PRESENTATION

Department of Human Services

2015 Ways and Means Human Services Subcommittee

Child Welfare Program Overview

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Presentation Outline

1. Child Welfare Program Mission & Goals
2. Child Welfare Program Response to Abuse/Neglect
3. Results and Accountability
4. 2013-15 Legislative Direction
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6. Additional issues

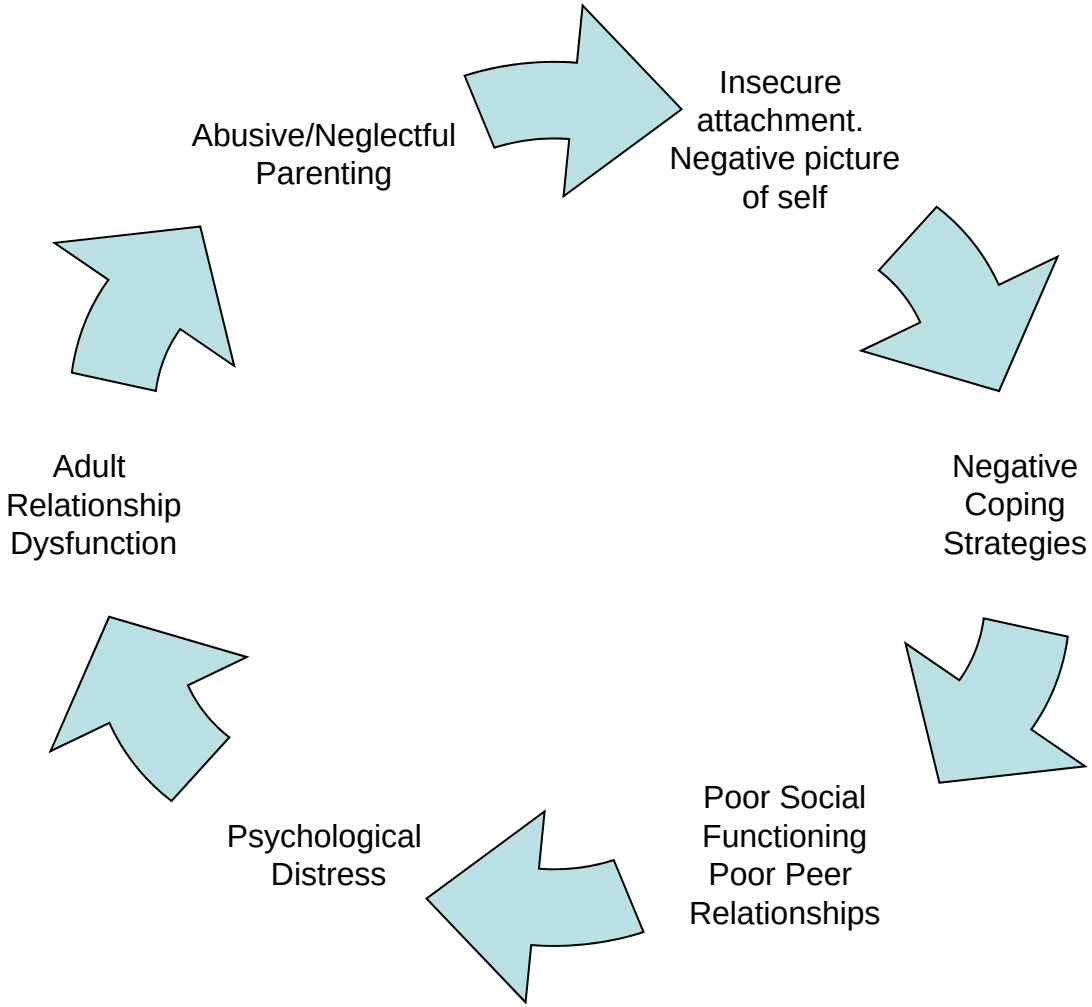
Child Welfare Program Mission and Goals

Mission: Improve family capacity to provide safe and permanent living environments for children.

Goal: Safe and Equitable Reduction in the number of children who experience Foster Care:

- Protect children and promote children's safety in their homes.
- Help children who are unable to live safely in their homes live in settings that provide safety, stability and continuity with their families and begin the healing process.
- Secure safe, nurturing and legally permanent families for children who cannot be raised by their families.
- Expand program partnerships and increase the cultural competency of DHS staff and partners to better serve Oregon's diverse communities.

Impact of Maltreatment throughout Life



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Child Welfare is an interdependent system

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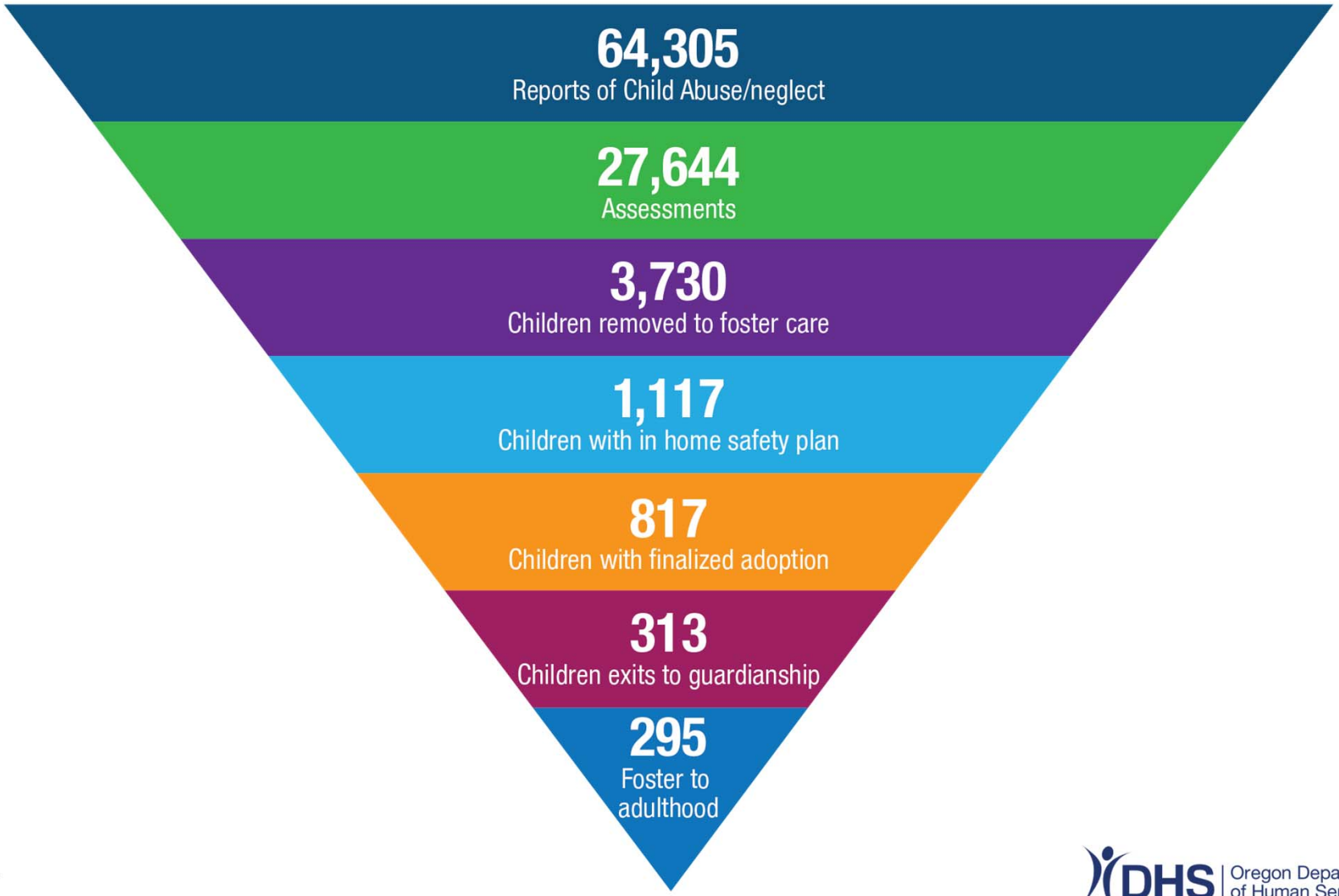
Child Welfare Program Response to Abuse/Neglect

Child Welfare Continuum (2013 data)



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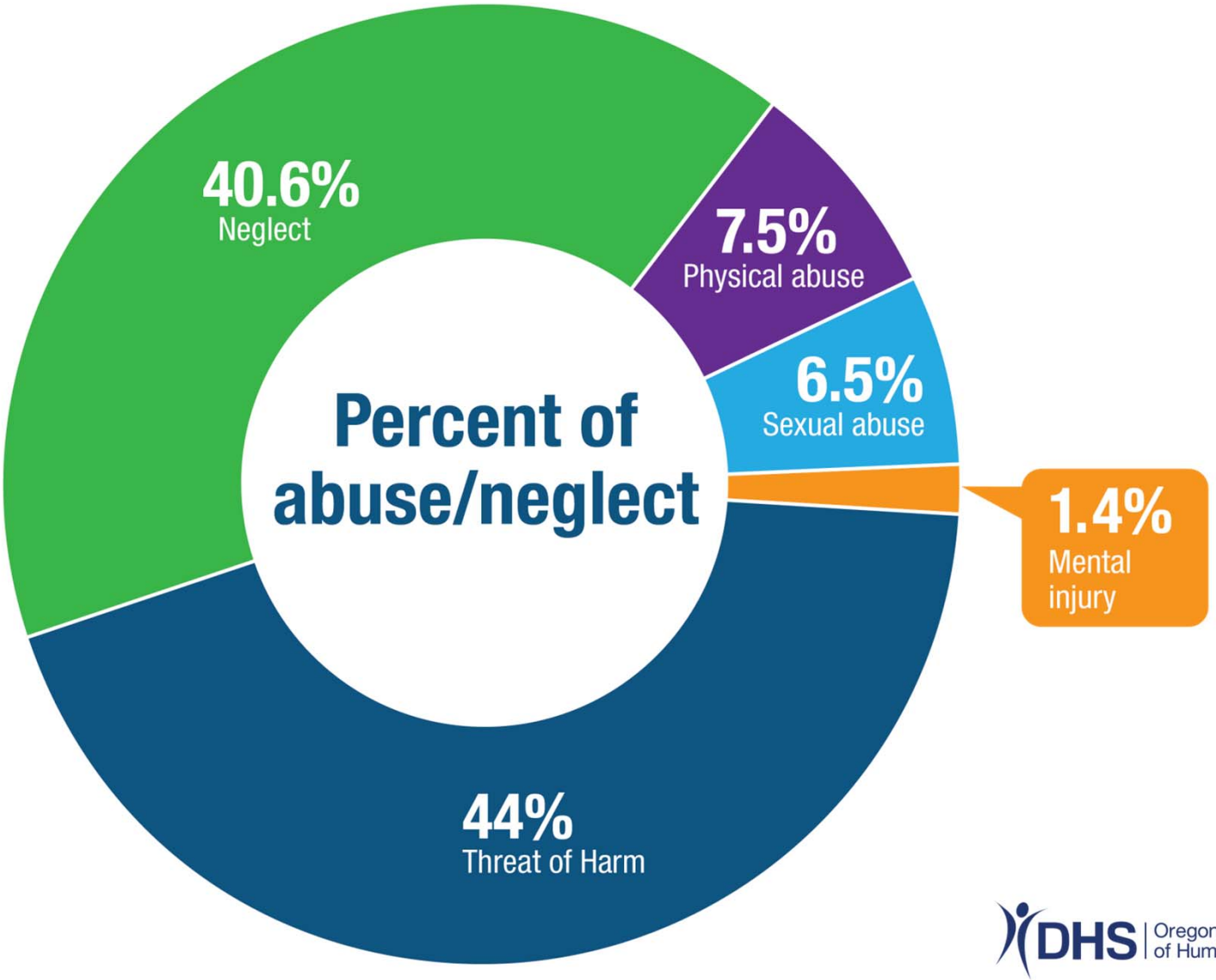
Abuse/Neglect & Foster Care Entry Drivers

Neglect

Drug/Alcohol Abuse

Domestic Violence

Incidents of child abuse/neglect



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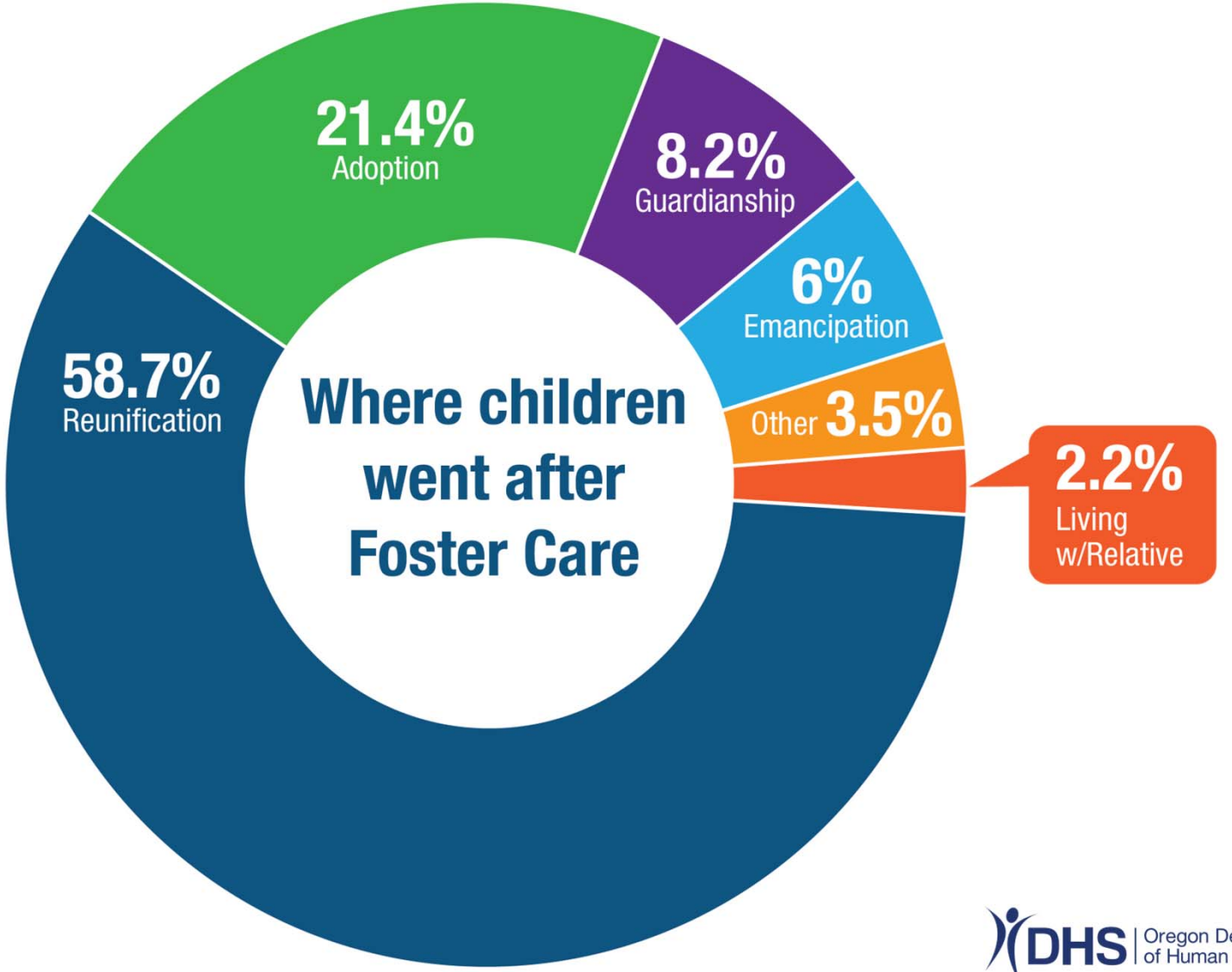
2013 Exits From Foster Care



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Results and Accountability

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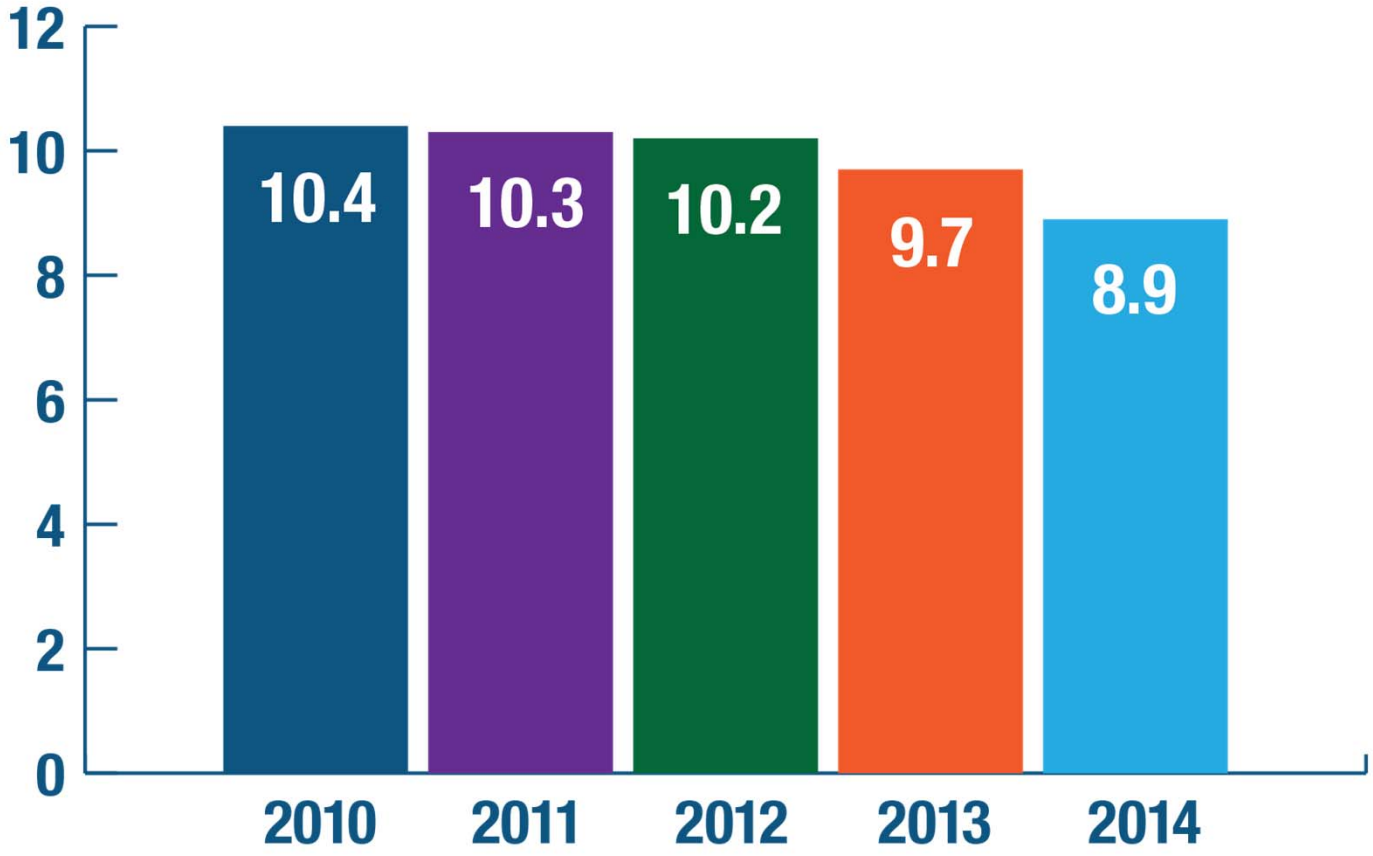
Foster Care Rate per 1000 children



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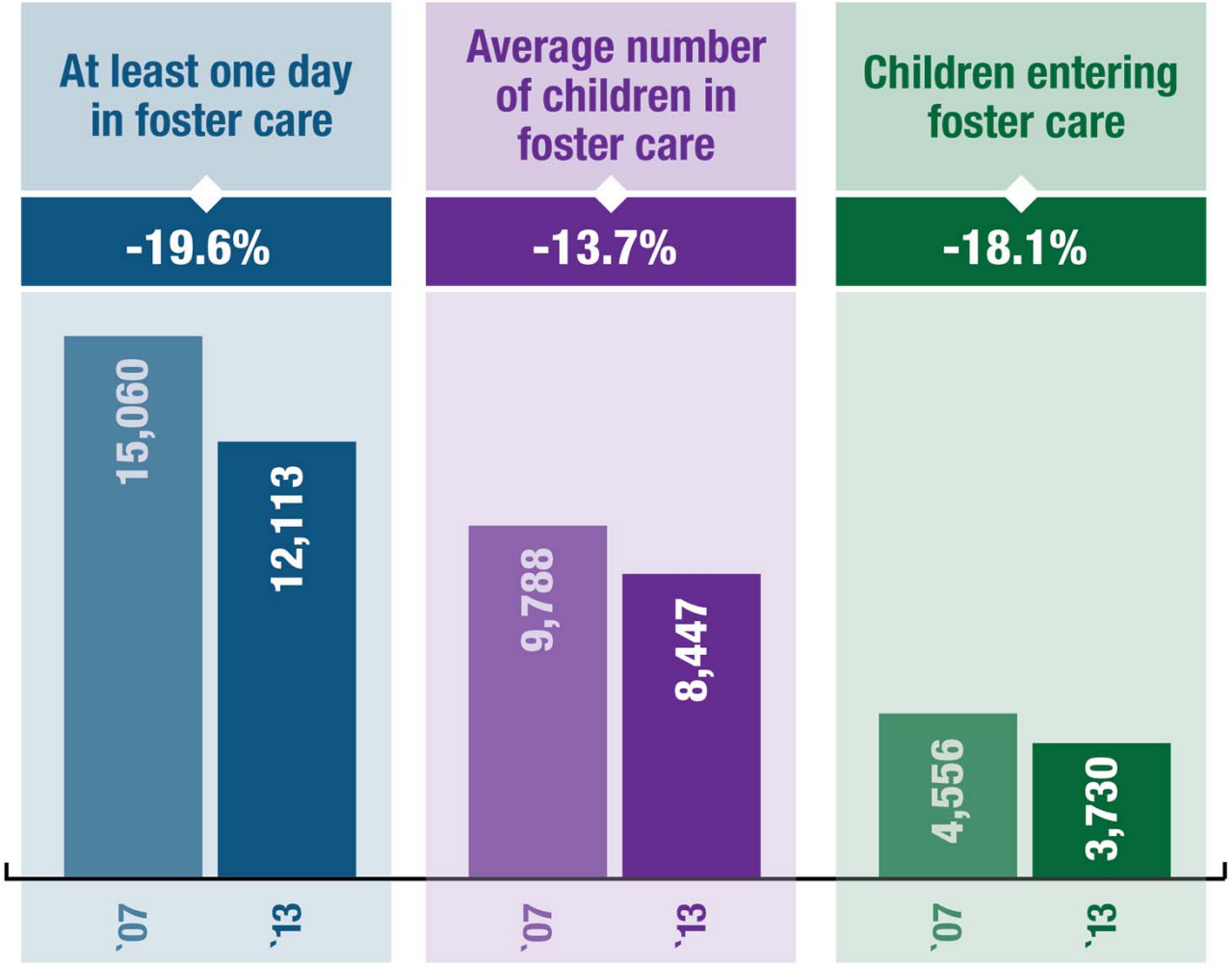
Results – 2013



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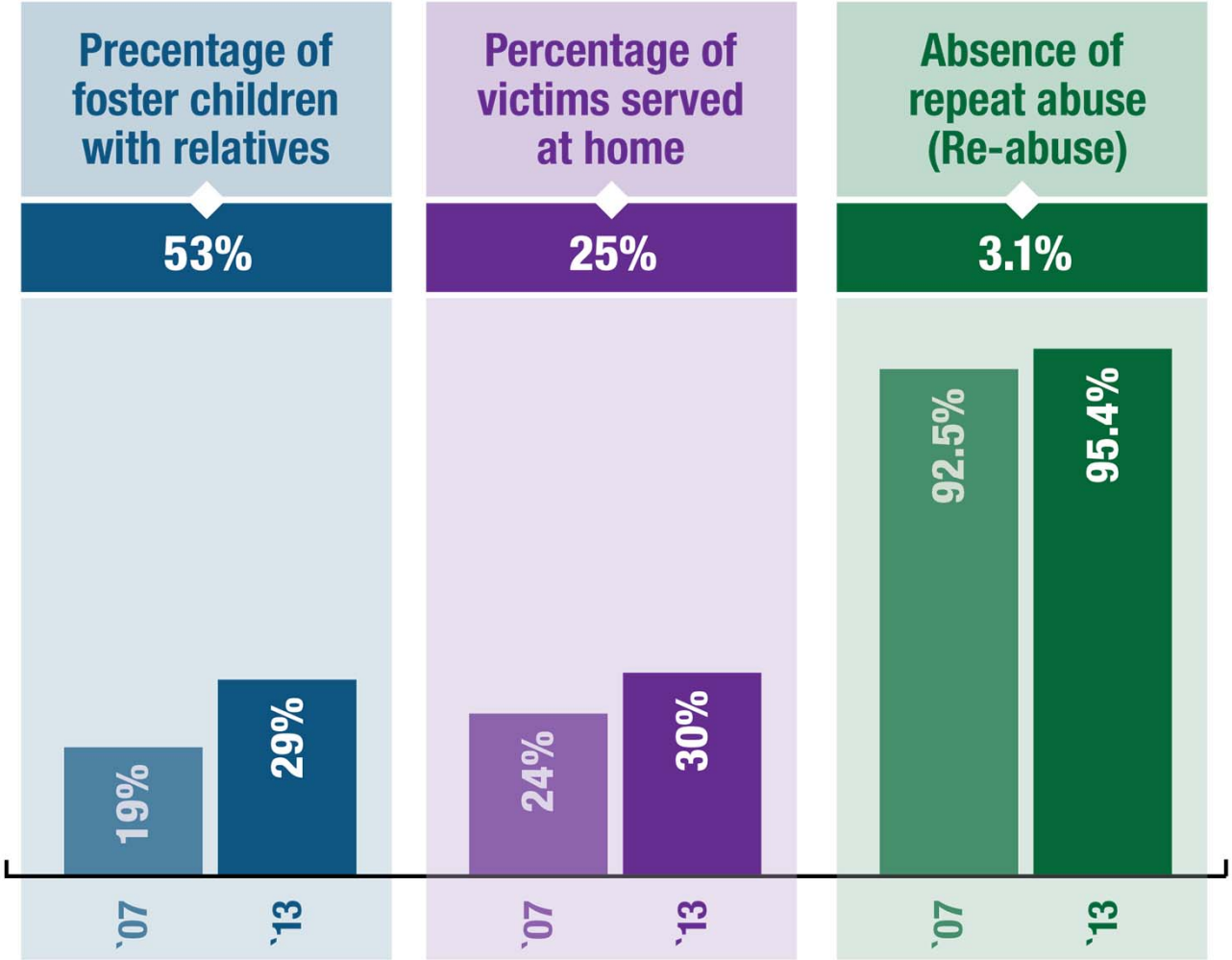

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Foster Care Experience

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Equitable Foster Care Reduction: The Numbers

FFY 2013 Race Comparison: Oregon Children Served in Foster Care

Race	Percent of Oregon's children*	Percent of children served in foster care
African American	3.3%	7.0%
Asian/Pac Islander	5.1%	1.2%
Caucasian	68.8%	68.6%
Hispanic (any race)	21.2%	16.4%
Native American	1.6%	4.5%
Unknown/Not Recorded	n/a	2.2%

**2012 Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2012 Online; Source: Oregon Data Book, AFCARS*

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2013 Legislative Direction

Child Welfare System Transformation

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Child Welfare Transformation Strategies

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Differential Response Implementation

5/2014

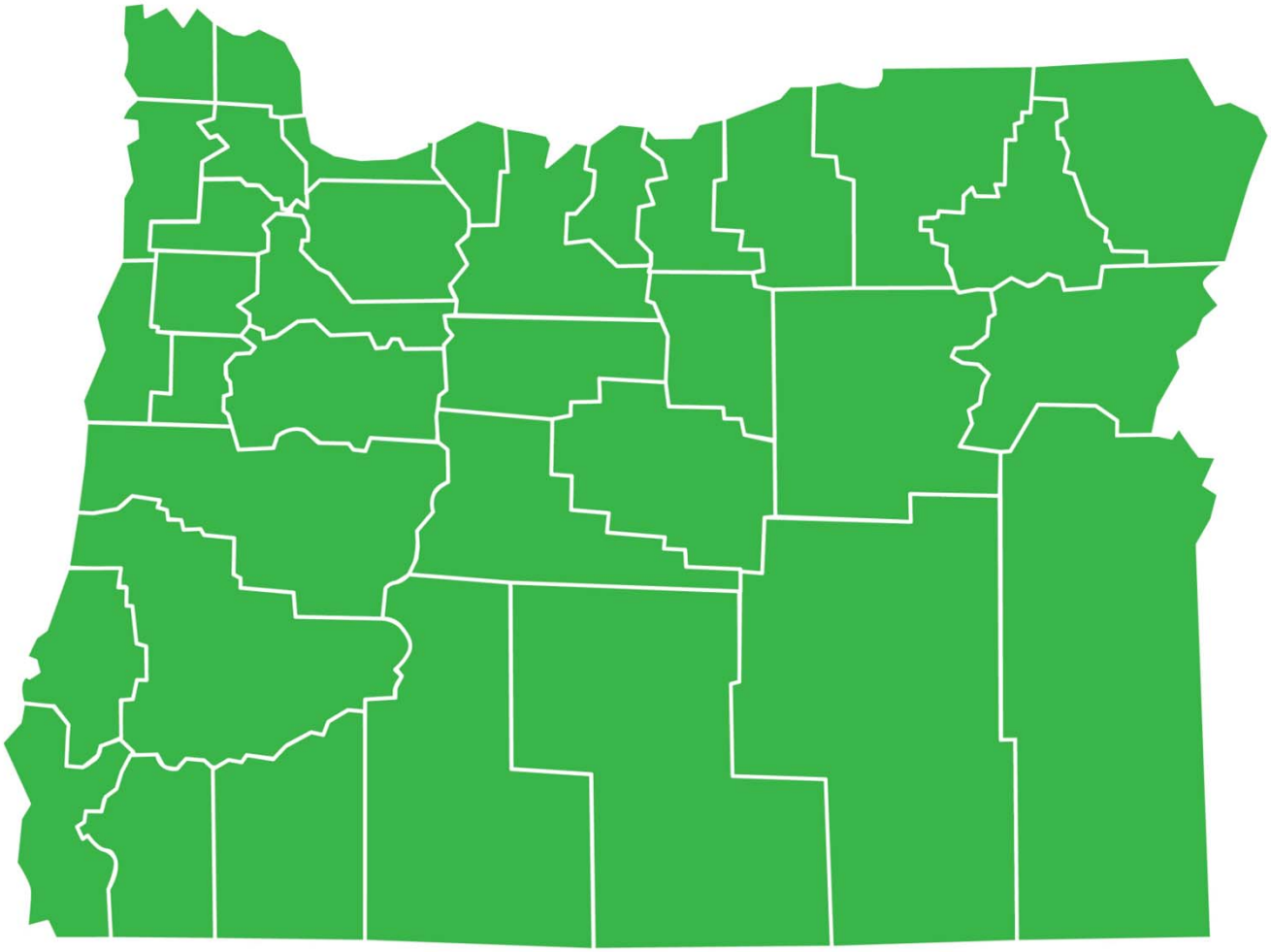
4/2015

11/2015

8/2016

4/2017

10/2017



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Strengthening, Preserving and Reunifying Families Program Implementation

Navigators/Parent Mentors: Specialists to help navigate social service agencies.

Parent Mentoring: Specialists to reinforce parenting behaviors, supportive services.

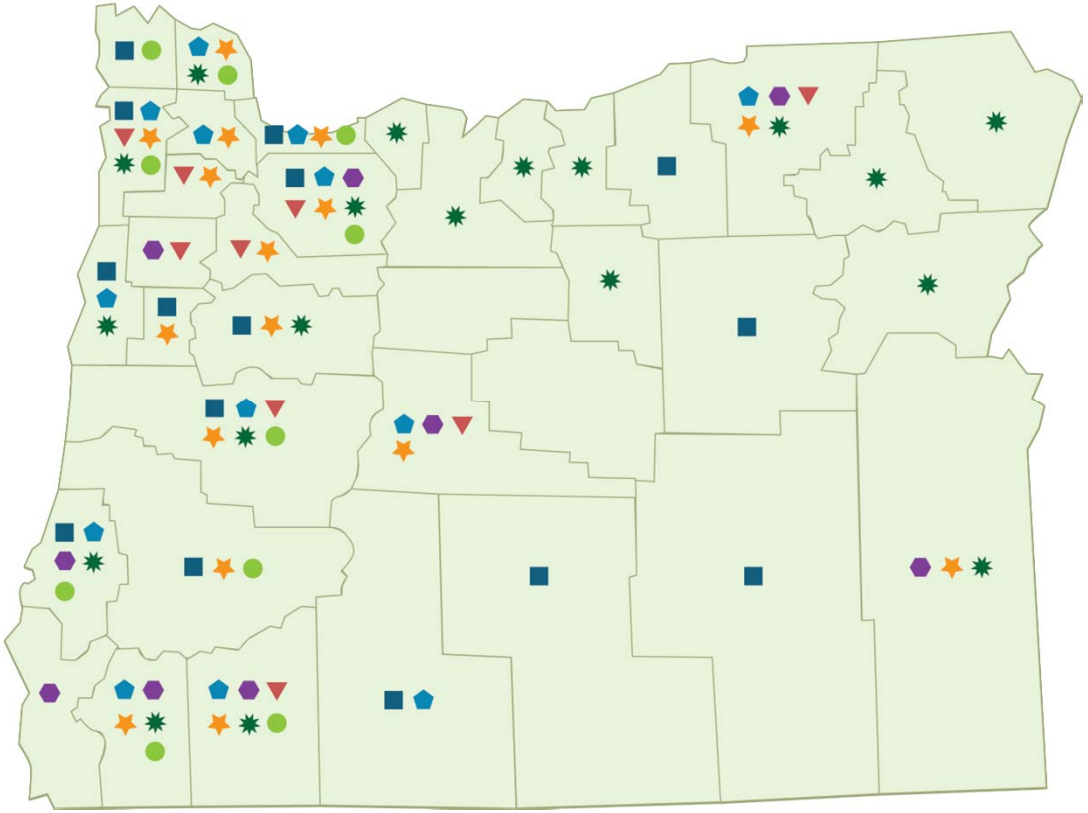
Relief Nursery: Daycare, parenting, support services.

Alcohol and Drug Treatment: Inpatient/Outpatient services that focus on multi-dimensional issues such as parenting, DV services, and a relief nursery.

Housing: Short-term & Emergency Housing services.

Front End Interventions: Specialists (Alcohol and Drug, Mental Health, Domestic Violence, and human service generalists) responding with CPS workers.

Trauma Services and therapeutic services: Intensive services to trauma affected families and children.



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Additional Direction

- Increased Services and Supports Statewide for Homeless and Runaway Youth.
- Implement Foster Child Bill of Rights and Establish a Foster Youth Ombudsman.

Statewide Transformation – DHS Connections

Partnered with the Department of Education to identify and remove barriers to foster children achieving educational success.	**In collaboration with OHA, OYA and private providers, began a two year process to examine the structure and delivery of Behavioral Rehabilitation Services**
Coordination with Early Learning Division at state and local level in the implementation of Early Learning HUBs.	Partnership with Addictions and Mental Health in the full implementation of Wraparound services.

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GB 2015-17 Investment in Outcomes

DHS Child Welfare Programs has set a goal of reducing foster care by 15% from 2011 to 2020. In FFY 2014, we had an 8.4% reduction.

2015-17 Strategies:

- Increase in practice and transformation supports for field staff.
- Maturation of the Strengthening, Preserving and Reunifying Families service array through outcome based contracting.
- Continued staged implementation of Differential Response to be completed in 2017.
- Implement the new Title IV-E Demonstration Waiver.
- Support Pay for Prevention.

Practice and Transformation Supports for Field Staff

- Coaching
- Consultation
- Quality Assurance
- Technical Assistance

Oregon's New Title IV-E Waiver

Enhanced Financial Strategy

Reduce Long Term Foster Placements

Early Identification

Available Until 2019

Pay for Prevention

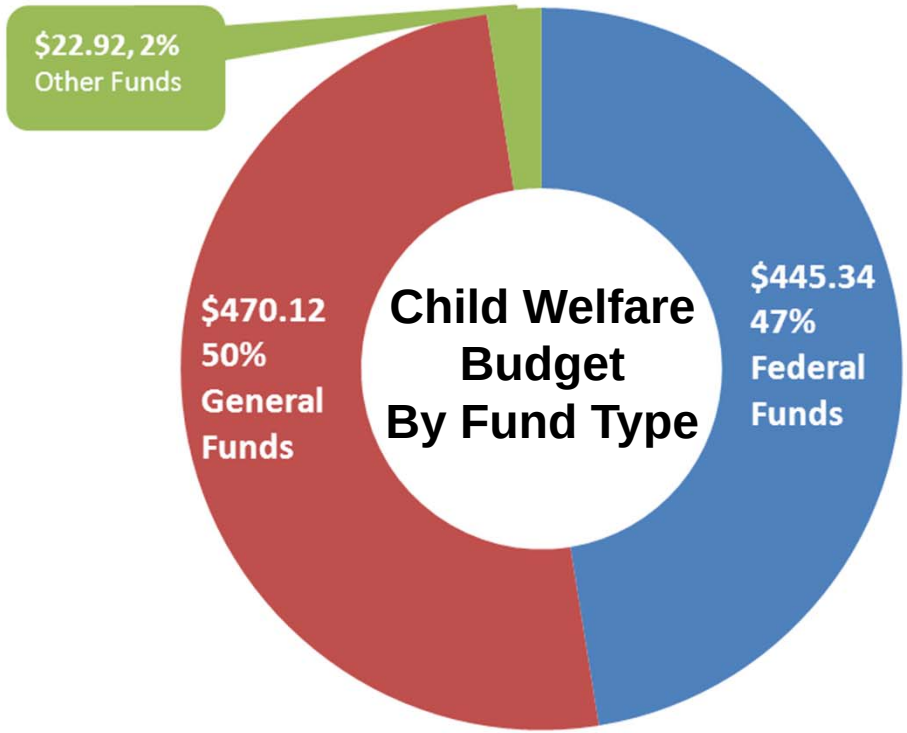
Early Intervention to Prevent Foster Placement

Investment of Private Dollars in Public Services

Financial Backing to Attract Investment

Governor's Child Welfare Budget

Budget by fund type – 47% Federal Funds



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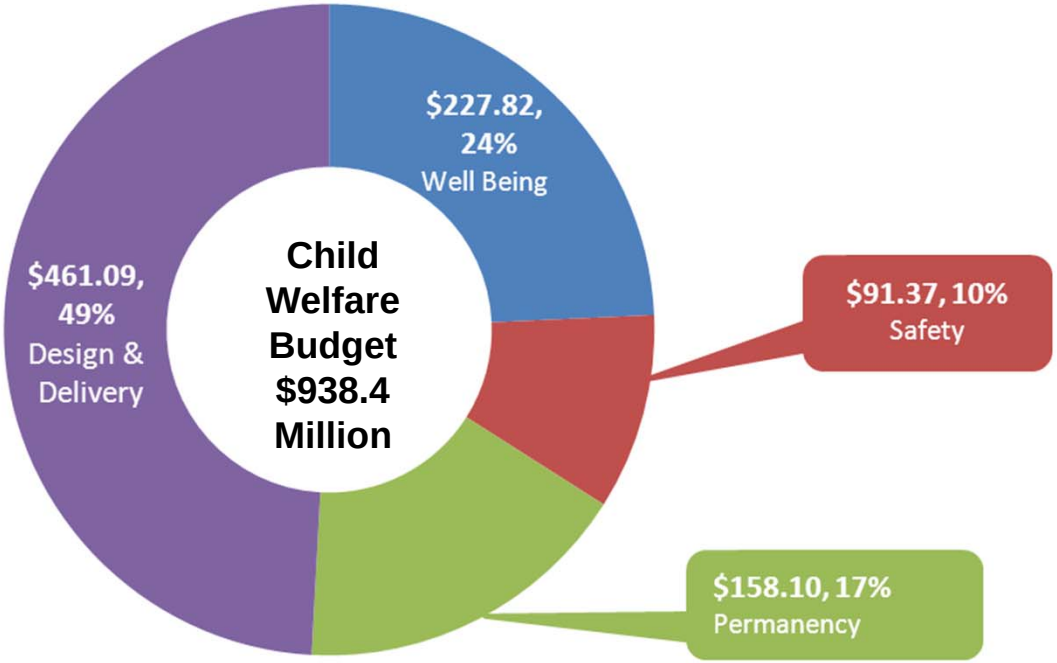
Child Welfare Budget: 9.4% of DHS Total Budget



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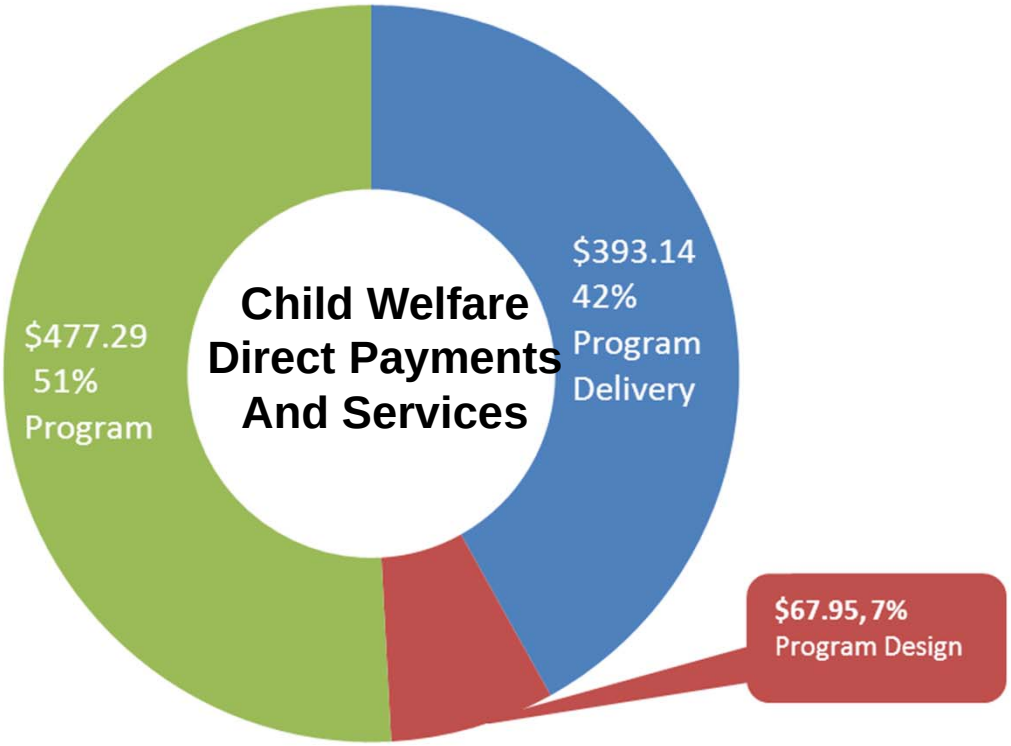
93% Direct Payments and Services



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Additional Issues/System Challenges

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Additional Issues/System Challenges

- Implementation of HR 4980, federal legislation addressing Commercially Sexually Trafficked Children and Strengthening Permanency for Youth.
- Federal Child and Family Services Review scheduled for 2016.
- General Fund sufficient to access Title IV-E Waiver savings.
- Dependency representation

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The Child Welfare Data Book
http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/abuse/pages/publications/children/index.aspx

Oregon Child Welfare Data Set
https://rom.socwel.ku.edu/Oregon_Public/MyHome.aspx

Wrap-up

DHS 2015-17 Budget Themes:

- Finish what we've started
- Impact of federal changes
- Outcomes & prioritization
- Upstream investments & long-term financial sustainability
- Partnership alignment

Coming Up Next:

- **DHS Program Design Services and Key Performance Measures**
  - March 2
- **Public Testimony**
  - March 3
- **DHS Wrap Up**
  - March 4

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