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Utah Division of Child and Family Services



STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROTECTIVE FACTORS

Parental Resilience

Knowledge of Parenting and
Child Development

Concrete Support in Times in
Need

Social Connections

Social and Emotional
Competence of Children

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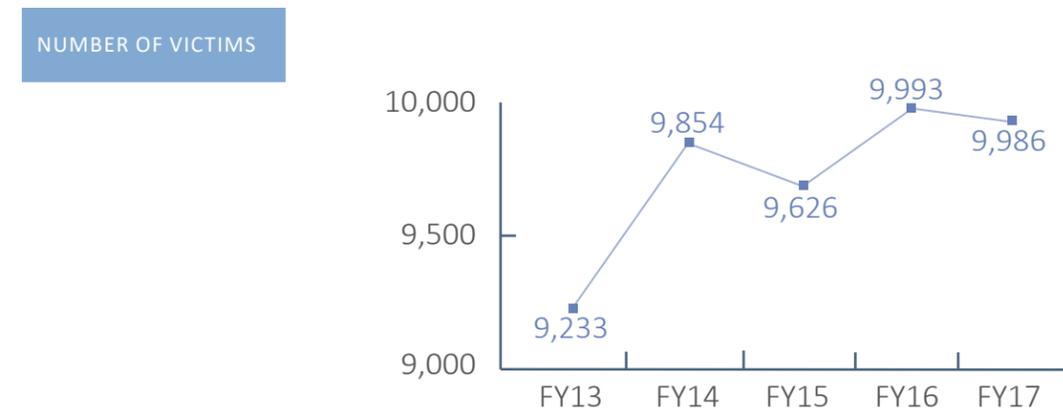
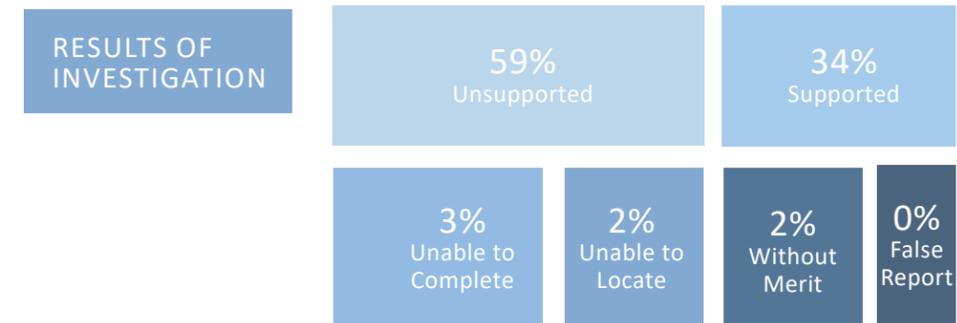
PREVENTION SERVICES

Child and Family Services provides nearly \$3 million annually to support community partners with child abuse and neglect prevention. This support is dedicated to programs like Crisis Respite Nurseries. Each nursery is designed to provide a safe, homelike environment where caregivers can bring their children during times of stress. [Learn more about our Prevention Services here.](#)

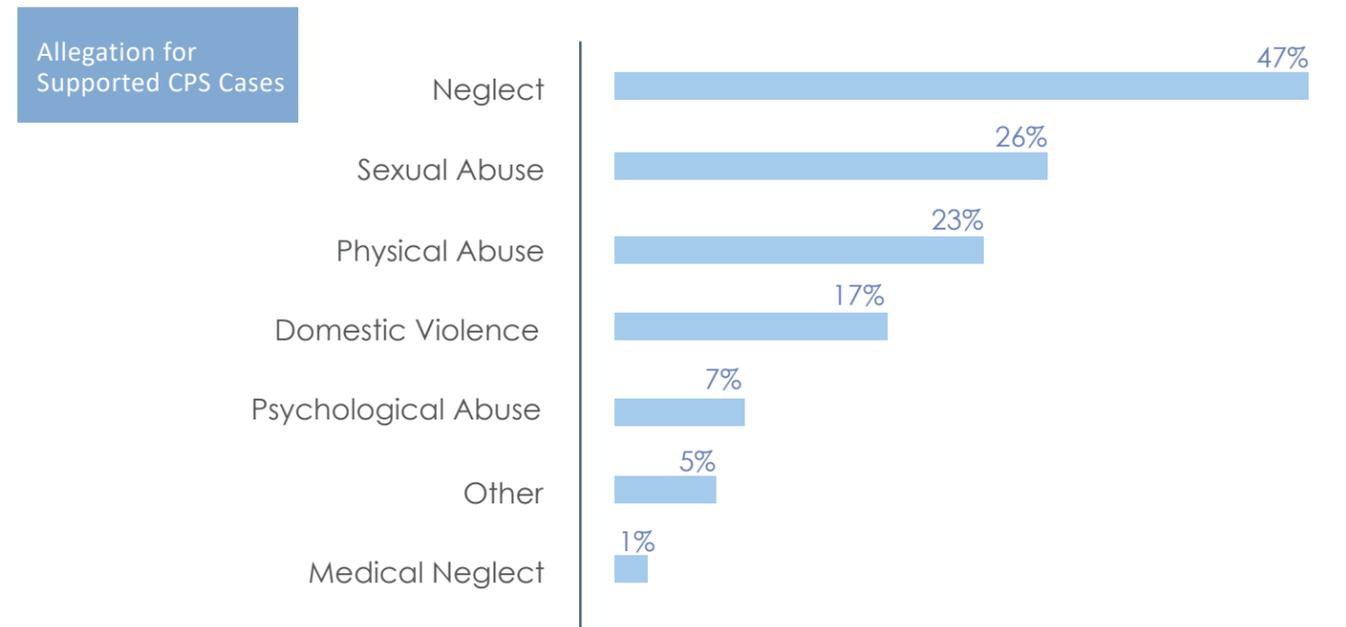
CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Child Protective Services (CPS) is a resource for potential abuse, neglect or dependency of children in the community. Individuals can report allegations of abuse or neglect 24/7 by dialing 855-323-3237. [Learn more about Child Protective Services here.](#)

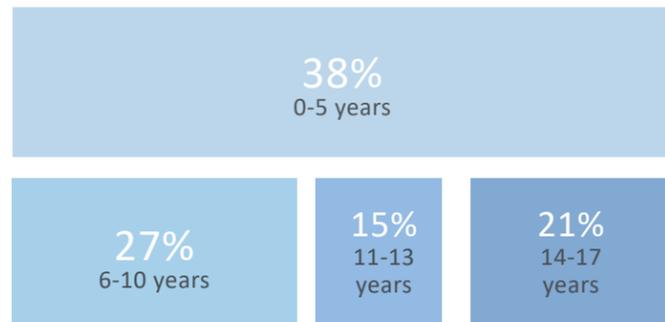
In FY2017, DCFS received 39,653 referrals and investigated 21,093 cases of suspected abuse and/or neglect.



During FY 2017, neglect, which includes, child-endangerment, non-supervision, and deprivation of necessities, was the most frequently confirmed allegation. The “other” category includes allegations of safe relinquishment of a newborn child, dependency, and failure to protect. Note that one case may have more than one supported allegation, therefore, the percentages in the chart below add up to more than 100%.



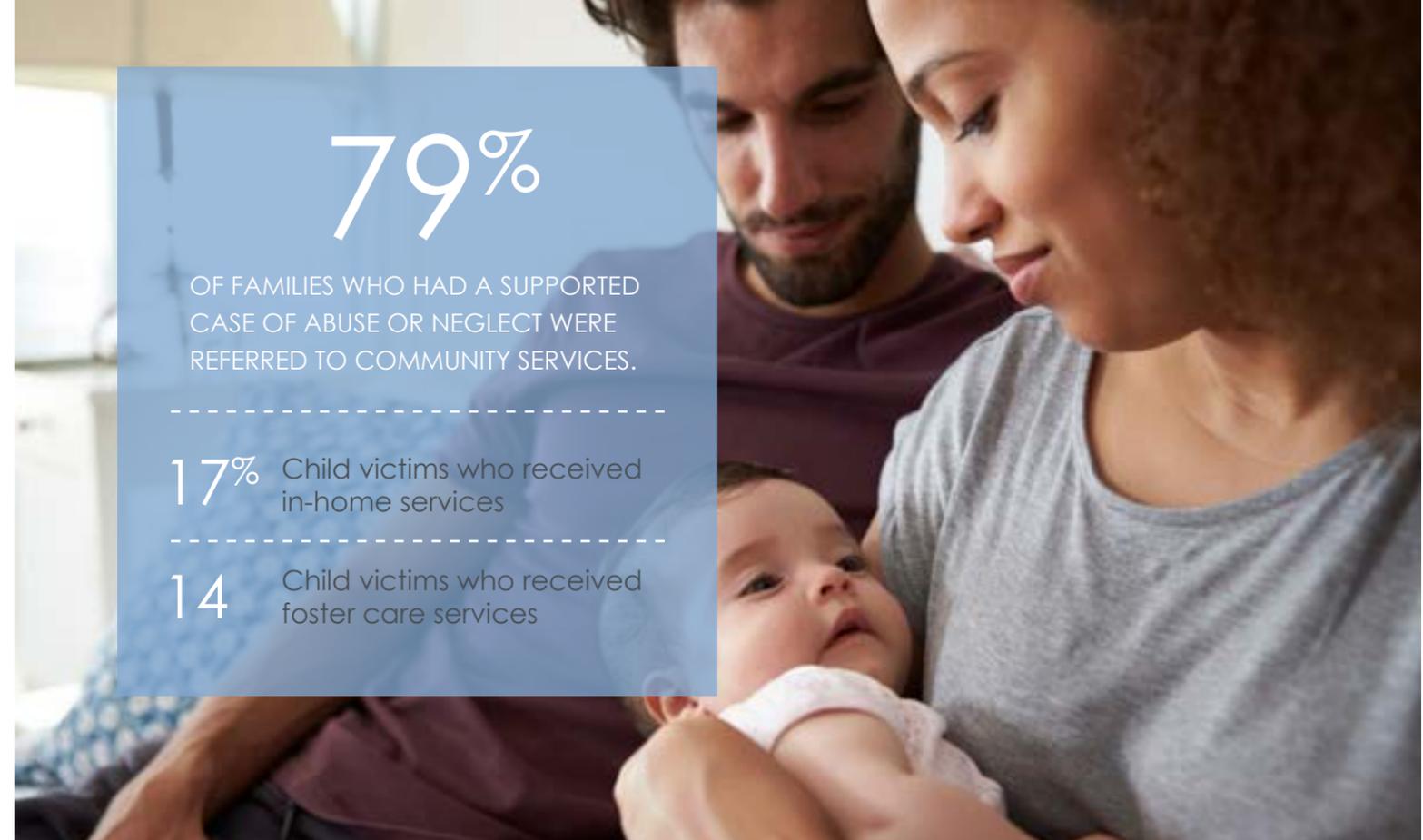
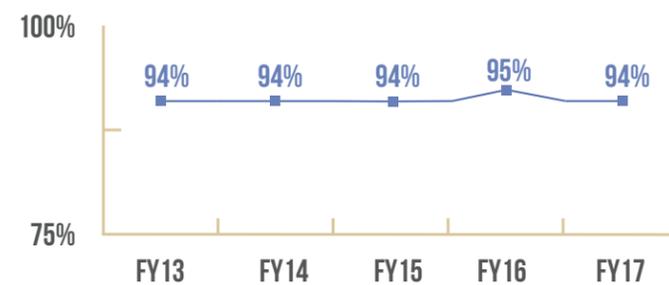
VICTIMS BY AGE



PERPETRATORS BY AGE



Supported Victims Who Do Not Experience Repeat Maltreatment Within Six Months



79%

OF FAMILIES WHO HAD A SUPPORTED CASE OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT WERE REFERRED TO COMMUNITY SERVICES.

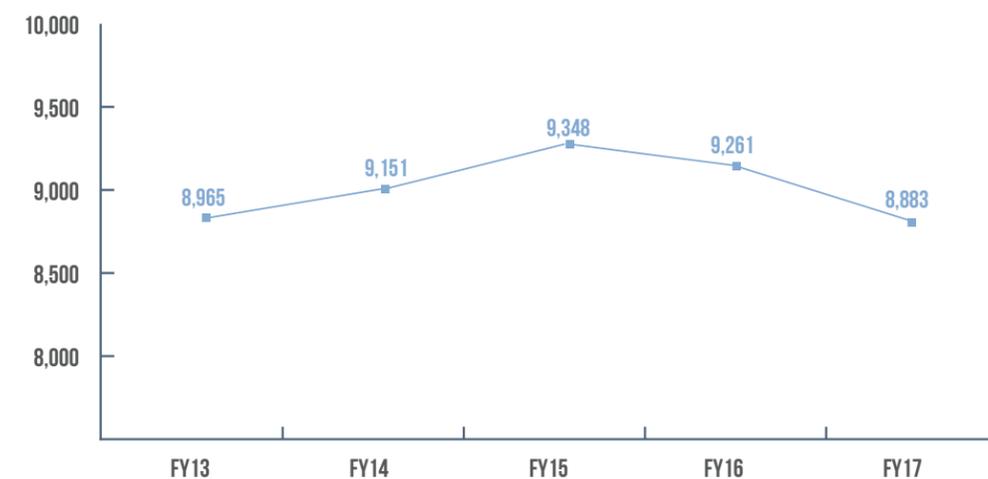
17% Child victims who received in-home services

14 Child victims who received foster care services

IN-HOME SERVICES

In-Home Services is an array of supports and interventions to ensure the safety and well-being of children in their homes. In-Home Services not only helps children remain home rather than coming into foster care, but they can also help expedite a child's safe return from foster care. In-Home Services can also be provided to relatives who have temporary custody of a child. [Learn more about In-Home Services here.](#)

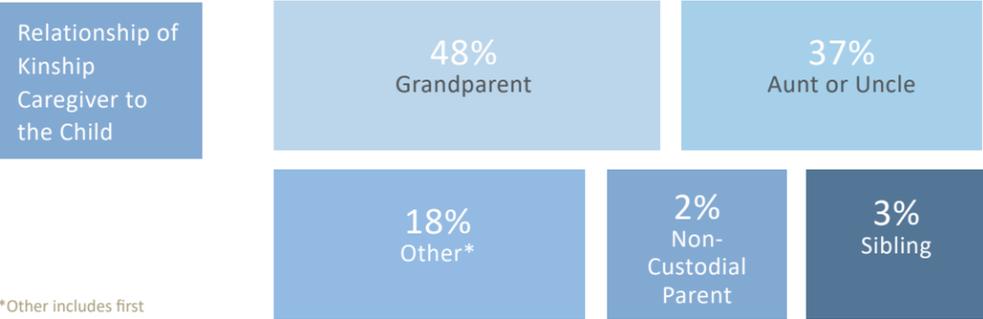
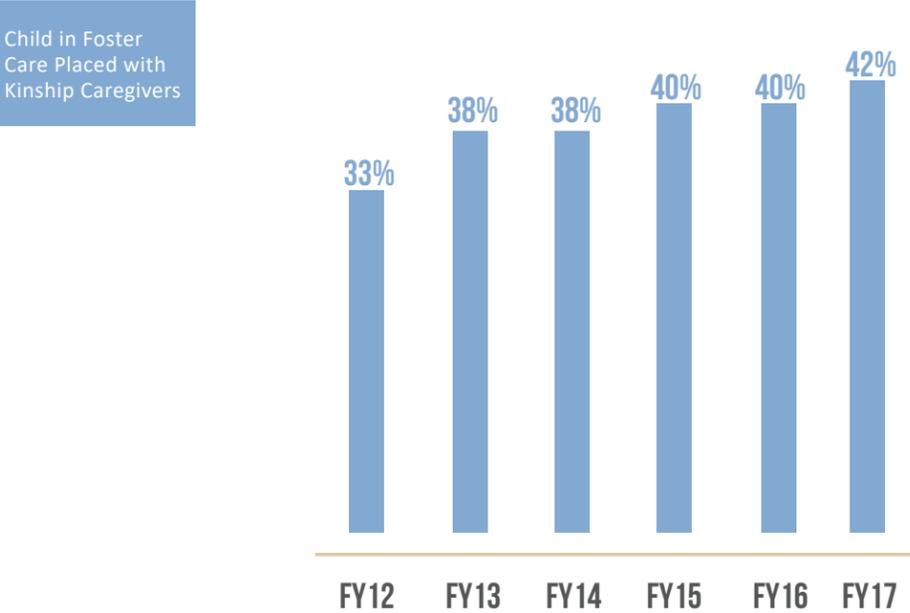
Children Served in Their Homes



KINSHIP SERVICES

If a child cannot remain safely in their home due to the threat of further abuse or neglect, DCFS first looks to kinship caregivers to provide a temporary or permanent home.

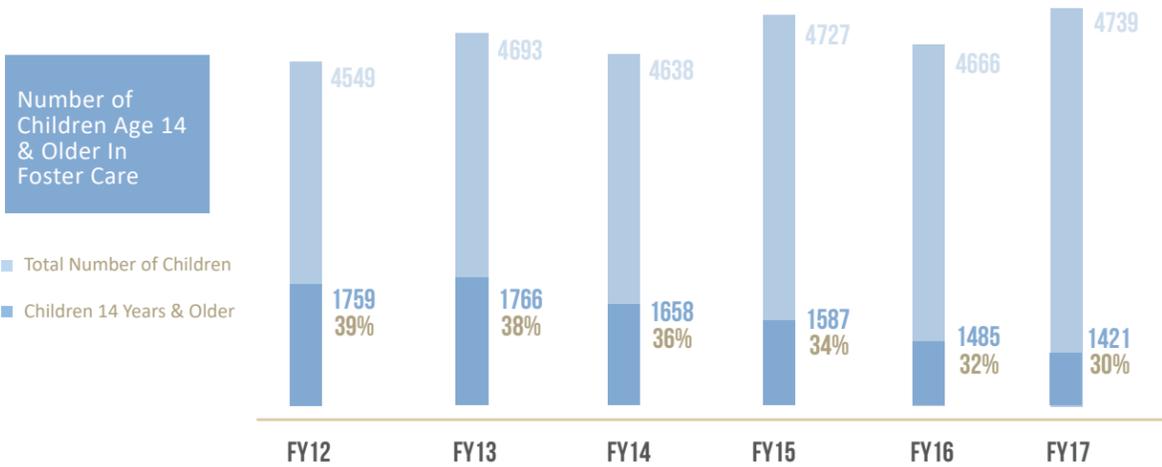
If kinship caregivers become foster parents and attend training, they can receive the same resources available to all licensed foster parents. [Learn more about our Kinship Program here.](#)



*Other includes first cousins, in-laws, or family friends.

ADOLESCENT SERVICES

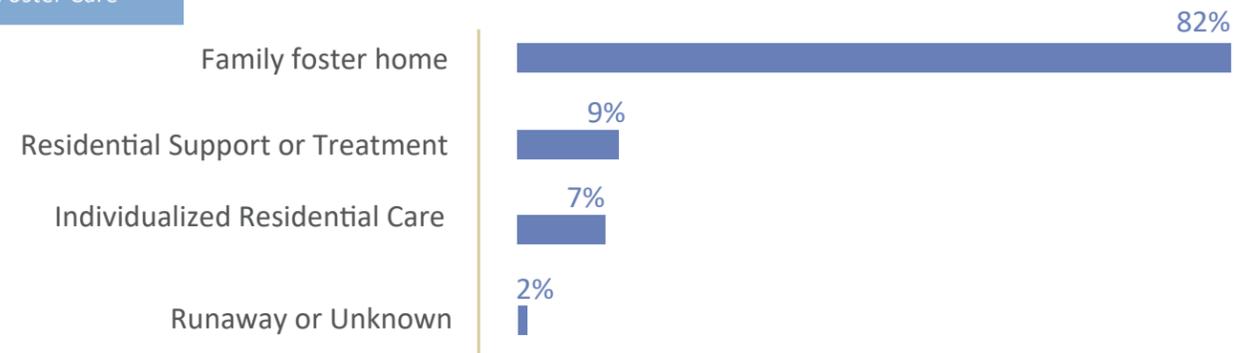
The Transition to Adult Living (TAL) program offers a continuum of services for youth ages 14 and up. In FY15, 1360 youth received TAL services like career preparation, financial assistance for higher education, budget and financial management education, and vocational training. [Learn more about our Adolescent Services Program here.](#)



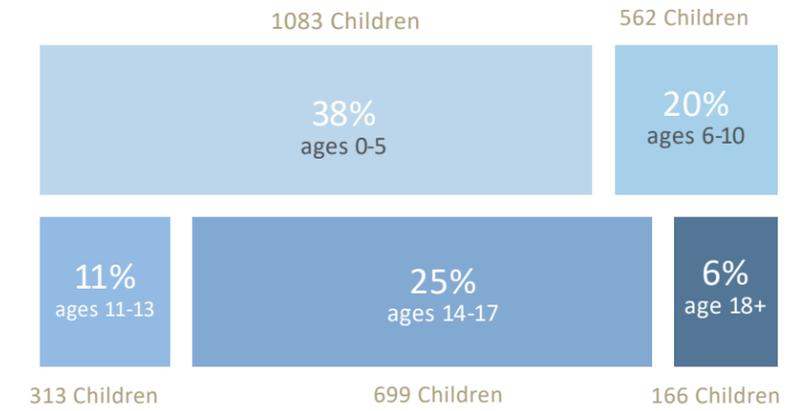
FOSTER CARE SERVICES

To ensure that children are placed in an environment that best meets their needs, DCFS maintains a number of foster care placements that offer an increasing intensity of services. [Learn more about our Foster Care Program here.](#)

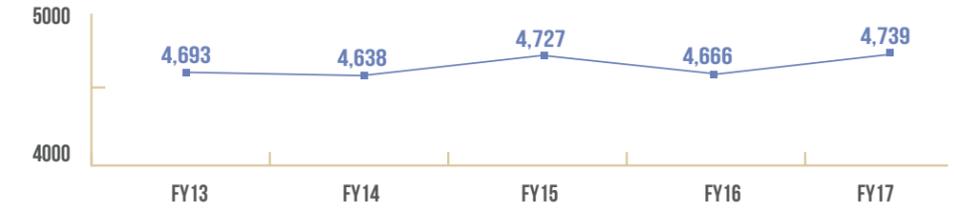
Placement Types of Children in Foster Care



Children in Foster Care by Age



Children Who Received Foster Care Services



Reason Children Exited Foster Care

Reason for Exiting	Percent
Reunification with Parents/Primary Caregiver	40%
Adoption by non-relative	18%
adoption by relative	12%
Custody & Guardianship to Relative	16%
Age of majority/emancipation	9%
Child Ran Away	1%
Custody to Juvenile Justice Services	1%
Custody/guardianship to Foster Parent	2%
Referred Outside DCFS	1%

ADOPTION SERVICES

The adoption program's purpose is to assure every child and youth has a permanent and supportive family. During the adoption process, the caseworker helps the adoptive parents assess what services the child may need, then identify and connect them to the community resources that may be helpful. [Learn more about our Adoption Services here.](#)

