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Department of Children and Families Service Structure

Regions, Circuits, Counties, and CBC Lead Agencies
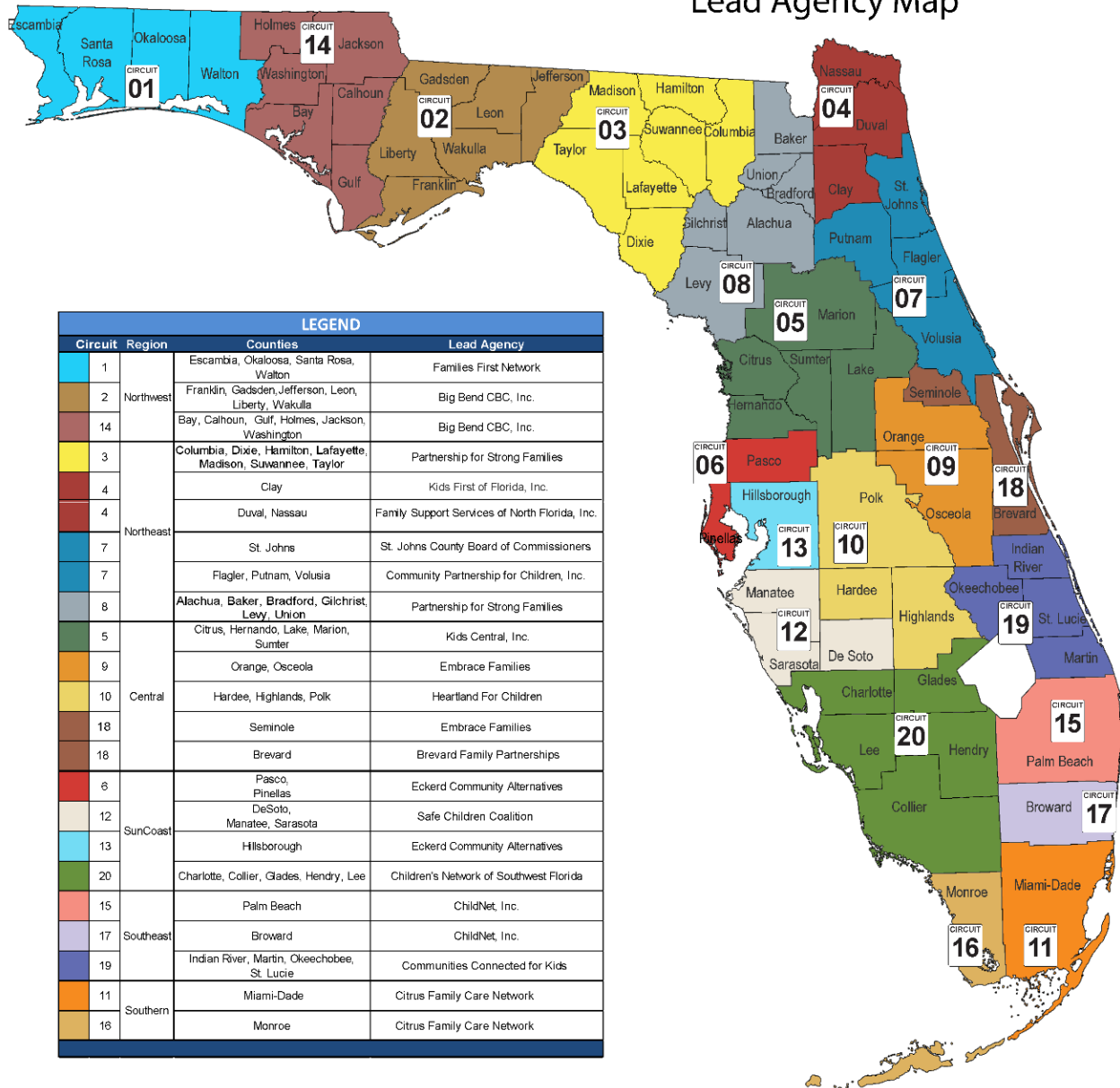
Community-Based Care
Lead Agency Map

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Circuit	Region	Counties	Lead Agency
1	Northwest	Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton	Families First Network
2	Northwest	Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla	Big Bend CBC, Inc.
14	Northwest	Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Washington	Big Bend CBC, Inc.
3	Northeast	Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee, Taylor	Partnership for Strong Families
4	Northeast	Clay	Kids First of Florida, Inc.
4	Northeast	Duval, Nassau	Family Support Services of North Florida, Inc.
7	Northeast	St. Johns	St. Johns County Board of Commissioners
7	Northeast	Flagler, Putnam, Volusia	Community Partnership for Children, Inc.
8	Northeast	Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, Union	Partnership for Strong Families
5	Central	Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Sumter	Kids Central, Inc.
9	Central	Orange, Osceola	Embrace Families
10	Central	Hardee, Highlands, Polk	Heartland For Children
18	Central	Seminole	Embrace Families
18	Central	Brevard	Brevard Family Partnerships
6	SunCoast	Pasco, Pinellas	Eckerd Community Alternatives
12	SunCoast	DeSoto, Manatee, Sarasota	Safe Children Coalition
13	SunCoast	Hillsborough	Eckerd Community Alternatives
20	SunCoast	Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee	Children's Network of Southwest Florida
15	Southeast	Palm Beach	ChildNet, Inc.
17	Southeast	Broward	ChildNet, Inc.
19	Southeast	Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, St. Lucie	Communities Connected for Kids
11	Southern	Miami-Dade	Citrus Family Care Network
16	Southern	Monroe	Citrus Family Care Network

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Abbreviations included in this Report

- Child and Family Services Review (CFSR)
- Child Protective Investigator (CPI)
- Family Support Services (FSS)
- Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)
- Florida Continuous Quality Improvement Reviews (FL CQI)
- Florida Department of Children and Families (department)
- Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FICW)
- Foster Care (FC)
- Foster Home (FH)
- Lead Agency for Community-Based Care (CBC)
- Office of Child Welfare (OCW)
- Out-of-Home Care (OHC)
- Quality Assurance (QA)
- Quality Improvement (QI)
- Rapid Safety Feedback Reviews (RSF)
- Results-Oriented Accountability Program (ROA)
- State Fiscal Year (SFY)

Child Welfare in Florida

Florida's community-based child welfare system was created to prevent child abuse, neglect, and abandonment through a partnership between the Department of Children and Families (Department), other state agencies, the courts, law enforcement agencies, service providers, and local communities. It is designed to provide equal protection to children through consistent intake decision-making regarding the children served and local systems of care to meet varying community needs, matching the needs of children and families to community resources, and allowing flexible development of evidence-based and promising approaches to the protection of children.

Florida Child Protection System Overview
2020-21 SFY

- 100% — **Total Florida Abuse Hotline Contacts** Total = 552,818
- 58% — **Total Child Abuse Reports and Child Special Conditions Contacts** Total = 320,879
- 39% — **Total Child Abuse Reports and Child Special Condition Contacts Screened In** Total = 213,685
- 35% — **Total Investigations (Initial-Additional-Supplemental)** Total = 195,057
- 3% — **Total Child Special Condition Contacts** Total = 18,628
- 12% — **Open for Services** Total = 68,951
- 6% — **Served in Out of Home Care** Total = 33,854

Data Sources; Florida Abuse Hotline Summary Report and Children and Young Adults Receiving Services by CBC Lead Agency and Type of Service

Total Exits (Age 0-18) from Out of Home Care 12,157
Reunifications   5,490
Adoptions   3,779
Guardianship   2,235
Other Exits   653

Intake for the community-based system of care is provided by the Department and county sheriffs' offices that conduct child protective investigations, which determine whether children and families should receive services and what kind of services:

- The Florida Abuse Hotline receives more than 300,000 child-related calls, web reports, and faxes annually and screens-in those which meet the requirements for investigation or assessment of special conditions with no alleged maltreatment.

- Child Protective Investigations are conducted by sheriffs' offices in seven counties (Broward, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Seminole, and Walton Counties) and the Department in the other 60 counties. Investigators determine the need for post-investigation services including protecting the child through removal and placement in out-of-home care (OHC), or through case-managed in-home services (by court order or non-judicially), or through informal voluntary family support services (FSS).

Section 409.986(1), Florida Statutes, requires that post-investigation services be provided through contracting with Community-Based Care Lead Agencies (CBCs) and emphasizes that:

- Communities have responsibility for and should participate in ensuring safety, permanence, and well-being for all children in the state.

- Outsourcing must be accompanied by comprehensive oversight of the programmatic, administrative, and fiscal operation of those entities. The appropriate care of children is ultimately the responsibility of the state and outsourcing such care does not relieve the state of its responsibility to ensure that appropriate care is provided.

Pursuant to section 409.997, Florida Statutes, the Department shall submit an annual Results-Oriented Accountability (ROA) performance report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by October 1 of each year. Information regarding performance quality and outcome-measure attainment is also included in the Quality Office annual reporting requirements, s. 409.996(18)(e), F.S.

Executive Summary

The Results-Oriented Accountability Annual Report for state fiscal year (SFY) 2020-21 describes the status of Florida's community-based child welfare system. The report compares Florida's child welfare system with other states and territories using the most recent available data (FFY 2019) while also tracking the flow of Florida's child welfare system from the Florida Abuse Hotline (Hotline) to child protective investigations to case management. The report uses trend charts that show change over time and comparison charts that show Florida in relation to other states and compares circuits/areas within Florida.

Key Takeaways

- Florida's estimated poverty rate of 18 percent for 2019 was 1.0 percent higher than the comparable national average of 17.0 percent. Statewide, Florida's poverty rate has dropped since 2015 and rates vary when stratified by area (circuit/county).

- Florida's child maltreatment reporting rate exceed the national average within the 2019 federal data and Florida was in the top 10 states in the nation for reporting by calculating children investigated per 1,000 children in the general population. Statewide, reporting rates vary considerably by area with the highest rate area more than three times that of the lowest rate area.

- Reports to the Hotline follow a seasonal trend with a higher number of reports being received during the school year and a noticeable drop during the summer months when school is not in session. Teachers and school staff make up a substantial percentage of reporters to the Hotline. The Hotline's acceptance of allegations of child maltreatment was higher than the national average (and in the lowest quartile). However, the Hotline screen-in rate has been steadily decreasing.

- Incoming and active investigative workloads remained lower than average for SFY 2020-21, and investigations that were open over 60 days increased over the second half of SFY 2020-21.

- Florida has consistently maintained timeliness in responding to alleged maltreatment within 24 hours compared to the national average. In 2019, Florida had the fastest response time in hours of all states that reported.

- There is variation among circuits and sheriff offices in making a safe/unsafe determination. The most recent available data for SFY 2020-21 indicates that 44.32 percent of children determined "unsafe" were removed from their home and 48.71 percent received in-home services, totaling 93.03 percent of children determined to be unsafe receiving ongoing case management.

- Florida's entry rate into foster care per 1,000 children in the general population has been historically higher than the national average, but has been declining. Florida closed FFY 2019 at 3.5 entries to foster care per 1,000 children in the general population, which was 0.1 above the national average.

- Florida's removal rate per 100 alleged victims in closed investigations has been declining over the last five SFYs.

- Nationally, the number of children in OHC has increased and stabilized since FFY 2013. Florida experienced the same trend over the same period. Florida's OHC rate per 1,000 children in 2019 (the most recent year available) was comparable to the national average. Several states had rates that were significantly higher than Florida's.

- Florida's current stability in OHC numbers appears to be the result of decreasing discharge rates, rather than an increase in removal rates. Florida's discharge rate has been declining since 2013 and for FFY 2019 Florida's discharges were comparable to the national average.

- Although not explored in this report, factors that may influence performance include:
    o Challenges with staff recruitment and retention
    o Access to courts during the pandemic
    o Length of time to address reunification for families experiencing substance use or mental health disorders

Federal Measures:

The report presents seven data indicators established by the United States Children's Bureau (Children's Bureau) for Round 3 of the Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSR-3) to support the three Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 (ASFA) goals and outcomes, as well as the nine outcomes established in section 409.986, Florida Statutes.

Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect. The most recent national data (FFY 2019) indicates that Florida's observed performance of 95.6 percent with no recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months was better than the initial standard and national average of 90.9 percent. The performance has consistently been above the national standard since January 2015. The percent of children in investigations with at least one finding of verified maltreatment has been declining over the most recent five SFYs. As only verified maltreatment is included in the measurement of recurrence, the decline in the percent verified may have had a significant impact in lowering the rates of measured recurrence of maltreatment. Variation in verification rates statewide affects variation in measured recurrence of maltreatment.

Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care. National state level data for the rate of abuse per 100,000 bed days in OHC is not currently available. The 2019 data for the percentage of children not experiencing abuse in foster care indicates that Florida is among the best in the nation at 99.99 percent of children not experiencing abuse, abandonment, or neglect while in foster care. Florida's SFY 2020-21 observed rate of 6.79 percent successfully achieved the 8.50 or less national standard for the rate of children experiencing abuse, abandonment, or neglect per 100,000 days in OHC. Florida's calculated rates are somewhat different from the rate appearing in the federal data profile used for CFSR-3, which uses Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and National Child Abuse and Neglect Data (NCANDS) files submitted by states.

The percent of children with no verified maltreatment *during* case-managed in-home services was stable at 95.5 percent. The percent of children with no verified maltreatment within six months *after termination* of case-managed services was also stable at 96.5 percent for the SFY 2019-20 cohort.

Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care. The three indicators of timely permanency measure achievement of permanency within 12 months for three different cohorts of children, based on a certain period or date (<12 months, 12-23 months, and 24+ months). Florida's performance on the less than 12-month permanency measure has steadily declined over the last five years and is no longer meeting the national standard along with 29 other states. The two other permanency cohorts still exceed the corresponding national standards.

Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry. National comparison data on the CFSR federal measure indicates that Florida closed FFY 2019 at 8.8 percent, which was slightly above both the national average of 8.0 percent and the federal target of 8.1 percent. Current data indicates that Florida has improved within this measure over SFY 2020-21 and closed the year slightly above the national standard.

Florida is consistently one of the top states for **case management visits** with children in care. Florida also consistently ranks among the leading states when comparing the percentage of monthly visits that were made to the child's home. Florida's exemplary performance is consistent throughout the state. Florida's indicator measures percent of visits completed within 30 days of the last visit and is consistently near 100 percent.

Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption. There is wide variation among Florida circuits on judicial handling time. Florida's statewide average for children with a goal of reunification and no termination of parental rights activity after 15 months was 6.1 percent on June 30, 2021, with wide variation among circuits. The statewide median of timeliness of termination of parental rights, from petition to order, was 211 days in SFY 2020-21, with wide variation among the circuits. The statewide median for time from removal date to disposition order was 70 days in SFY 2020-21, with wide variation, compared to the statewide target of 90 days.

Outcome 6: Increase placement stability. Recent declines in the number and percentage of children placed in relative/nonrelative care are the result of the reclassification of placements that complete abbreviated foster care training as Level 1 licensed foster homes. Placement stability

numbers, as measured by placement moves per 100,000 bed days, improved significantly in SFY 2019-20 and this continued in SFY 2020-21 with Florida closing the most recent year at 3.85 placement moves per 100,000 bed days. This was well below the federal target of 4.12.

Statewide performance for the percent of siblings placed together has been stable over the last five SFYs and Florida finished SFY 2020-21 at 64.5 percent. This just below Florida's own standard of 65 percent. Nine of Florida's 19 CBCs closed SFY 2020-21 at or above the 65 percent standard.

Over the last year there was slight improvement in the percent of children placed outside their removal circuit, county, and region. Children in licensed OHC placed outside of their removal county show wide variation across Florida circuits, with urban areas generally placing more children *within* their removal county, and circuits with larger rural areas placing more children outside their removal county. The percent of children placed outside of their removal circuit is lower than the percent of children placed out-of-county, as many children not placed in their home county are placed in a neighboring county within the same circuit.

Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions. The proportion of children of all ages in licensed care who are placed in group care averaged 6.76 percent statewide. Overall, the percentage of very young children (ages 0-5 years) placed in group care is generally quite low (0.30 percent). The percentage of children in group care increases with age, with a statewide average of 5.72 percent of children ages 6-12, and 24.39 percent of children ages 13-17 placed in a group home environment as of June 30, 2021.

Statewide performance for children in OHC who receive timely medical services increased during SFY 2020-21. Twelve CBCs are currently above the 95 percent target on this indicator. Statewide performance on children in OHC who receive dental services rebounded over the course of the last SFY but issues associated with the pandemic are still present within this metric.

All but two CBCs were above the statewide target of 80 percent on young adults who age- out of foster care and have completed or are enrolled in a secondary education, vocational training, or adult education program for SFY 2020-21. Florida has exceeded the state target over the last five SFYs.

Indicators Presented in this Report

This report provides charts for a set of indicators describing the current status of Florida's community-based child welfare system. The sequence follows the flow of Florida's child welfare system from the Hotline to child protective investigations to case management. CBC indicators are structured around the three national goals of Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being.

This report uses trend and comparison charts. Trend charts show change over time. Comparison charts show Florida in relation to other states, and each area in Florida in relation to other areas.

The indicators in this report show wide variation from state to state and community to community. Many of the measured differences between states reflect differences in laws and reporting systems, as well as differences in populations served. Variation within Florida may also be due in part to varying demographics of populations served and different levels of community resources to support children and families. The flexibility to meet varying community needs means that Florida's varying systems of care will have different mixes of services, which may lead to varying levels of performance on outcome measures.

Demographic Context of the Child Welfare System

Wide variation on various indicators, including removals and discharges, service mix, and measured outcome performance, are present throughout this report. There are also some important context differences between communities, including wide variations in the proportion of children living in poverty and the public response to maltreatment measured through maltreatment reporting rates. Both indicators are included on the following pages.

Although additional indicators, such as teen births, employment, education, crime, etc., are not included in this report, such indicators can contribute toward a broader understanding of how such variations might affect community-level indicators in this report. Other variables to consider include:

- The allocation of resources to various components by CBCs, including the mix of case management, residential placement (e.g., foster family homes vs. group care), safety management, and other direct services.
- The availability of additional resources devoted to child welfare, such as those counties with Children's Services Councils supported by local taxes.
- Indicators such as median income, the number of children compared to the general population, and income inequality.

Growth in Child Population
Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Estimates

The United States' child population decreased by 1.0 percent from 73,618,051 in 2015 to 73,039,150 in 2019 (the most recent population data currently available). In contrast, Florida's child population increased by 3.1 percent from 4,101,879 in 2014 to 4,229,929 in FFY 2019.

Population of Children Age 0-17
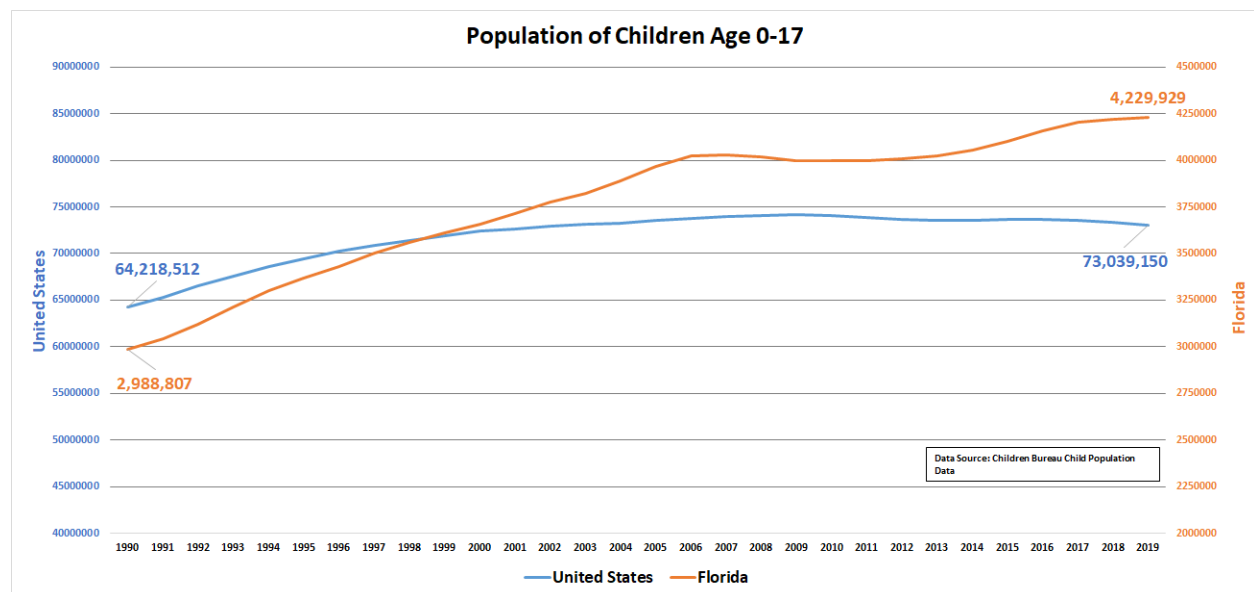
Children Living in Poverty

When comparing communities on various child welfare indicators, poverty is an important factor to consider, including its relationship to reporting rates and implications for service needs.

Florida Compared to Other States

Per child poverty data provided from the Children's Bureau, Florida's estimated child poverty rate of 18 percent in FFY 2019 placed Florida in the third quartile when comparing poverty rates of all states.

Percentage of Children Living in Poverty, 2019 Estimate

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Per child poverty data was provided by the Robert Woods Johnson Foundation, Florida's estimated poverty rate has dropped since 2017 with the highest percentage of childhood poverty being in the areas served by Northwest FL Health Network (Circuits 2 & 14) and Partnership for Strong Families (Circuits 3 & 8); and lowest percentage being 7 percent within the area served by St Johns County's Family Integrity Program (part of Circuit 7).

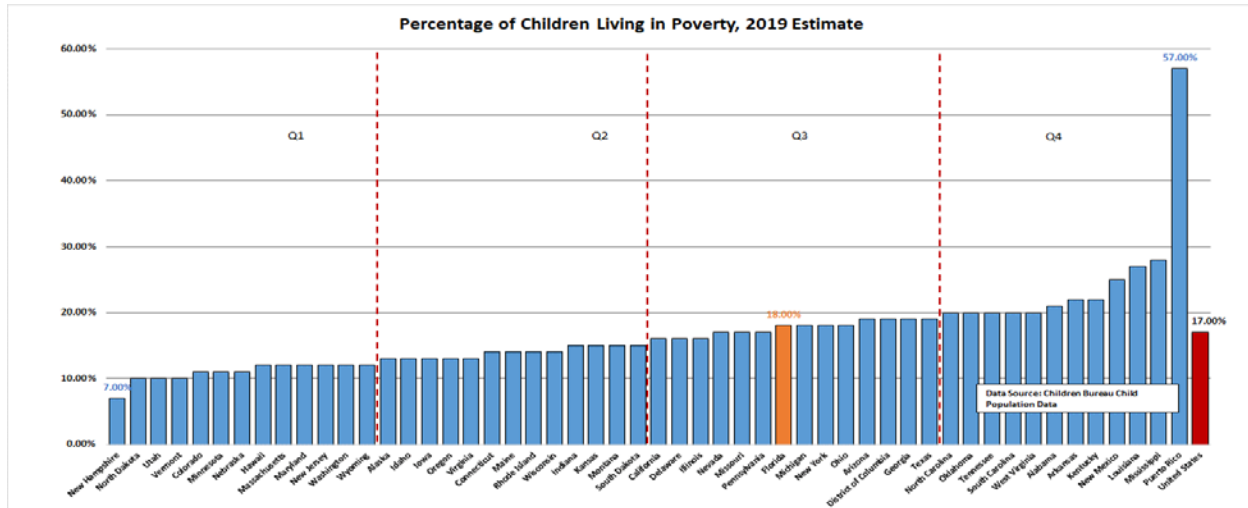| Estimated Percentage of Children Living in Poverty by Calendar Year					
CBC	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	21%	22%	19%	17%	13%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	20%	18%	18%	17%	16%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	21%	19%	17%	19%	16%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	25%	22%	21%	19%	18%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	27%	25%	22%	23%	21%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	24%	24%	19%	19%	17%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	26%	22%	27%	20%	21%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	20%	19%	18%	17%	15%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	21%	20%	21%	20%	18%
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	22%	21%	20%	20%	17%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	22%	20%	21%	19%	19%
Family Integrity Program-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	10%	9%	9%	7%	7%
Family Support Services -Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties Only)	25%	20%	22%	21%	19%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	28%	28%	27%	26%	22%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	27%	24%	23%	22%	22%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 04 (Clay County Only)	16%	14%	13%	12%	12%
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 & 14	27%	24%	22%	24%	23%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	28%	26%	25%	24%	23%
Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 20	22%	20%	17%	18%	17%
Statewide	**23%**	**21%**	**21%**	**20%**	**18%**
Data Source; Robert Woods Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings					

Intake into the Child Welfare System

Maltreatment Reporting

Reporting Rate: Children Investigated Compared to the Population

The Florida Abuse Hotline accepts reports 24 hours a day and 7 days a week of known or suspected child abuse, neglect, or abandonment and reports of known or suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of a vulnerable adult.

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average
Florida's investigation rate has been flat to declining for over a decade, but far exceeds the national average.
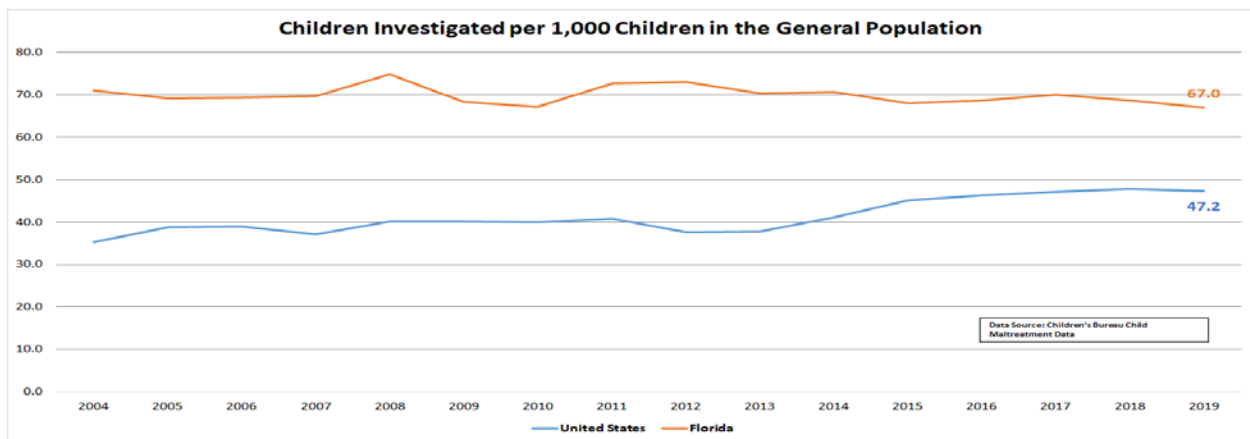
Florida Compared to Other States
Florida's investigation rate was the ninth highest in the nation in FFY 2019.
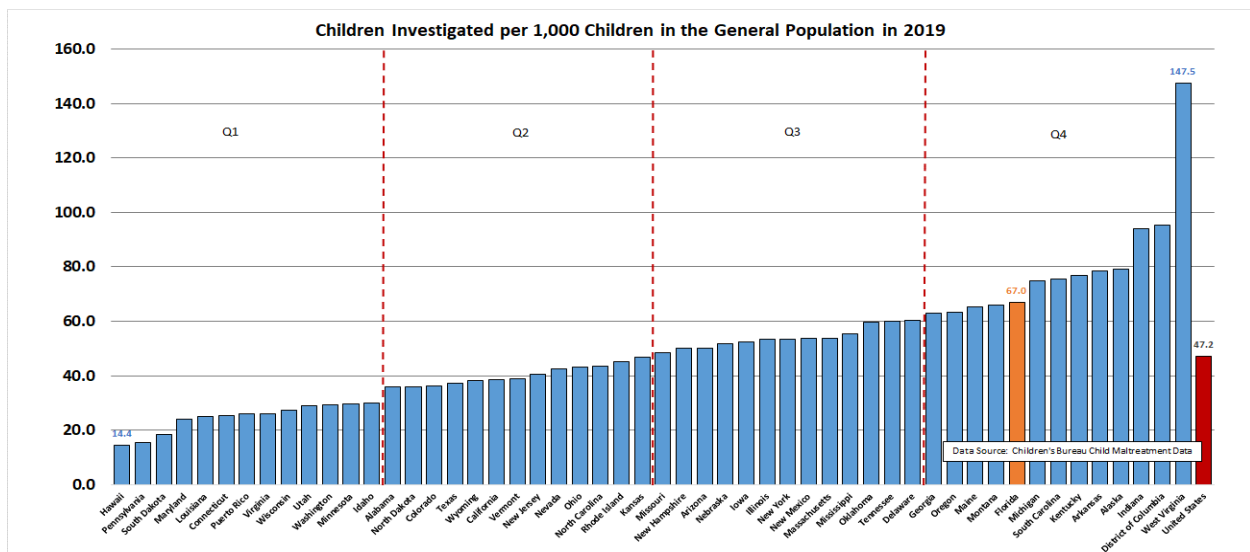
Reporting Rate: Children Investigated Compared to Population

Florida Statewide Trend
Florida's monthly maltreatment reporting rate has been declining overall since SFY 2018-19 and showed a temporary drop in April 2020 due to the pandemic.

Accepted Child Abuse and Special Condition Intakes per 1000 Children in General Population Statewide

Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Child Intakes Received and Florida Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research
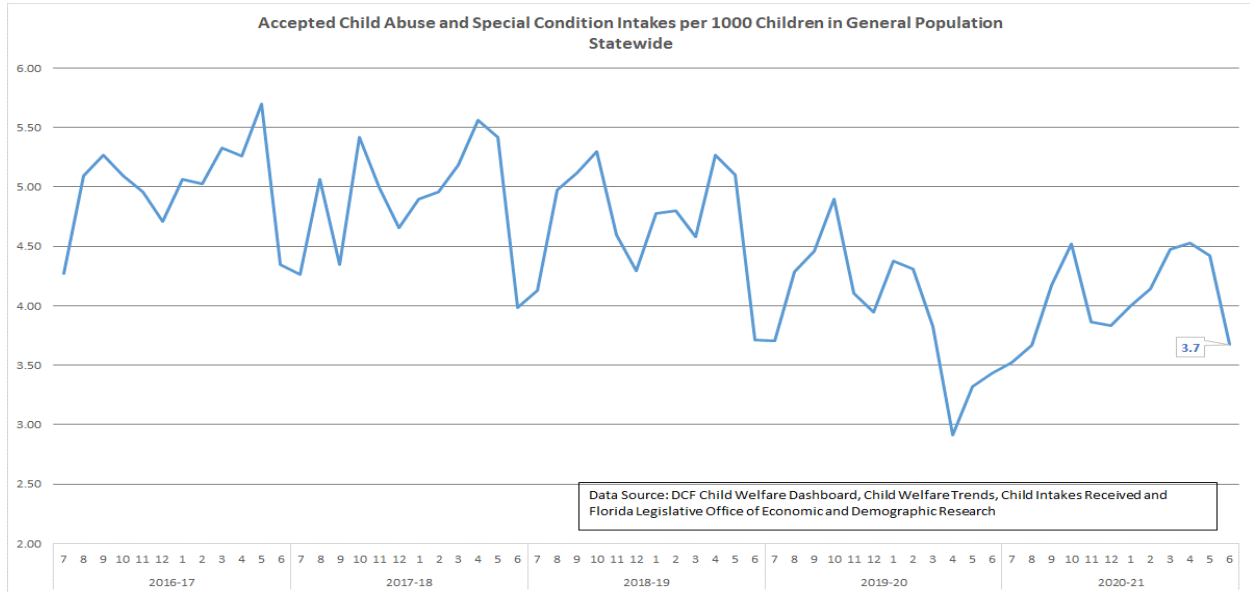
Circuit Comparisons
Florida's annualized maltreatment reporting rates are extremely variable, with the highest rate (9.60) being more than three times that of the lowest rate (2.08).

| Rate of Alleged Child Victims per 100 Children in General Population					
No DCF Target					
Investigative Area	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
DCF Areas	6.07	5.87	5.56	4.80	4.62
SO Areas	6.19	5.86	5.54	4.82	4.46
DCF Circuit 01	9.01	9.02	7.74	6.70	6.62
DCF Circuit 02	8.08	6.92	6.73	6.21	6.13
DCF Circuit 03	10.78	10.05	10.59	8.92	9.60
DCF Circuit 04-Clay	6.63	6.37	6.10	5.12	5.04
DCF Circuit 04-Duval & Nassau	8.04	7.57	7.16	6.04	6.25
DCF Circuit 05	9.59	9.93	9.78	8.42	7.84
DCF Circuit 07-St Johns	4.80	4.73	4.62	4.22	3.51
DCF Circuit 07-Flagler, Putnam & Volusia	9.66	9.25	8.86	7.65	7.47
DCF Circuit 08	9.84	10.38	10.02	8.67	8.37
DCF Circuit 09	5.76	5.67	5.33	4.63	4.13
DCF Circuit 10	8.86	8.60	8.20	7.33	6.70
DCF Circuit 11	3.16	2.93	2.74	2.26	2.08
DCF Circuit 12-Desoto & Sarasota	6.75	6.60	5.99	5.09	5.06
DCF Circuit 14	10.68	10.32	7.79	7.10	7.78
DCF Circuit 15	5.00	4.53	4.33	3.93	3.57
DCF Circuit 16	7.55	5.78	6.10	4.80	4.32
DCF Circuit 18-Brevard	9.16	8.91	8.74	7.20	6.94
DCF Circuit 19	6.46	6.46	5.98	4.82	4.82
DCF Circuit 20	6.84	6.59	6.36	5.57	5.80
Broward SO	4.39	4.18	3.78	3.21	2.99
Hillsborough SO	5.70	5.38	5.24	4.92	4.33
Manatee SO	8.70	7.86	7.42	6.18	5.92
Pasco SO	8.42	8.21	8.10	6.83	6.41
Pinellas SO	8.03	7.52	7.44	6.13	5.84
Seminole SO	6.54	6.19	5.89	4.83	4.77
Walton SO	N/A	N/A	10.06	9.41	8.23
Statewide	6.12	6.20	6.55	6.30	5.97
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Children in Investigations by Most Serious Finding and Florida Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research

Florida Abuse Hotline

Intake Screening Rates

The first decision point in Florida's child welfare system is the decision as to whether a reporter's allegation(s) of maltreatment meets the criteria to be accepted for investigation. Caution should be used in comparing states, due to varying laws, reporting mechanisms, and information systems, but Florida has traditionally had one of the highest screen-in rates.

Florida Compared to Other States

The most recent national data for the percentage of reports screened-in is for FFY 2019. Florida's rate was above the national average and in the second highest quartile in FFY 2019. However, Florida's screen-in rate has dropped significantly in the last four fiscal years.
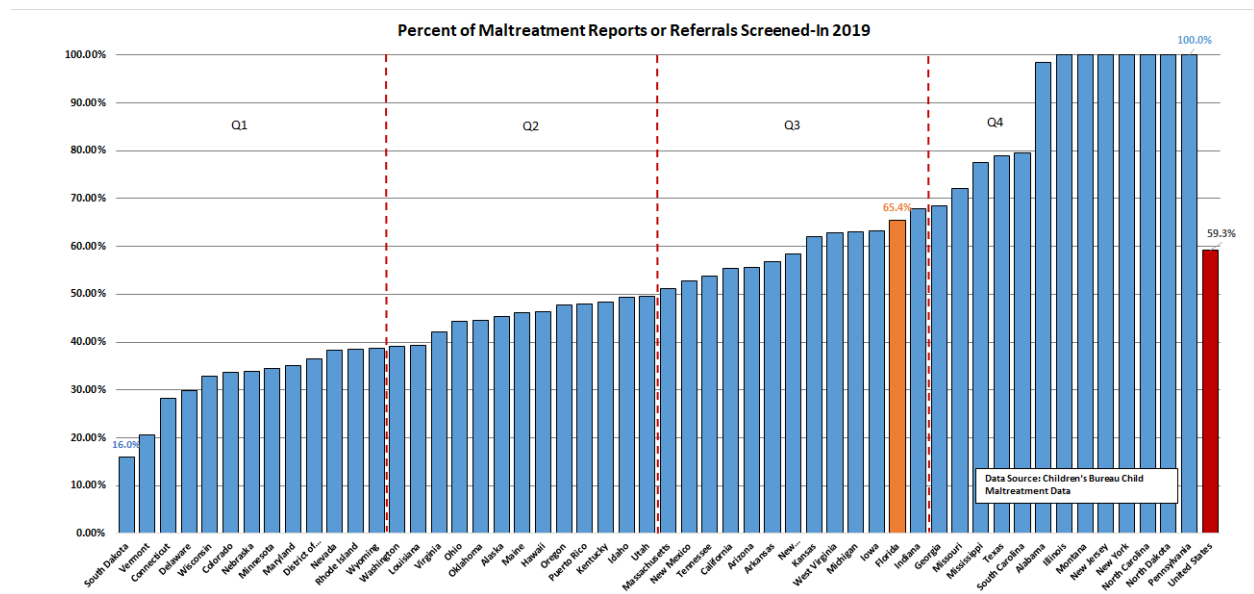
Intake Screening Rates

Florida Trend

Florida's screen-in rate, which was above the national average in FFY 2019, has been decreasing since January 2017.

Child Maltreatment Allegations: Total, Screened-In, Screened-Out, and Percentage Screened-In
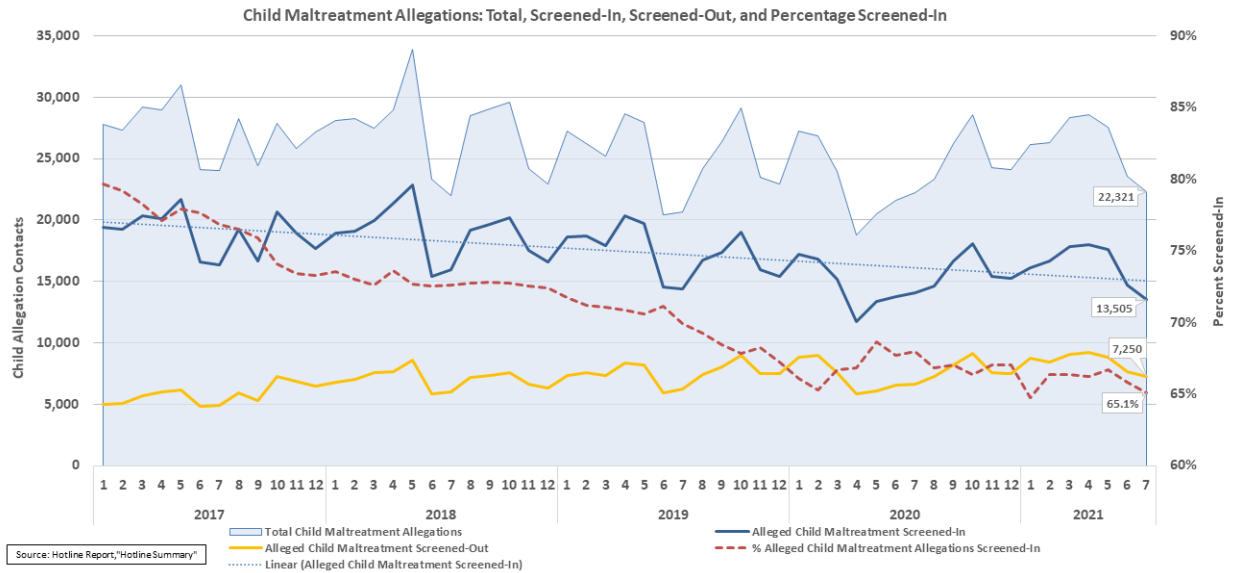
Seasonality of Reporting

Florida Trend

Reporting levels follow a fairly predictable seasonal pattern with public reporting of child abuse usually being the highest in the spring and lowest in July and December. Year-to-year fluctuations in the pattern may be due to wait times experienced by reporters to the Hotline that may result in multiple contacts.

Seasonality in Reporting: Total Contacts Offered
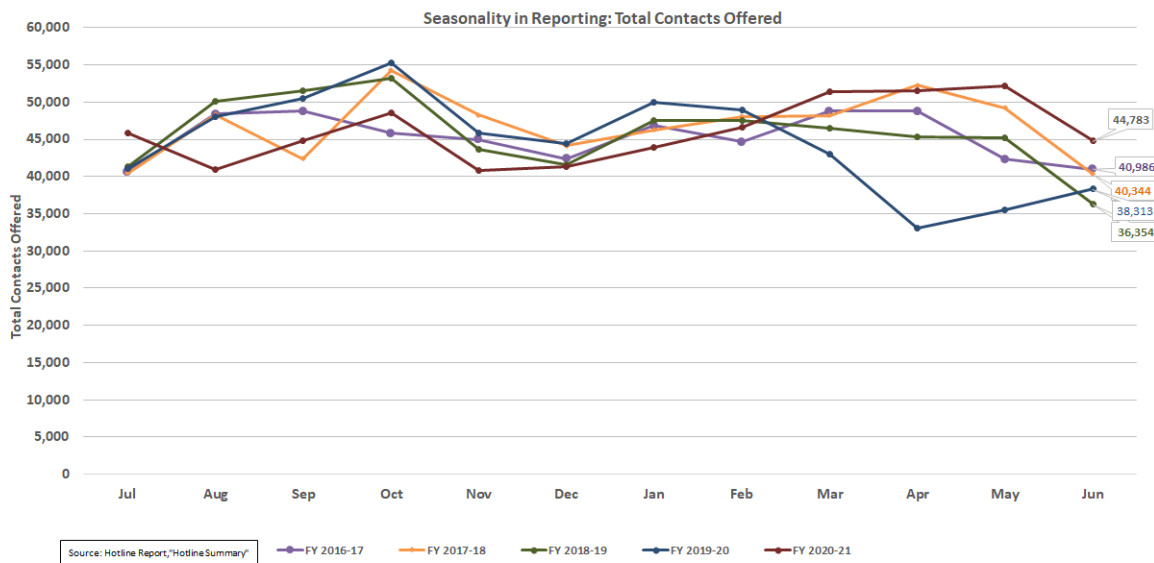
Child Protective Investigations

Workload Indicators

Florida Statewide Trends

Incoming, Active, and Backlog Investigations

After a multi-year upward trend in incoming and active investigative workload, the trend over the last three state fiscal years has been stable to downward with a sharp drop in SFY 2019-20 due to the pandemic. The number of active investigations open over 60 days as of the last day of the month has increased over the last SFY.
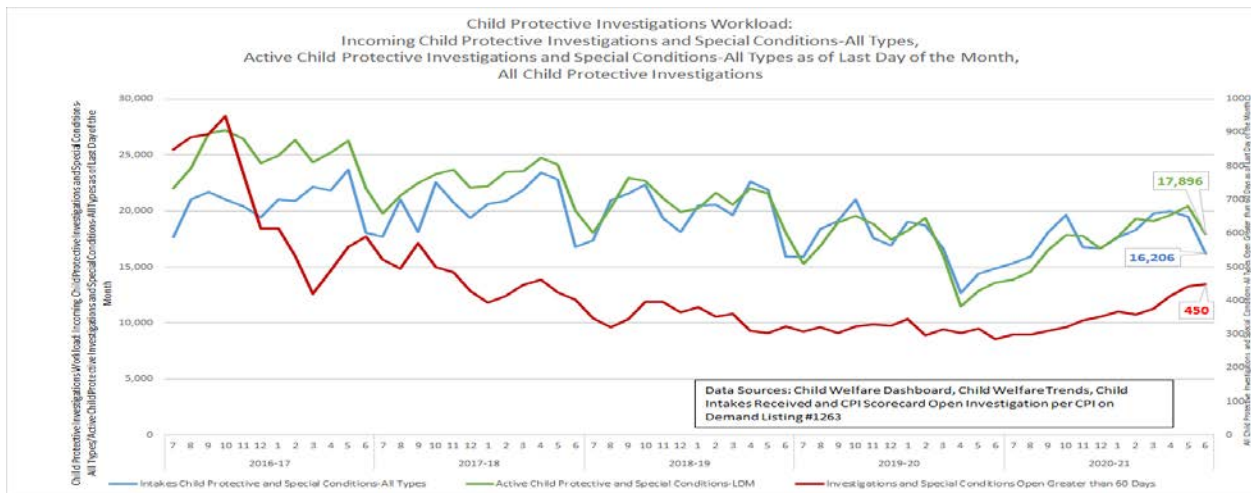
Maltreatment Investigations and Special Conditions Assessments

The general trend in accepted child protective investigations and special condition referrals (Caregiver Available, Caregiver Unavailable, Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse, Foster Care Referral, and Parent Needs Assistance) has been declining to stable over the five-year period. This a function of both public reporting behavior and declining screen-in percentages.
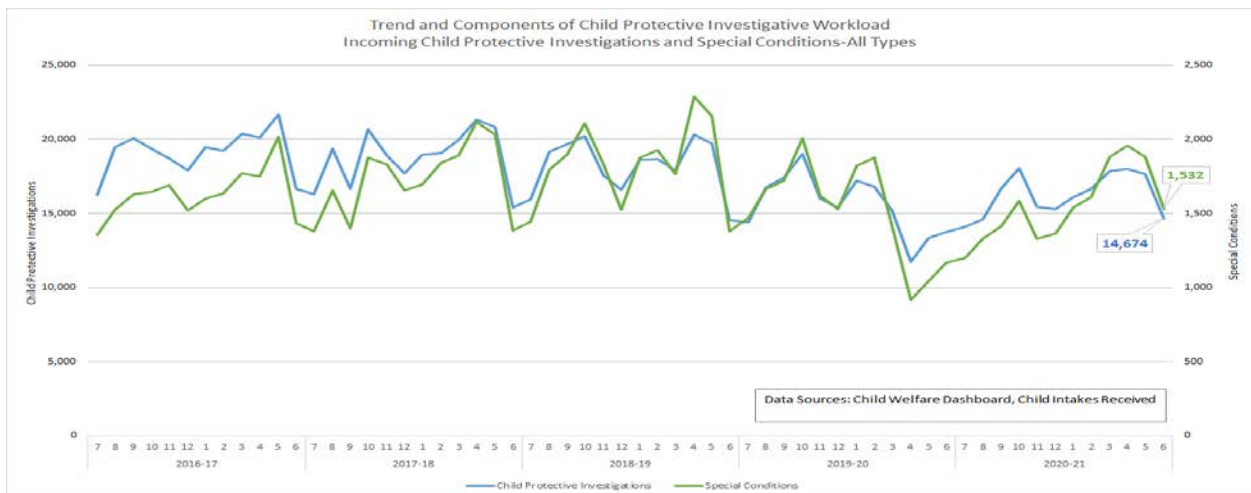
Average Investigative Response Time in Hours

Timeliness in responding to alleged maltreatment is important. Florida law requires that some investigations be commenced immediately while others must be commenced within 24 hours. These requirements have contributed to Florida having an extremely fast investigative response time when compared to the national average.

Trend: Florida vs. National Average

Florida has maintained consistently high performance for this metric, including FFY 2011 through FFY 2019, the last year with available national data.
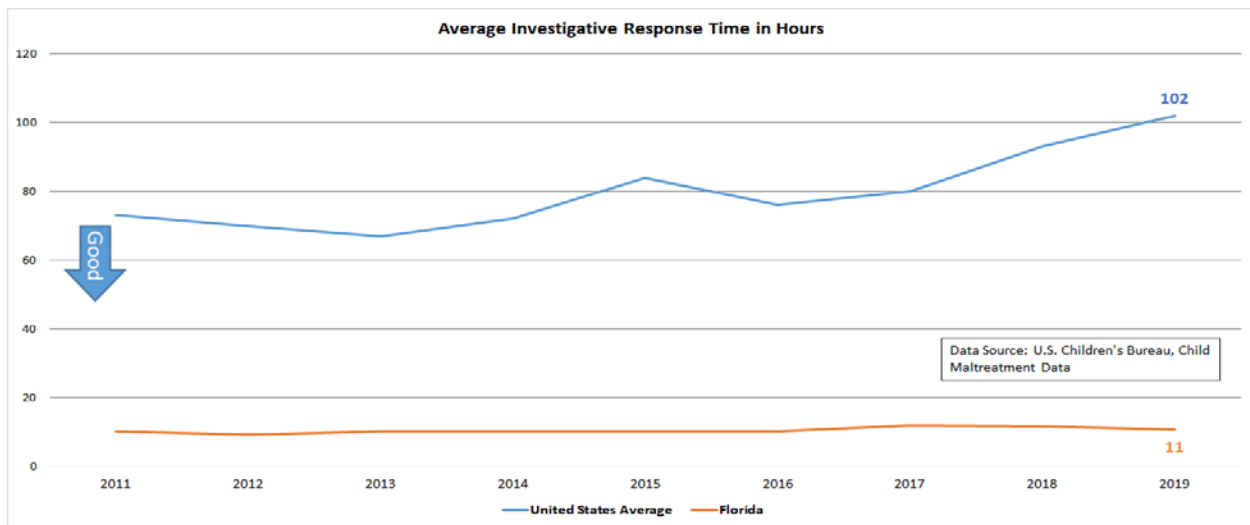
Florida Compared to Other States

In FFY 2019, Florida had the fastest investigative response time of all reporting states.
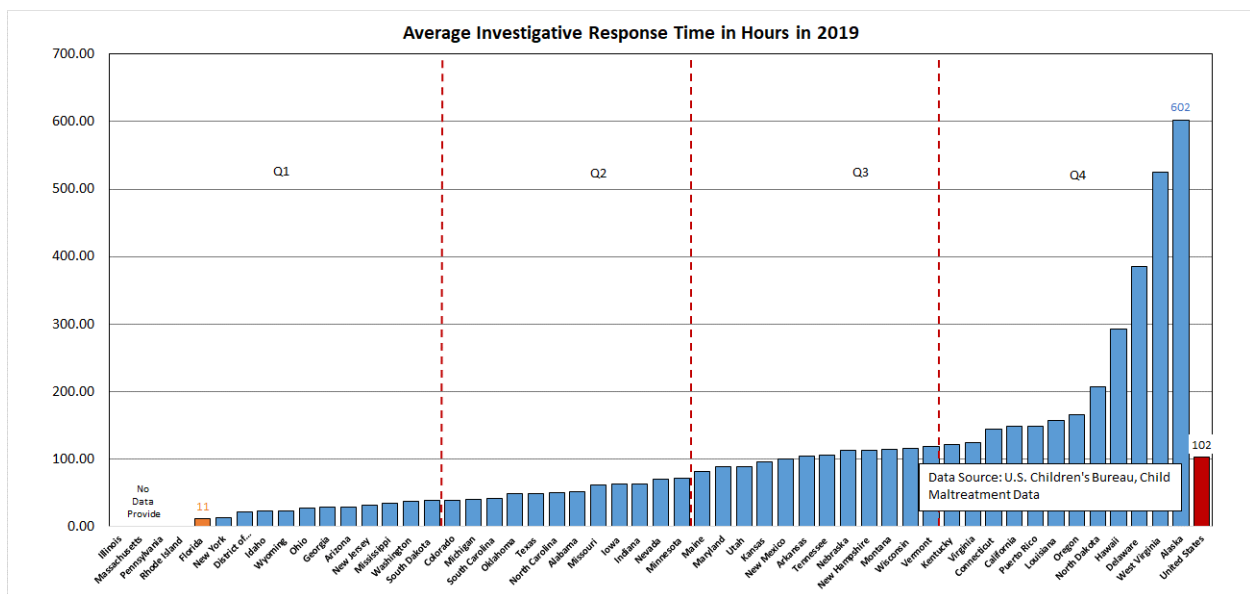
Percent of Alleged Victims Seen within 24 Hours

In addition to initiating investigations in a timely manner, Florida also requires that investigators make timely face-to-face contact with each alleged victim.

Florida Statewide Trend

Although Florida's performance in timely investigative response has traditionally been high, performance has increased significantly over the last three state fiscal years. This coincided with an adjustment of the target from 85 percent to 90 percent at the start of SFY 2018-19.
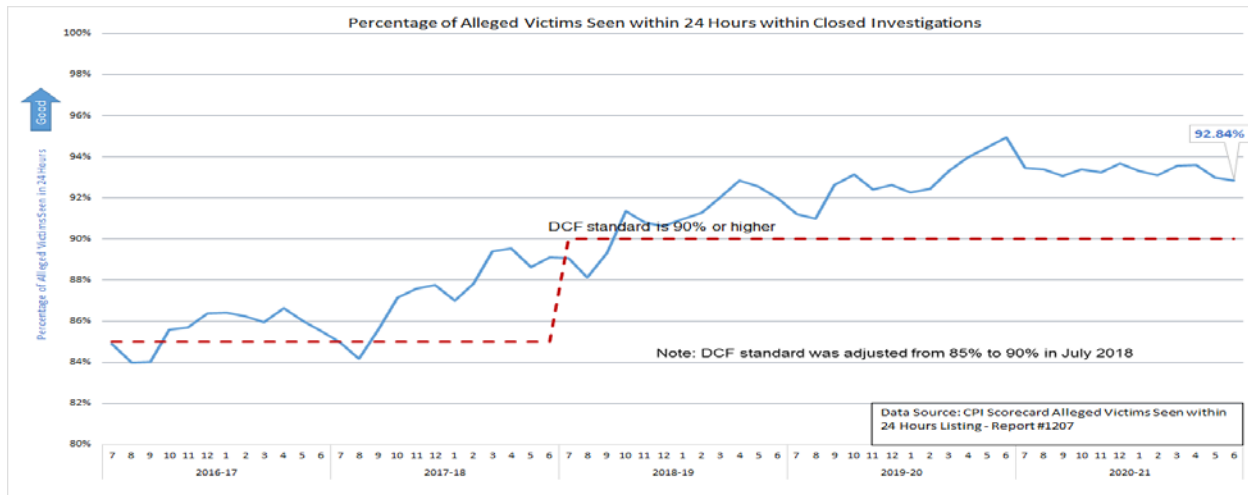
Circuit/Sheriff Comparisons

Twenty-six of the twenty-eight DCF investigative areas and sheriffs' offices were at or above the statewide target of 90percent or higher of alleged victims seen within 24 hours in SFY 2020-21.

Percentage of Alleged Victims Seen in 24 Hours within Closed Investigations					
DCF Target 90.0%					
Investigative Area	**2016-17**	**2017-18**	**2018-19**	**2019-20**	**2020-21**
DCF Areas	84.85%	86.61%	90.93%	93.04%	93.33%
SO Areas	87.95%	90.07%	91.09%	92.12%	93.24%
DCF Circuit 01	81.86%	82.40%	85.15%	92.04%	92.80%
DCF Circuit 02	76.24%	85.15%	87.11%	92.56%	92.94%
DCF Circuit 03	82.43%	87.22%	89.89%	95.15%	92.08%
DCF Circuit 04-Clay	81.33%	79.42%	87.15%	92.48%	89.31%
DCF Circuit 04-Duval & Nassau	87.44%	85.79%	90.51%	91.44%	91.69%
DCF Circuit 05	85.13%	89.01%	93.75%	94.80%	94.61%
DCF Circuit 07-St Johns	77.03%	82.48%	93.46%	93.86%	96.10%
DCF Circuit 07-Flagler, Putnam & Volusia	86.35%	88.76%	91.33%	93.05%	93.61%
DCF Circuit 08	78.59%	79.93%	86.94%	91.67%	89.50%
DCF Circuit 09	84.57%	86.99%	92.45%	93.03%	94.32%
DCF Circuit 10	89.35%	92.46%	93.81%	93.83%	94.18%
DCF Circuit 11	80.51%	83.10%	89.49%	94.20%	95.13%
DCF Circuit 12-Desoto & Sarasota	81.88%	76.87%	88.09%	88.52%	92.78%
DCF Circuit 14	82.50%	83.45%	86.47%	91.00%	92.22%
DCF Circuit 15	89.57%	90.10%	90.93%	93.69%	95.68%
DCF Circuit 16	80.84%	90.18%	92.13%	94.88%	93.74%
DCF Circuit 18-Brevard	87.12%	89.94%	93.68%	94.41%	92.38%
DCF Circuit 19	91.59%	92.15%	95.49%	95.52%	96.49%
DCF Circuit 20	86.39%	86.31%	90.85%	90.92%	90.66%
Broward SO	83.69%	88.01%	90.48%	92.44%	93.49%
Hillsborough SO	88.90%	90.61%	90.53%	91.45%	92.42%
Manatee SO	92.56%	92.92%	93.74%	94.22%	95.09%
Pasco SO	85.63%	88.52%	90.87%	89.67%	91.32%
Pinellas SO	92.83%	91.64%	89.93%	90.44%	92.95%
Seminole SO	86.32%	90.72%	94.91%	98.36%	97.07%
Walton SO	N/A	N/A	89.70%	92.21%	91.18%
Statewide	**85.64%**	**87.46%**	**90.97%**	**92.81%**	**93.31%**
DCF Target	85.00%	85.00%	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
Data Source: CPI Scorecard Alleged Victims Seen within 24 Hours Listing - Report #1207					

Percent of Investigations Completed within 60 Days

Florida has a statutory requirement to complete all but a few types of investigations (death, missing children, and those with a specified concurrent criminal investigation) within 60 days.

Florida Statewide Trend

Statewide performance in completing investigations within 60 days declined slightly over Q4 of SFY 2020-21.
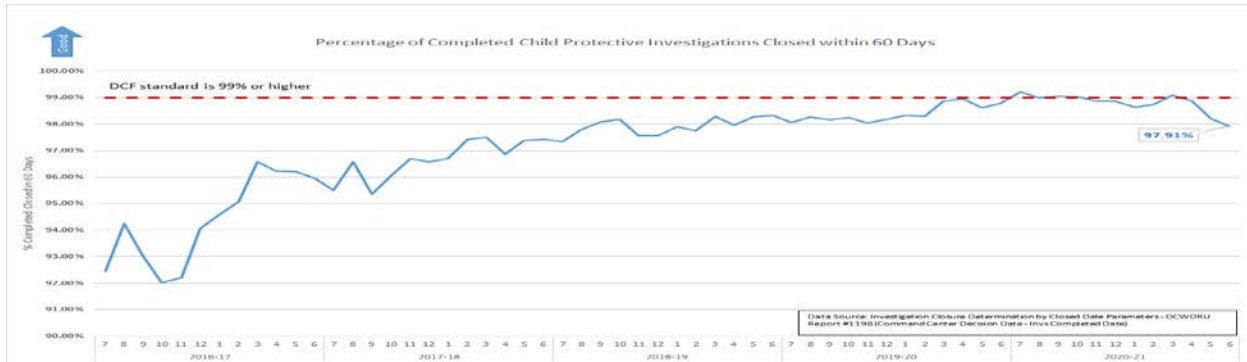
Circuit/Sheriff Comparisons

There has been steady improvement within this metric and currently fifteen investigative areas met the 99 percent target for completion of closed investigations in 60 days in SFY 2020-21. An additional eight investigative areas were within one percent of the target.

Percentage of Closed Investigations Completed in 60 Days					
DCF Target 99.00% or Higher					
Investigative Area	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
DCF Areas	93.00%	95.89%	97.54%	98.16%	98.70%
SO Areas	98.66%	99.14%	99.07%	99.10%	99.03%
DCF Circuit 01	83.33%	90.23%	96.52%	97.19%	97.05%
DCF Circuit 02	75.88%	94.49%	94.18%	94.74%	92.56%
DCF Circuit 03	91.69%	91.04%	97.14%	98.63%	99.15%
DCF Circuit 04-Clay	94.92%	93.35%	95.98%	97.58%	98.89%
DCF Circuit 04-Duval & Nassau	98.23%	97.00%	96.92%	97.87%	98.44%
DCF Circuit 05	92.65%	97.15%	99.66%	99.81%	99.79%
DCF Circuit 07-St Johns	90.84%	97.26%	97.82%	99.11%	99.26%
DCF Circuit 07-Flagler, Putnam & Volusia	96.12%	96.93%	97.22%	98.59%	99.20%
DCF Circuit 08	93.76%	95.66%	98.20%	99.04%	99.40%
DCF Circuit 09	95.46%	98.23%	99.14%	99.39%	99.42%
DCF Circuit 10	96.64%	98.66%	99.12%	99.49%	99.53%
DCF Circuit 11	94.54%	96.23%	98.84%	99.75%	99.66%
DCF Circuit 12-Desoto & Sarasota	90.40%	89.94%	93.97%	96.61%	98.28%
DCF Circuit 14	79.03%	87.10%	91.96%	96.24%	95.36%
DCF Circuit 15	94.33%	95.39%	96.99%	98.94%	99.74%
DCF Circuit 16	91.74%	98.39%	99.45%	99.52%	99.75%
DCF Circuit 18-Brevard	91.28%	97.69%	98.84%	99.35%	98.89%
DCF Circuit 19	95.01%	96.78%	98.44%	99.20%	99.89%
DCF Circuit 20	97.47%	97.96%	98.33%	95.65%	97.66%
Broward SO	99.42%	99.33%	98.94%	99.00%	98.96%
Hillsborough SO	99.31%	99.21%	98.81%	99.04%	98.91%
Manatee SO	96.09%	98.99%	99.67%	99.70%	99.51%
Pasco SO	98.45%	99.15%	99.49%	98.99%	99.69%
Pinellas SO	99.62%	99.58%	99.36%	99.51%	99.57%
Seminole SO	95.15%	97.59%	98.44%	98.34%	97.05%
Walton SO	N/A	N/A	59.96%	62.46%	98.29%
Statewide	94.44%	96.70%	97.93%	98.40%	98.78%
DCF Target 99.00% or Higher	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%
Data Sources: Investigation Closure Determination by Closed Date Parameters - OCWDRU Report #1198 (Hotline Command Center Decision Date - Invs Completed Date)					

Safety Outcome Indicator: No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment

The first safety outcome indicator in this report measures recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months of verified maltreatment, regardless of whether services were provided. This national data indicator for CFSR-3, answers the question, "Of all children who were victims of a substantiated maltreatment report during a 12-month period, what percent were victims of another substantiated maltreatment report within 12 months?"

Denominator: Number of children with at least one substantiated or indicated maltreatment report in a 12-month period.

Numerator: Number of children in the denominator that had another substantiated or indicated maltreatment report within 12 months of their initial report.

Florida Compared to Other States

The national standards and calculations of state performance for CFSR-3 are being revised by the Children's Bureau; however, national data is available for no recurrence of a verified finding within 12 months. This data indicates that Florida's observed performance of 95.6 percent places Florida two points better than the national average.
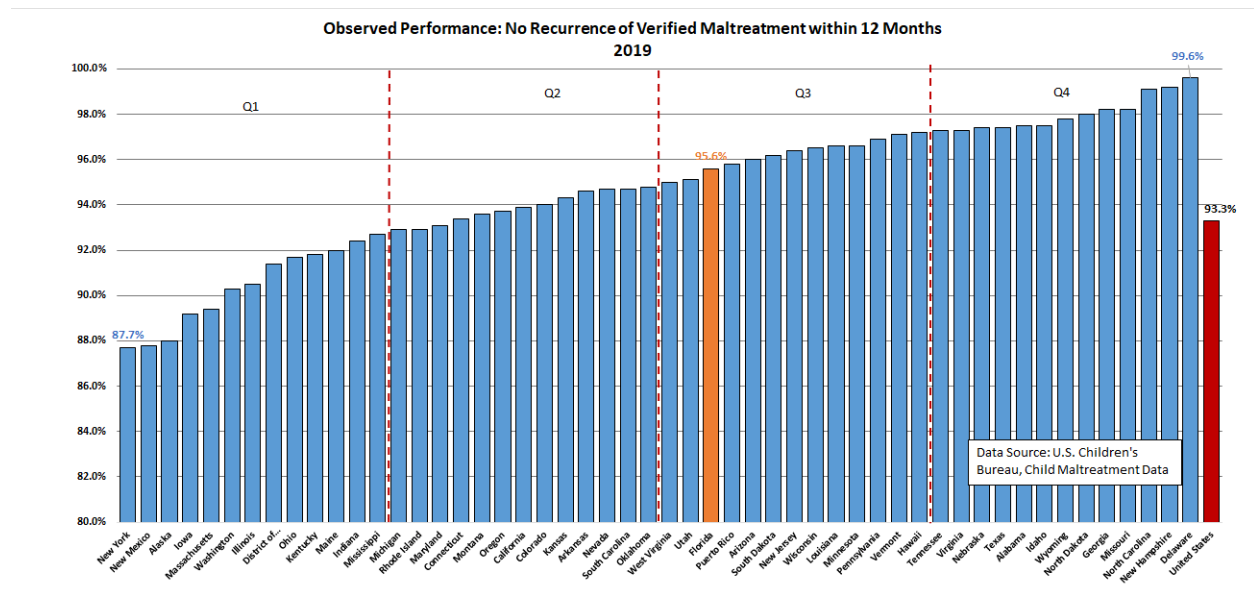
Safety Outcome Indicator: Non-Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment

Florida Statewide Trend
Florida's performance on this indicator has stabilized at a level that is well above the national standard of 90.9 percent.
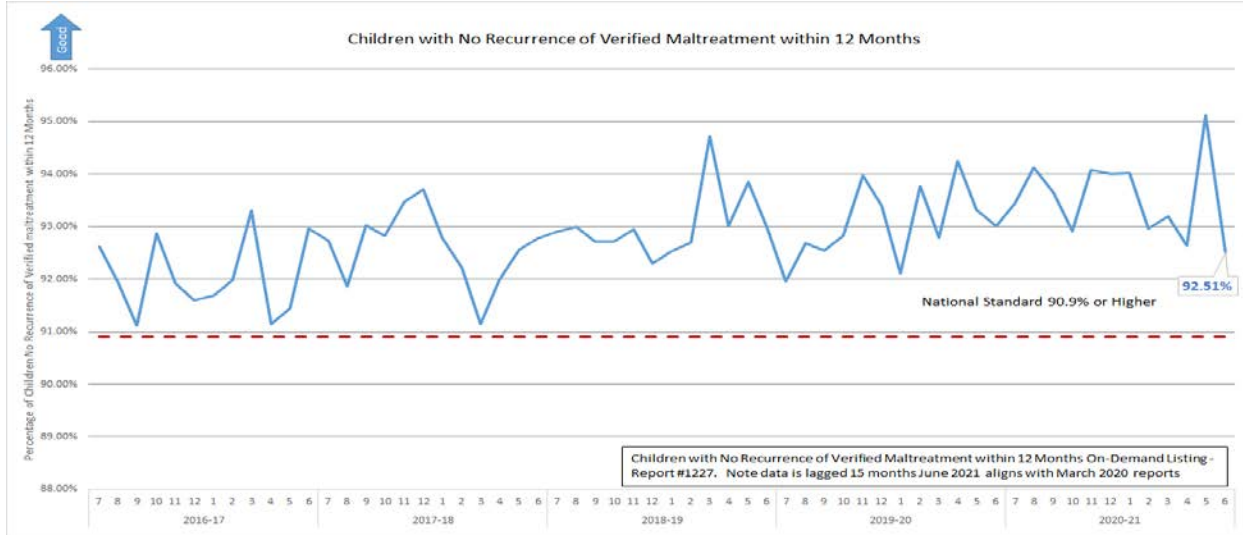
Circuit/Sheriff Comparisons
All but one investigative area met the national standard for his metric in SFY 2020-21

Percentage of Children with No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment within 12 Months					
Federal Target 90.90% or Higher					
Investigative Area	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
DCF Areas	92.16%	92.93%	92.91%	93.21%	93.77%
SO Areas	91.83%	91.97%	93.22%	92.68%	93.15%
DCF Circuit 01	91.32%	93.08%	91.30%	93.20%	91.95%
DCF Circuit 02	95.90%	95.80%	92.28%	94.18%	94.06%
DCF Circuit 03	93.11%	93.22%	93.78%	92.46%	95.80%
DCF Circuit 04-Clay	87.44%	92.08%	93.03%	89.70%	92.30%
DCF Circuit 04-Duval & Nassau	91.18%	92.67%	93.47%	92.08%	92.78%
DCF Circuit 05	91.70%	93.42%	93.45%	93.56%	94.19%
DCF Circuit 07-St Johns	88.55%	90.24%	95.15%	90.19%	94.69%
DCF Circuit 07-Flagler, Putnam & Volusia	88.50%	89.41%	90.25%	91.84%	93.42%
DCF Circuit 08	92.74%	92.97%	95.43%	92.58%	96.48%
DCF Circuit 09	93.74%	92.79%	92.57%	94.48%	95.11%
DCF Circuit 10	93.64%	94.24%	94.17%	92.09%	94.48%
DCF Circuit 11	94.73%	95.69%	95.56%	95.10%	93.68%
DCF Circuit 12-Desoto & Sarasota	90.62%	89.88%	93.07%	94.71%	90.98%
DCF Circuit 14	90.65%	93.98%	95.58%	94.46%	94.30%
DCF Circuit 15	94.33%	93.12%	94.05%	94.32%	93.99%
DCF Circuit 16	92.31%	92.76%	91.59%	96.59%	98.63%
DCF Circuit 18-Brevard	89.32%	90.40%	91.04%	90.37%	93.61%
DCF Circuit 19	92.92%	92.66%	92.33%	94.02%	95.61%
DCF Circuit 20	92.11%	92.81%	92.35%	94.54%	94.14%
Broward SO	91.81%	92.24%	92.98%	93.91%	95.27%
Hillsborough SO	92.55%	92.89%	94.60%	93.42%	93.38%
Manatee SO	92.36%	91.08%	93.82%	92.41%	92.75%
Pasco SO	90.93%	91.39%	92.41%	92.63%	93.64%
Pinellas SO	90.60%	90.85%	91.93%	91.15%	91.14%
Seminole SO	93.98%	92.44%	94.42%	94.42%	95.72%
Walton SO	N/A	N/A	N/A	80.97%	86.43%
Statewide	92.06%	92.61%	93.02%	93.04%	93.58%
Federal Target 90.90% or Higher	90.90%	90.90%	90.90%	90.90%	90.90%
Data Source: Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Measures, Children with No Recurrence of Verified Maltreatment w/in 12 Months					
Data has a 16 month lag. June 2021 data aligns to March 2020 verification data					

Investigative Decisions and Flow to Services

Evidence of Maltreatment

Chapter 39, Florida Statutes, requires that "Protective investigations shall . . . perform the following child protective investigation activities to determine child safety . . . Determine whether there is any indication that any child in the family or household has been abused, abandoned, or neglected; the nature and extent of present or prior injuries, abuse, or neglect; and any evidence thereof."

Verification Rates

While evidence of maltreatment is important, the decision to provide post-investigation services should be based on safety determinations and service needs rather than simply verified evidence of maltreatment, regardless of danger to the child or the family's need for services. Decision-making based on safety determinations are presented in the indicators in the next section.

Florida Statewide Trend
The percent of children in investigations with at least one finding of "verified" maltreatment declined between SFY 2016-15 and SFY 2017-18 and has risen slightly. The increase percentage during the pandemic is associated with a decline in the overall number of children investigated during this time-period.

Percentage of Child Abuse Investigations with a Most Serious Finding of Verfied
Statewide

Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard; Child Welfare Trends, Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations by Most Serious Finding
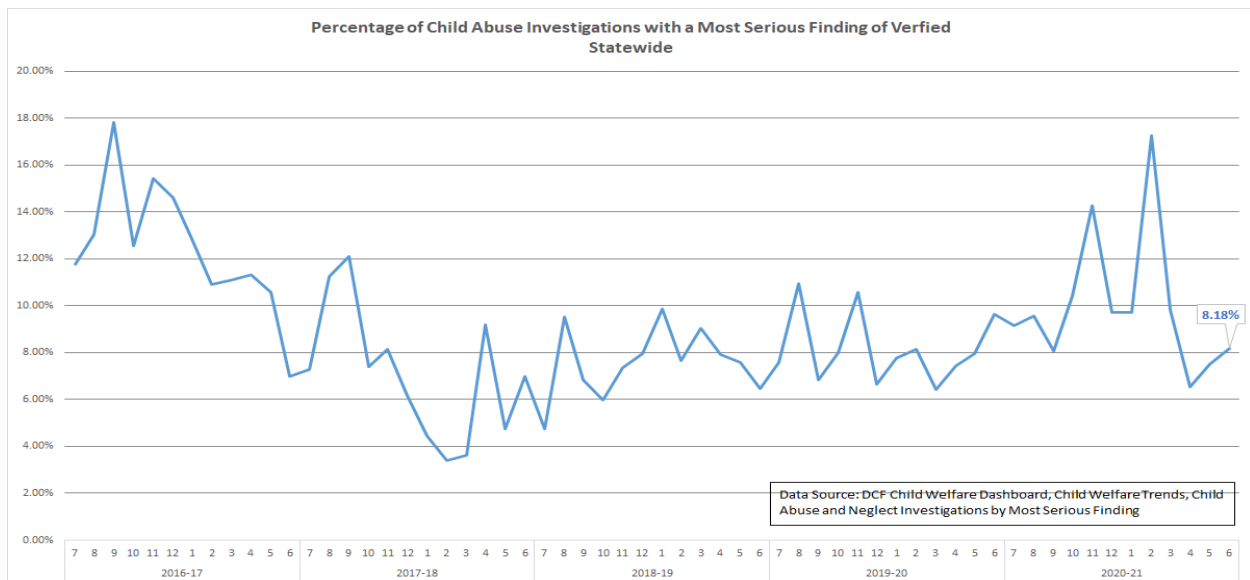
Circuit/Sheriff Comparisons

There is wide range in the percentage of investigations that are closed with a most serious of verified.

Percentage of Investigations with a Most Serious Finding of Verified					
No DCF Target					
Investigative Area	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
DCF Areas	13.68%	12.91%	12.49%	12.08%	11.54%
SO Areas	22.06%	19.68%	17.09%	16.56%	17.14%
DCF Circuit 01	17.65%	16.35%	19.62%	19.66%	18.70%
DCF Circuit 02	10.81%	11.19%	12.36%	12.36%	11.66%
DCF Circuit 03	16.23%	12.62%	8.27%	9.00%	7.61%
DCF Circuit 04-Clay	14.42%	15.10%	18.64%	23.55%	20.90%
DCF Circuit 04-Duval & Nassau	15.02%	15.64%	15.78%	15.66%	14.08%
DCF Circuit 05	11.75%	11.01%	10.46%	8.15%	8.29%
DCF Circuit 07-St Johns	8.59%	8.69%	9.72%	9.09%	7.24%
DCF Circuit 07-Flagler, Putnam & Volusia	14.88%	14.52%	15.01%	15.62%	13.41%
DCF Circuit 07-St Johns	11.70%	6.94%	9.63%	7.37%	10.00%
DCF Circuit 08	12.43%	9.17%	8.47%	8.04%	8.45%
DCF Circuit 09	14.61%	12.73%	12.03%	10.49%	9.88%
DCF Circuit 10	12.76%	11.85%	12.55%	11.41%	13.29%
DCF Circuit 11	13.45%	11.22%	10.09%	8.28%	7.62%
DCF Circuit 12-Desoto & Sarasota	17.71%	12.89%	12.67%	15.54%	14.18%
DCF Circuit 14	11.84%	11.60%	11.77%	12.20%	14.31%
DCF Circuit 15	9.66%	10.80%	9.67%	10.20%	9.79%
DCF Circuit 16	19.31%	18.06%	11.25%	14.64%	12.99%
DCF Circuit 18-Brevard	13.74%	13.74%	12.13%	10.23%	11.86%
DCF Circuit 19	13.47%	13.29%	10.93%	11.39%	9.60%
DCF Circuit 20	15.06%	15.53%	13.57%	14.24%	12.42%
Broward SO	26.50%	23.80%	15.75%	14.25%	12.90%
Hillsborough SO	17.44%	15.91%	14.90%	14.92%	16.30%
Manatee SO	20.78%	18.18%	21.10%	20.74%	20.46%
Pasco SO	21.21%	18.04%	16.33%	17.52%	16.53%
Pinellas SO	21.17%	18.90%	19.61%	18.90%	21.32%
Seminole SO	31.93%	28.43%	22.42%	20.28%	24.62%
Walton SO	N/A	N/A	17.37%	19.19%	15.82%
Statewide	**15.70%**	**14.51%**	**13.59%**	**13.14%**	**12.80%**
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Child Abuse and Neglect Investigations by Most Serious Finding					

Safe Determinations and Services

This chart looks at all children with a safety determination of 'safe' in investigations closed during the month and shows what post investigation service (if any) the child is receiving. Due to the overwhelming percentage of children determined to be safe at investigation closure who do not receive post investigation services, the "no services" percentage is displayed on a secondary (right) axis as an area chart.

Percentage of Children Determined to be Safe at Investigation Closure by Post Investigation Services Provided
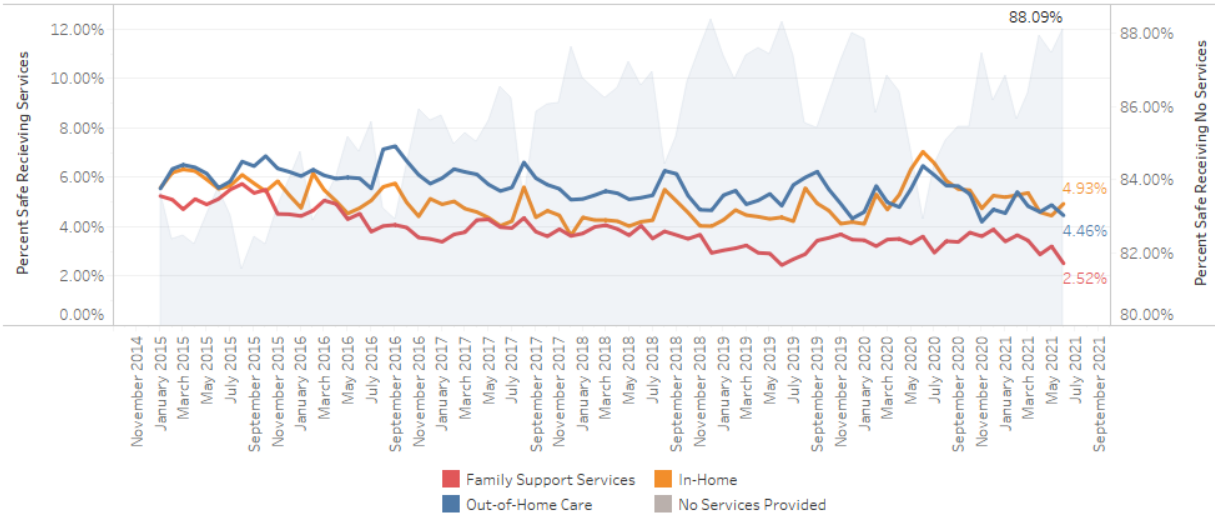
Flow to Services for Safe Children

There is great variation between CBCs for service provision for safe children, with some CBCs providing services to over 15 percent of the safe population in closed investigations, and others providing services to less than five percent.

Percentage of Children Determined to be Safe at Investigation Closure by Post Investigation Services Provided-June 2021

CBC	No Services Provided	Family Support Services	In-Home Services	Out-of-Home Care
Brevard Family Partnership	85.40%	5.01%	5.16%	4.42%
ChildNet-Broward	94.81%		1.60%	3.27%
ChildNet-Palm Beach	88.23%	2.54%	4.94%	4.29%
Childrens Network of SW Florida	87.64%	0.74%	6.74%	4.89%
Citrus Health Network	90.51%	4.84%	2.29%	2.37%
Communities Connected for Kids	87.20%	4.30%	4.76%	3.74%
Community Partnership for Children	85.10%	3.27%	6.81%	4.81%
Eckerd Community Alternatives	86.72%	0.13%	4.73%	8.42%
Eckerd Community Hillsborough	85.55%	4.82%	3.80%	5.84%
Embrace Families	90.14%	1.06%	4.88%	3.92%
Families First Network	89.40%	2.50%	4.60%	3.50%
Family Integrity Program	86.55%	2.52%	9.24%	
Family Support Services of North Fla	88.53%	2.15%	6.32%	3.00%
Heartland for Children	86.62%	2.90%	4.59%	5.88%
Kids Central, Inc.	86.72%	2.00%	5.16%	4.13%
Kids First of Florida, Inc	84.28%	6.55%	9.17%	
Partnership for Strong Families	88.24%	0.62%	7.07%	4.07%
Northwest Florida Health Network	86.17%	4.47%	6.76%	
Safe Children Coalition	83.77%	7.92%	4.40%	3.90%

Children Determined "Unsafe" Receiving Post-Investigation Services

Florida's practice model requires that children who are determined to be unsafe receive ongoing case management. The most recent available data indicates 44.32 percent of children determined unsafe were removed from their homes and 48.71 percent received services in-home, totaling 93.03 percent of children determined to be unsafe receiving ongoing case management. This means there is a small portion of children determined to be unsafe who were not receiving ongoing case management services (6.97 percent). The data around these unsafe children who do not receive ongoing case management services is influenced by localized time lag in the entry and documentation of unsafe child services within FSFN and local practice related to the categorization of unsafe child services within FSFN that may result in the exclusion of the delivery of child services from these counts.

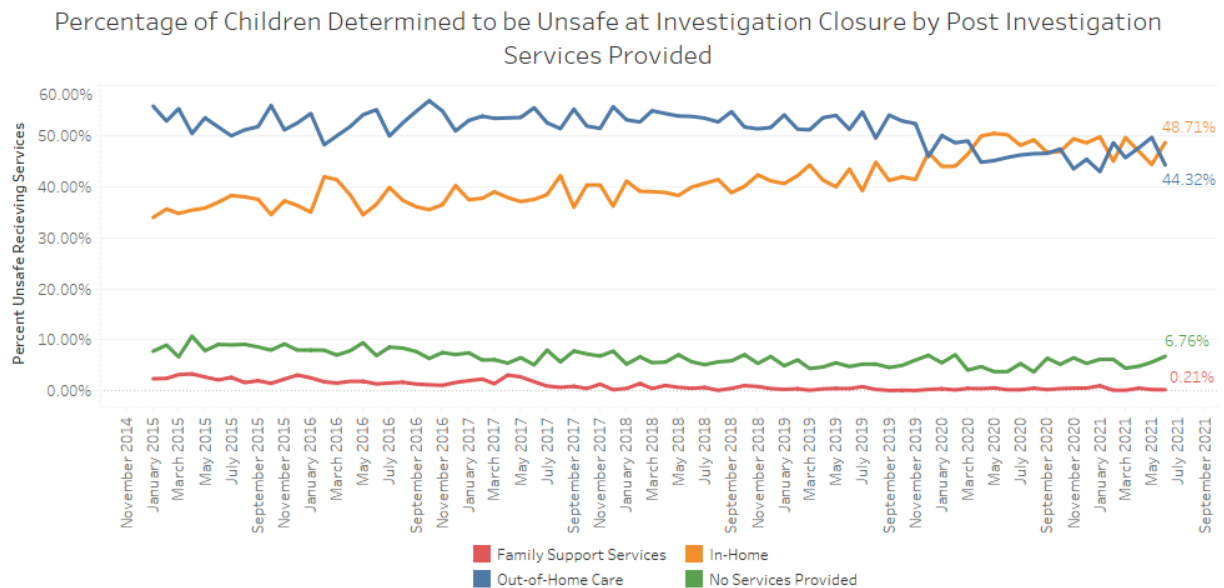Percentage of Children Determined to be Unsafe at Investigation Closure by Post Investigation Services Provided

Flow to Services for Unsafe Children

There is great variation between CBCs for service provision for unsafe children. Eckerd Community Alternatives had the highest percentage of unsafe children entering out-of-home care in June 2021, while Family Integrity Program provided no services to over 35 percent of their unsafe children.

Percentage of Children Determined to be Unsafe at Investigation Closure by Post Investigation Services Provided-June 2021
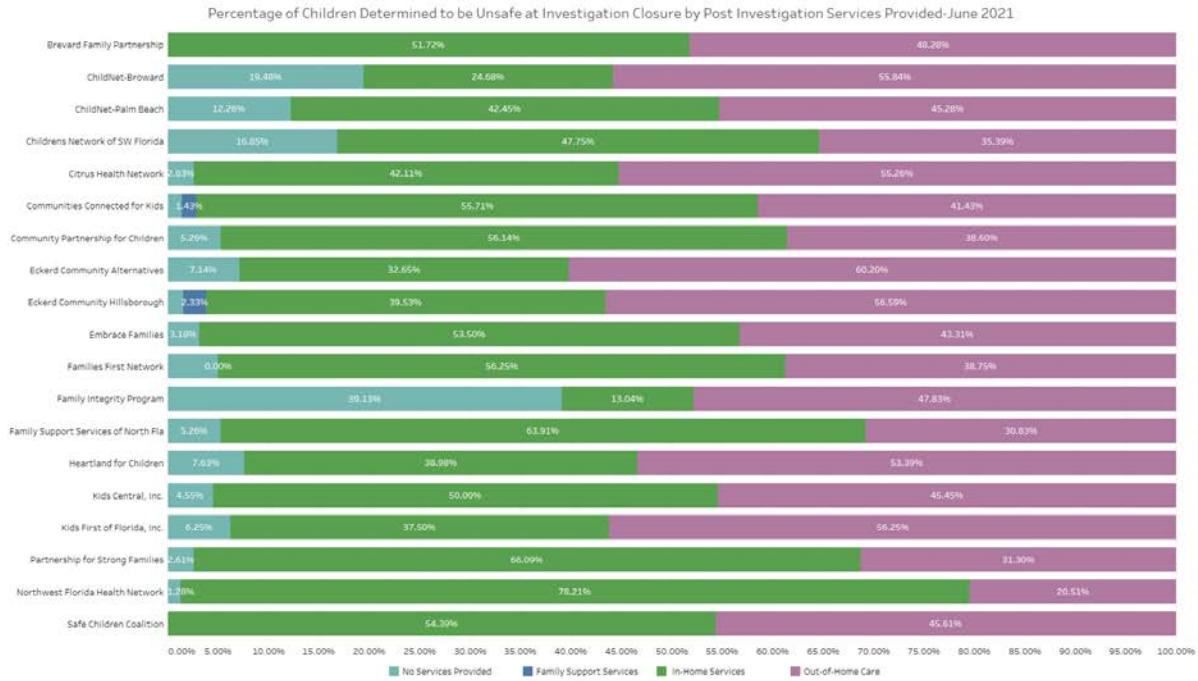
Children Removed from their Families

In order to compare removals in different areas, removal rates per 1,000 children in the general population and per 100 children in investigations are calculated. The rate per 1,000 children in the general population indicator does not consider how many children were investigated with a chance of removal. The removal rate per 100 children in investigations indicator is limited to children with a chance of being removed, so it is more directly related to investigative decision-making.

Removal Rates per 1,000 Children in the General Population

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Note that Florida's entry rate into foster care per 1,000 children in the general population has been higher than the national average. Beginning in FFY 2008, Florida's rate began to drop and in FFY 2019 it was approaching the national average.
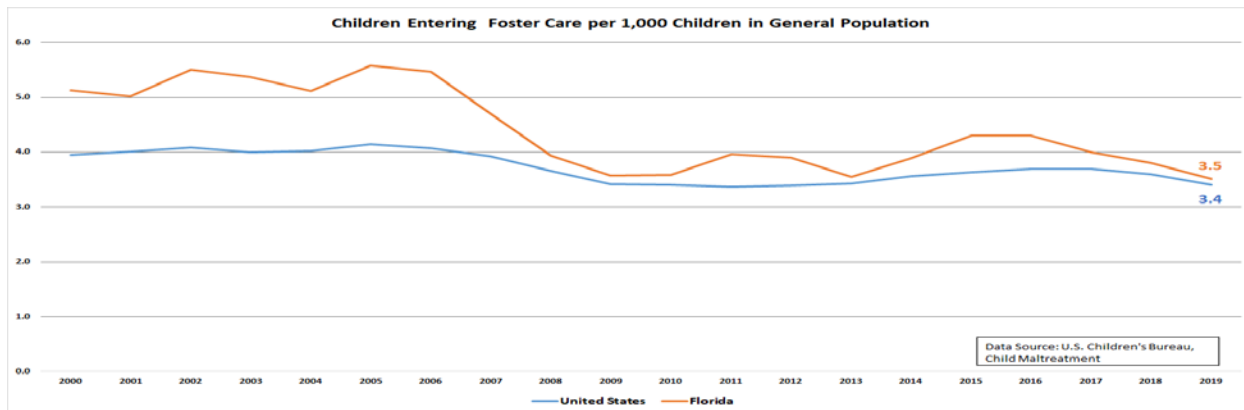
Florida Compared to Other States

Florida's rate in FFY 2019 was in the second quartile of ranked states and was comparable with the geographically similar states of Mississippi and South Carolina.
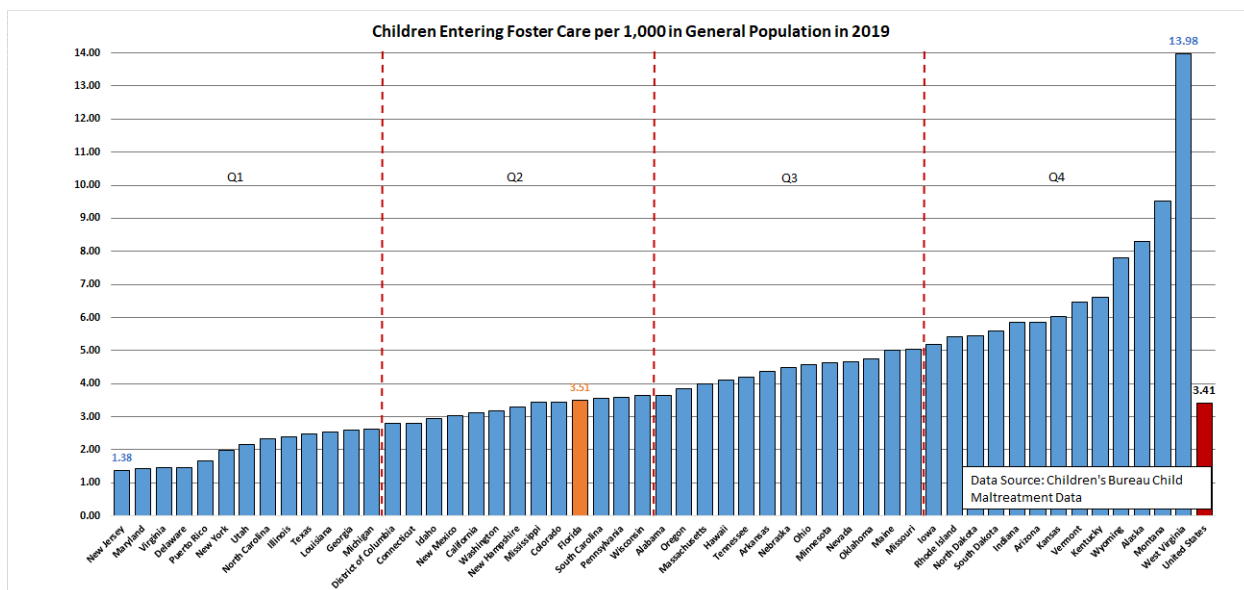
Foster Care Entries per 10,000 Children (Monthly) and per 1,000 in the General Population (Annual)

Florida Statewide Trend

Foster care entry rates per 10,000 children in the general population have been decreasing over the last five SFYs. This has placed downward pressure on cumulative removals, which are currently at sixteen-year lows.

Circuit/Sheriff Comparisons

There is a wide variation when comparing historical foster care entry rates for circuits and sheriffs' offices. During SFY 2020-21, several areas had rates of more than 5.0 per 1,000 child population and four areas had rates of less than 2.0 per 1,000 child population.

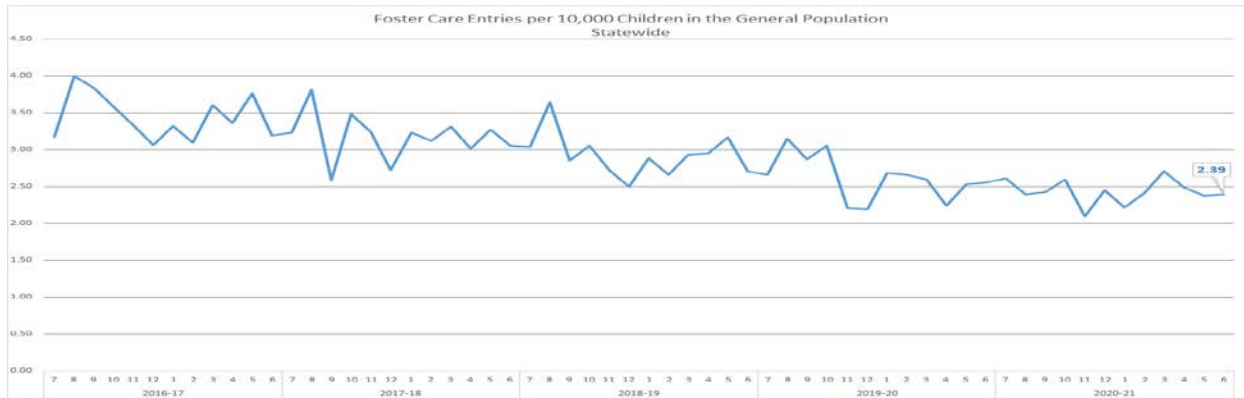| Foster Care Entries per 1000 Children in the General Population					
No DCF Target					
Investigative Area	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
DCF Areas	4.66	4.22	3.68	3.07	3.27
SO Areas	3.89	3.66	3.42	3.13	2.76
DCF Circuit 01	N/A	N/A	9.12	9.52	5.70
DCF Circuit 02	5.52	6.06	4.25	3.65	3.86
DCF Circuit 03	3.27	3.36	4.28	3.32	3.03
DCF Circuit 04-Clay	3.31	2.93	3.06	3.24	3.01
DCF Circuit 04-Duval & Nassau	2.91	2.25	2.95	2.92	1.52
DCF Circuit 05	2.54	2.36	2.32	2.09	1.96
DCF Circuit 07-Flagler, Putnam & Volusia	6.18	4.88	4.71	5.21	4.28
DCF Circuit 07-St Johns	5.04	4.77	5.57	5.50	4.07
DCF Circuit 08	4.79	5.23	4.64	4.40	3.62
DCF Circuit 09	6.02	5.03	5.03	4.69	4.04
DCF Circuit 10	4.94	5.07	5.09	4.87	5.05
DCF Circuit 11	4.99	4.63	4.63	3.92	2.99
DCF Circuit 12-Desoto & Sarasota	6.33	6.00	5.77	5.24	4.78
DCF Circuit 14	3.16	3.23	2.61	2.12	1.99
DCF Circuit 15	3.33	2.85	1.87	1.50	1.73
DCF Circuit 16	5.73	4.95	4.60	4.05	4.02
DCF Circuit 18-Brevard	2.48	3.14	2.32	2.22	2.66
DCF Circuit 20	4.94	5.07	5.09	4.87	5.05
Pinellas SO	5.93	4.60	3.84	4.41	3.29
Broward SO	4.09	4.99	4.03	3.08	2.50
Hillsborough SO	5.49	4.33	4.13	4.08	3.70
Manatee SO	5.54	4.62	4.17	3.24	3.58
Pasco SO	5.63	5.43	5.79	4.24	5.06
Walton SO	2.86	3.05	4.03	4.02	2.66
Statewide	**4.13**	**3.81**	**3.51**	**3.14**	**2.92**
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Children Entering Foster Care and Florida Legislative Office of Economic and Demographic Research

Removal Rates per 100 Children Investigated

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

For the most recent year of data, children investigated include those who are the subject of at least one alleged maltreatment and/or alternative response report. Florida's rate is historically much lower than the national rate, but both the state and national rate have been declining since FFY 2015.
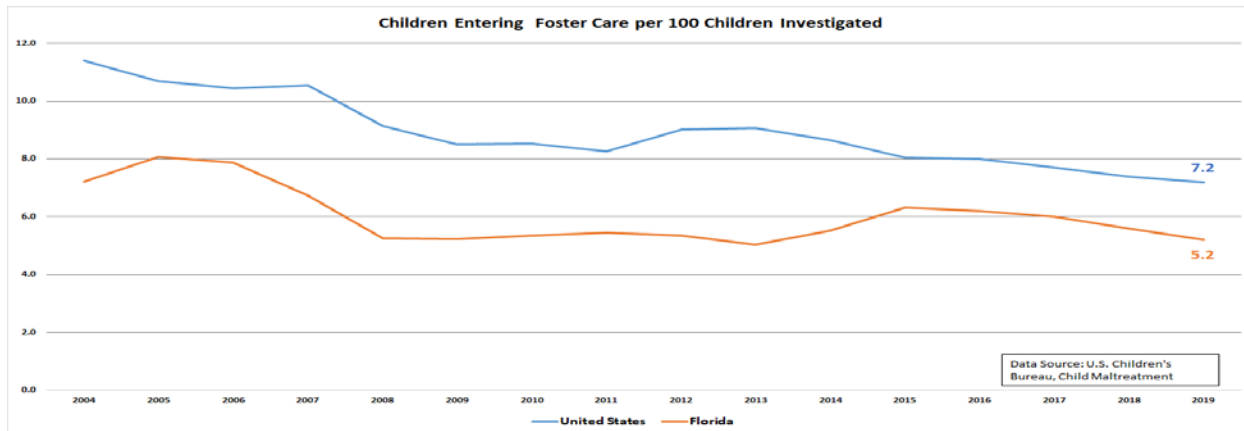
Florida Compared to Other States

For the most recent year of data, differences in state policies and practices—including variations in the legal definitions of maltreatment—affect rates, so interpretation of trends and state-by-state comparisons should be made with caution. Some differences in rates are related to differences in other indicators. For example, states with very low reporting rates (e.g. Pennsylvania) tend to have a relatively high removal rate; states with a very high reporting rate (e.g. Florida) tend to have a relatively low removal rate. Florida ranked ninth in 2019 (the most recent year available) in children entering care per 100 children investigated.
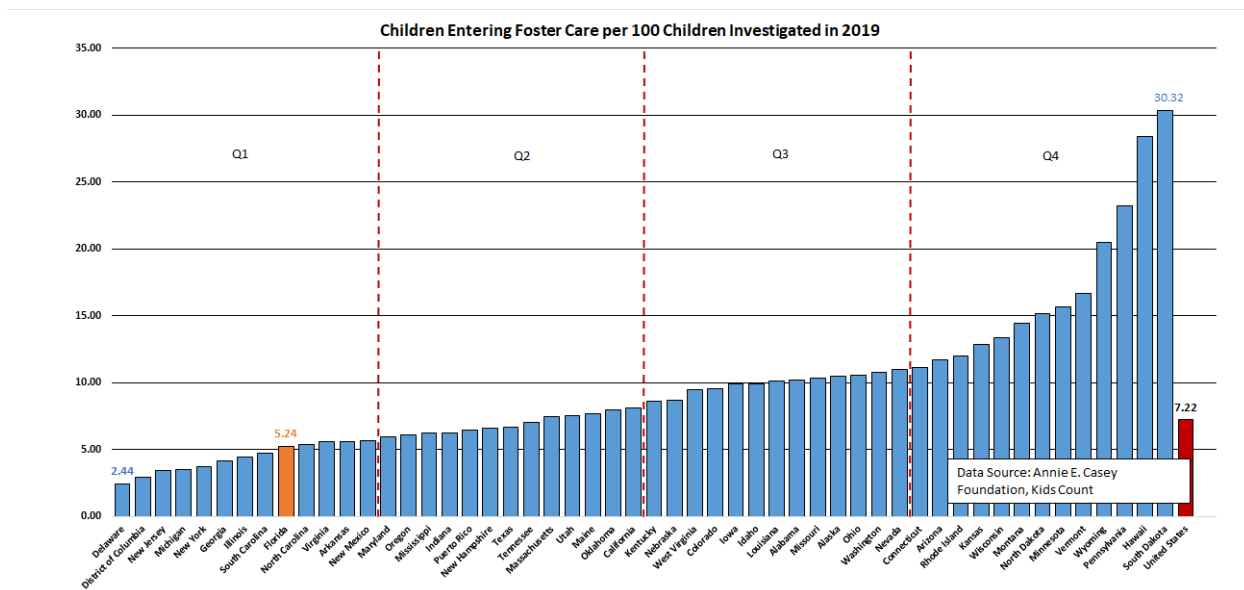
Removal Rates per 100 Children Investigated

Florida Statewide Trend

As total investigative intakes declined in SFY 2020-21 removal rates per 100 alleged victims increased.
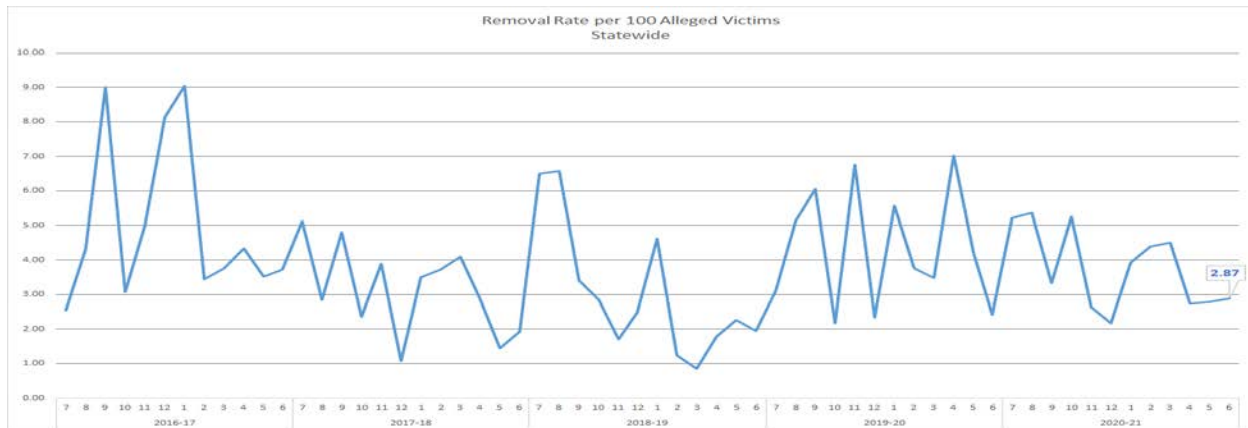
Circuit/Sheriff Comparisons

Statewide the number of removals has increased, but trends in each area are different. In order to compare communities, the rate of removals per 100 children in investigations is used. Note the wide variation from a high of 10.30 to a low of 3.07 within the most recent SFY.

Removal Rate per 100 Alleged Victims					
Investigative Area	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
DCF Areas	3.62	3.80	3.94	4.09	3.54
SO Areas	4.94	5.65	5.52	6.13	6.10
DCF Circuit 01	5.48	5.24	5.95	6.50	4.02
DCF Circuit 02	4.85	4.13	3.89	3.86	2.26
DCF Circuit 03	2.97	3.67	3.93	4.66	4.18
DCF Circuit 04-Clay	4.03	3.46	3.36	4.81	2.42
DCF Circuit 04-Duval & Nassau	4.01	3.62	3.89	3.53	2.96
DCF Circuit 05	3.84	4.24	3.95	5.11	4.67
DCF Circuit 07-St Johns	1.30	2.91	2.80	2.89	1.95
DCF Circuit 07-Flagler, Putnam & Volusia	3.23	4.44	3.97	4.62	3.24
DCF Circuit 08	3.99	4.67	5.36	4.97	4.61
DCF Circuit 09	3.32	3.80	4.12	3.75	2.96
DCF Circuit 10	3.75	3.99	5.61	4.95	4.29
DCF Circuit 11	4.20	4.68	4.71	4.71	4.89
DCF Circuit 12-Desoto & Sarasota	4.46	6.01	8.06	8.09	5.48
DCF Circuit 14	5.76	5.57	5.09	4.47	4.60
DCF Circuit 15	4.55	3.59	3.07	3.74	4.35
DCF Circuit 16	4.55	4.04	5.06	5.41	5.81
DCF Circuit 18-Brevard	2.87	3.06	3.56	4.31	4.21
DCF Circuit 19	3.91	3.94	4.10	3.77	3.44
DCF Circuit 20	4.12	4.06	3.53	3.64	3.94
Broward SO	4.36	4.54	4.55	4.50	5.95
Hillsborough SO	5.50	6.70	6.17	7.85	7.31
Manatee SO	4.41	4.65	5.19	3.81	3.07
Pasco SO	4.25	4.89	4.17	6.30	5.16
Pinellas SO	5.38	6.51	6.65	6.91	6.69
Seminole SO	5.93	6.74	6.87	5.52	5.71
Walton SO	6.38	7.18	7.62	7.98	5.71
Statewide	4.20	4.52	4.61	4.87	4.41
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Removal Rates per 100 Alleged Victims					

Community-Based Care

Source of Indicators in this Section

The remaining outcome indicators in this report are based primarily on the seven federal outcomes related to the three goals of Safety, Permanency, and Well-Being established by ASFA and the nine outcomes established by Florida's CBC statute language, which contain the requirements for ROA.

The Children's Bureau established seven national outcomes:

> Outcome 1: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect
> Outcome 2: Reduce the incidence of child abuse and/or neglect in foster care
> Outcome 3: Increase permanency for children in foster care
> Outcome 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry
> Outcome 5: Reduce time in foster care to adoption
> Outcome 6: Increase placement stability
> Outcome 7: Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions

Section 409.986, Florida Statutes, established the following nine outcomes "…to protect the best interest of children by achieving the following outcomes in conjunction with the community-based care lead agency, community-based subcontractors, and the community alliance:

> (a) Children are first and foremost protected from abuse and neglect.
> (b) Children are safely maintained in their homes, if possible and appropriate.
> (c) Services are provided to protect children and prevent their removal from their home.
> (d) Children have permanency and stability in their living arrangements.
> (e) Family relationships and connections are preserved for children.
> (f) Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.
> (g) Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.
> (h) Children receive services to meet their physical and mental health needs.
> (i) Children develop the capacity for independent living and competence as an adult."

The Children's Bureau established seven data indicators for CFSR-3 to support the three ASFA goals and outcomes. The national standards and calculations of state performance for CFSR-3 are being revised by the Children's Bureau, but the initial standards and measured performance of Florida, other states, and areas within Florida are presented in this report as important indicators of safety and permanency. The Children's Bureau measures both "observed" (actual) performance and "risk standardized" performance, which is adjusted according to the median age of children served and entry rates into foster care. Only observed performance is presented in this report.

CFSR Safety Outcome 1: Children Are, First and Foremost, Protected from Abuse and Neglect
> Maltreatment in Foster Care
> Recurrence of Maltreatment

CFSR Permanency Outcome 1: Children Have Permanency and Stability in Their Living Situations
> Permanency in 12 months for children entering foster care
> Permanency in 12 months for children in foster care 12 to 23 months
> Permanency in 12 months for children in foster care 24 months or more
> Re-entry to foster care in 12 months
> Placement stability

Organization of Indicators in this Section

The indicators in this section of the report are grouped into the following sections:

Caseload Indicators

Mix of Services: In-Home and Out-of-Home

Out-of-Home Care Population in Context: General Population and Children Investigated

Out-of-Home Care, Removals and Discharges

Safety Outcome Indicators

Maltreatment in Foster Care

Maltreatment during Services

Maltreatment after Termination of Services

Permanency Outcome Indicators

Permanency in 12 months for children entering foster care

Permanency in 12 months for children in foster care 12 to 23 months

Permanency in 12 months for children in foster care 24 months or more

Re-entry to foster care in 12 months

Drivers of Timely Permanency

Caseworker Visits

Children's Legal Services

Well-Being of Children in Care

Trends in Placement Types

Maintaining Connections: Placement Stability

Maintaining Connections: Siblings

Maintaining Connections: Proximity of Placement

CBC Caseload Indicators

Protection of Children in their Own Homes

Mix of Case-Managed Services: In-Home Services vs. Out-of-Home Care

Two CBC outcomes required by law are "Children are safely maintained in their homes, if possible and appropriate" and "Services are provided to protect children and prevent their removal from their home," so more unsafe children should be protected in their own homes.

Florida Statewide Trend
Since SFY 2017-18 the number of children in OHC has been relatively flat to slightly declining while the number of children protected in their own homes has declined. The gap between the two continues to widen, as in-home numbers have continued to trend downward over the last three years.

Children Served Out-of-Home Care and In-Home
as of the Last Day of the Month
Statewide
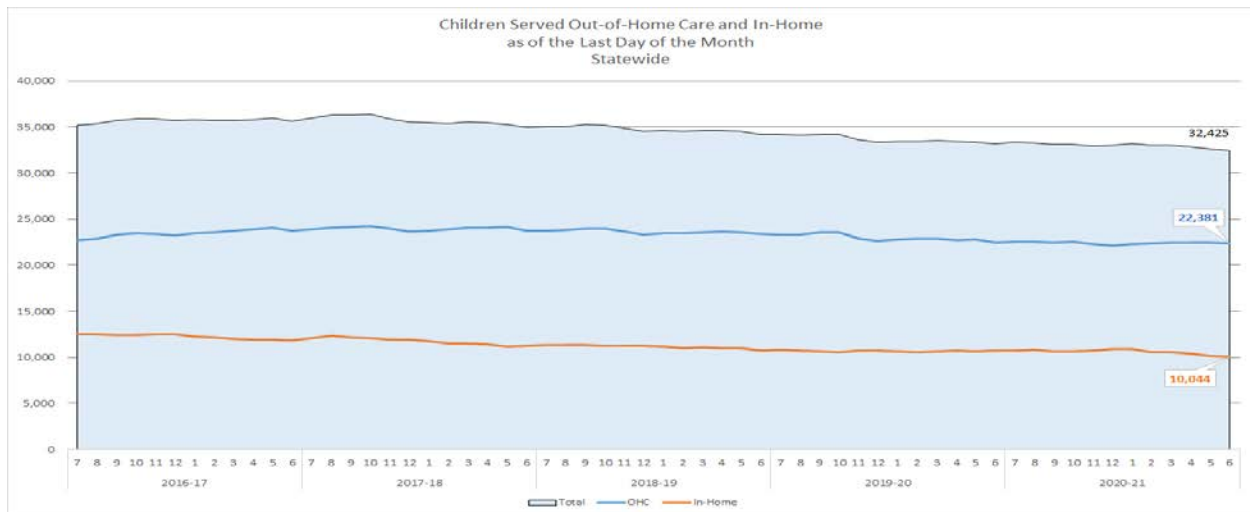
Circuit/CBC Comparisons

There is high variation in the service mix and the relationship between the number of children being actively protected. One of the best indicators of need is the number of children being served under in-home and out-of-home care.

Average Rate of Children In-Home and Out-of-Home Care per 1,000 Children in the Population						
No DCF Target						
CBC	**Service Type**	**2016-17 Avg**	**2017-18 Avg**	**2018-19 Avg**	**2019-20 Avg**	**2020-21 Avg**
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	In-Home	4.2	4.4	3.4	2.9	2.7
	Out-of-Home	7.1	6.3	5.8	6.5	7.5
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	In-Home	3.0	2.8	2.2	1.6	1.3
	Out-of-Home	5.8	5.2	4.3	3.3	2.8
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	In-Home	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.0
	Out-of-Home	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.4
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	In-Home	3.6	3.7	4.1	3.4	3.4
	Out-of-Home	6.3	6.6	6.1	5.6	5.4
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	In-Home	1.8	1.6	1.2	0.7	0.5
	Out-of-Home	3.3	3.3	2.8	2.2	1.7
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	In-Home	3.1	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.4
	Out-of-Home	5.1	5.7	5.8	5.5	4.5
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	In-Home	3.8	3.8	3.7	4.7	5.4
	Out-of-Home	8.9	8.5	9.2	8.9	9.1
Eckerd Community-Pasco and Pinellas-Circuit 06	In-Home	2.7	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.8
	Out-of-Home	7.5	8.3	8.7	9.1	9.0
Eckerd Community-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	In-Home	4.4	3.6	2.6	2.1	1.9
	Out-of-Home	7.2	7.5	7.4	7.1	6.8
Embrace Families-Circuits 9 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	In-Home	2.2	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8
	Out-of-Home	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.4
Families First Network-Circuit 01	In-Home	4.6	4.4	4.9	5.1	4.5
	Out-of-Home	8.7	8.3	8.8	8.8	8.4
St Johns Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	In-Home	1.4	1.5	2.3	1.9	1.3
	Out-of-Home	4.2	3.7	3.6	3.1	3.1
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	In-Home	3.1	3.6	3.3	3.3	3.4
	Out-of-Home	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.0
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	In-Home	3.6	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.3
	Out-of-Home	7.3	7.5	7.4	7.5	7.1
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	In-Home	3.9	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.6
	Out-of-Home	8.0	8.4	8.6	7.8	7.5
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	In-Home	2.4	1.9	2.9	3.4	3.3
	Out-of-Home	4.9	5.3	5.9	6.6	6.0
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	In-Home	2.3	2.1	2.3	2.6	3.6
	Out-of-Home	5.8	6.4	6.7	6.9	6.9
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	In-Home	3.7	3.6	4.0	4.2	4.3
	Out-of-Home	7.9	7.7	7.1	6.7	7.5
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	In-Home	2.8	3.1	3.0	2.7	2.5
	Out-of-Home	7.9	7.9	7.3	7.1	7.1
Statewide	**In-Home**	**3.0**	**2.8**	**2.6**	**2.5**	**2.4**
	Out-of-Home	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.6**	**5.3**	**5.1**
Data Source: Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends and Office of Economic and Demographic Research						

Florida's Out-of-Home Care Population in Context

Florida's OHC population has grown since 2013. Changes in Florida parallel changes nationally. These charts show trends and the relative size of Florida's OHC population to the general population of children and children in investigations, an indicator of need.

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Children in Out-of-Home Care Population Trend

The number of children in OHC nationally dropped sharply from FFY 2000 to FFY 2010, but Florida's decrease was sharper than the decrease for the nation as a whole. The numbers have been increasing since FFY 2013.
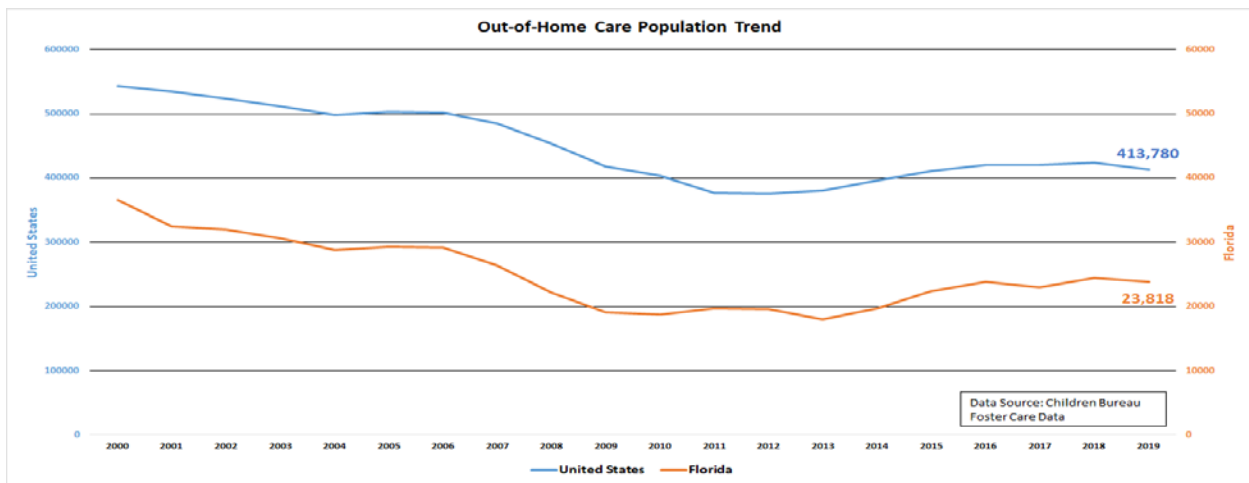
Children Removed/Foster Care Entries Trend

Florida's reduction in removals from FFY 2007 to FFY 2010 was much more dramatic than the gradual national reduction. After experiencing a three-year increase in removals between FFY 2013 and FFY 2015, Florida removals stabilized and then began declining.
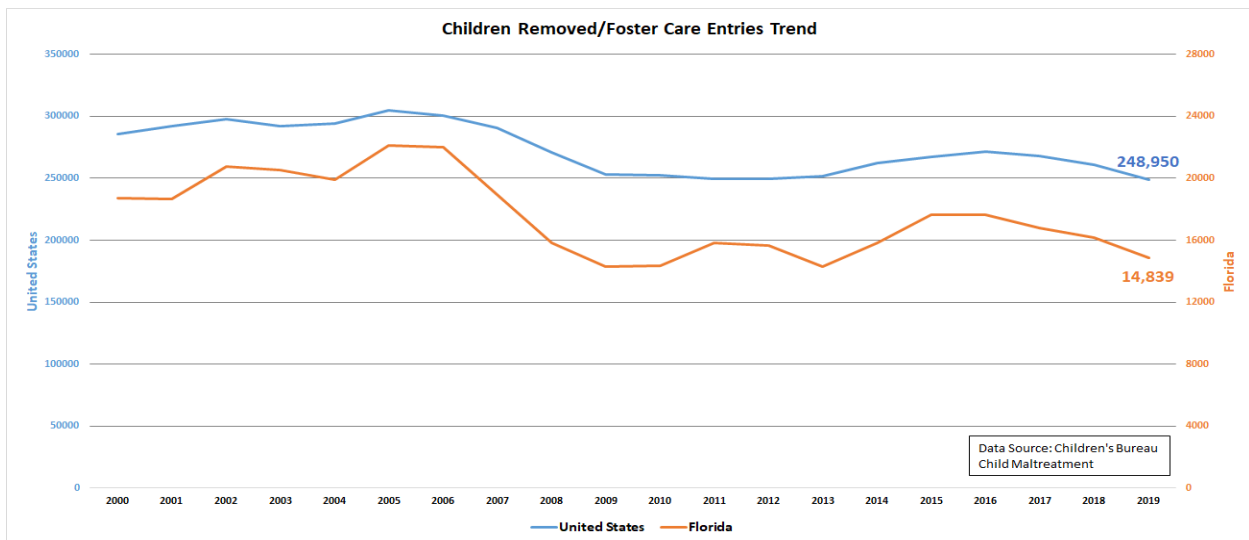
Children in Out-of-Home Care Compared to Child Population

Although states have differing populations (e.g., income and poverty) and maltreatment reporting requirements, comparing the OHC population to the general child population is one way to see the relative size of Florida's OHC population.

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average
In FFY 2000 through FFY 2006, Florida's OHC rate per 1,000 children in the general population was above the national average. From FFY 2007 to FFY 2019, Florida has been at or below the national average.
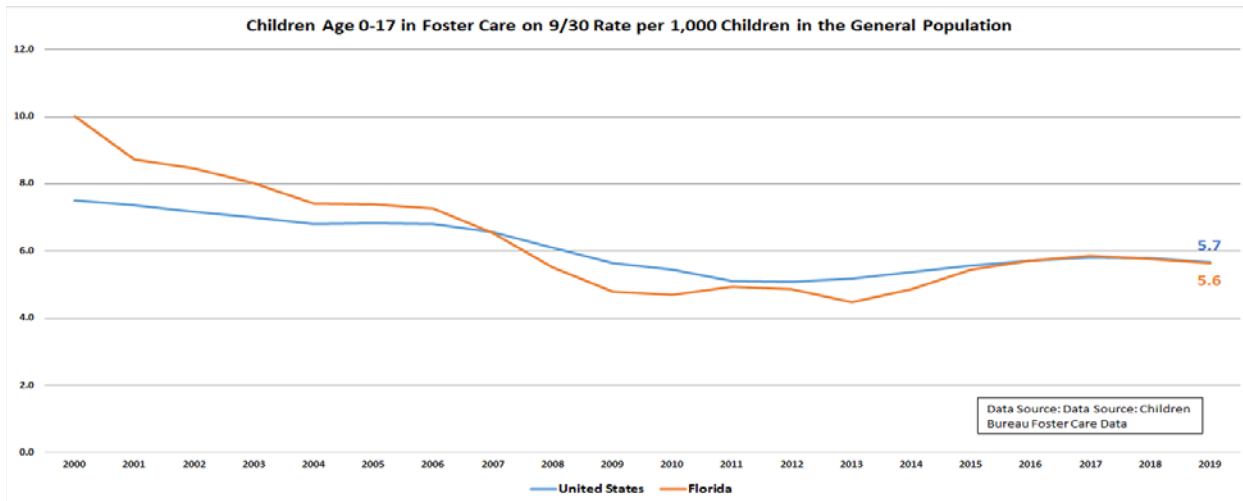
Florida Compared to Other States
Florida was in the second quartile for the rate of children in OHC per 1,000 children in the general population in FFY 2019. Three states have rates that are three to four times as high as Florida's rate.
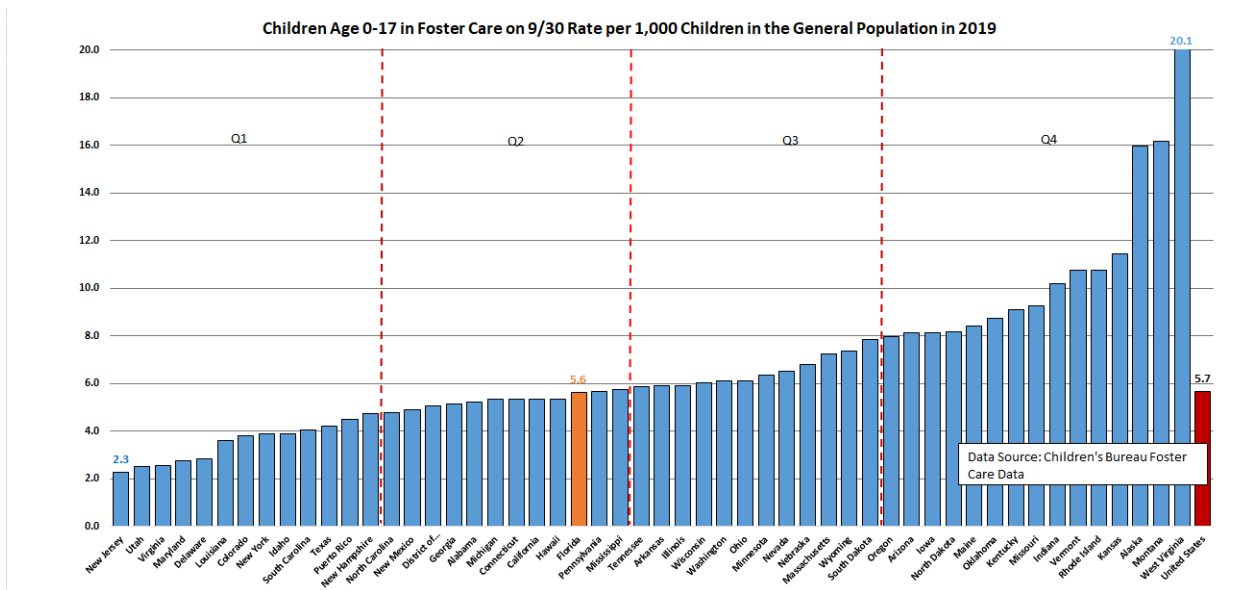
Children in Out-of-Home Care Compared to Child Population

Florida Statewide Trend

The number of children in OHC as a proportion of the overall child population increased significantly from SFY 2014-15 to SFY 2016-17 and began decreasing in SFY 2018-19. Over the last three SFYs it has decreased to the current level of 5.1 per 1,000 children in the general population.

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Although the statewide rate of children in OHC for SFY 2020-21 was 5.1 per 1,000 children in the general population, there is wide variation across CBCs.

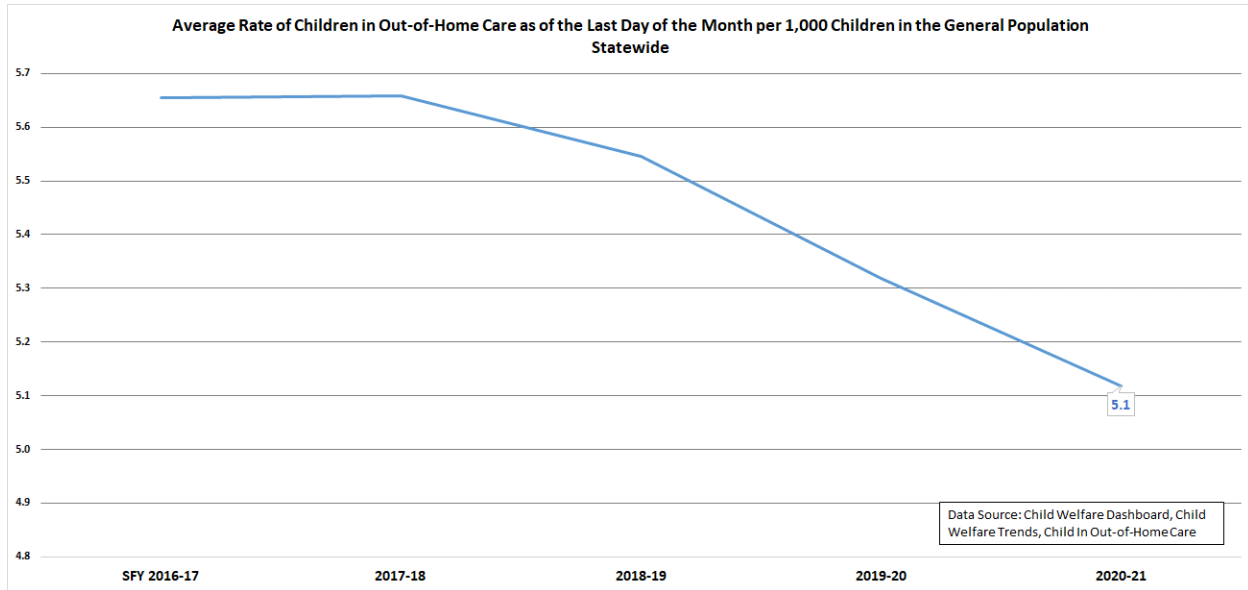| Average Rate of Children in Out-of-Home Care as of the Last Day of the Month per 1,000 Children in the General Population					
No DCF Target					
CBC	SFY 2016-17	SFY 2017-18	SFY 2018-19	SFY 2019-20	SFY 2020-21
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	7.1	7.0	5.8	6.5	7.5
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	5.8	5.7	4.3	3.3	2.8
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	3.8	3.8	3.8	4.0	3.4
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	6.3	6.4	6.1	5.6	5.4
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	3.3	3.3	2.8	2.2	1.7
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	5.1	5.1	5.8	5.5	4.5
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	8.9	8.9	9.2	8.9	9.1
Families First Network-Circuit 01	8.7	8.7	8.8	8.8	8.4
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	4.2	4.1	3.6	3.1	3.1
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	4.0
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	7.5	7.6	8.7	9.1	9.0
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	7.2	7.2	7.4	7.1	6.8
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.4
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	7.3	7.4	7.4	7.5	7.1
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	8.0	7.9	8.6	7.8	7.5
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	4.9	4.9	5.9	6.6	6.0
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	5.8	5.9	6.7	6.9	6.9
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	7.9	7.9	7.1	6.7	7.5
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	7.9	7.9	7.3	7.1	7.1
Statewide	**5.7**	**5.7**	**5.5**	**5.3**	**5.1**
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Data Source: Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Child In Out-of-Home Care					

Children in Out-of-Home Care Compared to Children Investigated

Children removed and placed in OHC are compared to the number of children investigated. However, the relative size of the OHC population is affected by permanency performance as much as removal rate.

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

The most recent data for this measure indicates that both Florida and national OHC rate per 100 children investigated has been generally stable over the last five years, and Florida's rate remains lower than the national average.
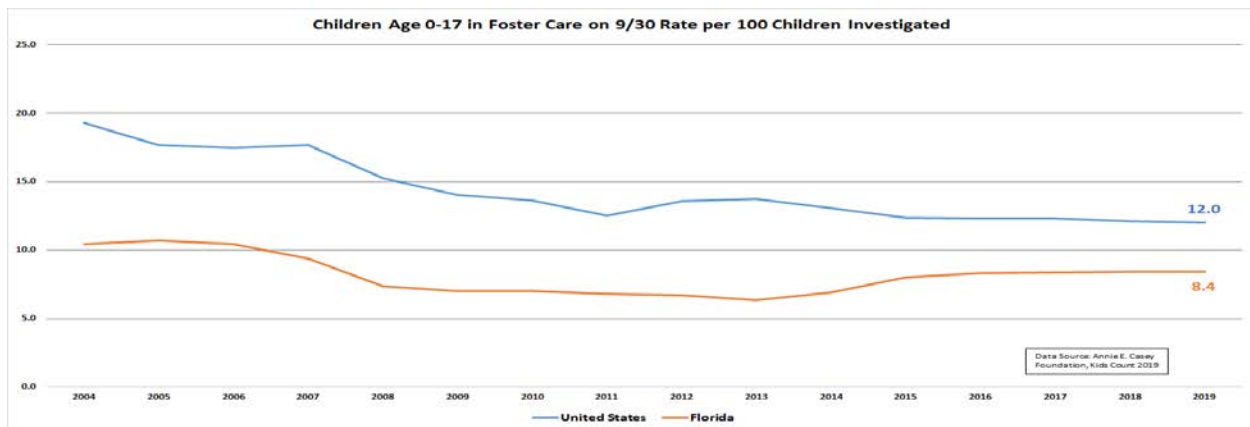
Florida Compared to Other States

The most recent data for this metric indicates that Florida's OHC rate per 100 children investigated was one of the lowest in the nation in FFY 2018, due in part to Florida's high reporting rate. Conversely, Pennsylvania's low reporting (children investigated) rate impacts its high rate of children in foster care per 100 children investigated.
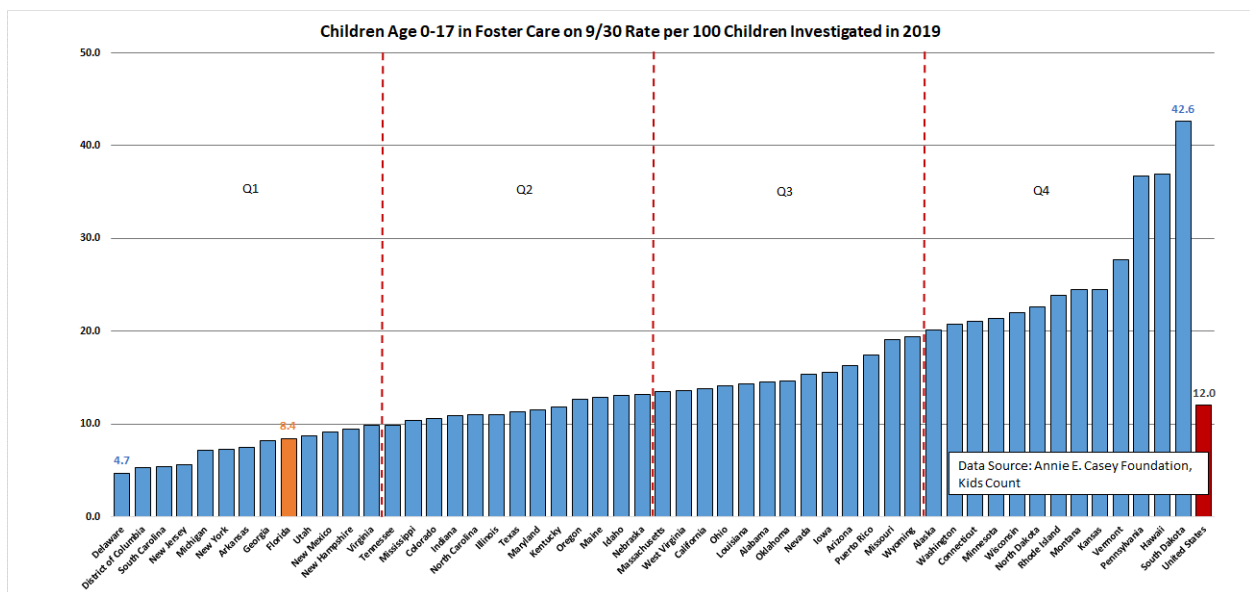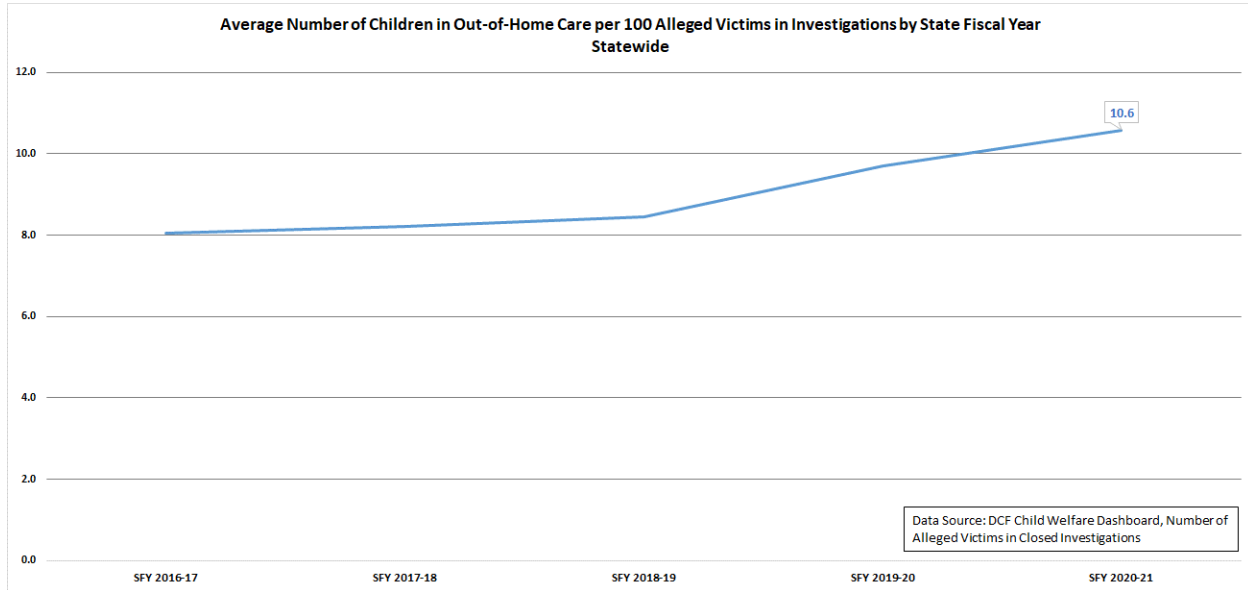
Children in Out-of-Home Care Compared to Children Investigated

Florida Statewide Trend

The out-of-home care rate per 100 alleged victims has been increasing over the last five SFYs and increased significantly over the last two SFYs as the number of children investigated has declined.

Average Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care per 100 Alleged Victims in Investigations by State Fiscal Year
Statewide

Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Number of Alleged Victims in Closed Investigations

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

There is wide variation around the state, with the highest rates over three times as high as the lowest rates.

Average Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care per 100 Alleged Victims in Investigations by State Fiscal Year					
No DCF Target					
CBC	SFY 2016-17	SFY 2017-18	SFY 2018-19	SFY 2019-20	SFY 2020-21
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	4.96	4.90	4.77	5.61	6.50
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	8.68	8.97	9.77	11.61	12.99
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	7.38	8.46	8.94	10.01	11.00
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	6.53	6.69	6.71	7.59	8.23
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	12.35	13.32	13.84	16.61	18.13
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	8.91	8.65	8.95	10.96	12.36
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	7.22	7.40	7.40	8.25	9.00
Eckerd Community-Pasco and Pinellas-Circuit 06	9.28	9.50	9.47	11.44	12.86
Eckerd Community-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	13.28	13.56	13.37	14.24	15.63
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County)	5.65	5.89	5.88	6.74	7.42
Families First Network-Circuit 01	8.49	8.16	9.65	10.62	11.32
St Johns Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	5.41	5.31	4.95	4.70	5.36
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	7.10	7.41	7.64	9.04	9.79
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	6.64	6.62	7.02	7.76	8.34
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	6.60	6.26	6.29	7.07	7.31
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	8.05	7.54	7.77	9.16	9.89
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	7.44	8.06	9.14	10.29	10.96
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	7.94	7.87	7.67	8.53	9.17
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	7.67	7.81	8.00	9.49	10.22
Statewide	8.05	8.22	8.46	9.70	10.58
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Number of Alleged Victims in Closed Investigations					

Relationship between Out-of-Home Care, Removals, and Discharges

Changes in the children in the OHC population -- up or down -- are driven by changes in removals/entries and discharges/exits. Note the gaps between the two lines:

- Removals (red) above discharges (green) result in OHC increase.
- Discharges (green) above removals (red) result in OHC decrease.

National Trend

This chart shows that the national reduction in OHC from FFY 2007 through FFY 2011 was driven by a reduction in removals. The recent increase in OHC was driven by increases in removals with no increase in discharges.
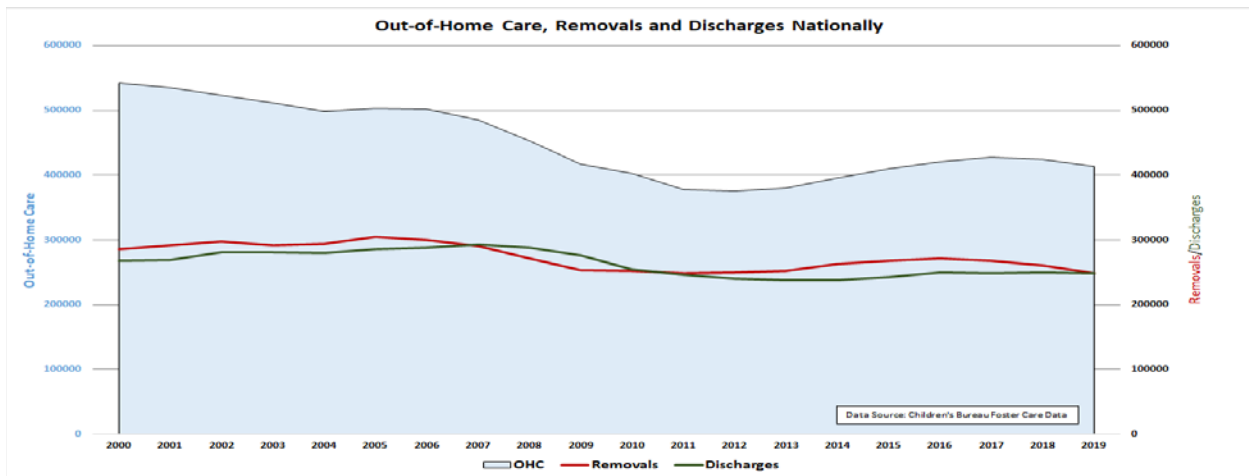
Florida Statewide Trend

Florida was similar to the national trend, but with steep reductions in removals and OHC in FFYs 2007-09. The simultaneous increase in removals and decrease in discharges beginning in FFY 2014 has driven the OHC increase over the last five FFYs of available data.
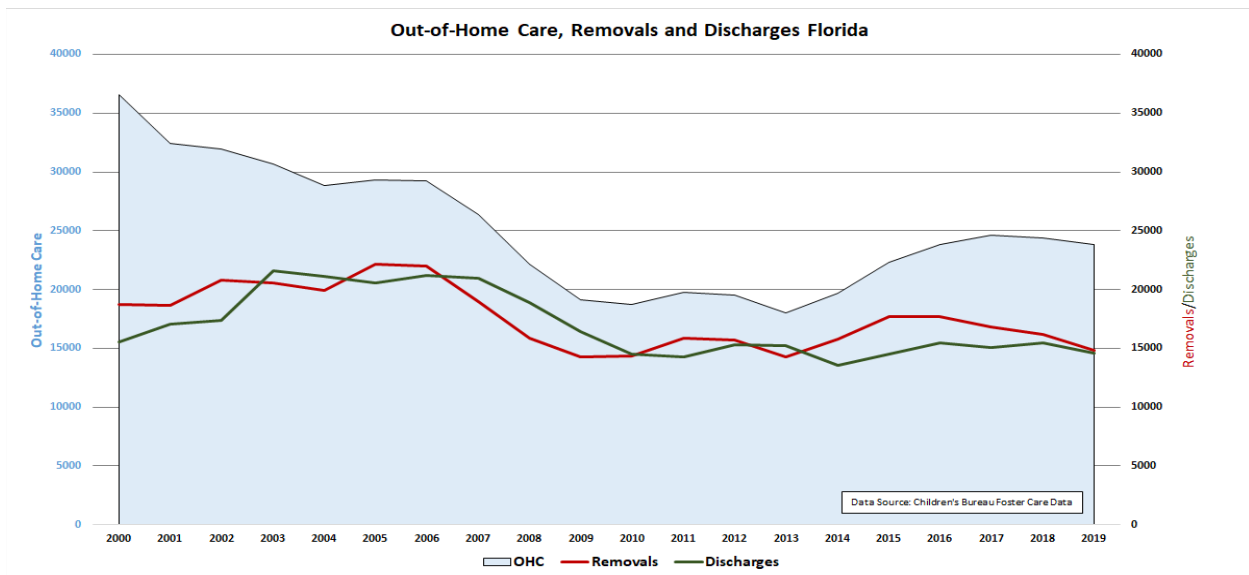
Children Exiting Foster Care per 100 Children in Care

In order to compare states and communities, discharges in a given period are compared to the number of children in OHC at the end of the period.

Long-Term Trends: Florida vs. National Average

Using national data to compare total exits each FFY to children in care at the end of the FFY, Florida's rate was below the national average in FFY 2000, but has been consistently above the national average from FFY 2001 through FFY 2019.
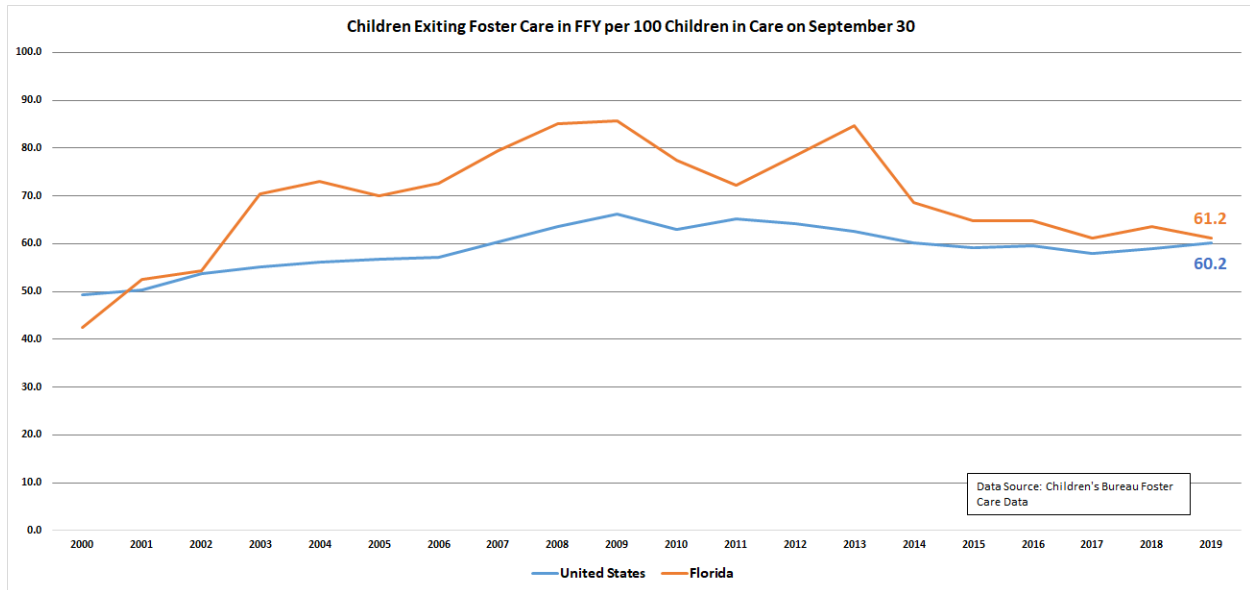
Florida Compared to Other States

The last available national data for FFY 2019, indicates that Florida's exit rate of 61.2 per 100 children in out-of-home care was in the second quartile of ranked states.
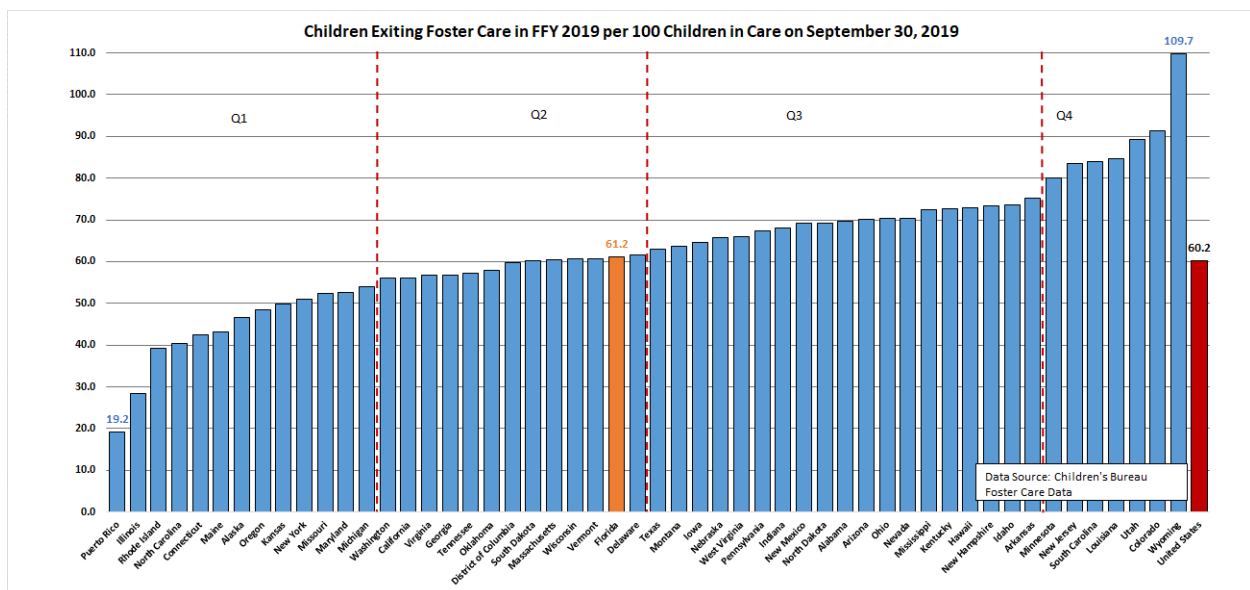
Children Exiting Foster Care per 100 Children in Care

Florida Statewide Trend
Florida's discharge rate has been decreasing over the last five SFYs and is now at an all-time low.

Discharge Rate per 100 Children in the Average Out-of-Home Care Population as of Last Day of the Month
Statewide
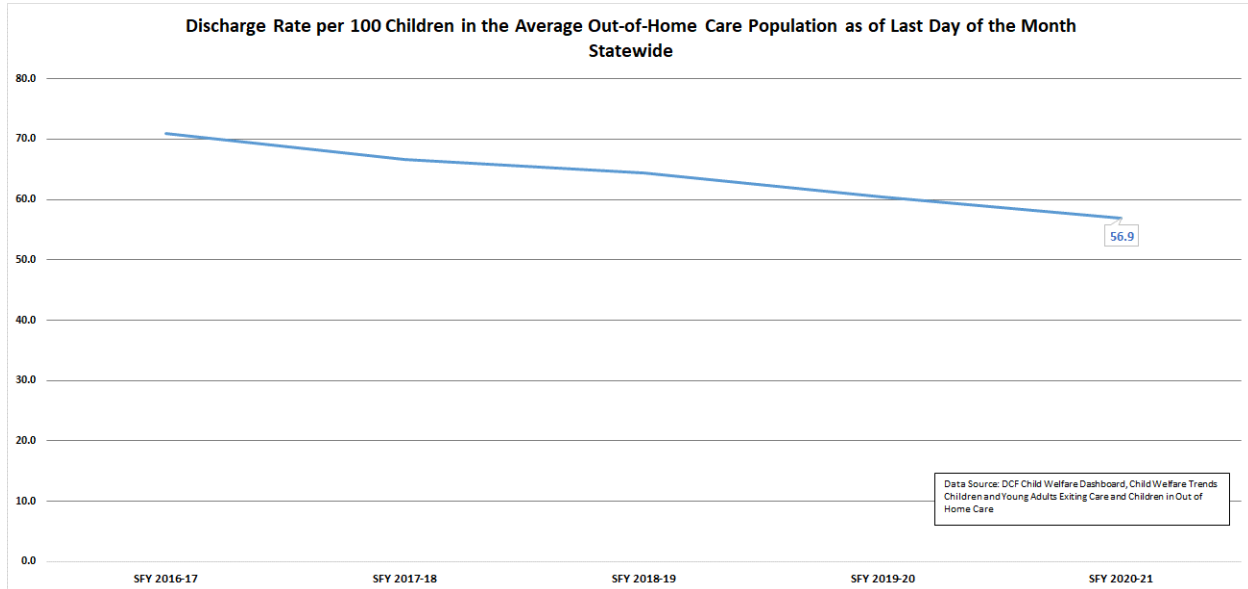
Circuit/CBC Comparisons
There is wide variation in discharge rates across the state, but only five CBCs had higher discharge rates in SFY 2020-21 than they did in SFY 2016-17 (Brevard Family Partnership, Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough, Families First Network, Kids Central Inc., and Kids First of Florida).

Discharge Rate per 100 Children in the Average Out-of-Home Care Population as of Last Day of the Month
No DCF Target

CBC	SFY 2016-17	SFY 2017-18	SFY 2018-19	SFY 2019-20	SFY 2020-21
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	62.82	100.61	77.09	55.57	72.41
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	120.59	67.69	70.28	72.35	40.12
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	82.76	73.89	75.92	68.05	65.88
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	79.19	67.80	75.77	69.94	76.38
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	117.11	63.46	70.29	68.70	28.54
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	94.37	71.80	66.57	70.64	63.28
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	51.32	57.13	53.46	61.98	47.75
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	63.72	59.38	56.89	50.22	49.94
Eckerd Community Alternatives Hillsborough-Circuit 13	50.45	59.33	53.41	48.75	59.16
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County)	65.60	71.16	64.18	56.96	61.02
Families First Network-Circuit 01	58.12	63.36	56.79	50.90	58.63
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	81.51	69.40	80.58	81.50	81.39
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	73.65	78.23	82.65	75.75	58.38
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	66.34	69.51	66.49	57.25	64.03
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	66.89	60.59	57.95	67.93	63.47
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	41.78	54.88	51.60	54.18	59.54
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	54.40	59.73	52.18	49.76	68.79
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	85.58	75.48	80.91	64.22	60.57
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	69.43	72.88	66.81	64.31	63.01
Statewide	**71.0**	**66.7**	**64.4**	**60.4**	**56.9**
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source: DCF Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends Children and Young Adults Exiting Care and Children in Out of Home Care

CBC Safety Outcome Indicators

Relative Safety by Status of Services

Child Safety Trends: Comparison of Three Indicators

Children tend to be safer after termination of services rather than while receiving services, as evidenced by the relative percentages of the two indicators on the following chart. The following trends are also shown:

- The percent of children with no verified maltreatment within six months of termination of in-home services for Q4 of SFY 2020-21 was 96.20 percent.
- The percent of children with no verified maltreatment within six months of termination of Family Support Services for Q4 of SFY 2020-21 was 94.10 percent.

Measuring safety performance requires follow-up periods for maltreatment after termination of services plus two months for completion of any subsequent investigations. This chart and others in this section include the most recent available quarters.

Safety of Children During Case-Managed In-Home Services and Within Six Months of Termination from Family Support Services and Case-Managed In-Home Services Statewide

Sources: FSFN OCWDRU report #1115, and Ad Hoc FSFN Report
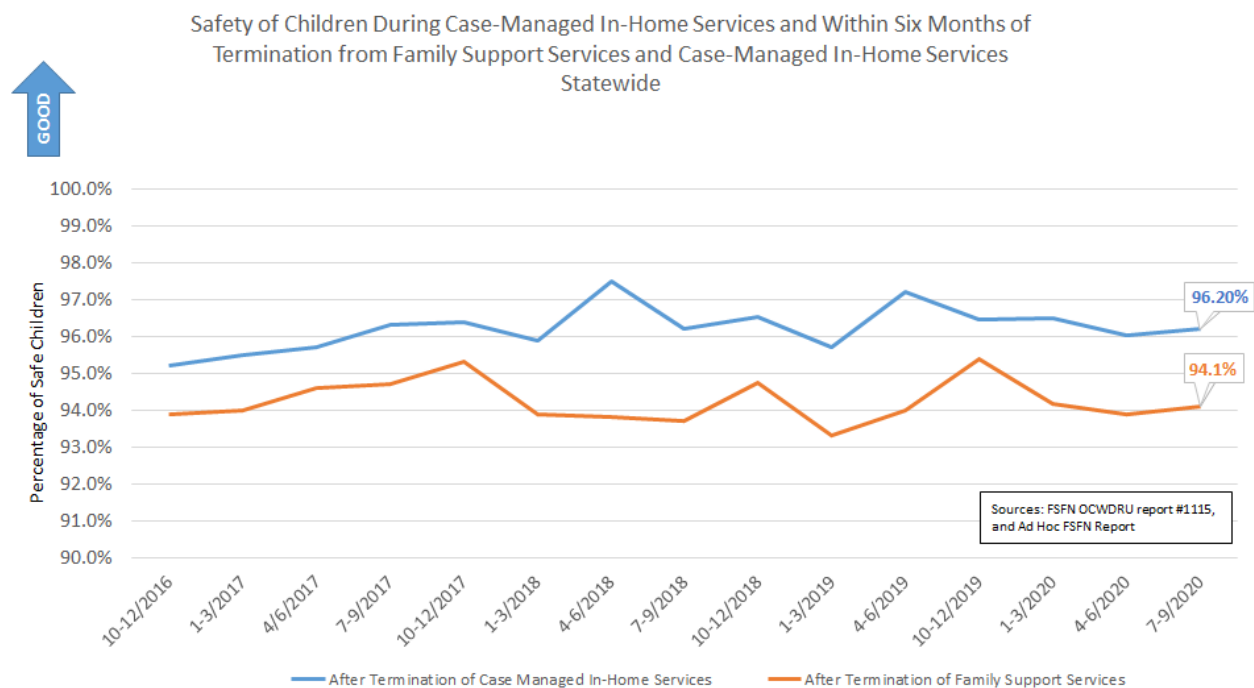
Individual Safety Indicators

Maltreatment in Foster Care

Maltreatment in foster care is a rare event compared to the safety indicators in the last chart, so it is measured as a rate per 100,000 days in care in the federal CFSR-3. It answers the question, "Of all children in foster care during a 12-month period, what is the rate of victimization, per day of care?"

Denominator: Of children in care during a 12-month period, total number of days these children were in care as of the end of the 12-month period.

Numerator: Of children in the denominator, total number of substantiated or indicated reports of maltreatment (by any perpetrator) during a foster care episode within the 12-month period.

Florida Compared to Other States

The national standards and calculations of state performance for CFSR-3 are being revised by the Children's Bureau; however, the Children's Bureau continues to provide metrics related to the percentage of children that do not experience abuse while residing in foster care. For FFY 2019 Florida's 99.98 percent mark ranked second in the nation behind only Wyoming.

Observed Performance: Percentage of Children Not Abused in Foster Care 2019
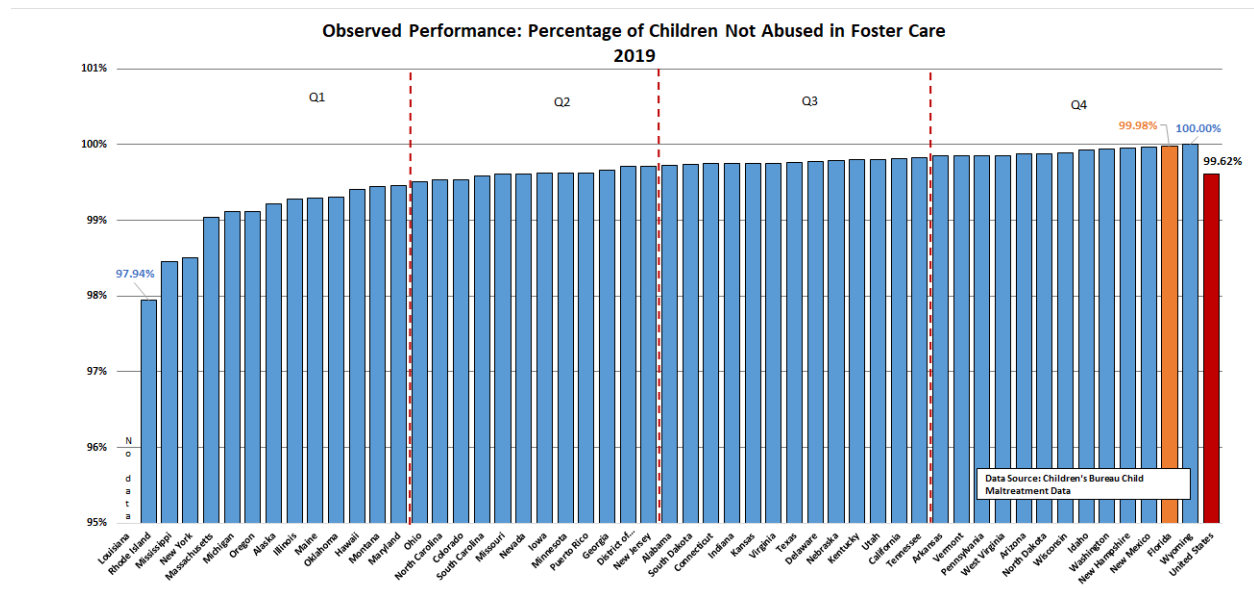
Maltreatment in Foster Care

The national standards and calculations of state performance for CFSR-3 are being revised by the Children's Bureau. Florida's calculated rates can vary slightly from other published sources appearing in the federal data profile used for CFSR-3, which uses AFCARS and NCANDS files submitted by states. These variations tend to result in Florida data appearing higher within the national comparison chart than the state and CBC data displayed below.

Florida Statewide Trend
Florida has shown overall improvement in the last five years with an overall decline since 2016/17. Maltreatment in OHC is a rare event compared to maltreatment during in-home services.

Rate of Verified Maltreatment per 100,000 Child-Days for Children in Out-of-Home Care
Statewide

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1106, "Rate of Abuse or Neglect Per Days in Foster Care" as of 8/2/2021
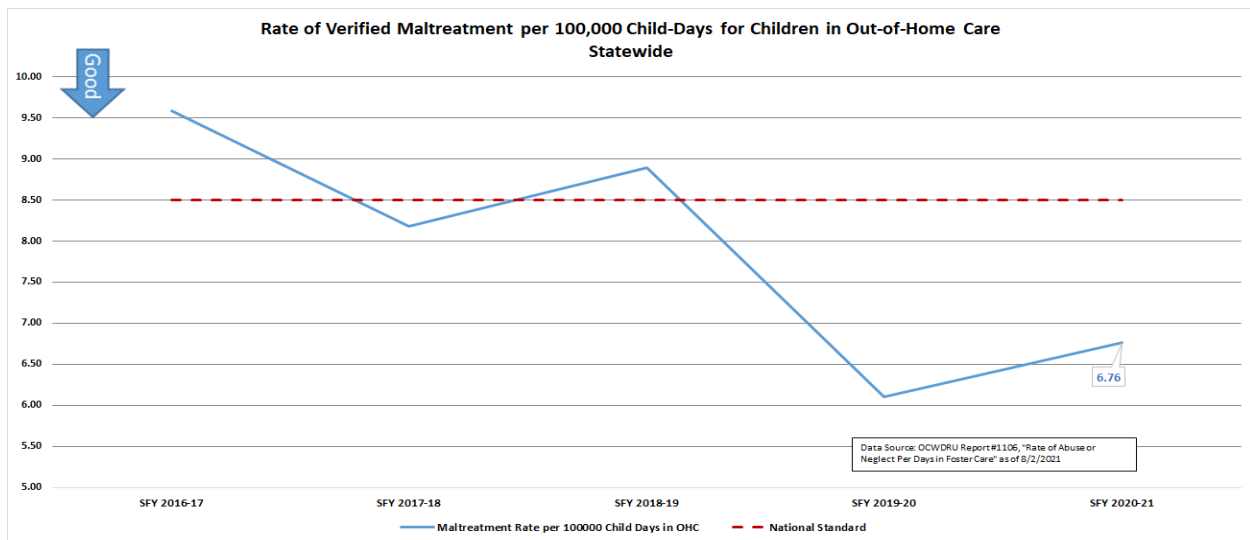
Circuit/CBC Comparisons
There was significant improvement across the state for this metric since SFY 2018-19. Only four CBCs failed to meet the federal target in 2020/21.

Rate of Verified Maltreatment per 100,000 Child-Days for Children in Out-of-Home Care
Federal Target 8.5 or Lower

CBC	SFY 2016-17	SFY 2017-18	SFY 2018-19	SFY 2019-20	SFY 2020-21
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	10.9	8.9	6.8	3.3	3.2
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	7.8	6.4	5.7	3.6	5.2
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	5.4	13.7	5.2	6.2	6.1
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	6.3	7.3	8.4	8.7	9.2
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	9.1	13.1	7.3	5.1	7.8
Communities Connected for Kids -Circuit 19	9.7	6.2	16.6	5.3	5.6
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	6.4	8.2	5.6	5.9	4.6
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	9.8	11.5	15.2	5.5	10.0
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	8.4	8.7	8.9	7.5	5.1
Embrace Families-Circuit 09 & Circuit 18 (Seminole County Only)	6.8	6.6	4.8	4.2	8.8
Families First Network-Circuit 01	10.7	10.4	9.3	5.2	6.9
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	7.5	6.8	9.8	9.0	5.9
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	14.4	9.1	9.7	6.6	10.3
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	19.5	10.3	8.7	8.6	8.0
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	11.7	6.6	11.2	3.5	7.7
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	11.3	7.8	8.9	5.5	5.4
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	8.1	5.1	10.9	4.4	8.2
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	9.7	9.2	8.3	5.1	6.9
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	7.1	6.7	7.1	7.2	7.4
Statewide	**9.6**	**8.2**	**8.9**	**6.1**	**6.8**
Federal Target 8.5 or Lower	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1106, "Rate of Abuse or Neglect Per Days in Foster Care" as of 8/2/2021

Maltreatment During Case-Managed Services

Children receiving case-managed in-home services include:
- Children found to be unsafe and needing ongoing assessment, planning, services, and frequent case manager visits to ensure safety while preventing removal and placement.
- Children receiving post-placement supervision.

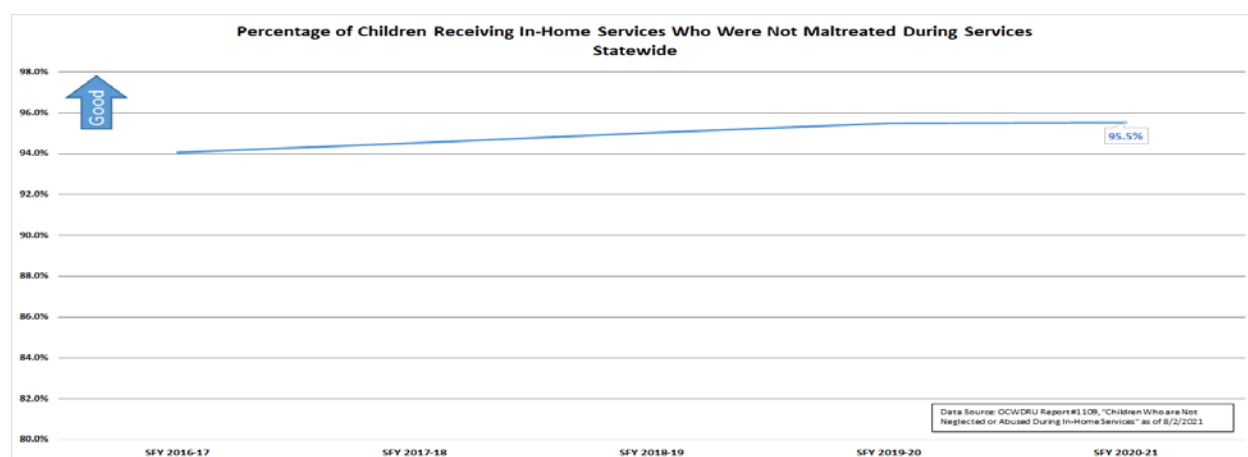As this service is for unsafe children with potential for removal, it is not surprising that some may have verified maltreatment while receiving these services. As with other recurrence indicators, measurement is influenced by verification rates.

Florida Statewide Trend

There is no standard target for this indicator, but performance has been trending upward since 2016/17.

Percentage of Children Receiving In-Home Services Who Were Not Maltreated During Services
Statewide

95.5%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1109, "Children Who are Not Neglected or Abused During In-Home Services" as of 8/2/2021

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Statewide, there is a narrow range when comparing children that are not maltreated while receiving in-home services by area.

Percentage of Children Receiving In-Home Services Who Were Not Maltreated During Services by State Fiscal Year
No DCF Target

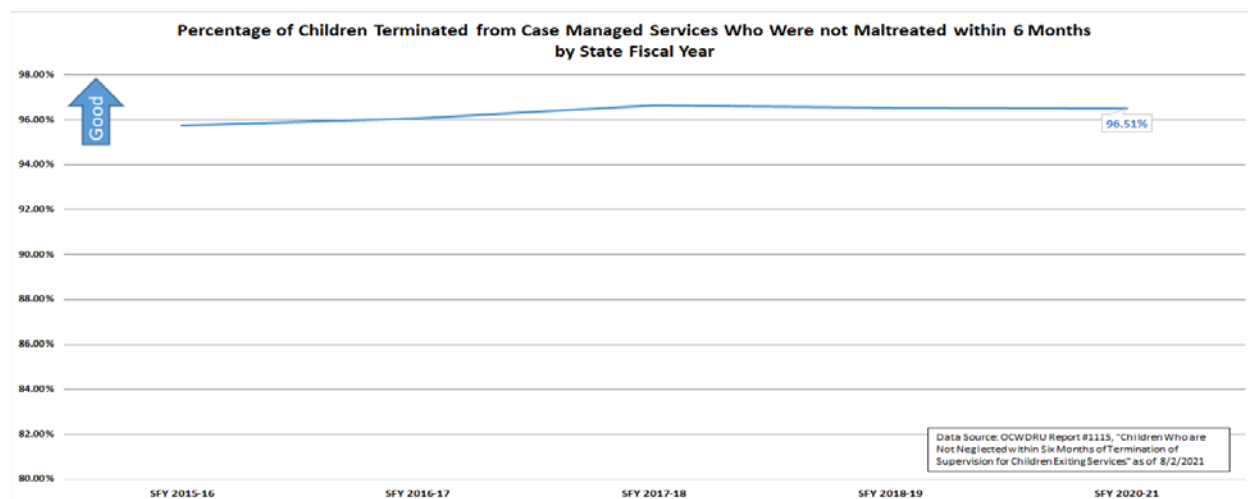| CBC	SFY 2016-17	SFY 2017-18	SFY 2018-19	SFY 2019-20	SFY 2020-21
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	93.0%	93.9%	93.6%	93.3%	96.0%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	91.8%	92.1%	95.0%	96.0%	96.3%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	95.4%	96.1%	95.7%	95.8%	96.6%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	94.5%	94.8%	95.7%	96.6%	95.2%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	96.6%	95.9%	97.5%	97.5%	97.2%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	94.5%	93.1%	97.1%	96.1%	97.3%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	91.0%	92.6%	93.4%	94.6%	95.2%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	95.6%	93.7%	93.8%	94.8%	94.5%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	93.3%	95.6%	96.4%	95.6%	95.0%
Embrace Families-Circuit 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	94.0%	94.6%	94.5%	94.6%	94.8%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	92.9%	92.4%	94.4%	96.5%	93.2%
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	88.1%	96.7%	95.8%	93.5%	97.9%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	92.4%	95.2%	94.2%	94.9%	96.4%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	96.7%	96.3%	93.7%	94.3%	97.0%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	95.4%	93.6%	95.2%	96.0%	95.0%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	93.4%	95.3%	96.3%	94.8%	95.1%
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	94.2%	98.3%	96.6%	96.8%	95.7%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 &08	95.8%	95.6%	94.5%	96.3%	95.4%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	94.1%	94.4%	95.1%	94.5%	96.9%
Statewide	**94.1%**	**94.5%**	**95.0%**	**95.5%**	**95.5%**
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1109, "Children Who are Not Neglected or Abused During In-Home Services" as of 8/2/2021

Maltreatment after Termination of Case-Managed Services

Just as it is important to ensure safety of children receiving services, it is also important that supervision not be terminated prematurely; otherwise, the risk of subsequent maltreatment remains high.

Florida Statewide Trend

Florida made steady progress on this indicator between SFY 2016-17 and SFY 2017-18; and maintained steady performance since.

Percentage of Children Terminated from Case Managed Services Who Were not Maltreated within 6 Months by State Fiscal Year

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1115, "Children Who are Not Neglected within Six Months of Termination of Supervision for Children Exiting Services" as of 8/2/2021

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

The high rate of non-recurrence on this indicator connotes that children are generally safe after termination of services. Data for the entire fiscal year is used in the chart below.

Percentage of Children Terminated from Case Managed Services Who Were not Maltreated within 6 Months by State Fiscal Year
No DCF Target

CBC	SFY 2014-15	SFY 2015-16	SFY 2016-17	SFY 2017-18	SFY 2018-19	SFY 2019-20
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	91.54%	94.86%	93.88%	95.57%	94.10%	96.65%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	96.52%	97.57%	96.92%	97.46%	97.24%	97.94%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	96.05%	95.59%	96.20%	96.96%	96.97%	98.12%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	96.86%	95.96%	96.19%	96.02%	96.52%	96.89%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	96.08%	97.83%	96.70%	98.63%	98.02%	98.36%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	96.25%	96.12%	97.02%	96.49%	97.95%	95.31%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	94.82%	95.06%	95.54%	95.93%	93.98%	95.98%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	94.18%	95.13%	94.26%	95.49%	96.28%	94.28%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	96.64%	96.33%	96.11%	96.23%	97.16%	95.91%
Embrace Families-Circuit 09 & 18 (Seminole Only)	94.67%	95.50%	95.75%	96.26%	96.25%	97.08%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	96.37%	95.63%	96.38%	96.24%	95.64%	96.76%
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	87.13%	93.08%	90.08%	94.44%	98.05%	94.66%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	94.51%	93.91%	95.97%	96.13%	95.33%	95.44%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	96.28%	95.91%	95.85%	96.99%	96.90%	96.97%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	95.62%	94.67%	97.60%	97.38%	96.47%	97.43%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	94.26%	93.10%	95.45%	95.73%	95.99%	93.67%
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	95.77%	94.93%	93.78%	99.59%	98.39%	95.93%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	93.55%	95.47%	97.46%	96.96%	98.05%	97.46%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	92.59%	94.84%	97.27%	96.72%	97.01%	95.96%
Statewide	**95.37%**	**95.74%**	**96.07%**	**96.63%**	**96.55%**	**96.51%**
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1115, "Children Who are Not Neglected within Six Months of Termination of Supervision for Children Exiting Services" as of 8/2/2021

Permanency Indicators

Timely Achievement of Permanency

Permanency within 12 Months from Three Starting Points

The federal CFSR-3 includes three indicators of timely permanency, plus a companion indicator of re-entry into care after discharge. Each of the three timely permanency indicators measures achievement of permanency within 12 months for a different cohort of children, based on a certain period or date.

- **Entry Cohort.** This indicator measures the proportion of children in a cohort of children who were removed and entered care in the same period and achieved permanency within 12 months of removal.
- **In Care 12-23 Months Cohort.** This indicator measures the proportion of children in a cohort of children who were in care 12-23 months on the same date and achieved permanency within 12 months of the reporting period.
- **In Care 24+ Months Cohort.** This indicator measures the proportion of children in a cohort of children who were in care 24 or more months on the same date and achieved permanency within 12 months of the reporting period.

The national standards and calculations of state performance for CFSR-3 are being revised by the Children's Bureau. Performance on the entry cohort indicator has declined in the last few years. Performance on the in-care 12-23 months indicator has been consistently above the national standard but has trended lower over the last few years. Performance on the in-care 24+ months cohort has been decreasing, but remains above the national standard.
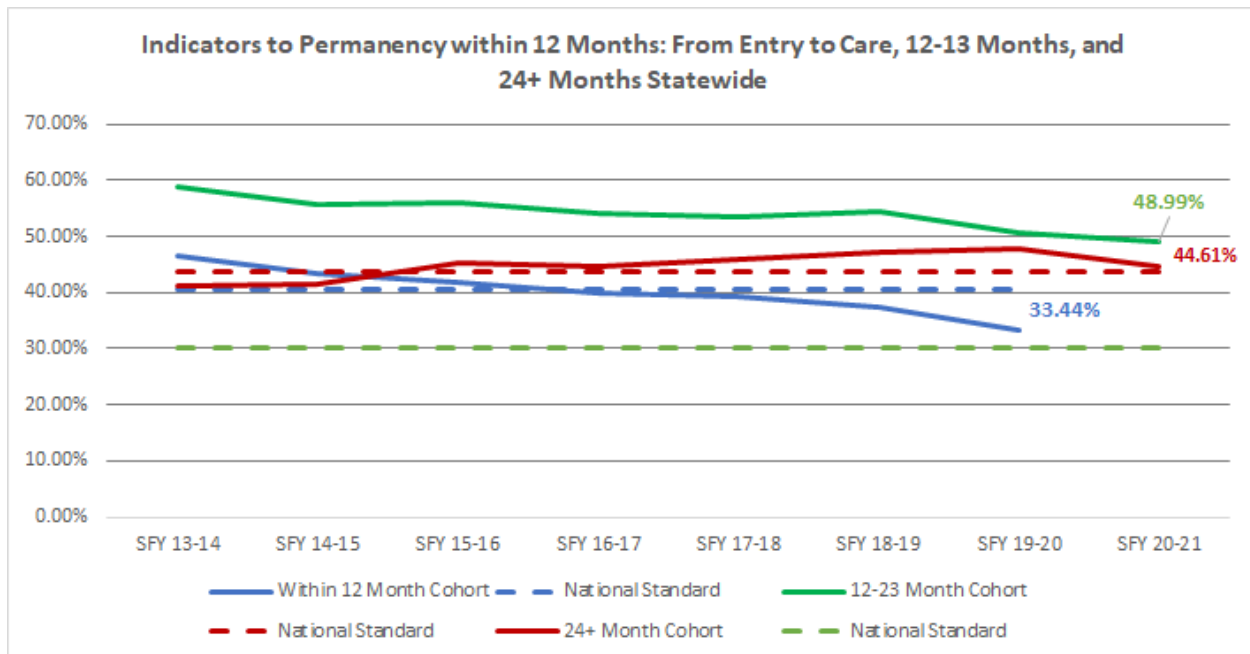
Permanency in 12 Months for Children Entering Care

The first of the CFSR-3 permanency indicators answers the question, "Of all children who enter care in a 12-month period, what percent discharged to permanency within 12 months of entering care?"

> Denominator: Number of children who enter care in a 12-month period.
>
> Numerator: Number of children in the denominator who discharged to permanency within 12 months of entering care.

Florida Compared to Other States

Florida's observed (not risk standardized) performance of 47.1 percent for children removed in April 2013 – March 2014 was above the initial national standard and was in the second quartile of states in the nation in the period used for CFSR-3. The figure below includes the most recent data available for this indicator.

Observed Performance: Permanency within 12 Months for Children Entering Foster Care
Florida Data: 4/2013-3/2014, Other States: 4/2011-3/2012
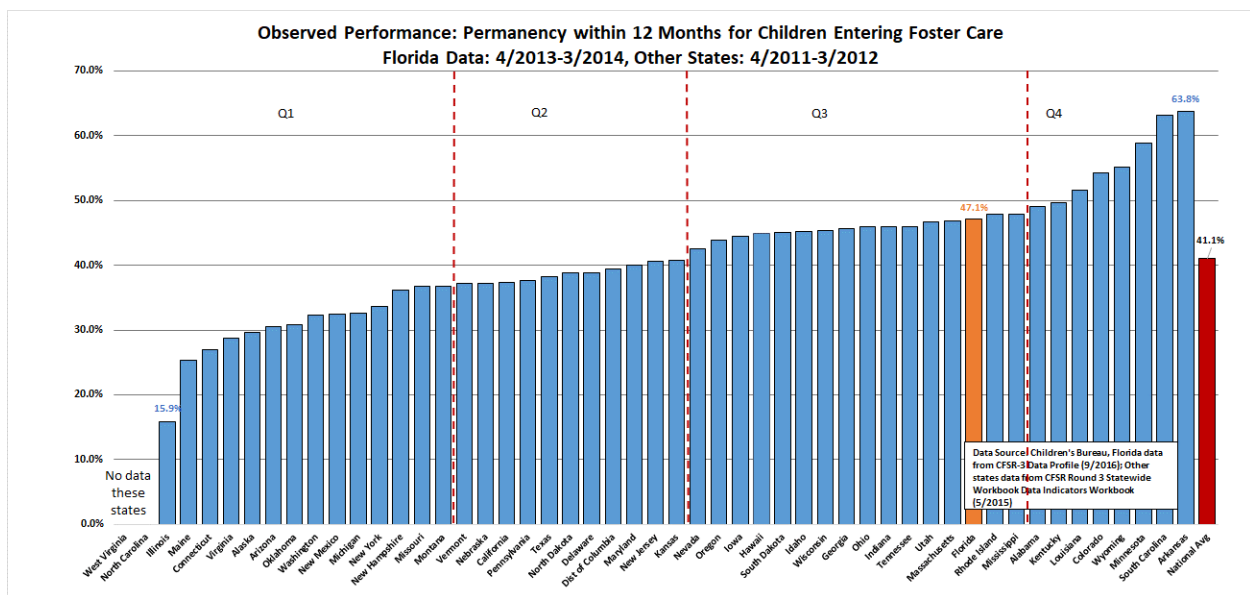
Permanency in 12 Months for Children Entering Care

Florida Statewide Trend
Florida's performance has been declining during the period used for CFSR-3 and was below the initial national standard of 40.5 percent in SFY 2020-21 for the children removed in SFY 2019-20.
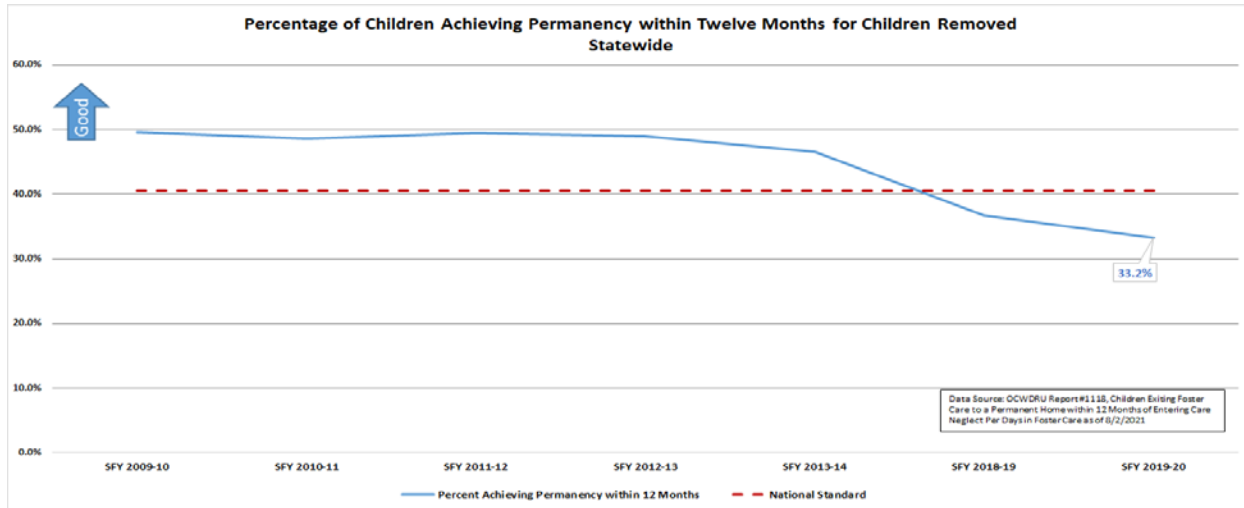
Circuit/CBC Comparisons
Florida's statewide performance across CBCs is provided below.

Percentage of Children Achieving Permanency within Twelve Months for Children Removed					
Federal Target 40.5% or Higher					
CBC	2015-16 Entry Cohort	2016-17 Entry Cohort	2017-18 Entry Cohort	2018-19 Entry Cohort	2019-20 Entry Cohort
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	33.9%	53.5%	54.1%	39.3%	32.7%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	33.6%	42.4%	38.4%	42.3%	31.8%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	48.5%	44.8%	47.1%	42.5%	44.8%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	45.5%	43.1%	45.9%	44.3%	42.9%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	40.7%	34.7%	36.3%	34.1%	36.5%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	43.3%	46.3%	40.8%	34.7%	46.3%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	30.6%	27.8%	23.7%	32.0%	29.5%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	47.1%	38.4%	34.1%	29.0%	26.3%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	48.4%	41.7%	37.2%	32.0%	27.0%
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	37.5%	39.8%	42.0%	36.3%	35.7%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	37.2%	38.3%	34.0%	32.3%	27.9%
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	32.9%	31.6%	48.1%	51.0%	35.7%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	45.1%	39.5%	43.5%	44.3%	34.2%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	41.3%	44.4%	40.6%	40.0%	30.8%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	42.5%	40.2%	39.2%	40.8%	37.2%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	34.1%	17.5%	32.1%	25.5%	32.0%
Northwest Fl Health-Circuits 02 &14	33.7%	30.3%	30.8%	26.9%	28.2%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	52.9%	43.9%	45.5%	42.3%	28.1%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	47.5%	40.4%	39.8%	39.7%	33.2%
Statewide	42.0%	40.1%	39.2%	36.8%	33.2%
Federal Target 40.5% or Higher	40.50%	40.50%	40.50%	40.50%	40.50%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1137, "Children Exiting Foster Care to a Permanent Home within 12 Months for Children in Foster Care 12-23 Months" as of 8/2/2021

Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Care 12-23 Months

This permanency indicator answers the question, "Of all children in care on the first day of a 12-month period who had been in care (in that episode) between 12 and 23 months, what percent discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day?"

> Denominator: Number of children in care on the first day of a 12-month period, who had been in care (in that episode) between 12 and 23 months.
>
> Numerator: Number of children in the denominator who discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day.

Florida Compared to Other States

National standards and calculations of state performance for CFSR-3 are being revised; however, Florida's observed (not risk standardized) performance in SFY 2015-16 was above the CFSR-3 initial standard and higher than most states in the nation in the comparison period. This is the most recent data available for this indicator.

Observed Performance: Permanency within 12 Months for Children in Foster Care 12-23 Months
Florida Data: 4/2015-3/2016, Other States: 4/2013-3/2014

Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Care 12-23 Months

Florida Statewide Trend

Florida's performance has declined since the 2013 cohort used for the CFSR-3, but continues to exceed the national standard.

Percentage of Children Achieving Permanency within Twelve Months for Children in Care Twelve to Twenty-Three Months as of July 1 Statewide
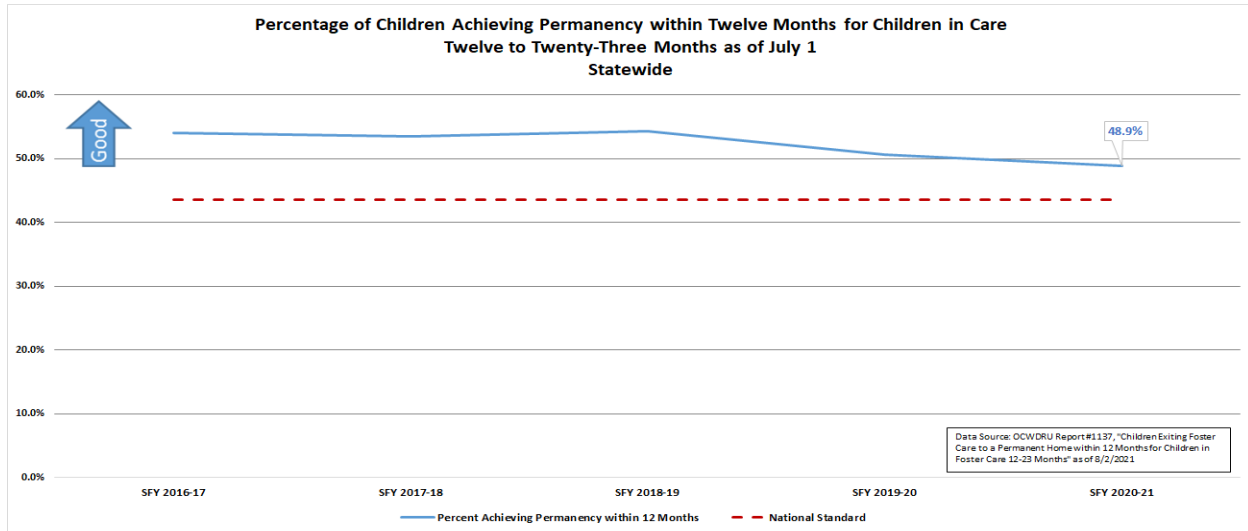
Circuit/CBC Comparisons

There is high performance for this metric with all but two CBCs exceeding the national standard.

Percentage of Children Achieving Permanency within Twelve Months for Children in Care Twelve to Twenty-Three Months as of July 1
Federal Taget 43.6% or Greater

CBC	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	41.2%	52.6%	57.1%	61.9%	46.8%	51.3%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	51.2%	50.7%	53.6%	53.4%	57.9%	49.3%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	59.7%	47.0%	63.6%	52.9%	58.4%	57.9%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	50.9%	55.7%	55.1%	63.9%	57.7%	53.3%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	59.8%	52.5%	47.1%	59.7%	56.9%	44.2%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	69.6%	64.2%	60.9%	56.8%	56.4%	57.0%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	55.3%	49.7%	53.6%	49.4%	58.2%	33.3%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	55.6%	54.6%	49.8%	46.5%	41.6%	48.7%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	52.0%	50.4%	45.7%	50.5%	42.8%	41.6%
Embrace Familes-Circuit 09 &18 (Seminole County Only)	58.4%	60.3%	57.4%	52.8%	47.5%	50.8%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	52.9%	51.8%	52.9%	47.9%	42.1%	47.1%
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	48.1%	65.6%	56.7%	74.2%	78.9%	73.1%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	60.5%	78.2%	79.3%	74.9%	61.6%	58.7%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	48.1%	58.0%	50.2%	54.5%	52.0%	51.6%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	57.3%	46.8%	44.2%	39.5%	46.5%	44.7%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	84.2%	50.0%	62.7%	48.5%	66.7%	51.5%
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	63.6%	53.4%	53.0%	57.8%	43.5%	50.8%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	64.6%	66.7%	66.7%	68.0%	63.3%	53.1%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	60.4%	49.3%	54.7%	55.7%	51.4%	51.8%
Statewide	56.2%	54.1%	53.4%	54.3%	50.7%	48.9%
Federal Taget 43.6% or Greater	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%	43.6%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1137, "Children Exiting Foster Care to a Permanent Home within 12 Months for Children in Foster Care 12-23 Months" as of 8/2/2021

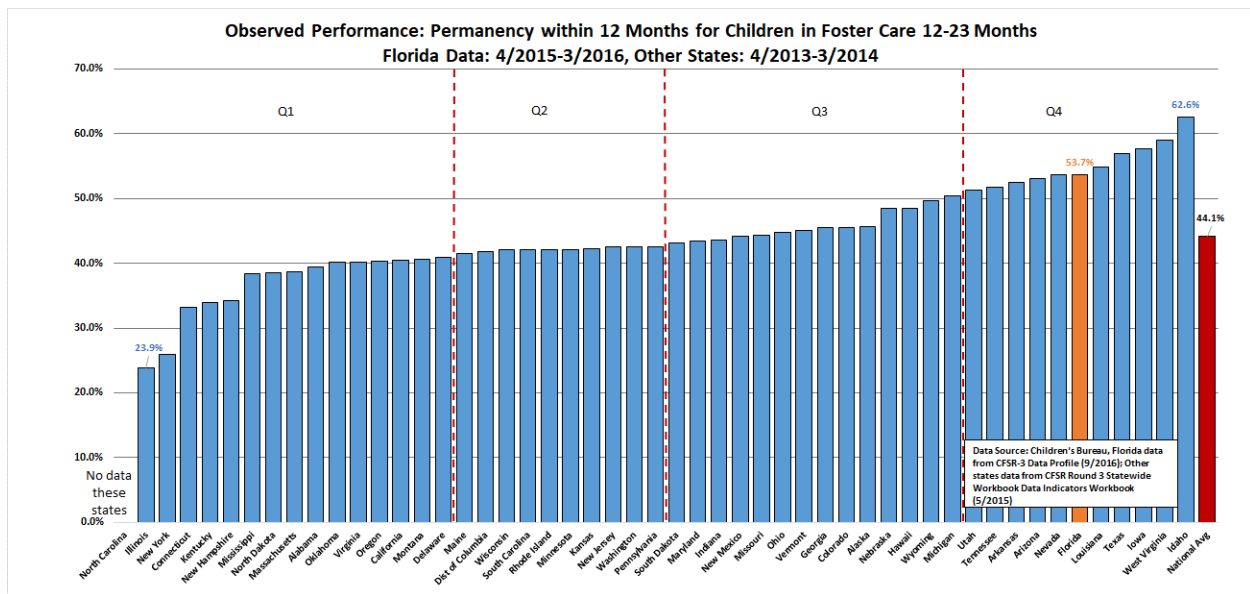# Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Care 24+ Months

This permanency indicator answers the question, "Of all children in care on the first day of a 12-month period, who had been in care (in that episode) for 24 months or more, what percent discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day?"

> Denominator: Number of children in care on the first day of a 12-month period, who had been in care (in that episode) for 24 months or more.
>
> Numerator: Number of children in the denominator who discharged to permanency within 12 months of the first day.

Florida Compared to Other States

The national standards and calculations of state performance for CFSR-3 are being revised; however, Florida's observed (not risk standardized) performance in 2015-16 was above the CFSR-3 initial standard and higher than most states in the comparison period. This is the most recent data available for this indicator.

Observed Performance: Permanency within 12 Months for Children in Foster Care 24+ Months
Florida Data: 4/2015-3/2016, Other States: 4/2013-3/2014

Data Source: Children's Bureau, Florida data from CFSR-3 Data Profile (9/2016); Other states data from CFSR Round 3 Statewide Workbook Data Indicators Workbook (5/2015)
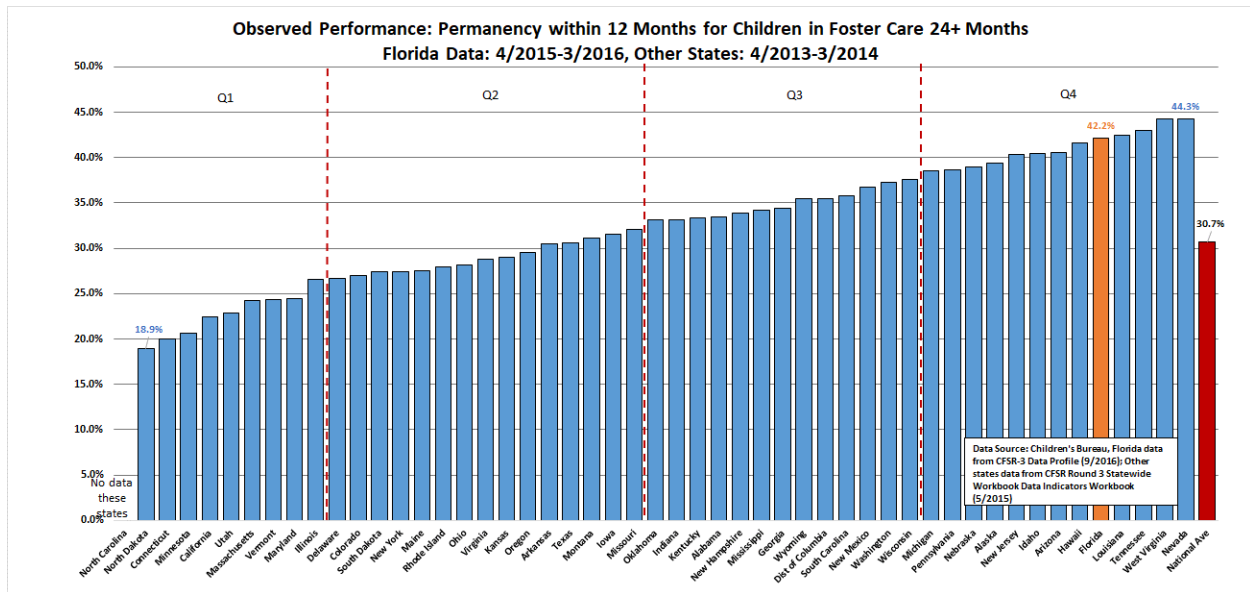
Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Care 24+ Months

Florida Statewide Trend

Florida's performance has improved since the 2013 cohort used for CFSR-3, and is continually above the national standard.

Percentage of Children Achieving Permanency within Twelve Months for Children in Care Twenty-Four or More Months as of July 1 by State Fiscal Year
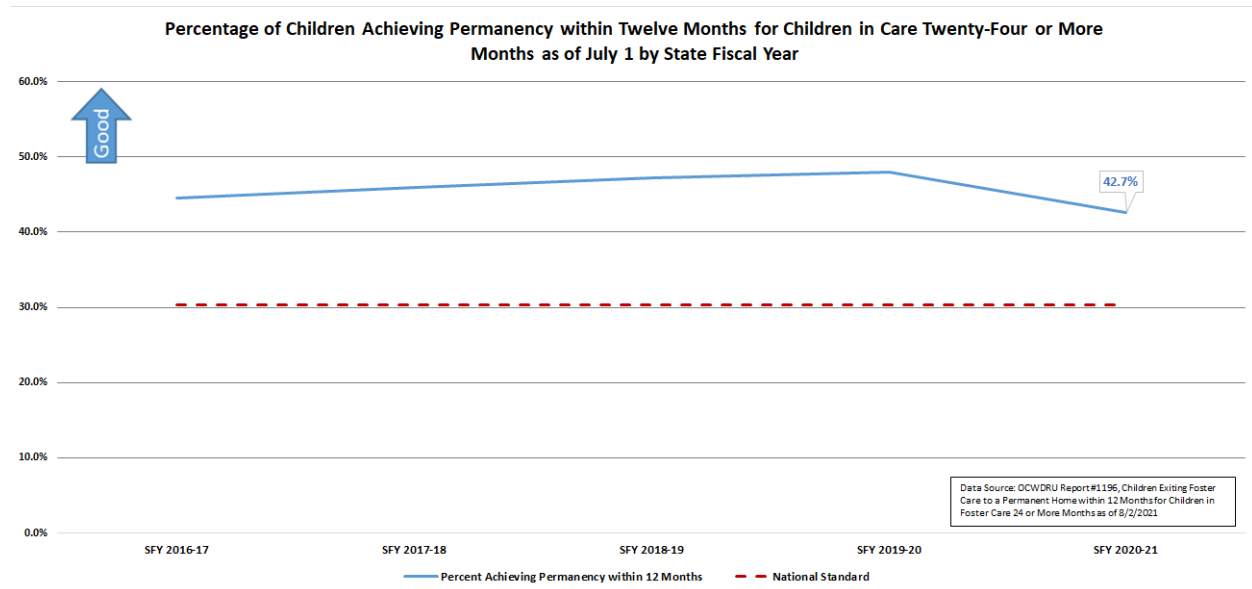
Circuit/CBC Comparisons

There is high performance throughout the state on this measure, with all but two CBCs exceeding the national standard and both of these CBCs currently have an extremely low number of children in OHC.

Percentage of Children Achieving Permanency within 12 Months for Children in Care 24+ Months as of July 1
Federal Target 30.3% or Higher

CBC	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	46.9%	52.4%	46.7%	47.1%	42.5%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	44.5%	39.7%	46.2%	47.5%	39.4%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	36.5%	38.9%	44.0%	40.6%	39.3%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	52.7%	44.2%	40.8%	53.3%	51.1%
Citrus Health Netwrok -Circuits 11 & 16	37.9%	36.0%	36.9%	38.3%	26.6%
Communities Coneted for Kids-Circuit 19	49.5%	53.1%	43.0%	59.3%	48.9%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	52.6%	47.1%	54.5%	61.3%	31.4%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	42.4%	48.4%	48.6%	43.5%	39.8%
Eckerd CommunityAlternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	43.9%	50.8%	42.1%	44.3%	45.5%
Embrace Familes-Circuit 09 &18 (Seminole County Only)	44.0%	49.5%	53.0%	43.6%	48.0%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	46.5%	57.0%	52.6%	54.7%	52.9%
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	42.9%	48.1%	52.9%	55.2%	17.6%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	45.7%	36.9%	42.2%	44.7%	31.1%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	48.6%	54.4%	46.5%	49.4%	42.1%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	46.4%	45.2%	47.0%	50.5%	48.4%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	38.9%	62.8%	48.4%	59.3%	40.0%
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	52.6%	48.5%	58.9%	44.7%	52.0%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	33.3%	34.8%	50.0%	50.4%	41.7%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	43.2%	49.7%	61.3%	53.5%	41.1%
Statewide	**44.5%**	**45.9%**	**47.2%**	**47.9%**	**42.7%**
Federal Target 30.3% or Higher	30.30%	30.30%	30.30%	30.30%	30.30%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1137, "Children Exiting Foster Care to a Permanent Home within 12 Months for Children in Foster Care 12-23 Months" as of 8/2/2021

Re-entry to Foster Care

Areas with high performance on the entry cohort indicator tend to have high re-entry rates.

Re-entry to Foster Care in 12 Months

This permanency indicator is paired with the entry cohort and answers the question, "Of all children who enter care in a 12-month period, who discharged within 12 months to reunification, live with relative, or guardianship, what percent re-entered care within 12 months of their discharge?

> Denominator: Number of children who enter care in a 12-month period, who discharged within 12 months to reunification, live with relative, or guardianship.
> Numerator: Number of children in denominator who re-enter care within 12 mos. of discharge.

Florida Compared to Other States

Florida is firmly in the second quartile among ranked states for this measure.

Percentage of Children that Re-entered Foster Cere within 12 Months of Exiting Care
FFY 2019

Source: US Children's Bureau Report Builder
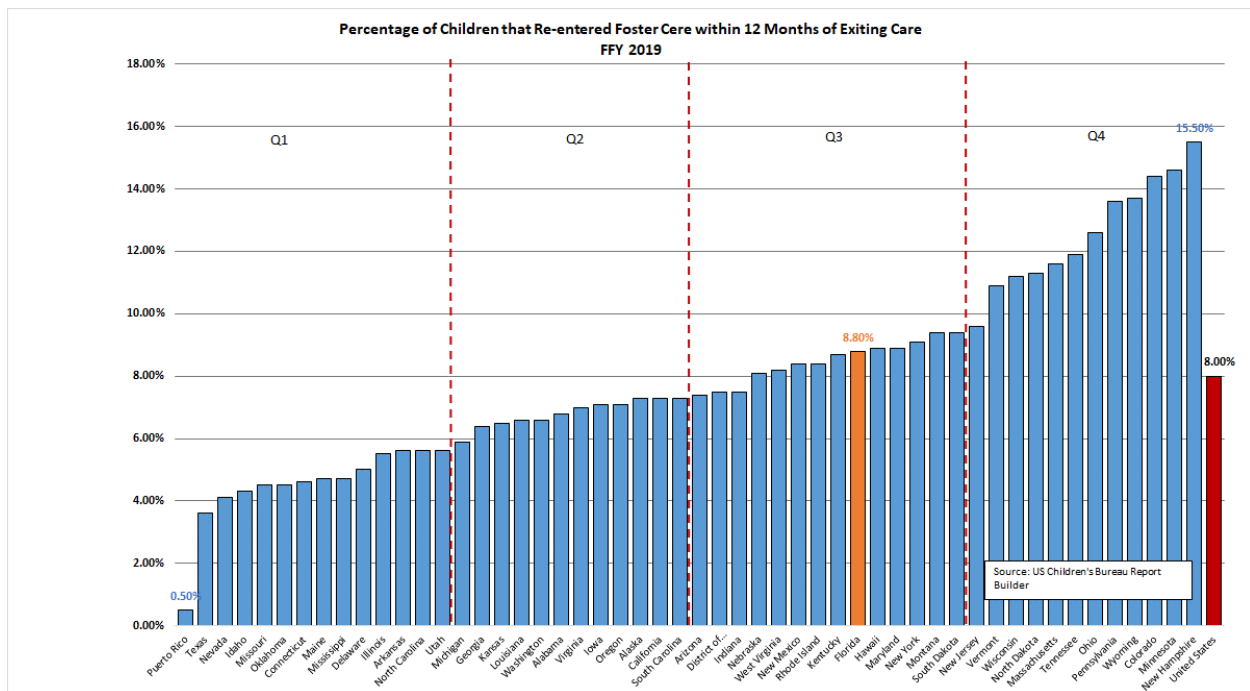
Re-entry to Foster Care in 12 Months

Florida Statewide Trend

Although the national CFSR-3 indicator is the percent that re-entered care (initial standard 8.3 percent), Florida displays the indicator positively as the percent that did not re-enter care (initial standard 91.7 percent). Florida's performance in the SFY 2018-19 entry cohort (with re-entry in 2020/21) was above the federal standard for this metric.

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Ten CBCs were able meet the federal target for the percentage of children that achieved permanency that did not reenter OHC for the SFY 2018-19 entry cohort.

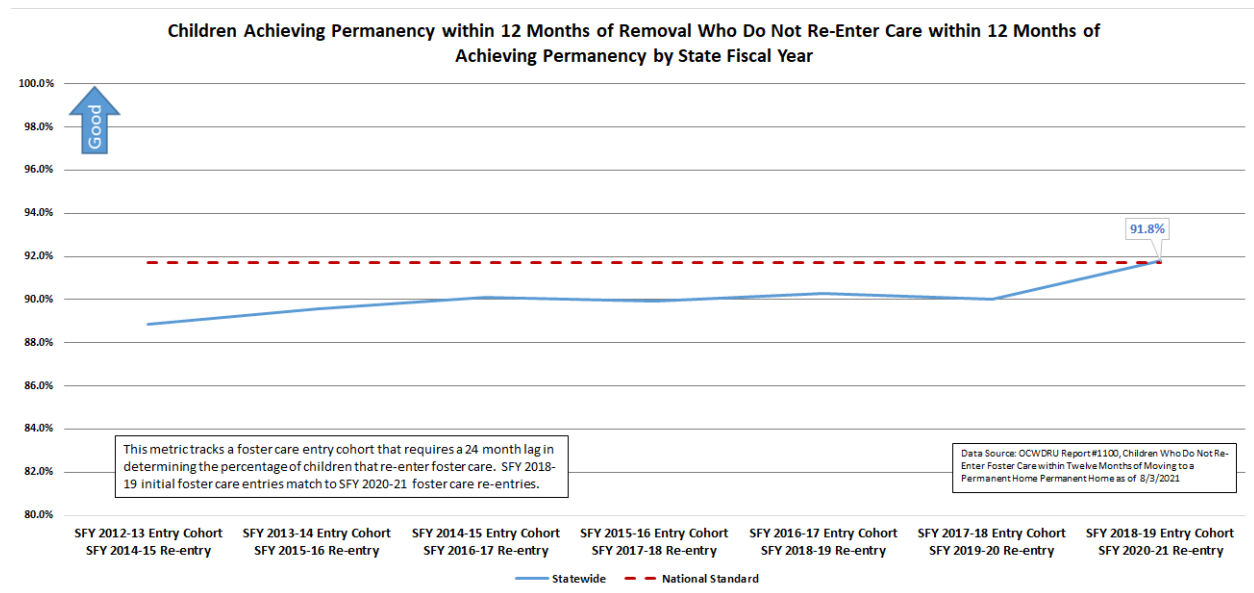| Children Achieving Permanency within 12 Months of Removal Who Do Not Re-Enter Care within 12 Months of Achieving Permanency						
Federal Target 91.7% or Higher						
CBC	SFY 2013-14 Entries	SFY 2014-15 Entries	SFY 2015-16 Entries	SFY 2016-17 Entries	SFY 2017-18 Entries	SFY 2018-19 Entries
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	86.9%	89.2%	88.9%	90.4%	89.2%	93.2%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	91.9%	90.9%	90.3%	90.5%	89.7%	84.8%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	87.2%	88.6%	93.9%	91.6%	90.2%	93.8%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	94.1%	88.9%	91.7%	91.8%	86.8%	94.4%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	89.7%	90.5%	90.0%	91.4%	85.9%	88.1%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	89.0%	92.4%	85.2%	88.7%	90.7%	91.3%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	90.9%	82.9%	83.2%	82.7%	85.9%	88.3%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	87.3%	88.2%	90.6%	89.9%	90.2%	94.8%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	86.9%	91.6%	88.6%	90.1%	90.6%	93.0%
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	87.2%	90.8%	91.3%	89.2%	92.3%	93.6%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	94.1%	91.2%	86.9%	83.8%	92.0%	95.6%
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	88.4%	93.3%	90.5%	94.1%	97.7%	88.7%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	89.3%	90.7%	92.4%	94.7%	89.8%	86.6%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	88.8%	85.1%	85.9%	88.7%	87.2%	92.9%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	92.4%	90.7%	90.1%	94.7%	91.8%	87.6%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	95.0%	90.0%	92.9%	88.9%	97.9%	90.6%
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	89.3%	93.0%	90.8%	86.9%	93.2%	91.0%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	89.6%	95.6%	92.6%	92.9%	91.6%	93.2%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	90.8%	91.8%	91.7%	90.3%	90.2%	92.4%
Statewide	89.6%	90.1%	89.9%	90.3%	90.0%	91.8%
Federal Target 91.7% or Higher	91.70%	91.70%	91.70%	91.70%	91.70%	91.70%
Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1100, Children Who Do Not Re-Enter Foster Care within Twelve Months of Moving to a Permanent Home Permanent Home as of 8/3/2021						

Drivers of Timely Permanency

Caseworker Visits with Children in Care

According to the Children's Bureau, achieving permanency in a timely manner for children in foster care can be linked in part to the frequency and quality of caseworker visits with children. During the first and second rounds of the CFSR, an association was found between caseworker visits measures and positive outcomes for children in foster care. For example, frequent contact between the caseworker and the child was associated with better ratings on the CFSR Permanency Outcome 1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

Title IV-B of the Social Security Act requires states to collect data on monthly caseworker visits for children in foster care. The caseworker visit data includes the percentage of children visited each full month they were in care, as well as the proportion of those visits that occurred in the homes where the children were then living.

Percentage of Children Receiving Monthly Caseworker Visits

This federal indicator answers the question, "Of the children in care, what percent received monthly caseworker visits?"

    Denominator: The number of complete calendar months all children in the reporting population spent in care. This denominator, expressed in "visit months," is aggregated over all children and refers to the number of months in which visits should have occurred.
    Numerator: The number of monthly caseworker visits made to the children in the reporting population, where if a child is visited more than once in a month, only one visit is counted.

Florida Compared to Other States

Florida consistently performs well for case management visits with children. The chart below includes the most recent FFY data available for this indicator.
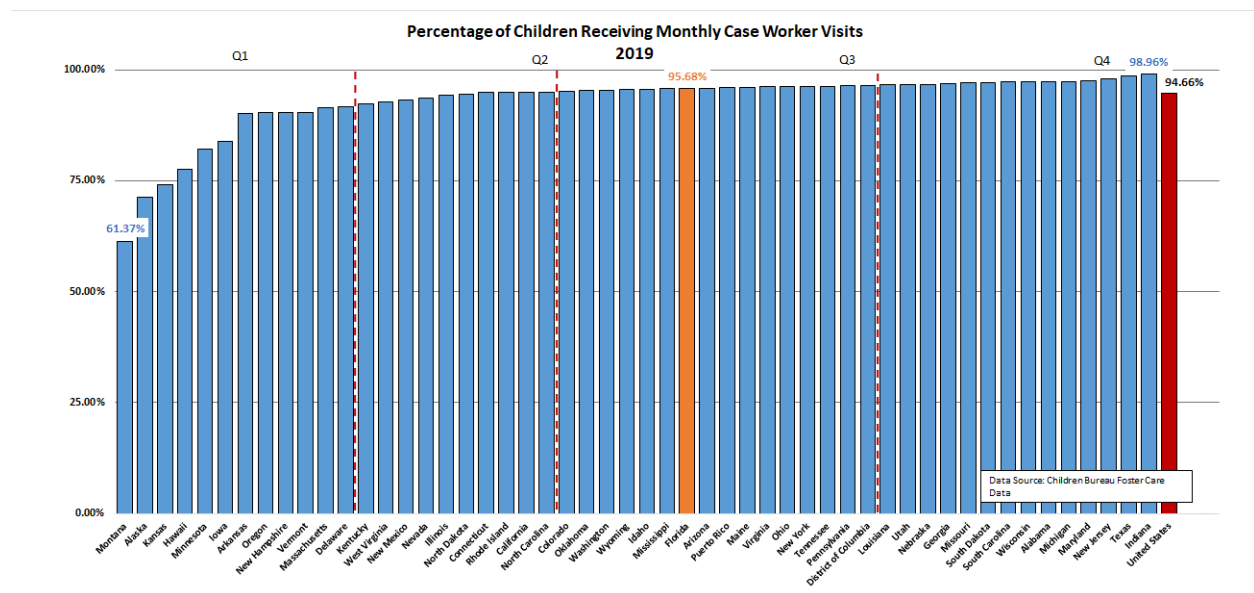
Percentage of Monthly Visits that Occurred in the Home of the Child

This related federal indicator answers the question, "Of the children visited, what percent of the visits were in the home of the child?"

>Denominator: The number of monthly caseworker visits made to children in the reporting population – the numerator of the last indicator.

>Numerator: The number of monthly visits made to children in the reporting population that occurred in the child's home.

Florida Compared to Other States

Florida is among the nationwide leaders when comparing the percentage of monthly visits that were made in the child's home. Below includes the most recent FFY data available for this indicator.
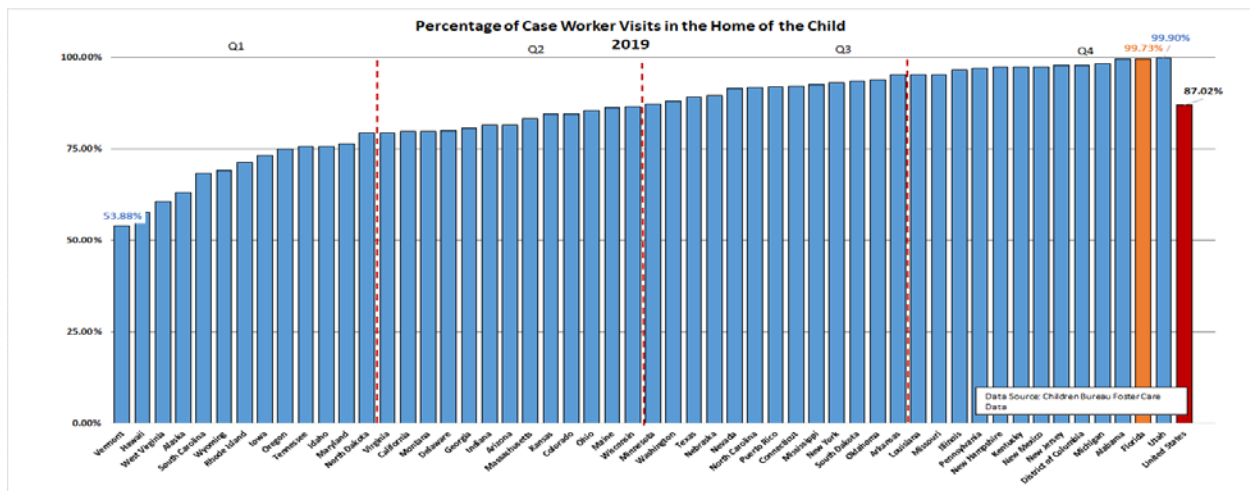
Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Florida's exemplary performance is consistent throughout the state. Florida's similar indicator measures percent of visits completed within 30 days of the last visit and hovers at or just slightly below the 99.5 percent target with the majority of CBCs exceeding the target.

CBC	FY 2017 Q1	FY 2017 Q2	FY 2017 Q3	FY 2017 Q4	FY 2018 Q1	FY 2018 Q2	FY 2018 Q3	FY 2018 Q4	FY 2019 Q1	FY 2019 Q2	FY 2019 Q3	FY 2019 Q4	FY 2020 Q1	FY 2020 Q2	FY 2020 Q3	FY 2020 Q4	FY 2021 Q1	FY 2021 Q2	FY 2021 Q3	FY 2021 Q4
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	99.81%	99.71%	99.75%	99.64%	99.49%	99.43%	99.42%	99.43%	99.50%	99.46%	99.42%	99.48%	99.59%	99.75%	99.80%	99.85%	99.90%	99.91%	99.90%	99.87%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	99.87%	99.90%	99.89%	99.92%	99.90%	99.91%	99.84%	99.76%	99.73%	99.72%	99.79%	99.86%	99.88%	99.89%	99.86%	99.82%	99.74%	99.78%	99.80%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	99.94%	99.80%	99.78%	99.72%	99.72%	99.78%	99.81%	99.88%	99.90%	99.93%	99.97%	99.97%	99.91%	99.90%	99.89%	99.87%	99.69%	99.53%	99.61%	99.64%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	99.63%	99.67%	99.64%	99.70%	99.72%	99.70%	99.72%	99.75%	99.78%	99.81%	99.85%	99.87%	99.90%	99.87%	99.89%	99.94%	99.96%	99.97%	99.93%	99.95%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	99.45%	99.53%	99.53%	99.58%	99.51%	99.49%	99.50%	99.53%	99.52%	99.45%	99.35%	99.47%	99.46%	99.61%	99.69%	99.73%	99.75%	99.73%	99.73%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	99.91%	99.92%	99.91%	99.91%	99.92%	99.91%	99.88%	99.87%	99.84%	99.80%	99.77%	99.76%	99.54%	99.41%	99.41%	99.51%	99.66%	99.72%	99.74%	99.69%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	99.12%	99.24%	99.27%	99.25%	99.16%	99.18%	99.20%	99.17%	99.24%	99.28%	99.36%	99.56%	99.71%	99.78%	99.74%	99.69%	99.51%	98.99%	99.05%	99.04%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	99.92%	99.92%	99.92%	99.91%	99.89%	99.85%	99.77%	99.73%	99.71%	99.70%	99.71%	99.71%	99.69%	99.68%	99.69%	99.73%	99.80%	99.81%	99.73%	99.50%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	99.76%	99.78%	99.78%	99.79%	99.79%	99.77%	99.76%	99.73%	99.71%	99.68%	99.64%	99.65%	99.69%	99.60%	99.66%	99.64%	99.68%	99.70%	99.59%	99.35%
Embrace Families-Circuit 09 & Circuit 18 (Seminole County Only)	99.48%	99.52%	99.49%	99.51%	99.53%	99.60%	99.61%	99.60%	99.60%	99.61%	99.59%	99.57%	99.73%	99.62%	99.44%	99.26%	99.17%	99.18%	99.24%	99.19%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	99.57%	99.59%	99.54%	99.56%	99.61%	99.65%	99.64%	99.53%	99.40%	99.41%	99.42%	99.52%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.48%	99.52%	99.51%	99.55%	99.61%
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	99.61%	99.78%	99.79%	99.98%	99.98%	99.95%	99.95%	99.96%	99.98%	99.99%	99.99%	99.99%	100.00%	99.63%	99.95%	99.95%	99.95%	99.99%	99.99%	99.95%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	99.73%	99.70%	99.67%	99.69%	99.77%	99.76%	99.79%	99.77%	99.74%	99.74%	99.74%	99.71%	99.77%	99.76%	99.73%	99.69%	99.74%	99.76%	99.76%	99.75%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	99.93%	99.94%	99.95%	99.95%	99.94%	99.94%	99.95%	99.95%	99.93%	99.90%	99.90%	99.91%	99.92%	99.91%	99.93%	99.93%	99.95%	99.94%	99.92%	99.55%	99.94%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	99.48%	99.57%	99.53%	99.59%	99.63%	99.63%	99.59%	99.53%	99.55%	99.60%	99.62%	99.68%	99.73%	99.88%	99.85%	99.83%	99.82%	99.75%	99.77%	99.72%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	99.96%	99.06%	99.93%	99.80%	99.58%	99.49%	99.48%	99.58%	99.76%	99.86%	99.92%	99.93%	99.96%	99.93%	99.87%	99.81%	99.70%	99.30%	98.22%	57.11%
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	99.88%	99.86%	99.85%	99.83%	99.84%	99.80%	99.73%	99.63%	99.48%	99.40%	99.27%	99.24%	99.38%	99.37%	99.51%	99.56%	99.33%	99.14%	99.35%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	99.18%	99.25%	99.22%	99.31%	99.38%	99.36%	99.40%	99.40%	99.46%	99.47%	99.43%	99.37%	99.80%	99.75%	99.79%	99.70%	99.80%	99.74%	99.74%	99.77%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	99.84%	99.83%	99.83%	99.81%	99.81%	99.74%	99.68%	99.59%	99.57%	99.64%	99.70%	99.81%	99.85%	99.82%	99.76%	99.76%	99.74%	99.71%	99.80%	99.53%
Statewide	99.05%	99.10%	99.11%	99.12%	99.09%	99.09%	99.09%	99.06%	99.09%	99.09%	99.11%	99.16%	99.25%	99.38%	99.43%	99.48%	99.60%	99.54%	99.51%	99.44%
DCF Target 99.5% or Higher	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%	99.50%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1106, "Rate of Abuse or Neglect Per Days in Foster Care" as of 8/2/2021

Children's Legal Services Indicators

Judicial handling time is key to timely permanency and there is wide variation among the circuits.

Reunification Goal after 15 Months & No Termination of Parental Rights Activity

Florida Statewide Trend

The statewide average was 6.1 percent on June 30, 2021. There was moderate change within this metric from SFY 2019-20 (5.68 percent).
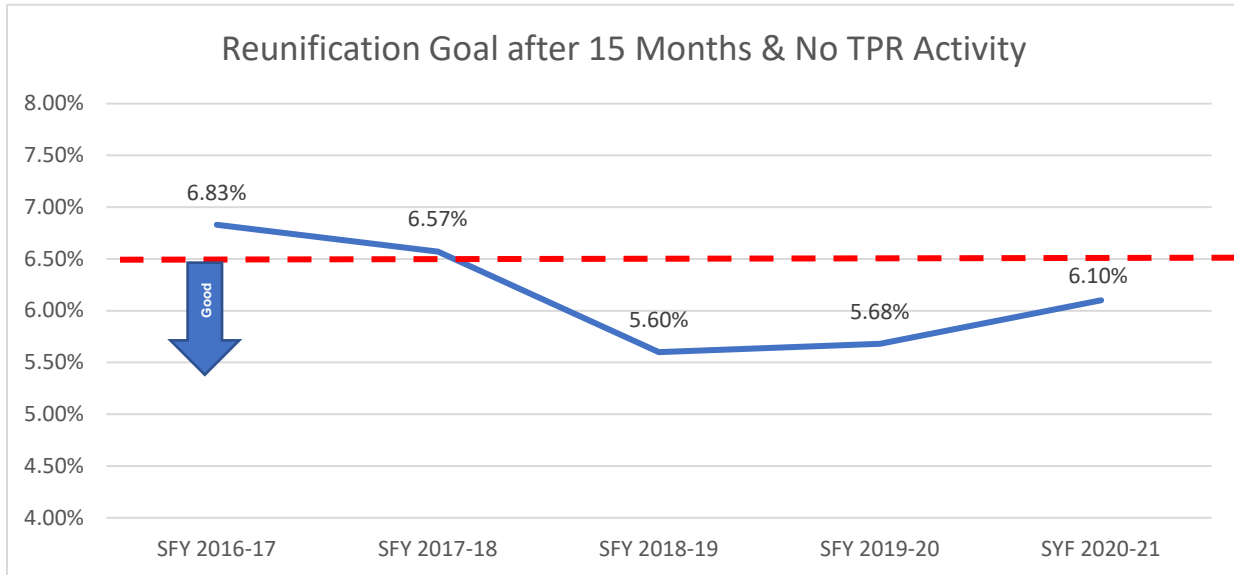
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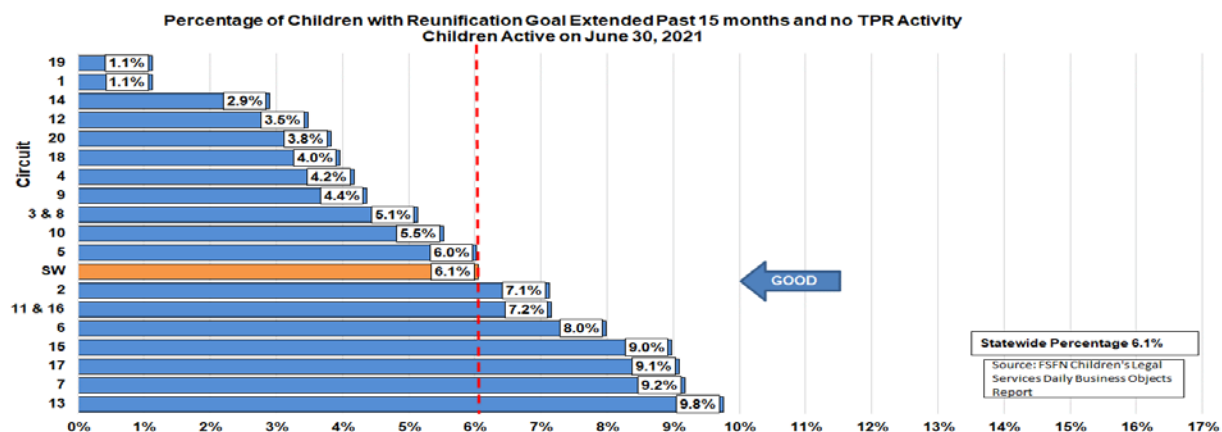
Timeliness of Termination of Parental Rights, from Petition to Order

Florida Statewide Trend

The statewide median was 211 days in SFY 2020-21. There was a significant increase within this metric with the median days being 172 in SFY 2019-20.
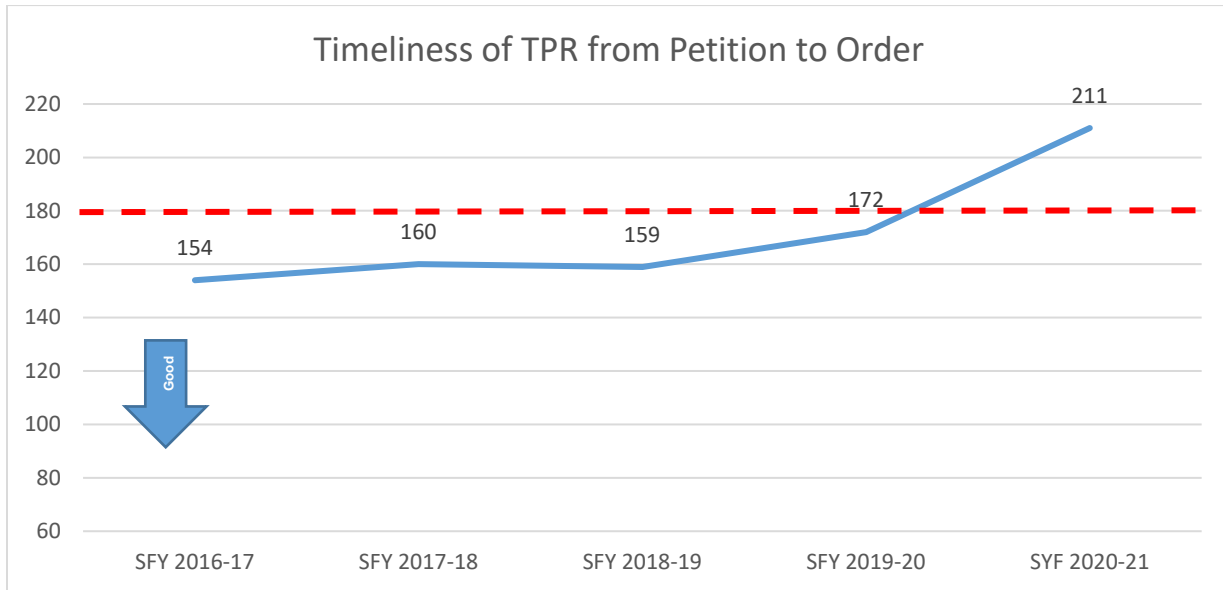
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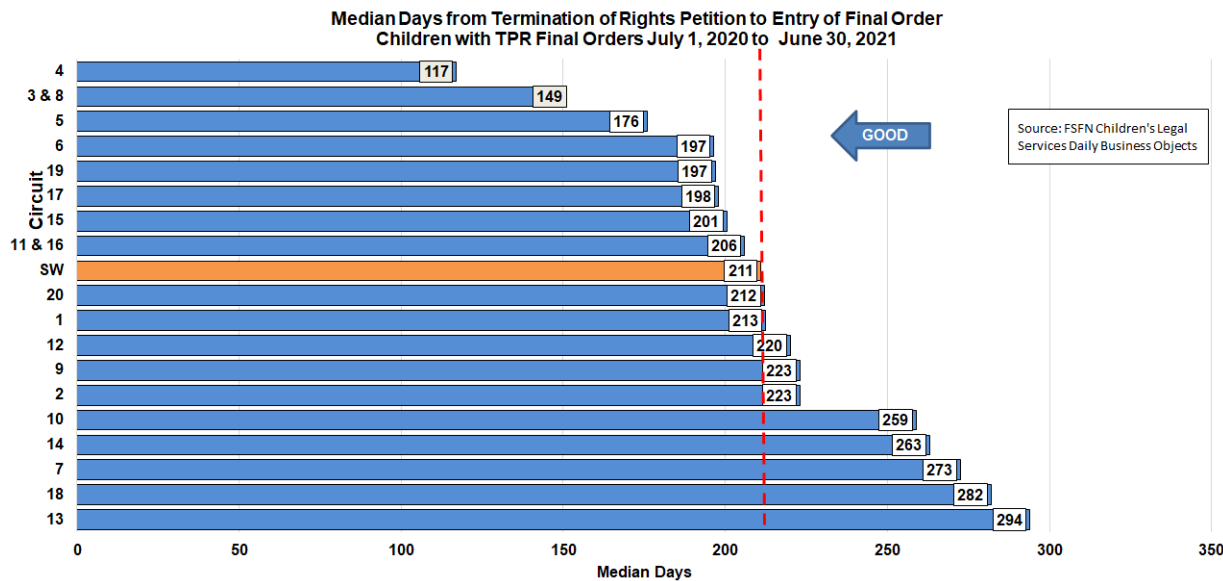
Time from Removal Date to Disposition Order

Florida Statewide Trend

The statewide median was 70 days in SFY 2020-21, compared to a statewide target of less than 90 days. There was a significant increase within this metric with the median days being 56 in SFY 2019-20.

Time from Removal Date to Disposition Order

Circuit Comparisons

Median Number of Days from Shelter to Disposition
Children with Disposition July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

SW Target: Under 90 Days

Source: FSFN Children's Legal Services Daily Business Objects Report

Well-Being of Children in Out-of-Home Care

Appropriate Placements for Children Removed from Families

Trends and Variations in Placement Types

Federal law requires that a case plan be designed to achieve a safe placement in the least restrictive (most family-like) setting available and in close proximity to the home of the parent(s) when the goal is reunification. When children must be removed, priority is given to placement with kin, both relatives and unrelated persons, with significant relationship to the child before removal.

Florida Statewide Trend

Since SFY 2016-17 OHC numbers and placement type usage has been fairly stable. SFY 2019-20 changes related to categorization of licensed relative and nonrelative placements as licensed relative and nonrelative foster homes have created the recent trend of decreasing relative and nonrelative care, and increasing family licensed care placements. In general, the number of children placed in traditional foster home has remained fairly stable.

Number of Children in Out of Home Care by Placement Type as of the Last Day of the Month — Statewide
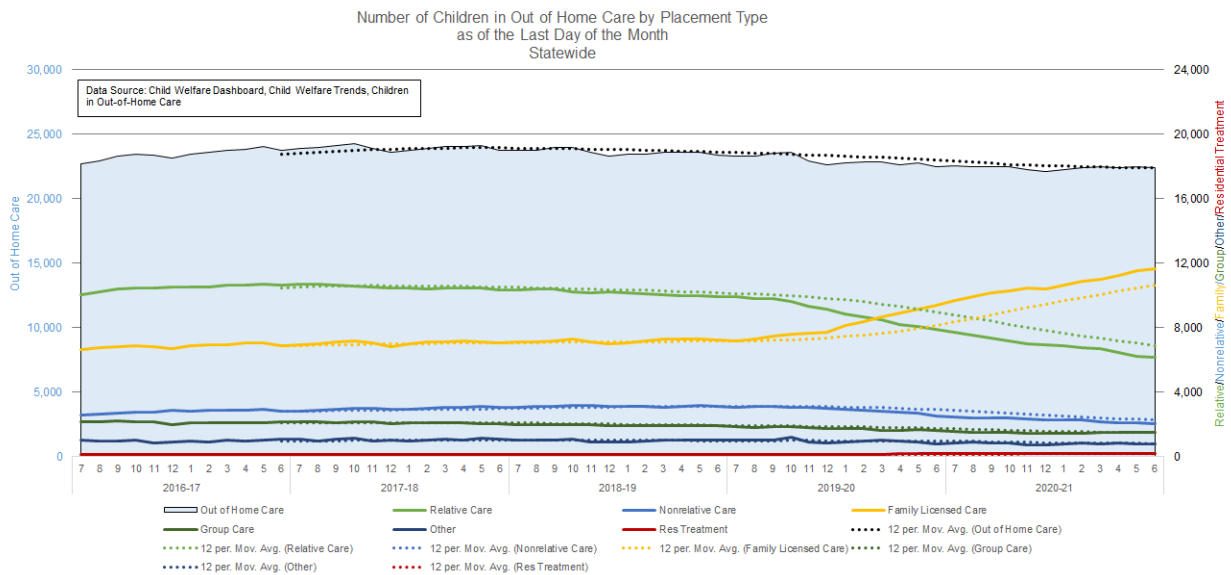
Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Statewide, there is a wide range in use of kinship care, the benefits of which include reduced trauma, maintained familial connections, and reduced costs of care.

	Average Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Placement Type by SFY														
	No DCF Targets														
	SFY 2016-17			SFY 2017-18			SFY 2018-19			SFY 2019-20			SFY 2020-21		
CBC	Percentage Relative and Nonrelative Care	Percentage Family Lic and Facility Lic Care	Percentage Other	Percentage Relative and Nonrelative Care	Percentage Family Lic and Facility Lic Care	Percentage Other	Percentage Relative and Nonrelative Care	Percentage Family Lic and Facility Lic Care	Percentage Other	Percentage Relative and Nonrelative Care	Percentage Family Lic and Facility Lic Care	Percentage Other	Percentage Relative and Nonrelative Care	Percentage Family Lic and Facility Lic Care	Percentage Other
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	62.83%	33.04%	4.13%	61.61%	33.15%	5.25%	58.30%	36.02%	5.68%	58.85%	36.40%	4.75%	50.09%	65.84%	3.81%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	52.02%	42.46%	5.52%	52.49%	42.50%	5.01%	53.41%	41.94%	4.65%	45.26%	48.81%	5.93%	35.66%	34.83%	5.27%
ChildNet Palm Beach Circuit 15	50.72%	42.42%	6.86%	48.87%	43.75%	7.39%	53.39%	40.07%	6.54%	53.59%	41.26%	5.15%	35.97%	75.06%	4.06%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	52.83%	42.06%	5.11%	52.96%	42.59%	4.45%	51.53%	43.27%	5.20%	47.15%	47.55%	5.29%	29.07%	40.83%	4.55%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	52.06%	42.10%	5.84%	49.77%	44.23%	6.00%	46.90%	47.36%	5.75%	38.55%	55.62%	5.84%	48.99%	73.49%	6.69%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	56.44%	36.21%	7.34%	59.11%	34.10%	6.80%	58.29%	35.97%	5.74%	55.00%	38.35%	6.65%	49.37%	118.09%	5.04%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	61.83%	33.44%	4.73%	58.37%	36.11%	5.52%	56.20%	38.30%	5.50%	52.47%	40.78%	6.75%	18.64%	26.09%	4.81%
Eckerd Community-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	59.49%	37.47%	3.04%	57.42%	39.25%	3.33%	56.65%	40.36%	3.00%	51.63%	44.20%	4.17%	21.38%	25.70%	4.80%
Eckerd Community-Pasco and Pinellas-Circuit 06	53.11%	41.19%	5.70%	55.93%	38.77%	5.30%	53.83%	41.39%	4.77%	53.22%	42.91%	3.87%	42.86%	58.37%	4.00%
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	59.19%	36.61%	4.20%	60.06%	35.14%	4.80%	63.80%	31.76%	4.45%	56.89%	38.31%	4.79%	54.08%	69.89%	3.64%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	50.94%	43.71%	5.35%	53.75%	40.53%	5.71%	55.10%	40.83%	4.07%	54.02%	41.27%	4.71%	57.44%	64.38%	4.73%
St Johns Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	65.22%	31.06%	3.71%	54.05%	40.21%	5.74%	64.38%	31.85%	3.77%	51.80%	43.48%	4.71%	376.71%	414.92%	3.68%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	49.06%	43.31%	7.62%	49.20%	41.09%	9.71%	50.36%	39.31%	10.33%	43.50%	46.43%	10.06%	5.78%	11.36%	7.90%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	63.66%	32.50%	3.84%	65.10%	30.65%	4.25%	64.07%	30.85%	5.08%	57.27%	38.79%	3.94%	25.45%	42.98%	3.92%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	57.05%	40.45%	2.50%	55.81%	40.71%	3.48%	57.17%	39.80%	3.03%	51.81%	45.12%	3.08%	36.64%	43.84%	3.09%
Kids First, Inc. Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	62.90%	33.51%	3.59%	66.95%	28.84%	4.21%	64.15%	32.65%	3.20%	56.15%	39.26%	4.59%	224.77%	246.61%	3.94%
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 & 14	60.80%	36.23%	2.98%	59.99%	35.98%	4.04%	59.34%	36.70%	3.97%	54.86%	41.79%	3.35%	11.03%	19.77%	2.84%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	68.02%	26.24%	5.75%	66.12%	28.01%	5.87%	63.27%	30.18%	6.55%	55.88%	37.35%	6.77%	46.40%	48.01%	5.59%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	61.70%	34.40%	3.90%	60.83%	35.08%	4.09%	39.06%	36.43%	4.52%	52.00%	43.60%	4.34%	42.82%	51.53%	5.65%
Statewide	56.72%	38.48%	4.81%	56.48%	38.43%	5.09%	56.37%	38.78%	4.85%	51.91%	43.13%	4.96%	41.06%	54.36%	4.58%
No DCF Targets	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source: Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Children in Out of Home Care

Stable Placements that Maintain Connections

Placement Stability

In October 2016, the Children's Bureau issued Technical Bulletin #9 (http://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/cfsr-technical-bulletin-9), which alerted states to the fact that there were technical errors in the syntax used to calculate the national and state performance data related to placement moves per 1,000 days in foster care. State comparison data associated with the percentage of children with two or fewer placement moves as of September 30, 2019 is provided below as a surrogate measure for state-to-state comparison around the issue of placement stability while in foster care.

Florida Compared to Other States

Placement stability as measured by the percentage of children in care with two or fewer placement moves indicates that Florida was firmly in the second quartile of ranked states for the most recent available FFY data.

Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care with Two or Fewer Placement Moves 2019
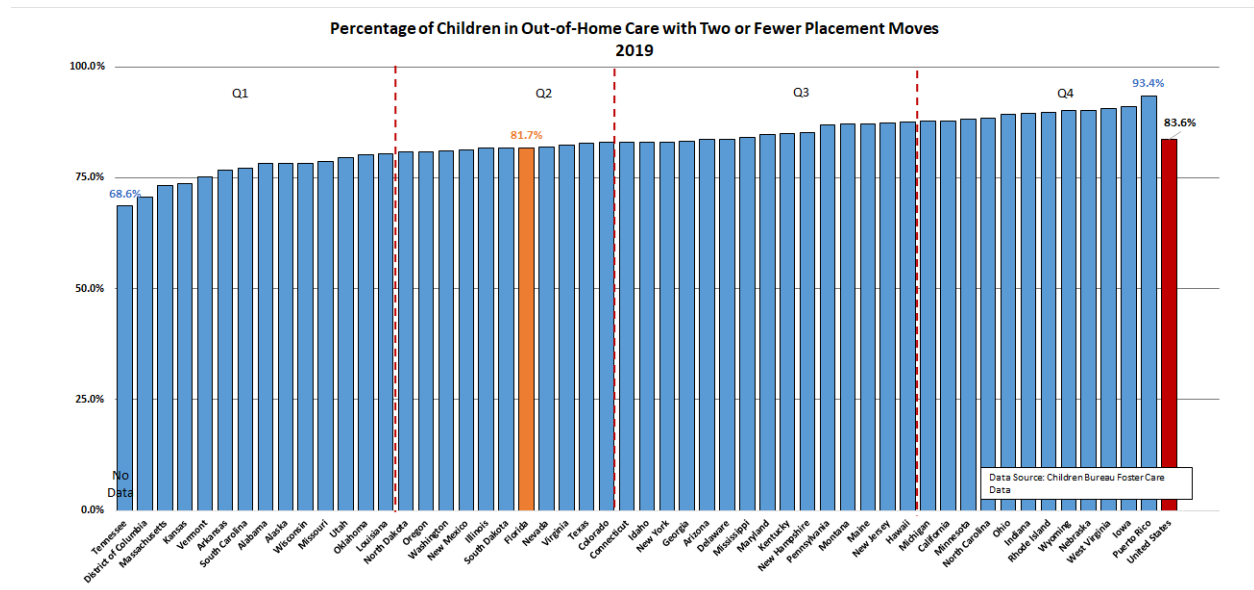
Placement Stability

Florida Statewide Trend
In SFY 2020-21, statewide performance was better than the national standard of 4.12 moves per 1,000 days in foster care.

Circuit/CBC Comparisons
Fourteen CBCs were below the federal target of 4.12 and only one CBC (Eckerd Community Alternatives – Pasco/Pinellas) was more than 1.00 from meeting the target for this metric.

Placement Moves per 1,000 Days in Foster Care for Children Entering Care July 1 to June 30
Federal Target of 4.12 or Less

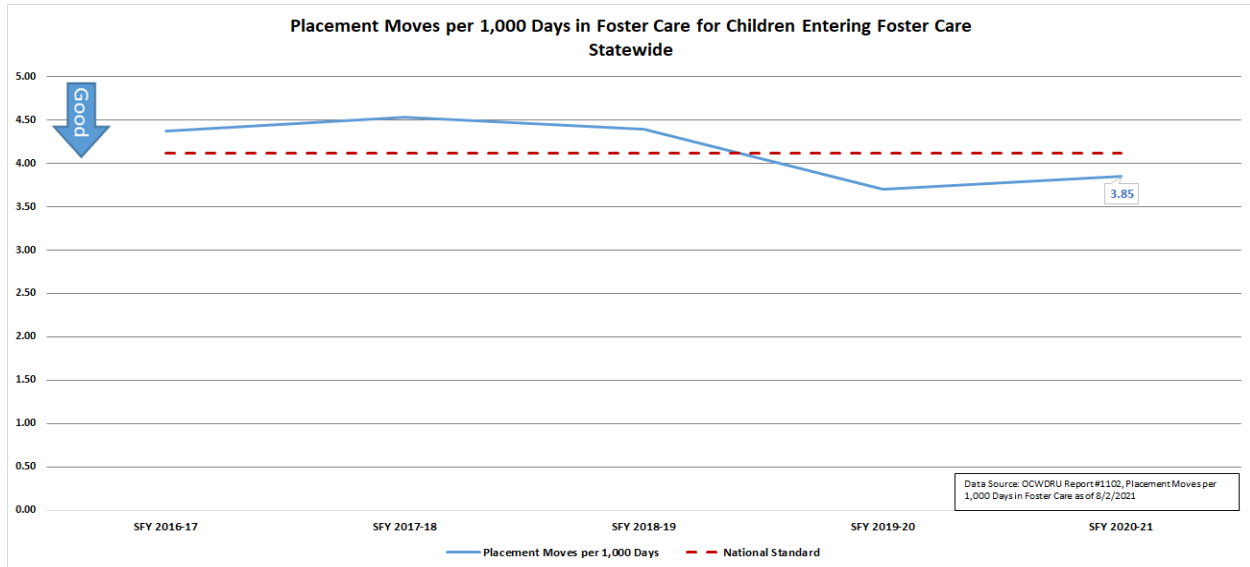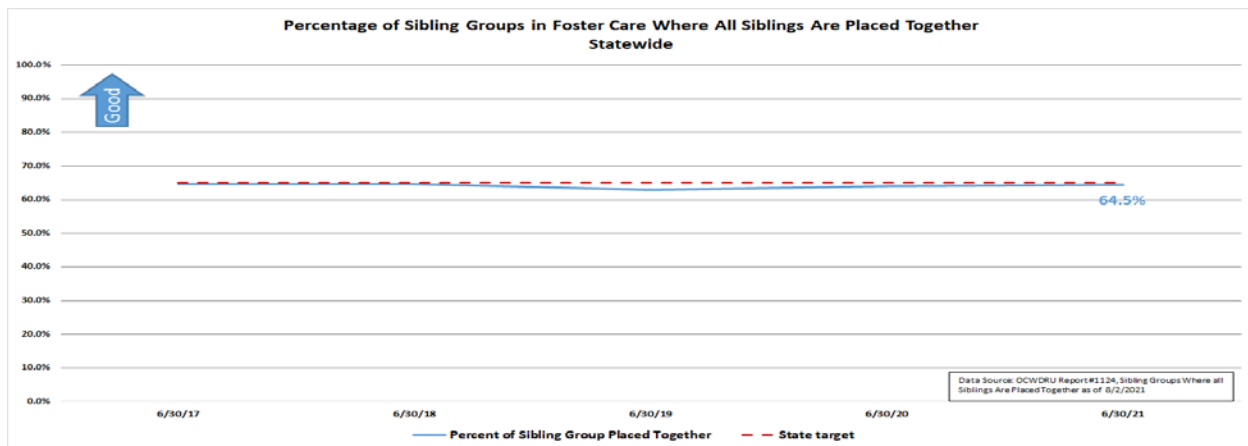| CBC	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	3.51	3.08	3.30	3.26	2.95	2.96
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	3.46	3.29	3.55	3.33	3.13	3.44
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	3.35	3.39	4.90	4.08	2.76	2.88
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	5.63	6.56	5.01	4.35	3.77	3.34
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	5.13	5.00	5.72	5.10	4.05	3.41
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	3.52	3.99	3.29	3.74	3.38	3.80
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	3.21	3.58	3.45	3.09	2.70	2.52
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	3.60	4.37	4.62	6.46	4.59	5.51
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	5.58	5.22	7.09	6.10	5.34	4.53
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	3.56	4.42	4.51	3.43	3.26	3.67
Families First Network-Circuit 01	5.69	6.16	6.43	7.24	4.75	4.93
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	2.72	3.73	3.29	2.28	3.67	2.85
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	3.71	3.90	3.26	3.62	3.49	3.25
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	3.60	4.47	3.90	3.69	3.61	4.57
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	2.44	1.43	3.59	3.27	3.10	3.45
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	2.95	2.82	2.82	3.00	2.92	2.75
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	3.43	3.49	4.20	3.41	3.64	3.22
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	3.28	4.12	3.87	3.70	3.08	4.53
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	4.33	4.34	3.79	4.36	3.82	3.82
Statewide	4.05	4.38	4.53	4.39	3.70	3.85
Federal Target of 4.12 or Less	4.12	4.12	4.12	4.12	4.12	4.12

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1102, Placement Moves per 1,000 Days in Foster Care as of 8/2/2021

Percent of Siblings Placed Together

Our understanding of sibling relationships and the role they play in the lives of children in foster care has deepened over the past decade. Research has demonstrated that sibling relationships are important to children's development and emotional well-being. Sibling relationships are now understood as playing a vital role in helping children achieve developmental milestones and in providing emotional support, companionship, and comfort in times of change. These relationships are crucial for children and youth in foster care as siblings often are the "family" that they can claim and that can provide them with a sense of identity and belonging.

Florida Statewide Trend
Statewide performance for this measure has been stable over the last five SFYs and closed SFY 2020-21 slightly below Florida's own standard of 65 percent.

Circuit/CBC Comparisons
Nine of the 19 CBCs closed SFY 2020-21 at or above the 65 percent standard.

Percentage of Sibling Groups in Foster Care Where All Siblings Are Placed Together by State Fiscal Year
DCF Target of 65.0% or Higher

CBC	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	65.3%	59.4%	56.3%	65.9%	67.2%	66.8%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	58.4%	58.5%	59.8%	63.7%	61.9%	70.0%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	59.4%	58.5%	62.0%	57.5%	61.5%	69.2%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	63.2%	61.5%	61.5%	66.9%	68.3%	64.4%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	56.3%	60.3%	55.6%	52.8%	57.6%	60.8%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	69.1%	73.2%	79.4%	68.2%	63.3%	60.2%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	63.2%	60.3%	60.8%	63.2%	69.7%	66.5%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	69.6%	63.9%	63.9%	57.3%	60.5%	60.1%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	62.8%	67.1%	64.6%	60.9%	59.8%	60.9%
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	61.6%	63.2%	66.0%	61.5%	64.3%	65.5%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	67.5%	65.1%	64.6%	61.3%	63.3%	63.5%
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	68.6%	69.6%	65.9%	71.1%	64.6%	80.0%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	72.1%	71.6%	73.1%	66.5%	66.7%	58.2%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	59.6%	63.0%	61.6%	65.6%	60.9%	62.7%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	75.3%	72.0%	75.0%	72.9%	73.1%	73.0%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	64.4%	70.8%	72.0%	68.1%	67.4%	71.1%
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	67.5%	65.1%	64.6%	61.3%	63.3%	63.5%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	66.0%	66.2%	64.1%	59.4%	65.3%	64.1%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	72.6%	71.0%	71.6%	63.7%	63.1%	67.8%
Statewide	**64.6%**	**64.7%**	**64.6%**	**62.9%**	**64.0%**	**64.5%**
DCF Target of 65.0% or Higher	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%	65.0%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1124, Sibling Groups Where all Siblings Are Placed Together as of 8/2/2021

Proximity of Placement to Community of Removal

Normalcy for foster children, maintenance of family connections, parent-child visitation, and school stability require that children be placed in proximity of the neighborhood or community of removal. Keeping the child in the same community from which the child was removed will also promote family reunification.

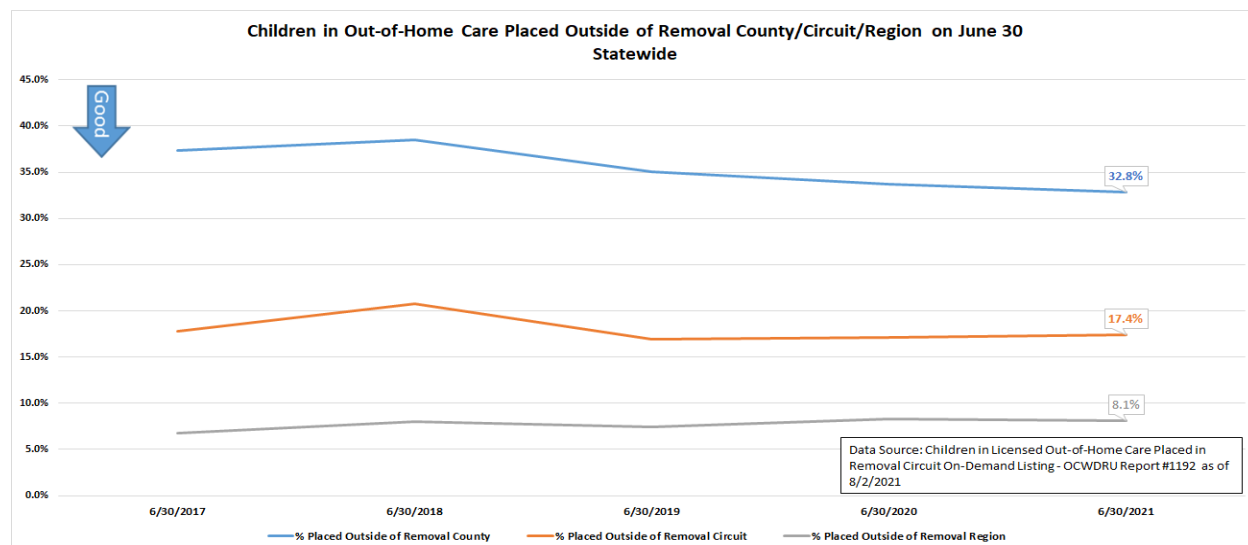Title IV-E of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 674) requires:

> "A plan for ensuring the educational stability of the child while in foster care, including . . . assurances that each placement of the child in foster care takes into account the appropriateness of the current educational setting and the proximity to the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of placement; and an assurance [of coordination with] local educational agencies . . . to ensure that the child remains in the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of each placement," and that "each child has a case plan designed to achieve placement in a safe setting that is the least restrictive (most family like) and most appropriate setting available and in close proximity to the parents' home, consistent with the best interest and special needs of the child."

Some states use Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to organize and analyze data in terms of geographic location. Most often a visual representation of the data is developed by plotting the data points on a map. For many foster care agencies nationwide, GIS is a powerful tool: it can help agency staff track the location of available foster homes, map the locations of schools and their catchment areas, and allow foster family recruiters to focus their efforts on the areas with the greatest need. Other states focus on recruiting and maintaining foster families within the school districts, with a focus on recruiting in the towns with the highest removal rates, reaching out to principals and administrators of schools to help raise awareness about the need for foster families.

Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed Outside Removal Circuit and County

Florida Statewide Trend

In the last five years, there has been a reduction in the percent of children placed outside their removal county and circuit; while the percent of children placed outside of their removal circuit has been generally stable.

Children in Out-of-Home Care Placed Outside of Removal County/Circuit/Region on June 30
Statewide

Data Source: Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed in Removal Circuit On-Demand Listing - OCWDRU Report #1192 as of 8/2/2021

Proximity of Placement to Community of Removal

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed Outside Removal County

There is wide variation across circuits, with urban areas generally placing more children *within* their removal county, and circuits with larger rural areas placing more children *outside* their removal county.

Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed Outside Removal County on June 30
No DCF Target

Region	Circuit	6/30/2016	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021
Northwest	Circuit 01	52.9%	55.3%	53.8%	57.4%	51.0%	52.26%
Northwest	Circuit 02	48.3%	40.8%	47.6%	45.2%	43.9%	42.31%
Northwest	Circuit 14	63.6%	67.0%	68.1%	70.2%	57.8%	45.71%
Northeast	Circuit 03	82.0%	92.5%	95.3%	88.1%	66.7%	71.84%
Northeast	Circuit 04	22.9%	19.6%	18.5%	15.4%	20.0%	21.35%
Northeast	Circuit 07	33.8%	30.7%	41.0%	41.2%	41.8%	42.27%
Northeast	Circuit 08	67.9%	77.1%	70.4%	62.5%	44.1%	46.63%
Central	Circuit 05	60.4%	62.5%	63.2%	55.0%	46.1%	47.77%
Central	Circuit 09	56.3%	49.4%	53.9%	42.4%	42.5%	40.31%
Central	Circuit 10	32.1%	25.3%	25.8%	25.8%	23.6%	29.46%
Central	Circuit 18	27.1%	22.9%	27.0%	23.4%	23.4%	24.52%
SunCoast	Circuit 06	46.2%	47.2%	48.9%	50.0%	49.9%	45.27%
SunCoast	Circuit 12	61.3%	52.0%	55.0%	44.2%	47.4%	42.86%
SunCoast	Circuit 13	24.5%	20.0%	21.3%	17.4%	15.8%	14.67%
SunCoast	Circuit 20	44.2%	39.8%	39.9%	35.0%	28.7%	27.68%
Southeast	Circuit 15	25.0%	20.3%	20.4%	15.4%	17.0%	18.35%
Southeast	Circuit 17	18.8%	16.0%	11.8%	10.0%	13.6%	12.19%
Southeast	Circuit 19	64.5%	66.2%	58.8%	55.0%	55.2%	53.37%
Southern	Circuit 11	10.5%	9.8%	7.3%	5.7%	6.9%	8.58%
Southern	Circuit 16	40.0%	31.1%	25.0%	32.4%	50.0%	35.48%
Statewide		**37.7%**	**35.9%**	**36.8%**	**35.0%**	**33.7%**	**32.85%**
No DCF Target		NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source: Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed in Removal Circuit On-Demand Listing - OCWDRU Report #1192 as of 8/2/2021

Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed Outside Removal Circuit

The percent of children placed outside of their removal circuit is lower than the percent of children placed out-of-county, as many children who are not placed in their home county are placed in a neighboring county within the same circuit.

Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed Outside Removal Circuit on June 30
No DCF Target

Region	Circuit	6/30/2016	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021
Northwest	Circuit 01	10.1%	16.7%	15.1%	21.7%	16.98%	16.77%
Northwest	Circuit 02	20.7%	17.3%	22.9%	17.8%	12.56%	11.92%
Northwest	Circuit 14	34.0%	43.2%	45.5%	40.9%	37.50%	24.76%
Northeast	Circuit 03	66.7%	72.9%	82.2%	73.3%	54.35%	58.05%
Northeast	Circuit 04	11.5%	11.4%	10.8%	8.0%	8.37%	8.35%
Northeast	Circuit 07	10.1%	12.7%	16.0%	16.8%	20.63%	18.39%
Northeast	Circuit 08	57.0%	54.9%	50.3%	40.8%	32.16%	33.13%
Central	Circuit 05	16.3%	11.7%	14.4%	8.4%	7.01%	13.00%
Central	Circuit 09	39.2%	36.4%	38.4%	29.1%	28.21%	29.01%
Central	Circuit 10	21.0%	16.3%	13.9%	13.5%	10.83%	15.54%
Central	Circuit 18	25.7%	21.2%	25.4%	19.1%	22.20%	23.13%
SunCoast	Circuit 06	20.9%	19.3%	25.8%	21.8%	23.76%	21.58%
SunCoast	Circuit 12	31.7%	22.2%	22.1%	13.6%	14.76%	17.60%
SunCoast	Circuit 13	24.5%	20.0%	21.3%	16.6%	15.07%	14.46%
SunCoast	Circuit 20	12.0%	10.1%	12.5%	11.1%	11.06%	8.36%
Southeast	Circuit 15	25.0%	20.3%	20.4%	15.2%	16.77%	18.18%
Southeast	Circuit 17	18.8%	16.0%	11.8%	9.7%	13.64%	12.06%
Southeast	Circuit 19	19.2%	19.0%	14.2%	15.6%	15.66%	20.86%
Southern	Circuit 11	10.5%	9.8%	7.3%	5.2%	6.59%	8.58%
Southern	Circuit 16	40.0%	31.1%	25.0%	32.4%	50.00%	35.48%
Statewide		**20.9%**	**19.0%**	**19.7%**	**16.9%**	**17.08%**	**17.43%**
No DCF Target		NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source: Children in Licensed Out-of-Home Care Placed in Removal Circuit On-Demand Listing - OCWDRU Report #1192 as of 8/2/2021

Placement in Family Setting

Federal law mandates that a case plan include a discussion of how the plan is designed to achieve a safe placement for the child in the least restrictive (most family-like) setting available.

Although there is an appropriate role for group care in the continuum of foster care settings, there is consensus across multiple stakeholders that most children and youth, but especially young children, are best served in a family setting. Stays in group care should be based on the specialized behavioral and mental health needs or clinical disabilities of the child. It should be used only for as long as is necessary to stabilize the child or youth so they can return to a family-like setting. One of the original seven ASFA outcomes was "Reduce placements of young children in group homes or institutions."

A December 2014 report by the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability described the process for determining placement in group care as follows. "Lead agencies must place all children in OHC in the most appropriate available setting after conducting an assessment using child-specific factors. Lead agencies must consider placement in residential group care if specific criteria are met—the child is 11 or older, has been in licensed family foster care for six months or longer and removed from family foster care more than once, and has serious behavioral problems or has been determined to be without the options of either family reunification or adoption. In addition, the assessment must consider information from several sources, including psychological evaluations, professionals with knowledge of the child, and the desires of the child concerning placement."

Percent of Children in Licensed Care Placed in Group Care

Circuit/CBC Comparisons

The proportion of children of all ages in licensed care who are placed in group care ranges from 1.90 percent to 11.31 percent.

Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care that are Age 0-17 that are Placed in Group Care on June 30
No DCF Target

CBC	6/30/2016	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	6.60%	4.92%	5.25%	4.79%	3.33%	3.09%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	12.47%	11.61%	10.47%	9.84%	9.15%	11.31%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	16.50%	11.36%	11.95%	9.56%	7.66%	7.03%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	7.85%	6.45%	6.08%	6.51%	5.55%	6.18%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	12.15%	11.92%	8.45%	7.63%	5.93%	4.41%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	15.34%	13.99%	11.62%	13.38%	10.21%	9.16%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	6.30%	6.38%	7.61%	6.76%	5.58%	5.75%
Eckerd Community-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	9.71%	9.87%	9.29%	9.19%	7.97%	6.89%
Eckerd Community-Pasco and Pinellas-Circuit 06	7.90%	7.96%	10.35%	10.45%	11.04%	10.85%
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	9.29%	10.84%	8.87%	8.34%	8.77%	7.87%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	8.09%	9.58%	8.82%	10.75%	8.25%	8.49%
St Johns Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	4.62%	4.76%	4.14%	3.98%	3.65%	4.11%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	4.58%	5.35%	4.08%	2.62%	1.17%	1.90%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	10.58%	8.49%	8.31%	7.42%	6.94%	6.68%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	7.72%	8.13%	6.86%	5.69%	4.44%	4.76%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	4.89%	3.15%	2.49%	2.58%	1.87%	1.52%
Big Bend CBC-Circuits 02 &14	12.26%	10.94%	12.86%	9.47%	9.19%	6.50%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	7.18%	5.54%	3.38%	4.08%	3.15%	3.35%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	14.40%	10.00%	8.84%	9.29%	9.15%	5.67%
Statewide	**9.86%**	**9.11%**	**8.54%**	**8.16%**	**7.21%**	**6.76%**
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Children in Out-of-Home Care as of 8/2/2021

Children in Group Care by Age Group

Florida Statewide Trend

The statewide numbers for all age groups of children in group care decreased over the course of last five SFYs.

Number of Children Residing in Group Care by Age Group Cohort as of the Last Day of the Month
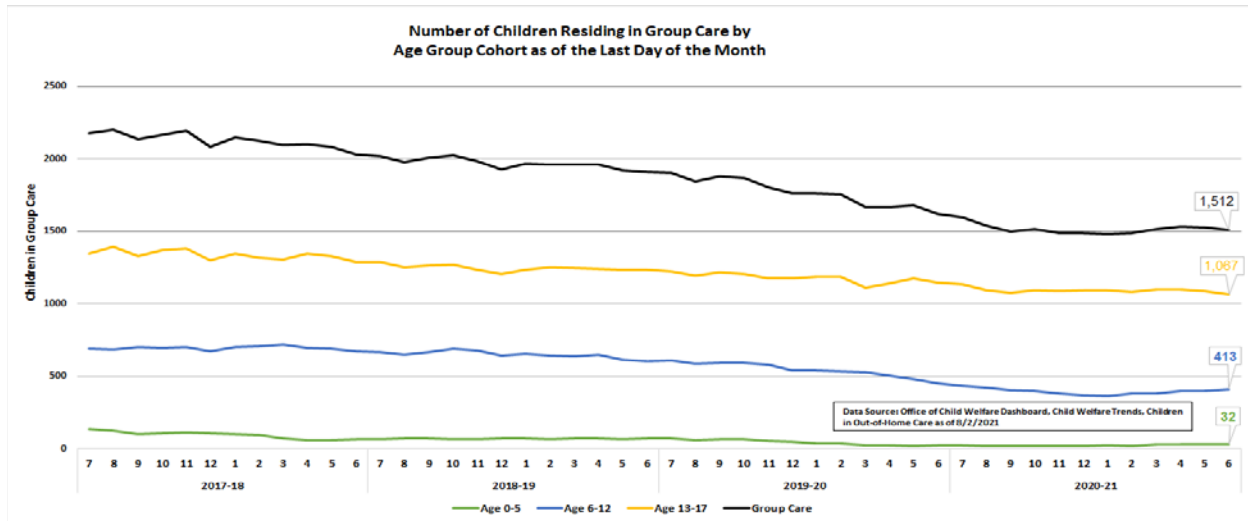
Circuit/CBC Comparisons

Children Ages 0-5 Years in Licensed Care Placed in Group Care

One of the original seven ASFA outcomes was Outcome 7: "Reduce Placements of Young Children in Group Homes or Institutions." Overall, the percentage of very young children placed in group care is generally quite low, with 17 areas having less than 1 percent of children between the ages of 0-5 placed in group care.

Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care that are Age 0-5 that are Placed in Group Care on June 30
No DCF Target

CBC	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	0.52%	0.69%	0.29%	0.25%	0.00%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	2.09%	2.07%	1.57%	0.39%	1.52%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	0.00%	2.26%	1.78%	0.00%	0.24%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	0.00%	0.00%	0.15%	0.15%	0.16%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	6.21%	1.60%	0.96%	0.45%	0.24%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	2.52%	0.27%	1.36%	0.32%	1.69%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Eckerd Community-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	1.75%	0.71%	1.09%	0.66%	0.70%
Eckerd Community-Pasco and Pinellas-Circuit 06	0.55%	0.36%	0.72%	0.08%	0.42%
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	0.48%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.12%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	0.30%	0.00%	1.77%	0.97%	0.42%
St Johns Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	0.00%	0.22%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	0.30%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	0.37%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Big Bend CBC-Circuits 02 &14	1.18%	0.44%	0.19%	0.00%	0.00%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	1.07%	0.39%	0.40%	0.00%	0.00%
Statewide	**1.13%**	**0.55%**	**0.63%**	**0.21%**	**0.30%**
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Children in Out-of-Home Care as of 8/2/2021

Children Ages 6-12 Years in Licensed Care Placed in Group Care

The proportion of children ages 6 to 12 in licensed care who are placed in group care ranges from 0 percent to 12.82 percent.

Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care that are Age 6-12 that are Placed in Group Care on June 30
No DCF Target

CBC	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	5.75%	6.31%	4.10%	3.03%	1.48%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	12.45%	8.28%	7.29%	5.68%	7.67%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	5.02%	4.04%	5.30%	3.09%	2.53%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	6.30%	6.56%	6.41%	2.42%	4.17%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	11.72%	11.09%	8.42%	5.54%	3.42%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	20.67%	16.47%	14.56%	8.61%	6.63%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	4.55%	6.90%	6.70%	3.01%	3.47%
Eckerd Community-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	11.18%	11.59%	11.86%	8.40%	7.10%
Eckerd Community-Pasco and Pinellas-Circuit 06	8.01%	11.76%	12.11%	12.20%	11.37%
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	7.17%	5.17%	4.06%	5.13%	2.81%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	15.02%	15.79%	16.30%	14.03%	12.82%
St Johns Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	7.27%	1.79%	1.85%	1.79%	0.00%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	5.81%	2.40%	1.98%	1.15%	1.55%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	9.31%	9.87%	3.65%	4.71%	4.51%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	8.33%	7.98%	6.94%	4.30%	4.72%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	1.15%	1.08%	2.75%	0.99%	0.00%
Big Bend CBC-Circuits 02 &14	10.82%	14.96%	7.96%	8.05%	5.97%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	2.51%	1.13%	2.17%	1.50%	1.71%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	12.78%	10.45%	8.36%	7.12%	5.56%
Statewide	**9.36%**	**9.12%**	**8.10%**	**6.38%**	**5.72%**
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Children in Out-of-Home Care as of 8/2/2021

Children Ages 13-17 Years in Licensed Care Placed in Group Care

The proportion of children ages 13 to 17 in licensed care who are placed in group care ranges from 6.90 percent to 36.21 percent.

Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care that are Age 13-17 that are Placed in Group Care on June 30
No DCF Target

CBC	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	15.28%	14.91%	17.42%	12.68%	13.94%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	35.34%	36.12%	31.40%	28.67%	34.41%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	42.24%	45.13%	35.11%	31.67%	26.92%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	22.74%	22.34%	23.37%	22.11%	23.19%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	21.93%	17.85%	18.77%	14.43%	11.15%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	34.23%	37.07%	42.55%	36.09%	26.56%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	30.37%	31.00%	26.57%	27.86%	27.86%
Eckerd Community-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	31.44%	33.42%	28.65%	27.06%	22.81%
Eckerd Community-Pasco and Pinellas-Circuit 06	28.07%	34.68%	35.92%	38.44%	36.21%
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	41.52%	35.31%	34.94%	35.08%	31.51%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	27.57%	26.79%	33.17%	24.52%	26.73%
St Johns Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	12.50%	21.43%	26.09%	15.00%	20.00%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	20.86%	17.16%	10.06%	3.93%	6.90%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	30.57%	29.24%	35.19%	30.74%	27.38%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	30.43%	25.44%	18.97%	16.10%	19.05%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	18.92%	12.24%	9.84%	7.35%	7.69%
Big Bend CBC-Circuits 02 &14	40.43%	41.95%	40.23%	38.38%	30.28%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	25.77%	19.70%	20.49%	16.54%	17.39%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	30.46%	29.83%	33.85%	32.42%	19.61%
Statewide	**29.78%**	**29.54%**	**28.57%**	**26.26%**	**24.39%**
No DCF Target	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

Data Source Child Welfare Dashboard, Child Welfare Trends, Children in Out-of-Home Care as of 8/2/2021

Physical and Mental Health Needs

One of Florida's nine statutory CBC outcomes is "Children Receive Services to Meet their Physical and Mental Health Needs." Considerable progress has been made in the last few years in providing regular medical and dental services.

Medical Services

Florida Statewide Trend

Statewide performance has stabilized at a point that is well above the statewide target for this
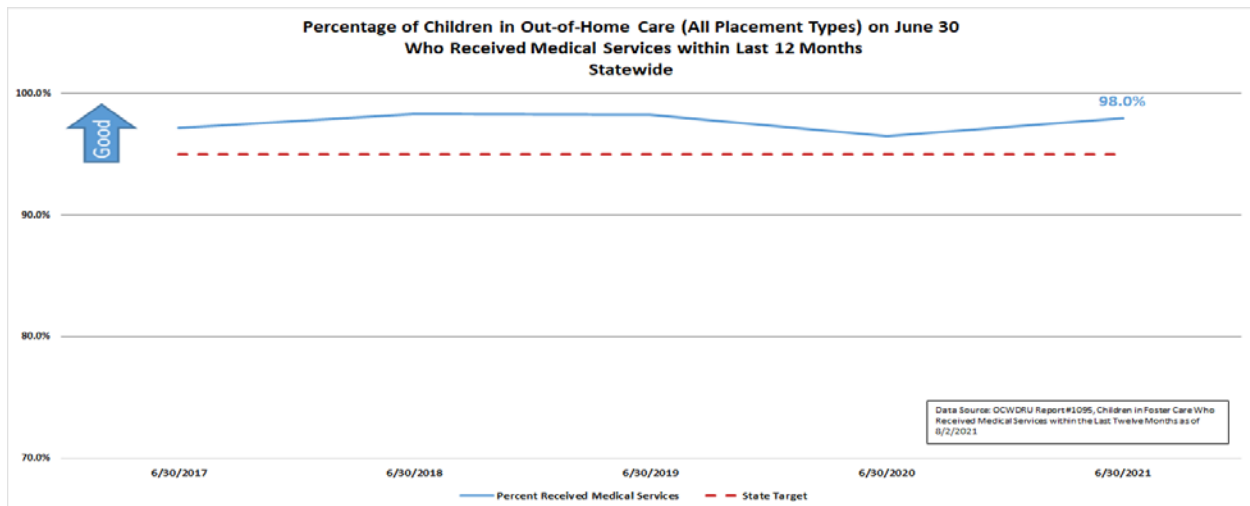
Circuit/CBC Comparisons

CBCs have reported that the pandemic has made it difficult to maintain medical service levels for children in foster care over the past two SFYs.

Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care (All Placement Types) on June 30 Who Received Medical Services within Last 12 Months
DCF Target 95.0% or Higher

CBC	6/30/2016	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	96.7%	95.6%	98.8%	98.9%	96.8%	98.2%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	96.9%	96.8%	95.6%	98.0%	98.1%	98.0%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	96.1%	98.2%	99.1%	98.4%	97.4%	98.8%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	93.4%	95.7%	99.1%	99.3%	97.8%	99.1%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	97.3%	97.2%	98.3%	98.2%	96.5%	98.0%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	98.3%	97.3%	98.7%	97.8%	94.5%	98.0%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	93.0%	93.6%	96.6%	96.9%	92.7%	94.8%
Eckerd Community-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	97.7%	98.7%	93.5%	97.2%	97.8%	97.3%
Eckerd Community-Pasco and Pinellas-Circuit 06	98.5%	98.5%	99.3%	98.7%	90.6%	94.0%
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	95.6%	96.4%	98.0%	97.7%	93.0%	91.0%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	92.9%	97.8%	93.4%	94.3%	91.6%	93.9%
St Johns Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	97.4%	97.9%	98.3%	100.0%	98.4%	98.6%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	98.2%	98.9%	97.5%	95.4%	94.0%	95.0%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	98.2%	99.0%	98.9%	97.9%	98.2%	98.9%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	95.1%	95.7%	98.0%	98.0%	96.2%	97.2%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	99.1%	98.4%	92.2%	96.4%	85.0%	94.7%
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	99.2%	99.2%	98.3%	95.4%	94.1%	97.3%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	97.5%	98.7%	97.6%	98.2%	94.3%	94.7%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	97.3%	95.8%	93.3%	95.6%	97.9%	97.3%
Statewide	**96.5%**	**97.3%**	**97.1%**	**97.6%**	**95.0%**	**96.2%**
DCF Target 95.0% or Higher	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%

Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1095, Children in Foster Care Who Received Medical Services within the Last Twelve Months as of 8/2/2021

Dental Services

Florida Statewide Trend

CBCs have reported that the pandemic has made it difficult to maintain dental service levels for children in foster care over the course of the last two SFYs.
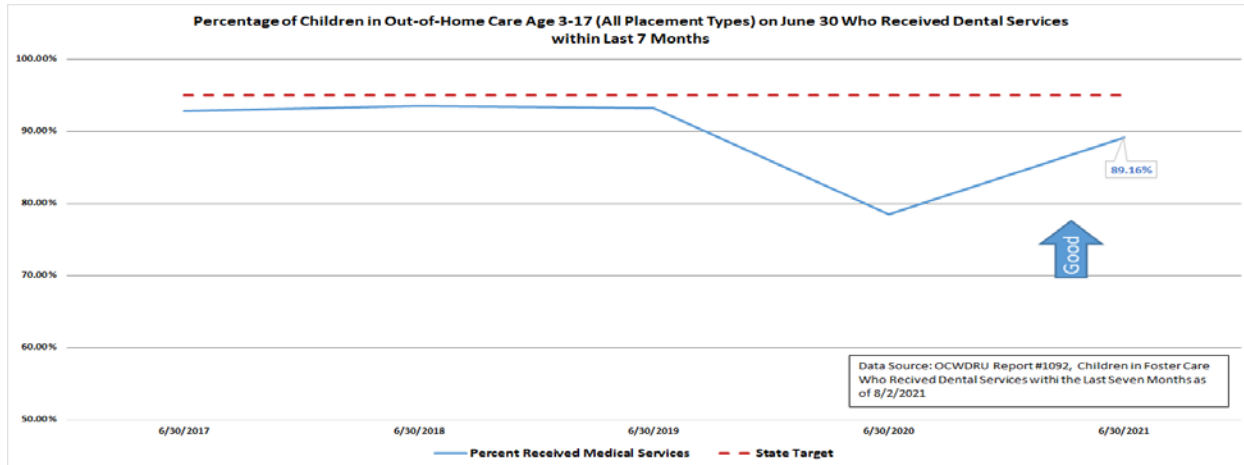
Circuit/CBC Comparisons

CBCs have reported that the pandemic has made it difficult to maintain dental service levels for children in foster care over the course of the last two SFYs.

| Percentage of Children in Out-of-Home Care Age 3-17 (All Placement Types) on June 30 Who Received Dental Services within Last 7 Months					
DCF Target 95.0% or Higher					
CBC	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	95.29%	94.24%	95.63%	88.16%	94.66%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	91.03%	92.04%	95.71%	85.27%	95.93%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	92.00%	97.63%	95.94%	79.07%	97.05%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	93.77%	97.95%	98.82%	93.23%	96.77%
Citrus Health Network-Circuits 11 & 16	95.21%	94.79%	96.21%	77.67%	97.47%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	93.98%	97.42%	96.03%	82.08%	96.41%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	80.87%	90.45%	90.93%	69.27%	72.51%
Eckerd Community-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	96.84%	85.94%	92.01%	81.77%	83.36%
Eckerd Community-Pasco and Pinellas-Circuit 06	96.40%	96.78%	89.48%	63.42%	83.77%
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	98.14%	95.45%	95.23%	72.18%	78.68%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	91.37%	89.88%	92.39%	78.10%	91.97%
St Johns Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	94.96%	94.59%	99.11%	61.18%	95.70%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	96.50%	94.62%	88.30%	81.18%	94.80%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	95.04%	94.57%	93.27%	85.19%	95.81%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	95.18%	97.08%	96.61%	85.29%	93.40%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	97.65%	78.66%	81.62%	59.43%	78.50%
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 & 14	98.52%	96.42%	92.33%	74.61%	91.80%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	96.24%	92.42%	97.52%	85.41%	85.77%
Sarasota Y/Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	58.82%	89.75%	79.25%	73.62%	90.15%
Statewide	92.81%	93.55%	93.24%	78.47%	89.16%
DCF Target 95.0% or Higher	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%	95.00%
Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1092, Children in Foster Care Who Received Dental Services within the Last Seven Months as of 8/2/2021					

Preparation for Independent Living as Adults

Two of Florida's nine statutory CBC outcomes are "Children Receive Appropriate Services to Meet their Educational Needs" and "Children Develop the Capacity for Independent Living and Competence as an Adult."

Young Adults Aging Out Enrolled in Education Programs

For children who don't achieve permanency prior to reaching adulthood, it is crucial that they are prepared for life after foster care by the time they "age -out" of care. While education is one indicator of preparation for adulthood, it does not control for any of the many variables that further influence this, including time in care, the child's education level when entering care, developmental delays, level and type of trauma experienced by the child, etc.
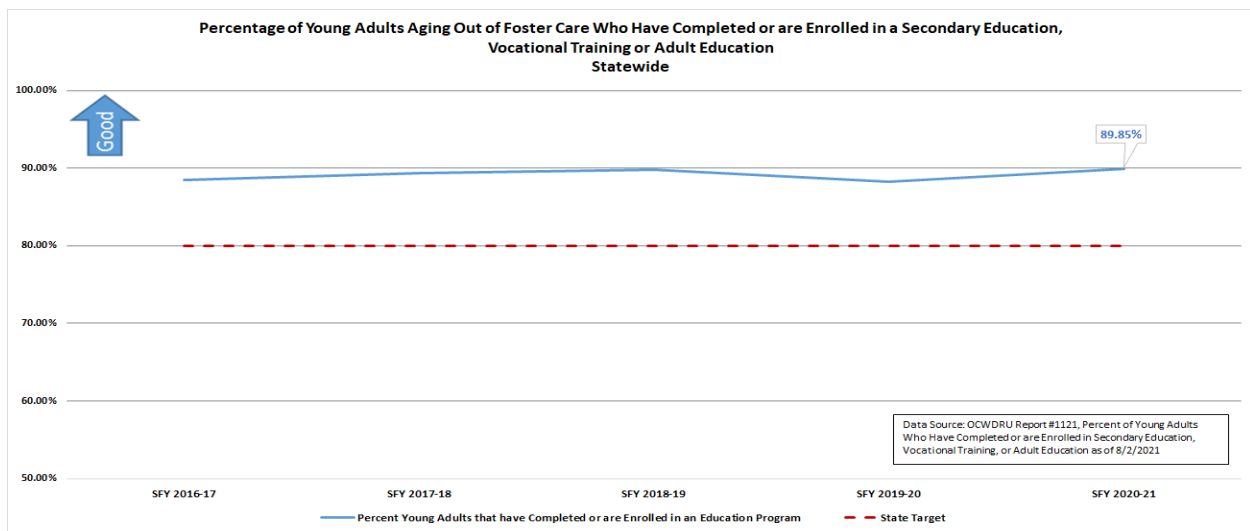
Circuit/CBC Comparisons

All but two areas are above the statewide target of 80 percent.

Percentage of Young Adults Aging Out of Foster Care Who Have Completed or are Enrolled in a Secondary Education, Vocational Training or Adult Education by SFY					
DCF Target 80.0% or Higher					
CBC	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Brevard Family Partnership-Circuit 18 (Brevard County Only)	87.10%	96.30%	78.57%	96.30%	85.71%
ChildNet-Broward-Circuit 17	91.74%	90.65%	93.75%	98.25%	91.04%
ChildNet-Palm Beach-Circuit 15	95.16%	98.36%	92.45%	98.39%	95.16%
Children's Network of SW FL-Circuit 20	91.18%	95.45%	94.12%	92.31%	89.58%
Citrus Heath Network-Circuits 11 & 16	83.82%	87.25%	91.58%	82.76%	89.87%
Communities Connected for Kids-Circuit 19	88.10%	83.33%	83.33%	82.61%	95.00%
Community Partnership for Children-Circuit 07 (Flagler, Putnam and Volusia Counties Only)	75.00%	64.52%	92.00%	92.59%	86.21%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Circuit 06	88.31%	87.18%	87.80%	83.12%	96.20%
Eckerd Community Alternatives-Hillsborough-Circuit 13	95.83%	91.76%	90.38%	85.23%	80.33%
Embrace Families-Circuits 09 & 18 (Seminole County Only)	85.94%	86.75%	73.68%	89.66%	94.59%
Families First Network-Circuit 01	85.45%	85.37%	90.00%	74.29%	87.80%
Family Integrity-Circuit 07 (St Johns County Only)	75.00%	75.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Family Support Services of North FL-Circuit 04 (Duval & Nassau Counties)	96.88%	96.30%	100.00%	93.33%	97.62%
Heartland for Children-Circuit 10	88.46%	90.70%	95.65%	88.24%	90.48%
Kids Central, Inc.-Circuit 05	84.91%	94.64%	93.55%	88.89%	86.54%
Kids First, Inc.-Circuit 4 (Clay County Only)	100.00%	87.50%	100.00%	100.00%	81.82%
Northwest FL Health-Circuits 02 &14	81.82%	100.00%	91.67%	68.75%	92.59%
Partnership for Strong Families-Circuits 03 & 08	89.47%	86.96%	88.89%	92.86%	78.57%
Sarasota Safe Children Coalition-Circuit 12	90.91%	79.41%	80.95%	82.05%	77.42%
Statewide	**88.47%**	**89.36%**	**89.79%**	**88.30%**	**89.85%**
DCF Target 80.0% or Higher	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%	80.00%
Data Source: OCWDRU Report #1121, "Percent of Young Adults Who Have Completed or are Enrolled in Secondary Education, Vocational Training, or Adult Education" as of 8/2/2021					