



DEPARTMENT of CHILDREN and FAMILIES
Making a Difference for Children, Families and Communities

DCF Service Array


CHANGES IN COMMUNITY-BASED AND CONGREGATE CARE SERVICES

SFY 11 – SFY 15

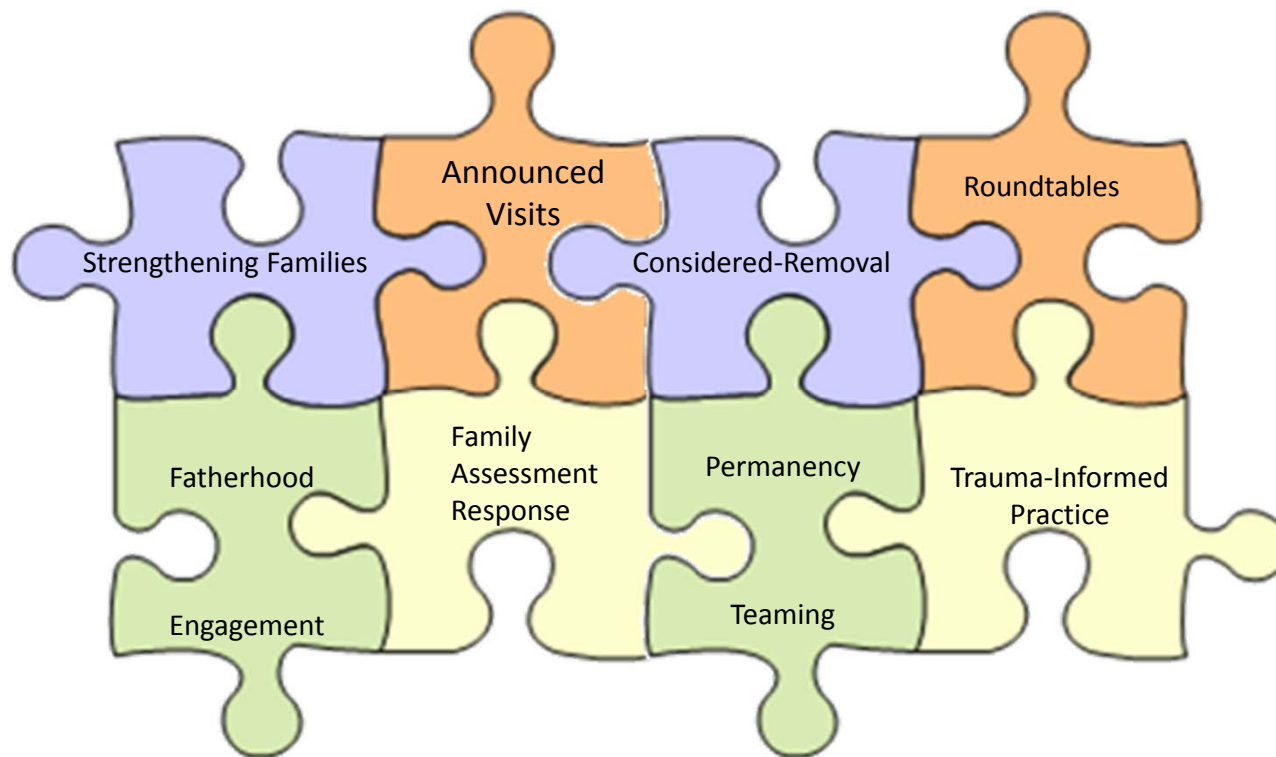
DCF Vision and Mission

The mission of the Department is to work together with families and communities for children who are healthy, safe, smart and strong.


Seven Cross-Cutting Themes

1. Implementing strength-based family policy, practice and programs.
 2. Applying the neuroscience of early childhood and adolescent development.
 3. Expanding trauma-informed practice and culture.
 4. Addressing racial inequities in all areas of our practice.
 5. Building new community and agency partnerships.
 6. Improving leadership, management, supervision and accountability.
 7. Becoming a learning organization.
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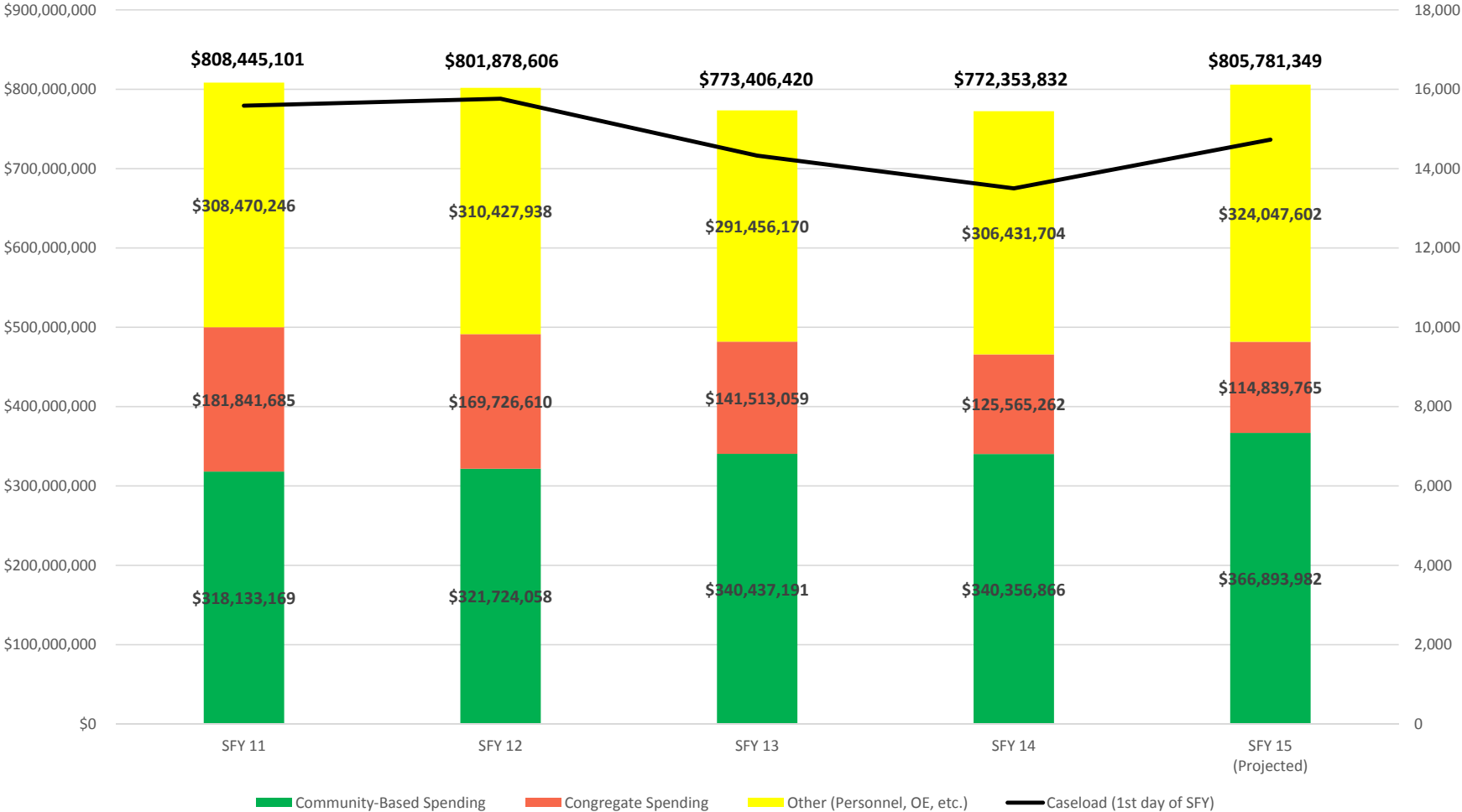
Practice Transformations



System Transformations

- Fostering the Future – Foster care re-design
 - Relative Placement
 - Supports for Relative Caregivers
 - Family and Community Ties Program
 - Investment in Community-based services
 - Wendy's Wonderful Kids
 - Congregate Rightsizing
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DCF Actual Spending and Caseload, SFY 11-SFY15




SFY 11 Actual Spending

- **Reductions (\$11,950,959)**

- \$274,500 from the elimination of the Hartford Youth Project (ABH)
- \$1,933,104 from the elimination of the Enhanced Care Coordination
- \$2,924,676 reduced by closing 3 Group Homes
- \$2,513,805 reduced by closing 2 Permanency Diagnostic Centers
- \$1,373,334 reduced by closing 1 Short-Term Residential
- \$2,931,540 reduced by closing 3 Safe Homes

- **Additions / Increases (\$14,210,551)**


- \$432,864 for Residential Transitioning Services
 - \$5,200,000 for Supportive Housing
 - \$3,980,678 additional spending in Board & Care – Adoption
 - \$4,597,009 additional spending in Board & Care – Foster Care
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SFY 12 Actual Spending

- **Reductions (\$12,509,963)**

- \$619,228 reduction in IICAPS
- \$1,520,947 reduction in spending in Board & Care – Foster Care
- \$1,112,183 reduction in spending for Individualized Family Supports
- \$949,415 reduced by closing 1 Group Home
- \$8,308,190 less paid to Residential Treatment Centers because of fewer placements

- **Additions / Increases (\$2,367,732)**


- \$541,378 for Supportive Housing
 - \$240,000 for MDFT
 - \$1,586,354 additional spending in Board & Care – Adoption
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SFY 13 Actual Spending

- **Reductions (\$33,637,353)**


- \$17,266,577 less paid to Residential Treatment Centers because of fewer placements
- \$8,726,885 reduced by closing 9 Group Homes
- \$7,643,891 reduced by closing 7 Safe Homes

- **Additions / Increases (\$16,612,171)**

- \$2,268,000 for Supportive Housing
 - \$4,000,000 for Differential Response
 - \$5,774,874 additional spending in Board & Care – Adoption
 - \$4,569,297 additional spending in Board & Care – Foster Care
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SFY 14 Actual Spending

- **Reductions (\$24,971,595)**

- \$1,809,876 reduction in spending in Board & Care – Adoption
 - \$6,736,835 reduction in spending in Board & Care – Foster Care due to fewer children in care
 - \$4,541,817 reduction in spending for Individualized Family Supports
 - \$11,883,067 less paid to Residential Treatment Centers because of fewer placements
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SFY 14 Actual Spending


- **Additions / Increases (\$13,749,552)**
 - \$5,250,000 for Differential Response
 - \$1,810,000 for ACCESS-Mental Health
 - \$1,000,000 for MATCH-ADTC
 - \$500,000 for TFCBT – Bridgeport Public Schools
 - \$1,000,000 for TFCBT – South-central Public Schools
 - \$1,000,000 for Trauma Focused CBT
 - \$1,217,546 for Intensive Home Based Services: Family-Based Recovery
 - \$110,282 for Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services enhancement
 - \$1,584,620 for MST – Building Stronger Families
 - \$277,104 for MST – Problem Sexual Behaviors

SFY 15 Actual Spending (Projected)

- **Reductions (\$12,574,620)**

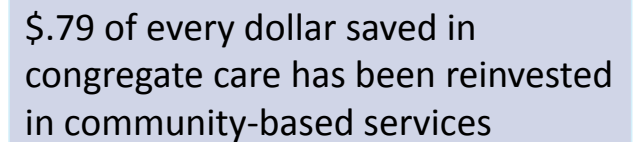
- \$1,803,868 reduction in spending for Individualized Family Supports
- \$5,939,202 reduced by closing 6 Group Homes
- \$4,831,550 less paid to Residential Treatment Centers because of fewer placements

- **Additions / Increases (\$8,771,479)**

- \$1,000,000 for Homeless Youth
 - \$821,918 for a Congregate Care Reduction Management Entity
 - \$3,023,265 additional spending in Board & Care – Adoption
 - \$3,926,296 additional spending in Board & Care – Foster Care
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SFY 15 Compared to SFY 11

- \$58,942,899 more spending in community-based services
- \$75,292,132 less spending in congregate care
- 32 fewer congregate settings
- 820 fewer congregate beds being used (in-state and out-of-state)
- 12% reduction in DCF caseload
- 18% reduction in the number of children in placement
- 70% increase in the percentage of children placed with relatives and kin
- 97% reduction in the number of children placed in out-of-state congregate care settings
- 84% of children in placement are living with a family, compared to 70% in 2011



\$.79 of every dollar saved in congregate care has been reinvested in community-based services

Child Outcomes for 2014

Child Safety & Stability

- 95.4% of children in in-home cases were not victims of repeat maltreatment
- 99.7% of children in foster care were not victims of repeat maltreatment
- 94% of children entering care did not have a foster care episode in the previous 12 months
- 96% of children in foster care did not experience multiple placements

Permanency & Well-Being

- 68% of reunifications in 2014 happened within 12 months (exceeding Juan F. standard)
 - 34% of adoptions in 2014 happened within 24 months (exceeding Juan F. standard)
 - 72% of transfers of guardianship happened within 24 months (exceeding Juan F. standard)
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