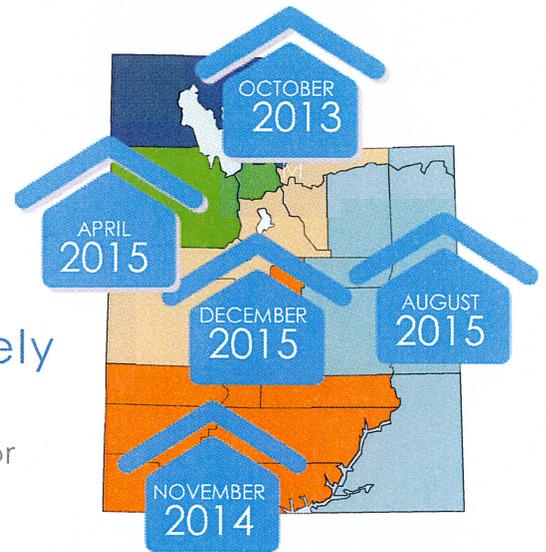




HomeWorks

OCTOBER 2014: CHILD WELFARE OVERSIGHT PANEL UPDATE



The goal of HomeWorks is to safely reduce the need for foster care in Utah, and enhance parents' capacity to safely care for their children in their home.

SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES

- More effective family assessments
- Caseworkers engage families to create working partnerships
- Caseworkers use evidence-based strategies

INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

- Improved wellbeing for children and families receiving in-home services
- Increased capacity of parents to care for and protect their children
- Increased availability of community resources to support families in their home

LONGTERM OUTCOMES

- Reduced use of foster care
- Reduced recurrences of child abuse and neglect
- Reduced need for DCFS intervention

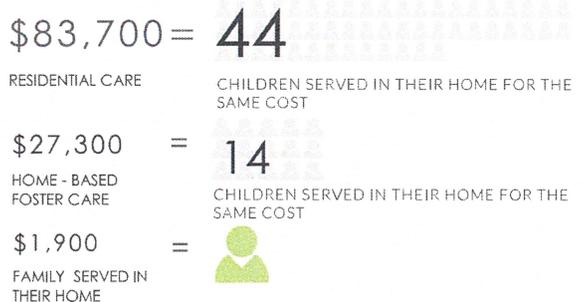
LONGTERM OUTCOME SUCCESS MEASUREMENTS

- Fewer cases from in-home to foster care
- Fewer foster care days by reduced new cases or shorter stays in care
- Fewer repeat cases for families in CPS, in-home, and foster care

NORTHERN REGION FIRST YEAR DATA

- 2,185 children and family clients
- 468 completed evidenced-based assessments
- 439 clients referred to the Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) program (STATEWIDE)

YEARLY COST OF CARE COMPARISON (AVERAGE COST PER CHILD)



EVALUATOR STAKEHOLDER SURVEY RESULTS



- Significant increase in caseworker confidence
- Better understanding of family strengths and needs
- Strong belief that it is more effective to work on parenting skills with parents while children are in the home
- Consensus that HomeWorks aligns with Utah policy and values
- Belief that Investing in families up-front is better than "picking up the pieces" later on

COMPLETED EVALUATION COMPONENTS

- Finalization of evaluation protocols and instruments
- Data collection and analysis of baseline data
- Cost-analysis structure developed