# CBC: Implementation Timeline

## Traditional Implementation Timeline



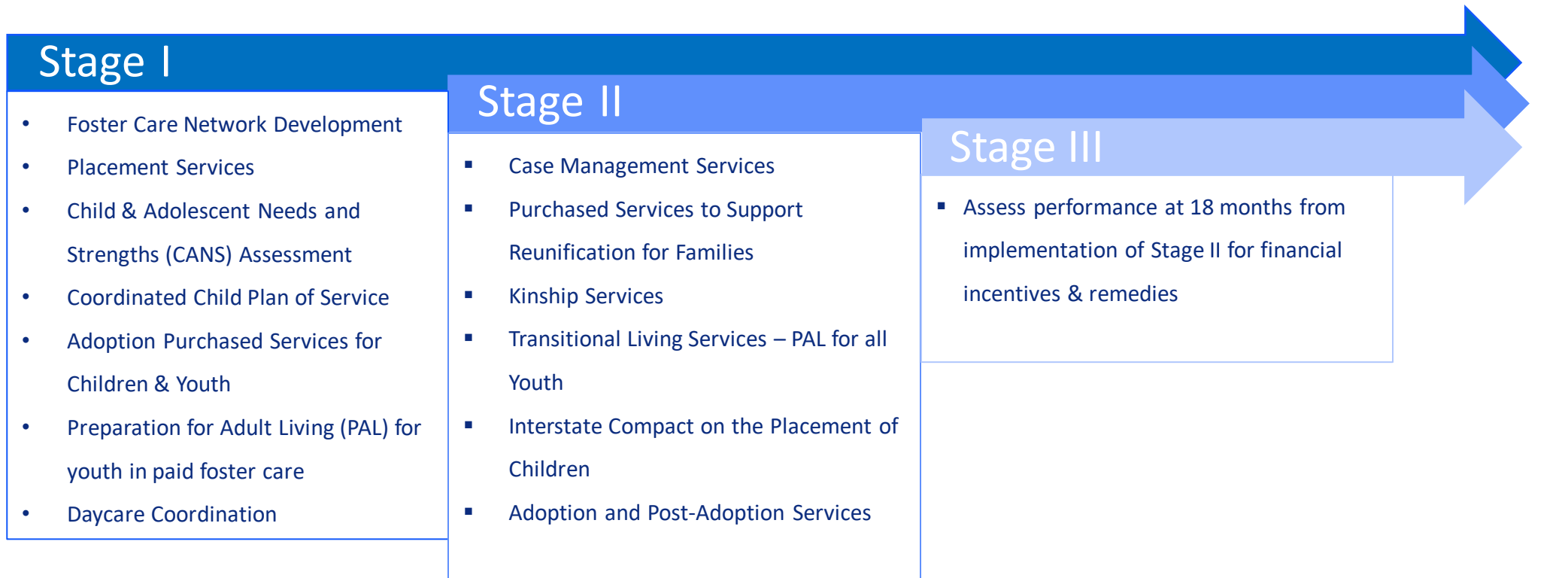
## Customary Implementation Timeline



## Condensed Implementation Timeline



# CBC: Implementation Stages

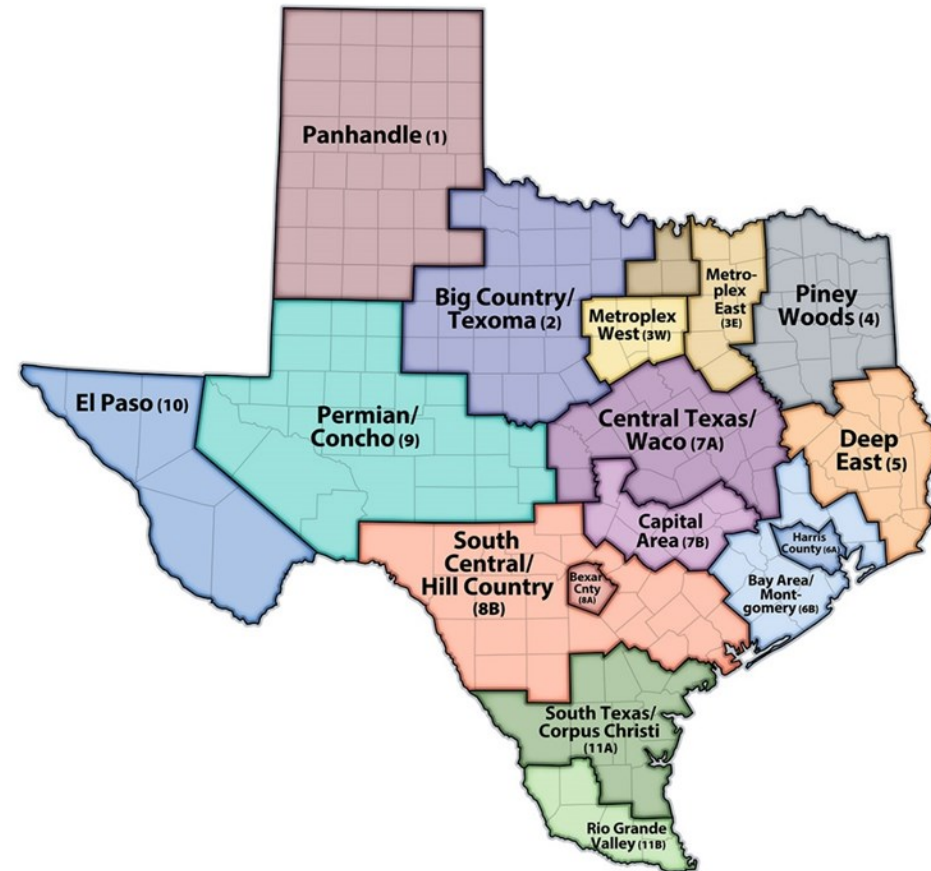




# CBC: Community Areas

As of January 17, 2023, 4,862 children in conservatorship (24%) are served by four CBC Community Areas:

- Metroplex West (3B)
- Big Country/Texoma (2)
- Panhandle (1)
- South Central/Hill Country (8B)





# Metroplex West (3B)

ACH – *Our Community, Our Kids (OCOK)*

- Serving as SSCC in Metroplex West (Fort Worth and surrounding counties) since January 2014
- Transitioned into Stage II (Case Management) on March 1, 2020, as planned



As of January 17, 2023, ACH was serving 1,613 children, approximately 8% of children in conservatorship in Texas

Note: This area will up for re-procurement in early Spring 2023 and will include the Metroplex West (3W) region



# Big Country/Texoma (2)

TFI and New Horizons - 2INgage

- Serving as SSCC in Big Country/Texoma since December 2018
- 2INgage transitioned into Stage II (Case Management) on June 1, 2020, as planned, despite the hurdles of COVID-19

As of January 17, 2023, 2INgage was serving 1,215 children, approximately 6% of children in conservatorship in Texas



# Panhandle (1)

## St. Francis Ministries – *St. Francis Community Services*

- Serving as SSCC in the Panhandle since January 2020
- Transitioned to Stage II on March 2, 2022

As of January 17, 2023, Saint Francis Ministries was serving 1,233 children, approximately 6% of children in conservatorship in Texas

Dallam	Sherman	Hansford	Ochiltree	Lipscomb	
Hartley	Moore	Hutchinson	Roberts	Hemphill	
Oldham	Potter	Carson	Gray	Wheeler	
Deaf Smith	Randall	Armstrong	Donley	Collingsworth	
Parmer	Castro	Swisher	Briscoe	Hall	Childress
Bailey	Lamb	Hale	Floyd	Motley	
Cochran	Hockley	Lubbock	Crosby	Dickens	King
Yoakum	Terry	Lynn	Garza		



# South Central/Hill Country (8B)

## SJRC Texas - *Belong*

- Serving as SSCC in South Central/Hill Country since October 1, 2021
- Transitioned to Stage II on October 1, 2022
- Belong was the first SSCC to move from Stage I to Stage II in 12 months

As of January 17, 2023, Belong was serving 801 children, approximately 4% of children in conservatorship in Texas





# CBC: Communities Under Procurement

Metroplex East (3E)



Piney Woods (4)



Deep East (5)



Note: Once contracts are awarded, readiness activities will begin, and Stage I services would likely begin in late Fall 2023.

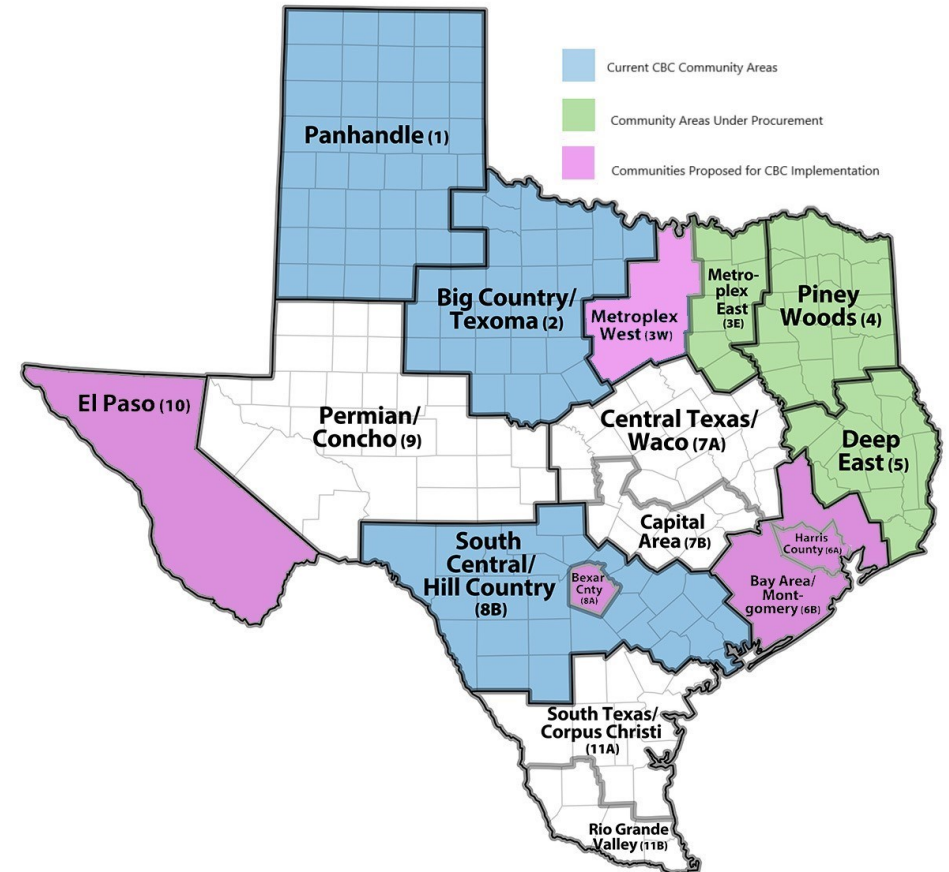


# FY 2024-25 CBC Expansion

CBC Implementation Plan published by the Office of Community Based Care Transition (OCBCT) in December 2022

Subject to appropriations, plans to post Requests for Application to expand into four additional community areas in the FY 2024-25 biennium:

- Bexar County (8A)
- Harris County (6A)
- Bay Area/Montgomery (6B)
- El Paso (10)



# CBC: Performance Measures

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- The Single Source Continuum Contractors (SSCCs) are held to performance measures that are prescribed by *Texas Family Code, Chapter 264.151*
- DFPS and OCBCT monitors the performance of each SSCC and conducts reviews of their performance on a quarterly basis
- DFPS and OCBCT meet with each SSCC to discuss any concerning trends in performance and determine how best to improve



# CBC Performance: Metropolitan West (3B)

Performance Measure	Baseline Target (FY18-19) <sup>1</sup>	FY 22Q3** Performance	FY 22Q3 Statewide Performance <sup>2</sup>
Safe in Foster Care	100%	99.8%	99.4%
Close to Home (50 Miles)	73.0%	73.1%	58.9%
Family-Like Setting	83.2%	82.1%	87.0%
Siblings Placed Together	65.9%	57.3%	62.0%
Placement Stability	1.46	1.46	1.32
PAL Completion	77.6%	92.1%	88.2%

\*\*NOTE: FY22 data is provisional and may change upon final reconciliation. All Performance Data is provisional until the full fiscal year data is pulled from November MDC.

<sup>1</sup> Safety target is always 100%. Other baselines are the average of Designated Service Areas (DSA) performance during baseline years FY18 & FY19. Stability is a cumulative measure, and so the baseline target and statewide comparison is for Q3 of the respective time periods.

<sup>2</sup> OCOK is in Stage II, therefore the Statewide Performance is for the Stage II population. This performance data is not calculated for Counties Cooke, Denton, and Wise.



# CBC Performance: Big County/Texoma (2)

Performance Measure	Baseline Target (FY17-18) <sup>1</sup>	FY 22Q3** Performance	FY 22Q3 Statewide Performance <sup>2</sup>
Safe in Foster Care	100%	99.7%	99.4%
Close to Home (50 Miles)	47.0%	41.1%	58.9%
Family-Like Setting	87.8%	87.9%	87.0%
Siblings Placed Together	67.3%	67.1%	62.0%
Placement Stability	1.30	1.38	1.32
PAL Completion	89.5%	100%	88.2%

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<sup>1</sup> Safety target is always 100%. Other baselines are the average of Designated Service Areas (DSA) performance during baseline years FY20 & FY21. Stability is a cumulative measure, and so the baseline target and statewide comparison is for Q3 of the respective time periods.

<sup>2</sup> As of the end of FY22 Q3, 93% of South Central & Hill Country's Paid Foster Care population has transitioned to the care of Belong.

<sup>3</sup> Belong is in Stage I, therefore the Statewide Performance is for the Stage I population.



# CBC Performance: Panhandle (1)

Performance Measure	Baseline Target (FY20-21) <sup>1</sup>	FY 22Q3** Performance	FY 22Q3 Statewide Performance <sup>2</sup>
Safe in Foster Care	100%	98.9%	99.4%
Close to Home (50 Miles)	41.6%	45.3%	58.9%
Family-Like Setting	80.9%	79.4%	87.0%
Siblings Placed Together	62.3%	65.3%	62.0%
Placement Stability	1.45	1.48	1.32
PAL Completion	92.9%	74.5%	88.2%

\*\*NOTE: FY22 data is provisional and may change upon final reconciliation. All Performance Data is provisional until the full fiscal year data is pulled from November MDC.

<sup>1</sup> Safety target is always 100%. Other baselines are the average of Designated Service Areas (DSA) performance during baseline years FY20 & FY21. Stability is a cumulative measure, and so the baseline target and statewide comparison is for Q3 of the respective time periods.

<sup>2</sup> As of the end of FY22 Q3, 93% of South Central & Hill Country's Paid Foster Care population has transitioned to the care of Belong.

<sup>3</sup> Belong is in Stage I, therefore the Statewide Performance is for the Stage I population.





# CBC Performance: South Central/Hill Country (8B)

Performance Measure	Baseline Target (FY20-21) <sup>1</sup>	FY 22Q3** Performance <sup>2</sup>	FY 22Q3 Statewide Performance <sup>3</sup>
Safe in Foster Care	100%	100%	99.4%
Close to Home (50 Miles)	47.1%	43.2%	58.9%
Family-Like Setting	74.9%	74.3%	80.8%
Siblings Placed Together	62.5%	58.3%	62.0%
Placement Stability	1.40	1.23	1.32
PAL Completion	98.6%	92.3%	88.2%

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## Capacity Building

# Capacity Building Summary

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Most youth without placement have a history of psychiatric hospitalizations, and complex behavioral needs. These youth require placements that provide an elevated caregiving capacity to include a stable, trained workforce, and specialized programming.

## Targeting Specialized Placement Settings

- Qualified Residential Treatment Program
- Treatment Foster Family Care Expansion
- Psychiatric Stabilization Program
- Temporary Emergency Placements
- Transitional Living Programs

## Capacity Building Opportunities

- Capacity Building Grant Awards
- Accreditation Grant Awards



# Capacity Building

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**Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP)** is a placement setting designed to meet the needs of children and youth who have complex mental and behavioral health needs in a residential treatment setting using short-term trauma-informed treatment models.

- DFPS published an open enrollment for licensed GROs in April 2022
- Three providers are committed to completing their applications
- DFPS anticipates the first youth to be served in Summer of 2023

**Treatment Foster Family Care (TFFC)** is a program designed to provide innovative, multi-disciplinary treatment services to a child or youth in a highly structured family home environment that is a cost-effective alternative to residential treatment.

- DFPS published an open enrollment for TFFC expansion in July 2022
- DFPS has three contracted TFFC providers and seven pending applications
- DFPS anticipates the TFFC program will double its capacity by the end of 2023



# Capacity Building

**Intensive Psychiatric Stabilization Program (IPSP)** serves youth without placement or who have a history of placement instability.

- These youth need a continuum of inpatient services to stabilize and allow them to step down into placements that accommodate their needs
- The youth must be at imminent risk of harm to themselves or others in order to be admitted
- IPSP is a time-limited 90-day program intended specifically for youth who require significant support in order to transition into a less restrictive placement setting
- Key highlights:
  - A program to transition to a less restrictive setting
  - Individualized care and treatment planning
  - Highly organized and intensive services
  - Lower staff to child ratio
  - Planned therapeutic and clinical interventions
  - On-site nursing, psychiatric, and medical care
  - Discharge planning which begins upon admission to the program
- Interagency Contract under negotiations with the University of Texas Health Sciences Center Houston





# Capacity Building

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**Temporary Emergency Placement (TEP)** Program provides highly-structured, short-term residential care and services for a child with high needs and who are without a placement while DFPS is seeking a longer-term placement.

- Five TEP beds will be added by the end of February 2023

**Transitional Living Programs (TLP)** are residential services specifically designed to serve youth 14 years old or older for whom transitional living services or treatment goals include basic life skills training towards independent living.

- Focus is on building TLP capacity that meets the youth's current needs and helps ensure their success as they transition to adulthood
- DFPS is also exploring the opportunity for Supervised Independent Living programs that would be able to take youth who need more structure and support than what current programs offer



# Capacity Building

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**HB 5 (87-2nd) Capacity Grants** provide targeted foster care capacity funding to address the existing foster care capacity shortage. The grants focus on:

- Serving children with the highest level of need
- Expanding certain types of placements and bringing new providers and capacity online
- Promoting long-term viability of child placements

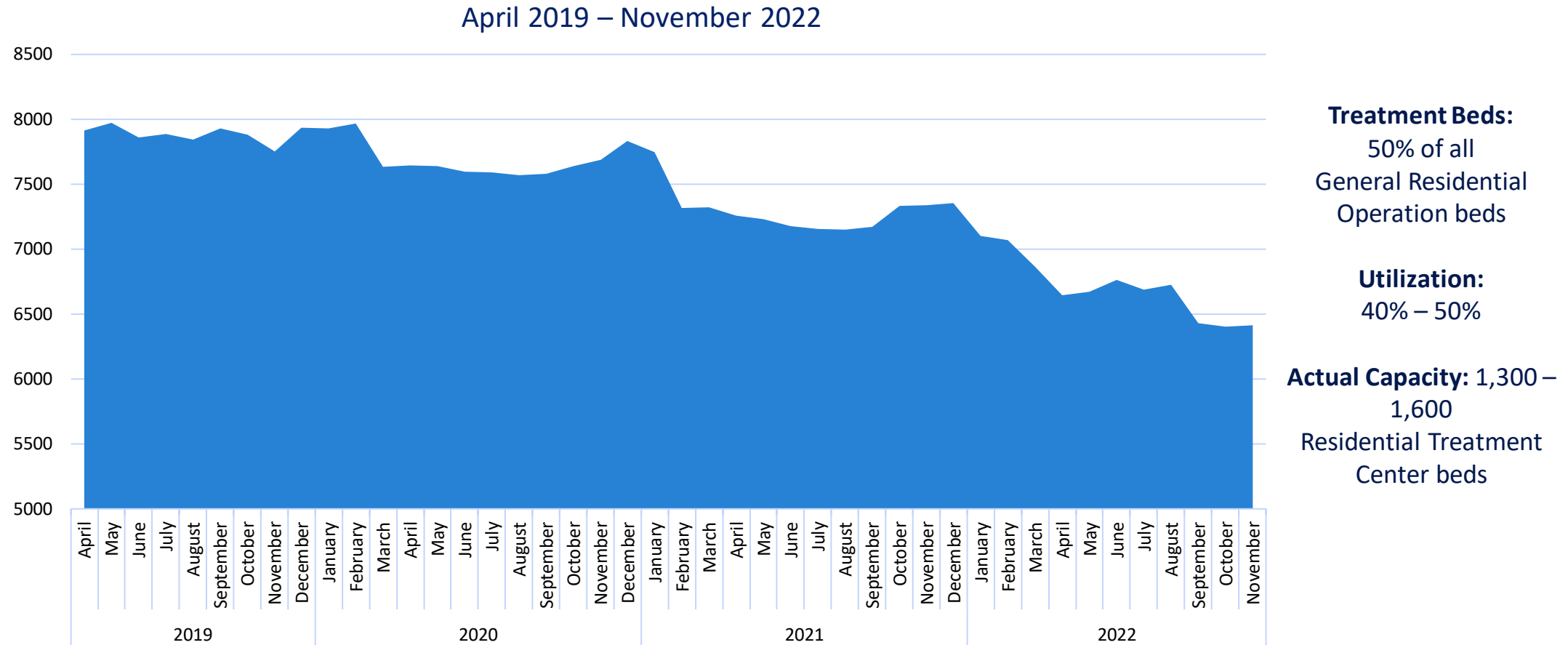
The 23 grant awardees include 10 child placing agencies and 13 General Residential Operations.

The following types of placement capacity will be built utilizing these grants:

- Foster homes for children with intellectual or developmental disabilities and pervasive developmental disorder
- Professional foster care for youth with therapeutic needs
- Treatment Family Foster Care (TFFC) and Kinship TFFC
- Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP)
- Several providers are opening additional locations



# General Residential Operation: Capacity Over Time

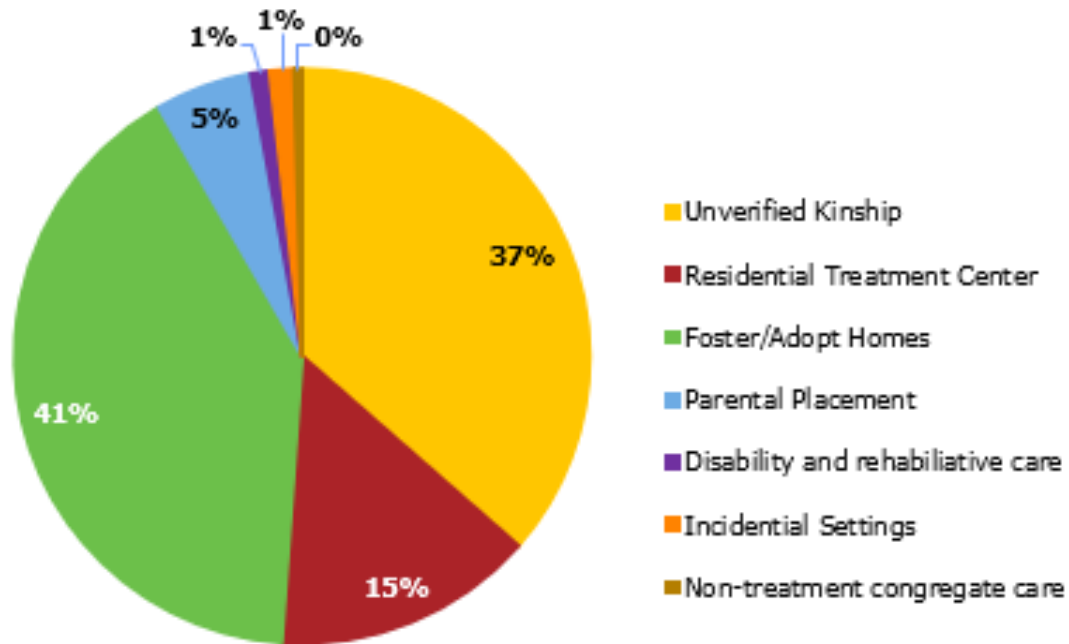


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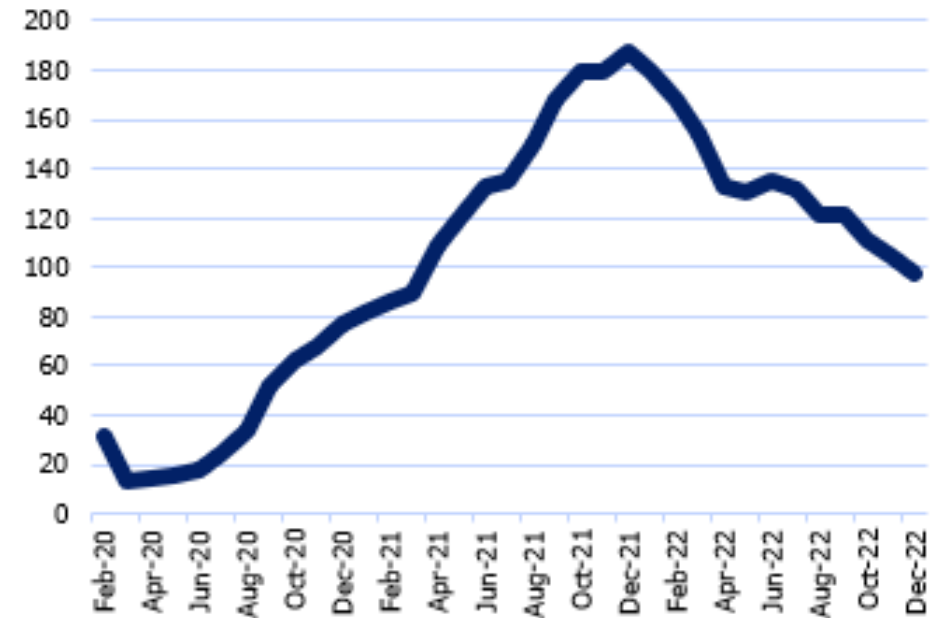


# Out of State Placements

Out of State Placement Settings



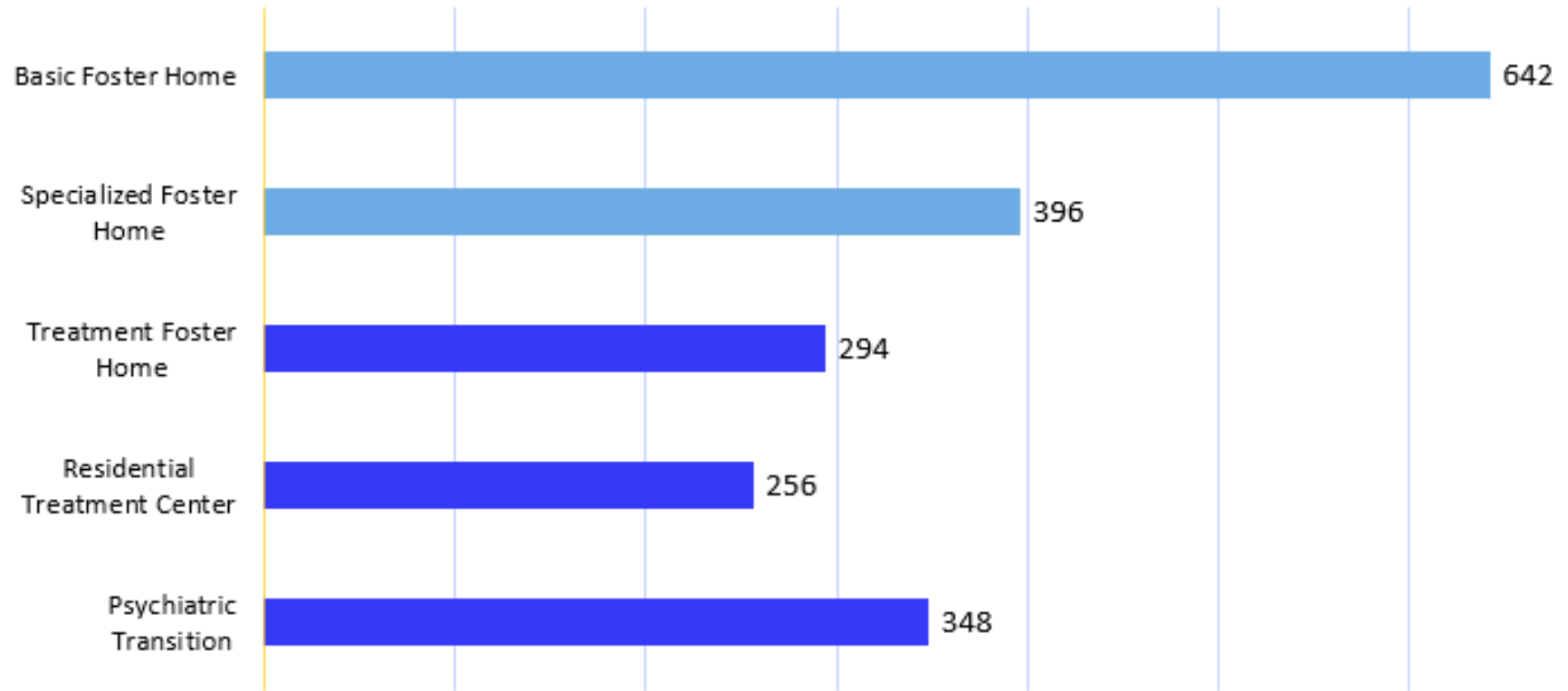
Children Out of State in Residential Treatment Center Settings



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# Current Foster Care Needs: FY 2022 Mid-Year Update\*



\* Based on utilization (or “true” capacity) and does not include SSCC areas

Source: Foster Care Needs Assessment (FY 2022 Mid-Year Update)







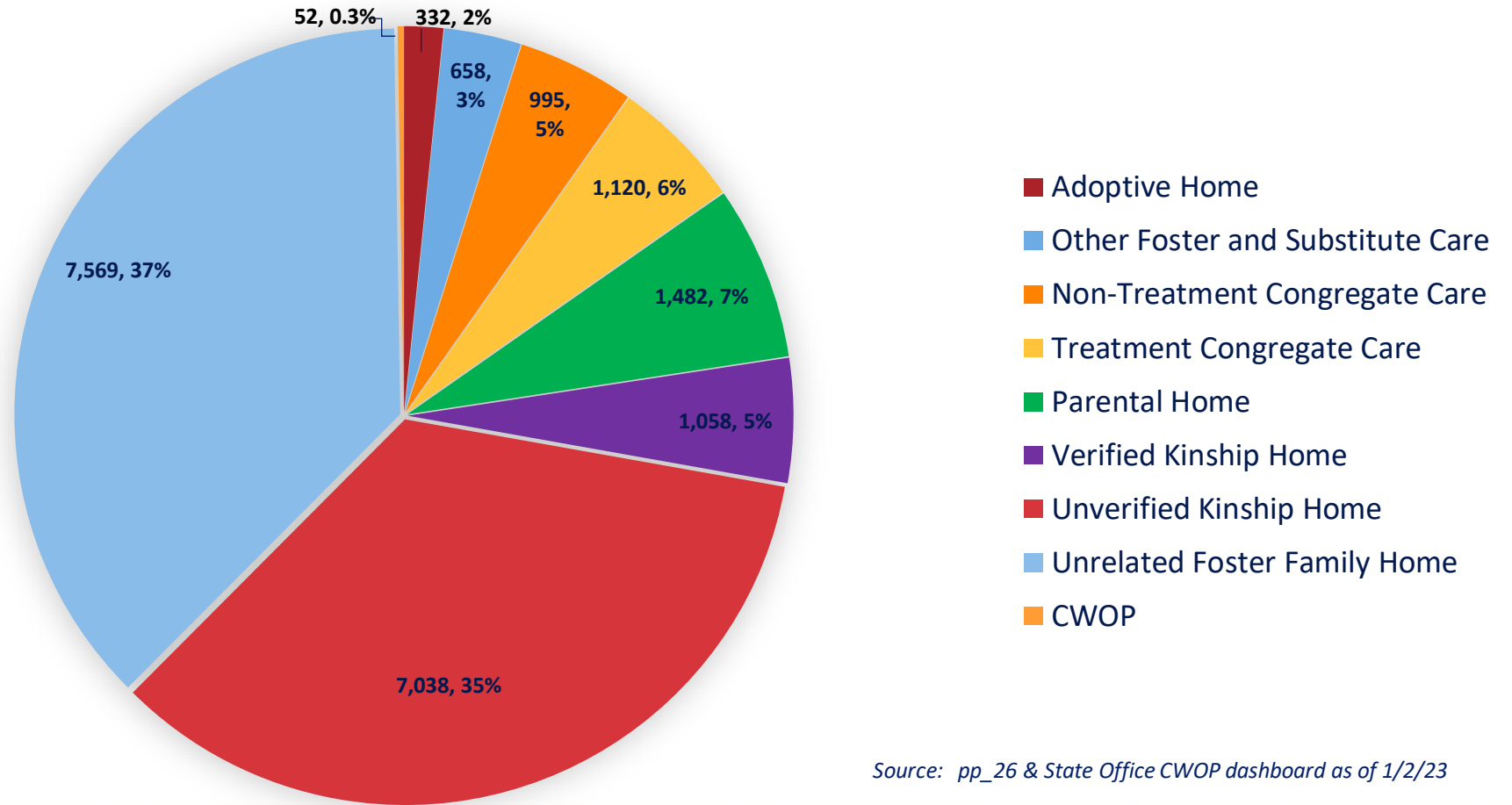
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## Children Without Placement Data

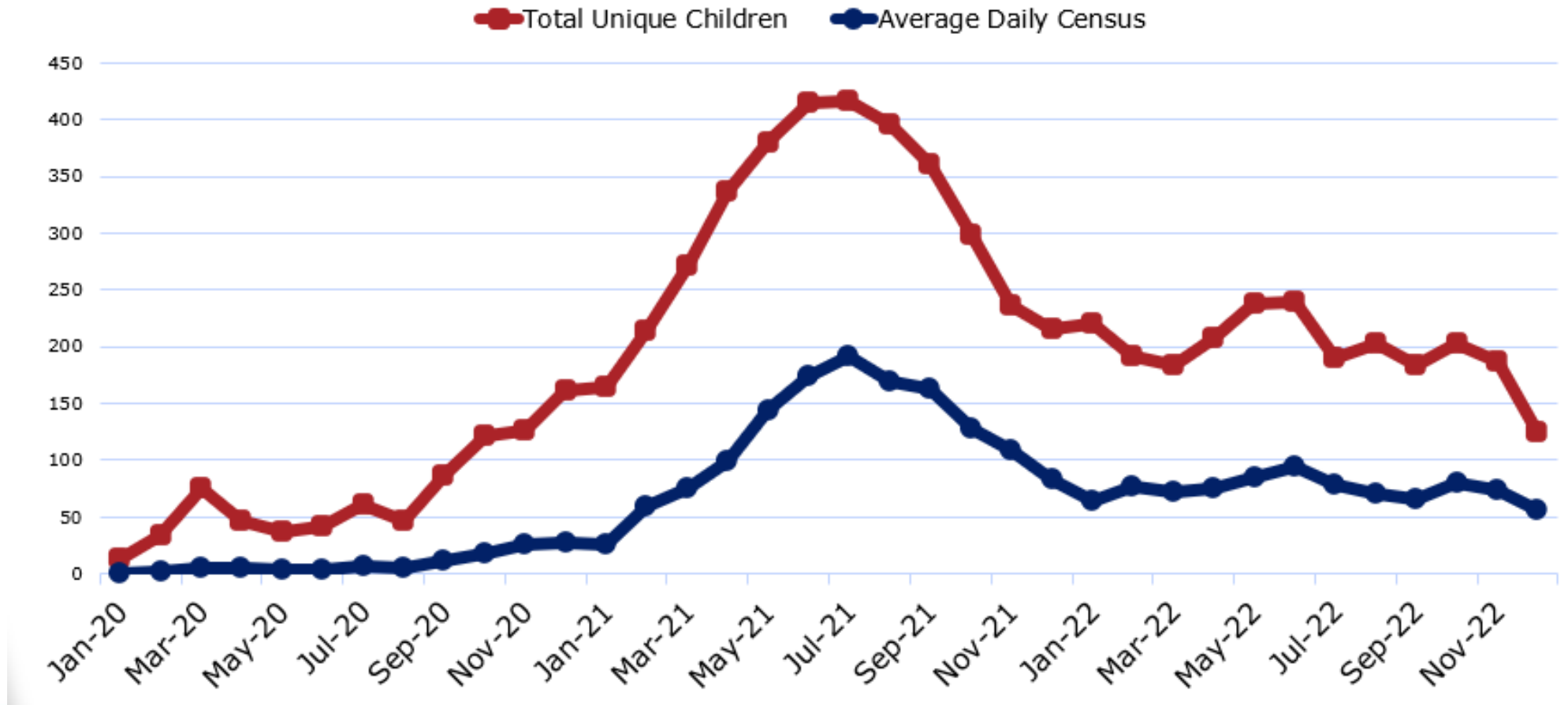
# Placement Data



Source: pp\_26 & State Office CWOP dashboard as of 1/2/23



# Children Without Placement Trends



# CWOP Numbers By Region

Region	Number of Children*
Panhandle (1)	0
Big County / Texoma (2)	0
Metroplex West (3W)	1
Metroplex East (3E)	8
Piney Woods (4)	3
Deep East (5)	4
Harris County (6A)	10
Bay Area / Montgomery (6B)	3
Central Texas / Waco (7A) and Capital Area (7B)	11
Bexar County (8A)	14
South Central / Hill Country (8B)	0
Permian / Concho (9)	2
El Paso (10)	1
South Texas / Corpus Christi (11A) and Rio Grande Valley (11B)	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>

The majority of children without placement are in the most populous regions:

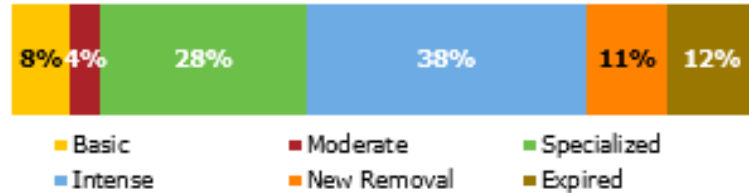
- 6A & 6B (21%)
- 7A & 7B (17%)
- 8A (22%)

\*Point in time data as of January 17, 2023

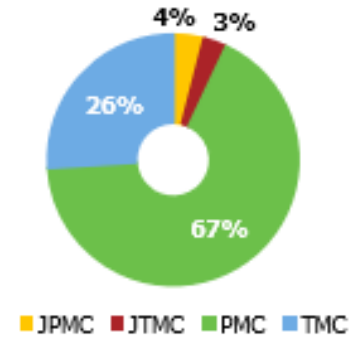


# Children Without Placement Trends: December 2022

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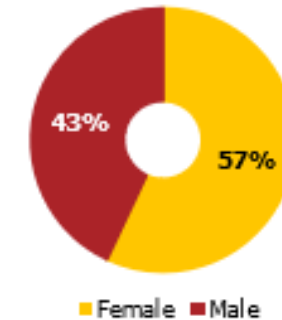
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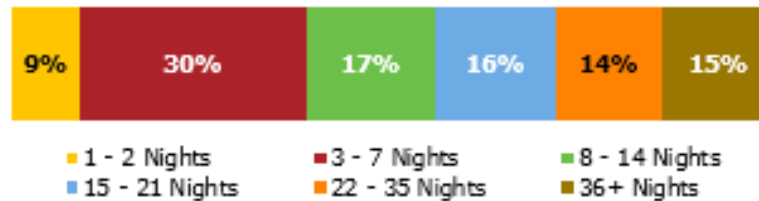
### Age



### Gender

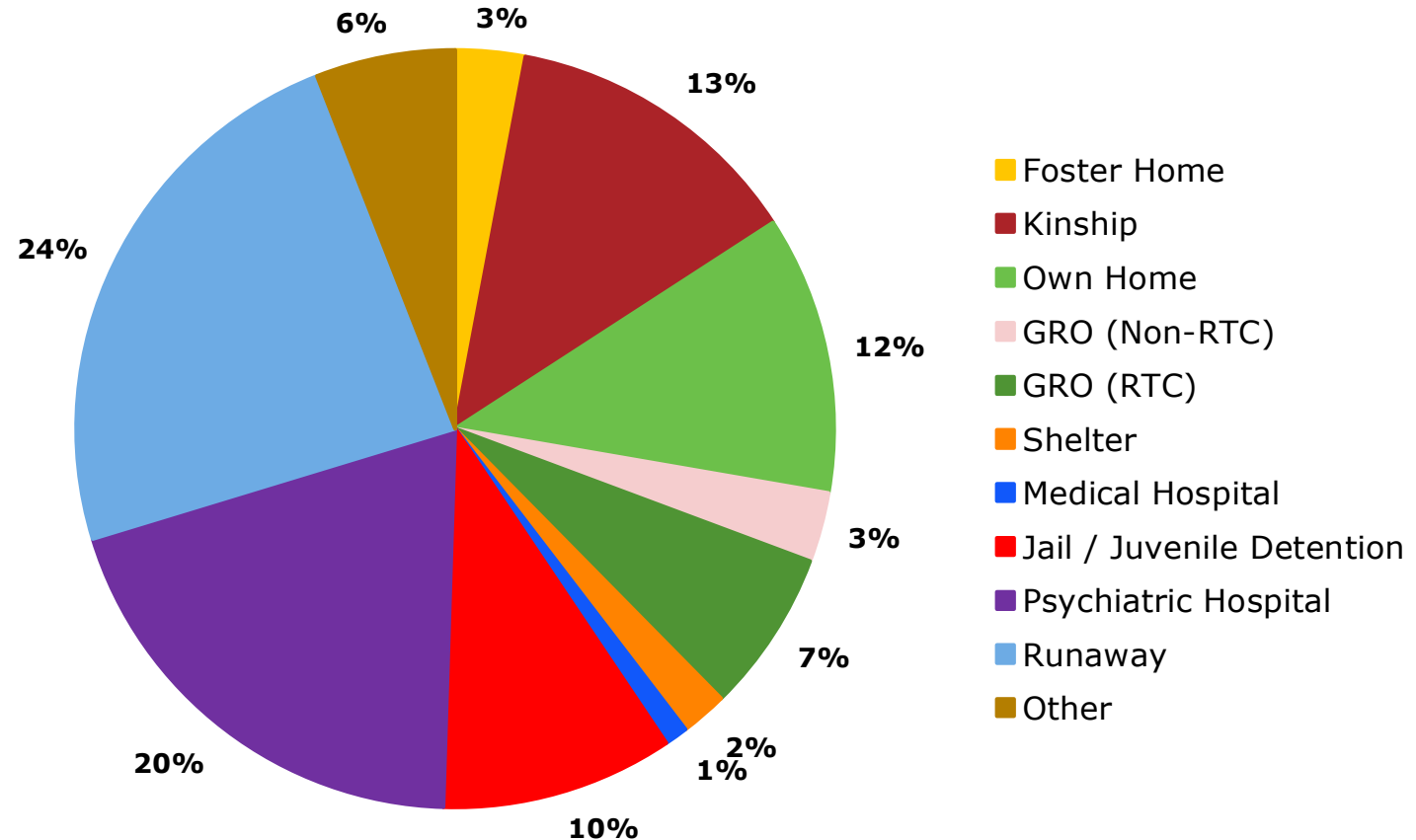


### Event Length



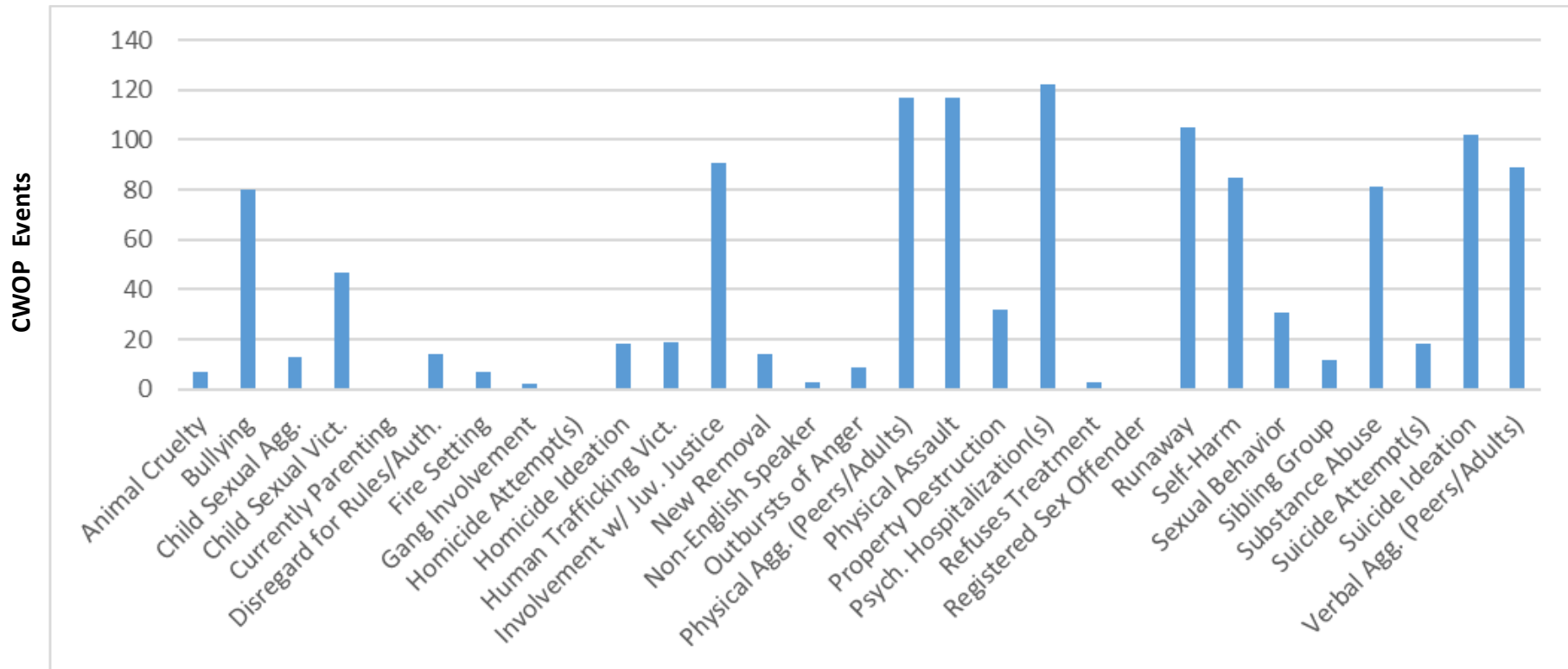


# Prior Placement Setting: December 2022



# Children Without Placement: Behaviors/Characteristics: December 2022

**Total Events: 152**





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**Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)  
Prevention Services**

# Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018

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Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) allows states to use federal matching funds for evidence-based prevention and treatment services

- **Who:** Children who are at imminent risk of placement in foster care AND their parents or kinship caregivers and pregnant and parenting foster youth
- **What:** Evidence-based programs for mental health and substance abuse treatment and intensive in-home parenting skills building, including child and adult counseling. These must be pre-approved on a Federal clearinghouse
- **How Long:** Services are allowable for up to 12 months, with no limit on how many times a child and family can receive prevention and treatment services if the child continues to be at risk of entry into foster care



# Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018

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Federal reimbursement rates for prevention activities:

- From October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2026, the federal financial participation (FFP) is 50 percent
- On October 1, 2026, the FFP becomes the state's Medicaid match rate or FMAP. The FMAP rate for FY 2023 is 59.87 percent
- At least 50% of the spending in every fiscal year must be for well-supported evidence-based practices
- States that opt to administer a prevention program may claim reimbursement for administrative and training costs at 50 percent
- As with the prevention services, these costs are not related to the income eligibility of the child or their family





# Legislative Direction

## 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session (2019)

<b>SB 355, by West</b>	Requires DFPS to submit a strategic plan for implementation of the prevention services provisions of FFPSA
<b>SB 781, by Kolkhorst</b>	Requires DFPS to submit an analysis and recommendations associated with the placement provisions of FFPSA

These two strategic plans were combined and submitted to the Legislature on September 1, 2020

## 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session (2021)

<b>SB 910, by Schwertner</b>	Requires DFPS to develop a comprehensive list of options to implement family preservation services, such as family-based safety services, in existing Community-Based Care catchment areas. Report Issued September 1, 2022.
<b>SB 1896, by Kolkhorst</b>	Requires DFPS to transition the family-based safety services program to evidence-based programs under the Family First Prevention Services Act; Develop an implementation plan for the transition of services; and Develop community referrals to existing prevention and early intervention programs
<b>HB 3041, by Frank</b>	Directs DFPS to establish a pilot program that allows DFPS to dispose of an investigation by referring the family of a child who is a candidate for foster care to family preservation services, including mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and in-home intensive parenting support, and allowing the child to remain home instead of entering foster care; or by providing services to a pregnant or parenting foster youth. Implementation is detailed on the next slide



# GAA (87R) - Rider 48

The 87th Texas Legislature appropriated the use of Federal Family First Transition Act (FFTA) as follows:

\$4,450,000	Federal funds in each fiscal year of the biennium in order to pilot FFPSA prevention services coordinated through Child Protective Services contingent on enactment of HB 3041, or similar legislation.
\$4,900,000	Federal funds in each fiscal year of the biennium to purchase pilot services and interventions for children who are <i>at imminent risk</i> of being removed from the child’s home and placed into the conservatorship of DFPS.
\$1,300,000	Federal Funds in each fiscal year of the biennium for the Nurse Family Partnership to expand capacity as allowed by the FFPSA.
\$4,986,933	Federal Funds in FY 2022 and \$4,986,934 in Federal Funds in FY 2023 to add to the DFPS Qualified Residential Treatment Pilot (QRTP) pilot project.
\$1,300,000	Federal Funds in each fiscal year for the transition of family-based safety services program to evidenced-based programs under FFPSA contingent on enactment of SB 1896, or similar legislation.



# HB 3041 (87R) – Texas Family First Pilot

The Texas Family First (TFF) pilot program is designed to prevent children from entering foster care by providing court-ordered services to families to alleviate safety concerns. The pilot program is being implemented in four regions of the state.

Current eligibility for services include children that are at “imminent risk for removal”. Therefore, as result of an investigation, instead of a removal, DFPS could petition the court order parent participate in the FFPSA Qualified Prevention Services, while the child remains in the home.

An evaluation of outcomes is required within one year of implementation, however, DFPS will be releasing a preliminary review of the program in March of 2023 for legislative consideration.

Regions	Panhandle (1)	Big Country & Texoma (2)	Metroplex West (3B)	South Central & Hill County (8B)
Total number of Counties served	31	30	6	17
Provider	St. Francis Ministries	2INgage	OCOK	Belong
Implementation Date	Oct. 3, 2022	Oct. 17, 2022	Oct. 10, 2022	Oct. 31, 2022
Total Families Served as of 01/16/2023	4	3	6	2

