



# Improving the Quality of Services For Children and Families

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## Children and Family Services

These are services provided to children who:

- are at-risk of abuse or neglect
- have been adjudicated a Child in Need of Assistance
- are at risk of becoming a delinquent
- have been adjudicated delinquent
- are transitioning from the foster care system into adulthood



## Guiding Principles

- Services must be available equally to all children statewide
- Children are safe
- Children grow up best in their families
- Families can gain the skills necessary to effectively support their children
- Families need and deserve community support to parent



## Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Populations

- SFY 2012, 11,706 children were confirmed or found to be the victims of child abuse or neglect. Over 80% were victims of denial of critical care or neglect and over 50% were age 5 or younger. (Steady Trend)
- 68% of suspected cases result in an unfounded report (Steady Trend)
- SFY12, 1,025 adoptions finalized (99% qualify for an adoption subsidy) (Rising Trend)



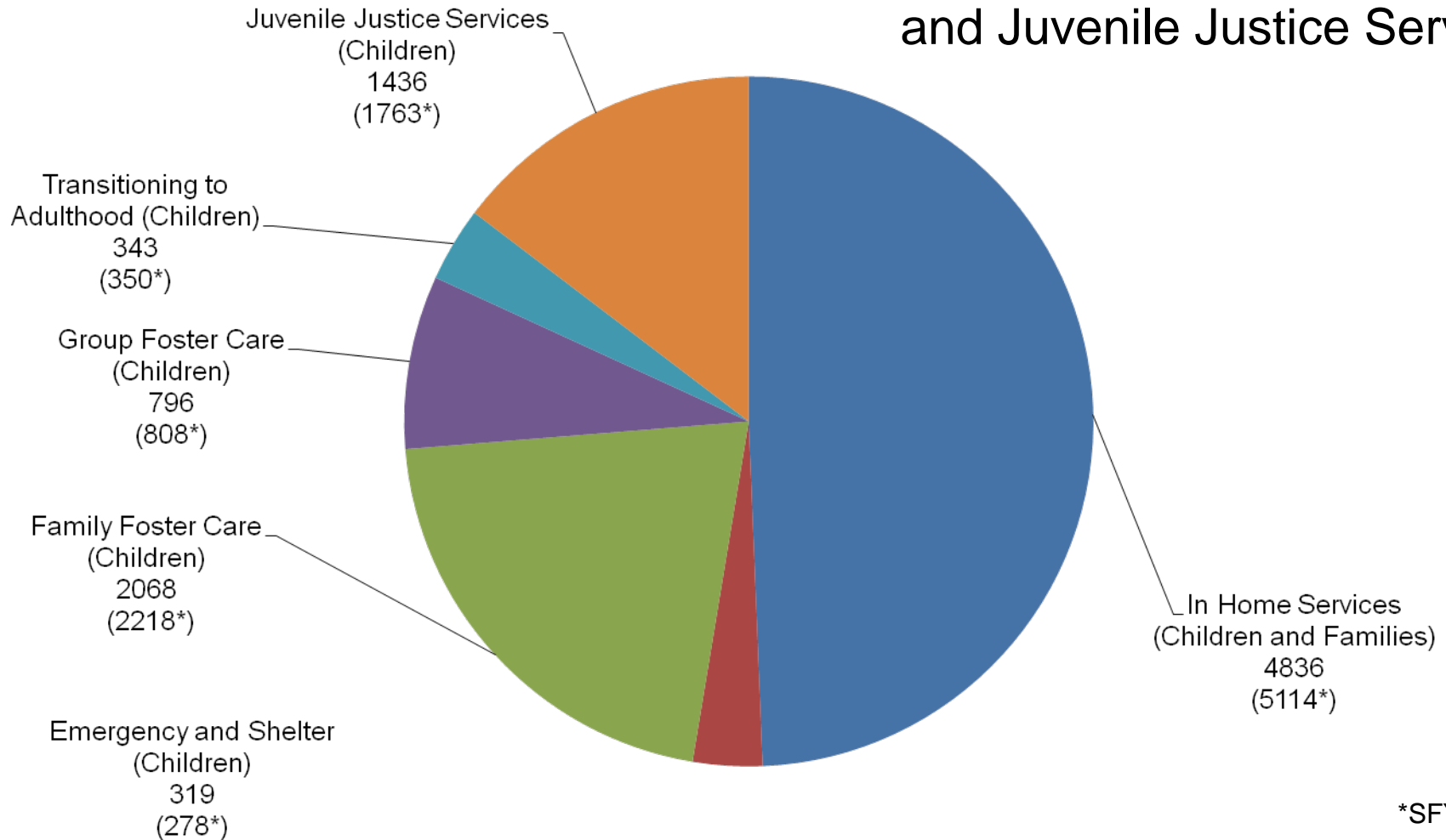
## Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Populations cont'd

- Annually, over 20,000 new youth are referred to Juvenile Court Services (JCS) each year. Less than 25% result in a formal request for a court petition.



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## SFY 12: Monthly Average Children/Families receiving Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Services



\*SFY 2011



## Budget

- SFY 14 Governor budget recommendation: \$81,274,947 State Dollars
- These dollars are matched by \$61,856,456 Federal Dollars
- As part of receiving matching Federal funding, each state must meet performance and systemic standards relating to Safety, Permanency and Well-being.
- Success rests on the ability to manage the system from a statewide perspective.



## Key Strategies to Improve Safety, Permanency, and Well Being

- Practice alignment with other strategies
  - Private-public partnership
  - Mental Health redesign
  - Disproportionality
- Expansion of best practice strategies
  - Family interaction
  - Family team decision making meetings
  - Parent Partners





## Key Strategies to Improve Safety, Permanency, and Well Being, cont'd

- Planning and implementation of new best practice strategies
  - Differential response
  - Trauma informed care



## Thanks

- Any questions?