



MDHHS: FY22 Budget Executive Recommendation

Children's Services Agency

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CSA Priorities and Strategies

Foster Care Placements that are Rare, Safe, and Temporary

Priorities



**Keep Children Safe
with their Families**

**Keep Children Safe
While in Care**



**Timely Reunification &
Permanency**

Strategies



Data Informed Decision Making



**Evidence Based Early
Interventions**



**Empowered, Trained, and
Supported Workforce**



**Simpler and More Efficient
Systems**



A Snapshot of Child Welfare in Michigan

Children's Services Agency

State-administered child welfare system

- **83** counties.
- **5** Business Service Center (BSC) regions.
- Employs approximately **3,710** field and central office staff.
- Administers contracts to provide family preservation, foster care, licensing, and adoption services with approximately **48** agencies.

Children's Protective Services

- Complaints received: **156,134**
- Complaints investigated: **70,242**
- Confirmed complaints: **17,004**

*CPS data is from FY19 due to the impact of COVID-19 on CPS referrals and investigations.

Foster Care

- **11,609** children in foster care.
- **10,918** children in out-of-home care.
- Children entered foster care: **4,405**
- Children exited foster care: **5459**

Adoption

- **1,872** completed adoptions.
- **97%** of children adopted received adoption subsidy, medical subsidy or both.

*Adoption data for FY 2020 will be finalized at the end of February.

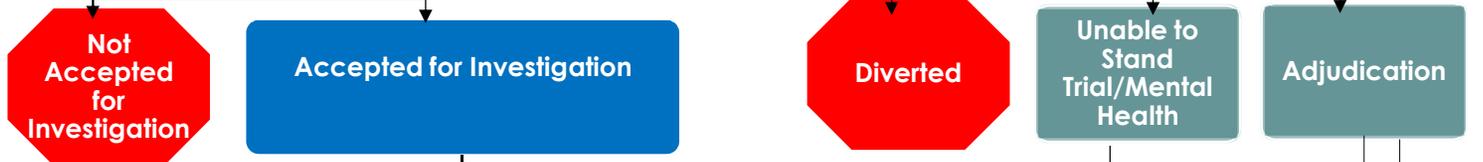
Juvenile Justice

- **639** youth supervised by MDHHS.

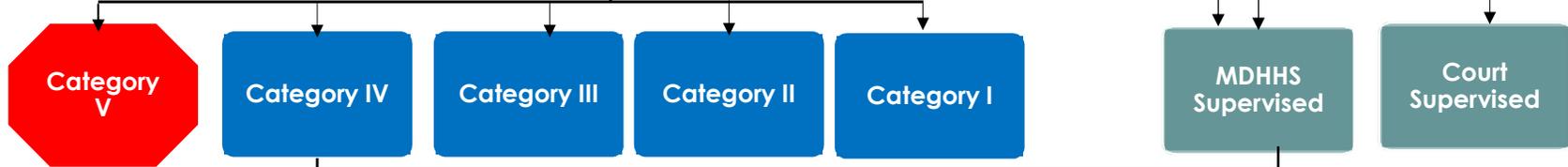
System Entry Pathway



Intake

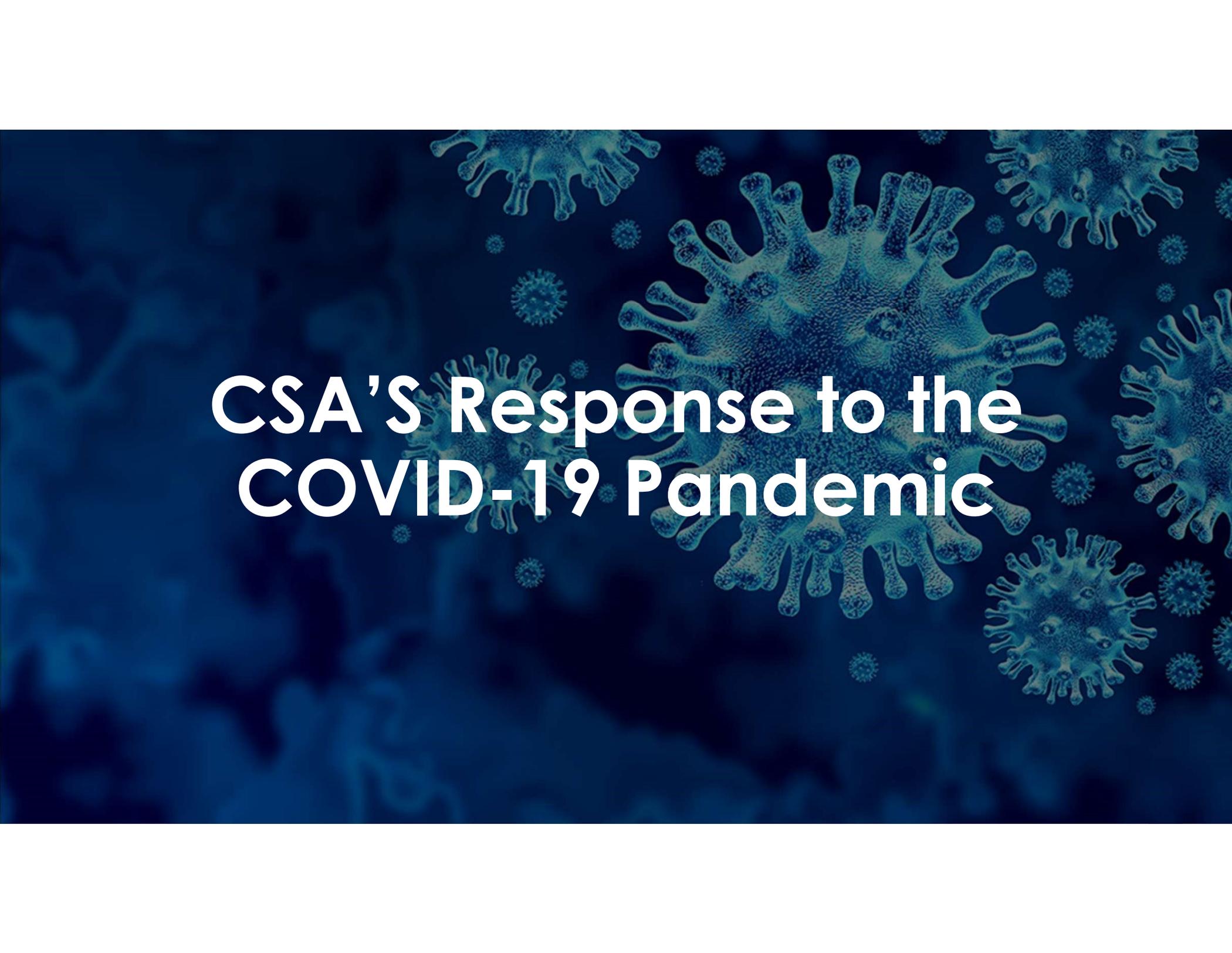


Disposition



System Exit



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CSA'S Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

COVID-19 Pandemic Response Efforts

- **Prevention Outreach Project**
 - Staff spoke with over **14,000 families**.
 - **Eighty percent** received a text message, email, or mailed packet of information on available resources.
- **Rapid Reunification Project**
 - Partnership between MDHHS and State Court Administrative Office (SCAO).
 - Of the 432 cases identified **69% achieved reunification**.
- **Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care (YAVFC) Enrollment Outreach**
 - **One hundred and thirty-two youth** were enrolled through outreach efforts and received services and a stipend through September 30, 2020.
- **Prevention and Reunification Funding Expansion**
 - Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), private agency foster care (PAFC), family preservation providers and Post Adoption Resource Centers (PARCs) were able to assist over **1400 families**.



Progress on Newly Funded Initiatives

FY21

CPS Redesign

What we found:

- Biased/non-existent assessment tools to track or mitigate disparity.
- Racial bias and discrimination exhibited by decision makers (e.g., caseworkers, mandated reporters).
- Disproportionate and disparate experiences of children and families of color, driven by higher rates of poverty, intersecting with racism.

What we are doing:

- CSA partnered with Evident Change and ideas42 to develop a **Structured Decision Making (SDM) tool** for Centralized Intake to achieve more equitable and consistent decision-making.
- Expected Outcomes - keep children with their families whenever possible, ensure families are treated fairly, reduce repeat system involvement, reduce racial disproportionality, and reduce the trauma experienced by families who do not require system involvement.



Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP)

Family First Prevention Service Act (FFPSA) Funding

Background

- Received \$3.4 million in funding for independent assessment.
- Received \$7.1 million in funding for a CCI rate increase.

Progress

- Independent assessment contract executed with Maximus for \$2,827,800 for three years.
- Contracts with QRTP requirements are planned for execution April 2021.
- Increased CCI rates for QRTP certified contractors will be implemented beginning 4/1/2021.



Congregate Care Pilot

Family First Prevention Service Act (FFPSA) Funding

Background

- \$501,500 all GF/GP for a congregate care pilot using an evidence-based program to maintain children in family like settings.

Progress

- Program proposals drafted and undergoing review.
- Focus on support to families when child is at risk of congregate care.

Child Welfare IT Modernization

Background

- Received **\$4.4M Gross** (\$2.6M GF/GP).
- CSA will transition from MiSACWIS to a Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS).
- Completed in phases, with full CCWIS compliance achieved by **2024**.

Progress

- Deloitte was selected as the vendor for the first CCWIS module, the **Child Welfare Licensing Module**.
- It is anticipated that the department will onboard Deloitte in **March 2021** and immediately begin preparations for module design, development, and implementation.



Governor Whitmer's Executive Budget Recommendation

FY 2022

\$3.5M Gross

\$2.1M Gross

Prevention of Foster Placements

Context

- Preventive investments **keep families intact safely** and **save money**.
- The Family First Prevention Services Act provides federal match.
- Michigan is striving to implement its FFPSA Prevention Plan by **Fall 2021**.

Response

- **Implement evidence-based services for families at risk of child removal.**

Expected impact

- **Increased safety and family wellbeing.**
- **Reduced maltreatment recurrence.**
- **Reduced entry into foster care and congregate care facilities.**
- **Improved child & family outcomes**

Child Welfare IT Modernization

Context

- Aging and failing IT system, MiSACWIS.
- “Persistent and significant defects.”
- Caseworkers routinely describe MiSACWIS as a critical obstacle to serving kids and families.

Response

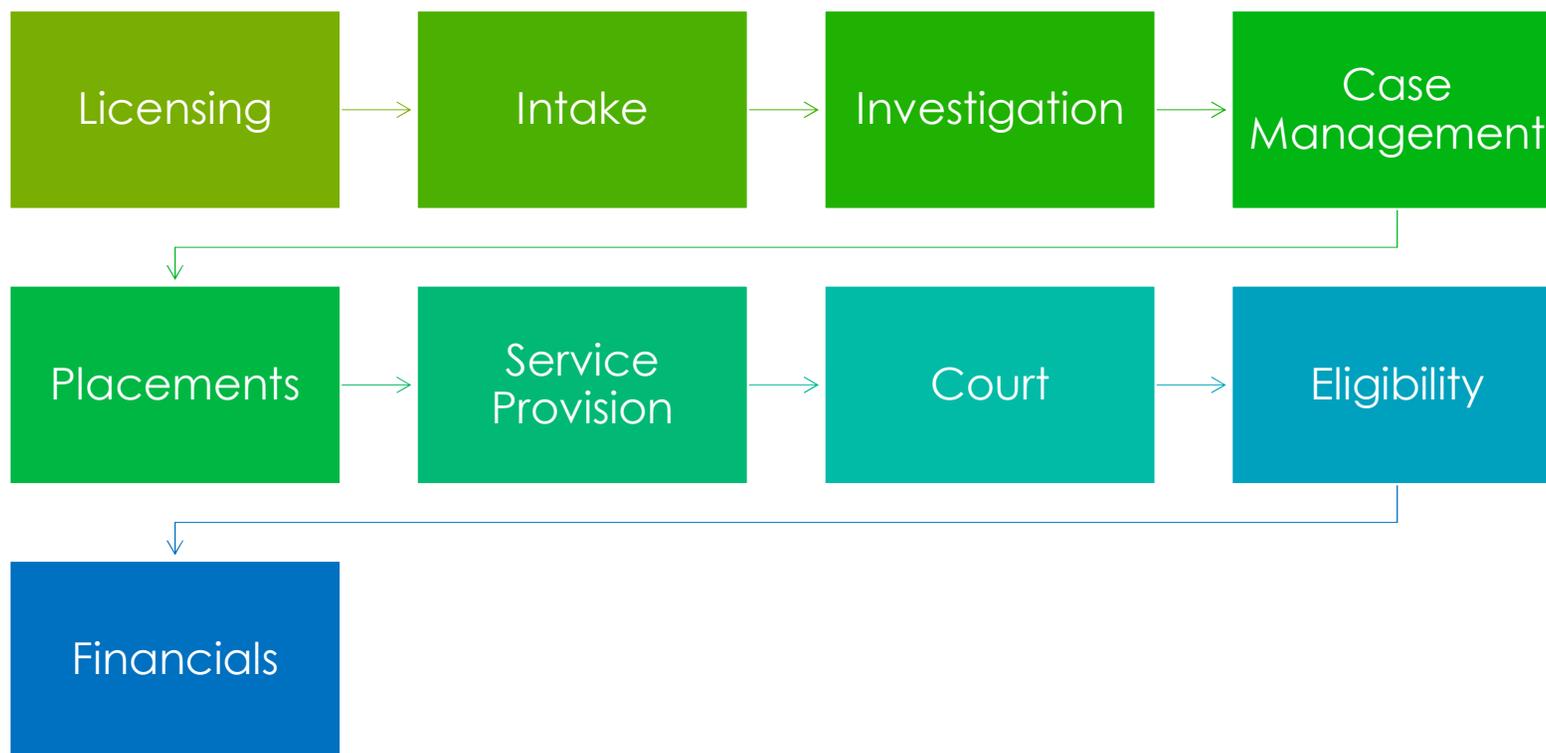
- Completion of **three additional modules** to the new Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System: intake, investigation, and case management.

Expected impact

- Improved outcomes for kids and families.
- Increased caseworker satisfaction and retention.

CCWIS Modules

Tentative Roll-out Schedule



Infant Home Visiting

Context

- Approximately **5,607 infants** were born with prenatal substance exposure in **Michigan in 2018**, and only 85 percent had an Infant Plan of Safe Care.
- **Less than 58%** had a referral to appropriate services.

Response

- **Support 1,000 additional home visiting slots** for support to infants born with substance exposure.
- **Provide support to hospitals and clinics to hire or retain home visiting navigators** to refer families to appropriate services and programs.

Expected impact

- **Improved family access to evidenced-based home visiting programs and better engagement with participants** to address this key risk factor among infants.



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