

MDHHS: FY21 Budget Executive Recommendation

Children's Services Administration

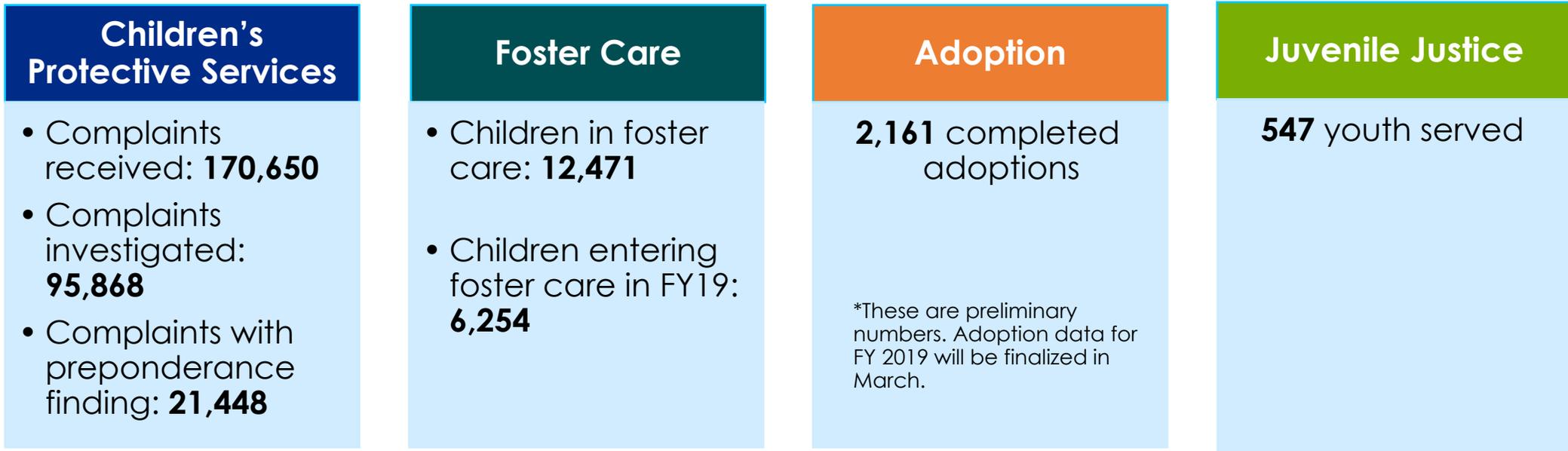
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Children's Services Agency

State-administered child welfare system

- 83 counties
- 5 Business Service Center (BSC) regions
- Employs approximately 3,500 field staff
- Administers contracts to provide foster care, licensing, and adoption services with approximately 56 agencies



CSA Priorities: Foster care placements that are rare, safe, and temporary



Keep Children Safe
with their Families



Keep Children Safe
While in Care



Timely
Reunification &
Permanency

CSA Strategies



Evidence Based Early Interventions



Empowered, Trained, and Supported
Workforce

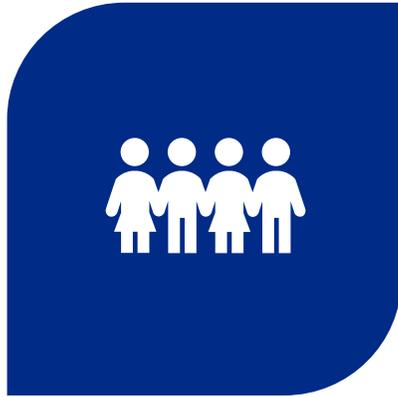


Simpler and More Efficient Systems



Data Informed Decision Making

Transforming Michigan's Front Door



MAINTAIN CHILDREN SAFELY
WITH THEIR FAMILIES



IMPROVE CHILDREN'S
PROTECTIVE SERVICES SYSTEM



HUMAN CENTERED DESIGN

Children's Protective Services

Investigates all allegations of suspected child abuse or neglect by a parent, legal guardian or any other person responsible for the child's health or welfare and provides services to prevent removal from the parental home.

Statistics

- Complaints received: **170,650**
- Complaints investigated: **95,868**
- Cases with a preponderance finding: **21,448**

Accomplishments

- Comprehensive review of CPS policy and elimination of duplicative and/or unnecessary policy guidance.
- Implemented updates to the Supervisory Control Protocol (SCP).
- Reduced investigation backlog.

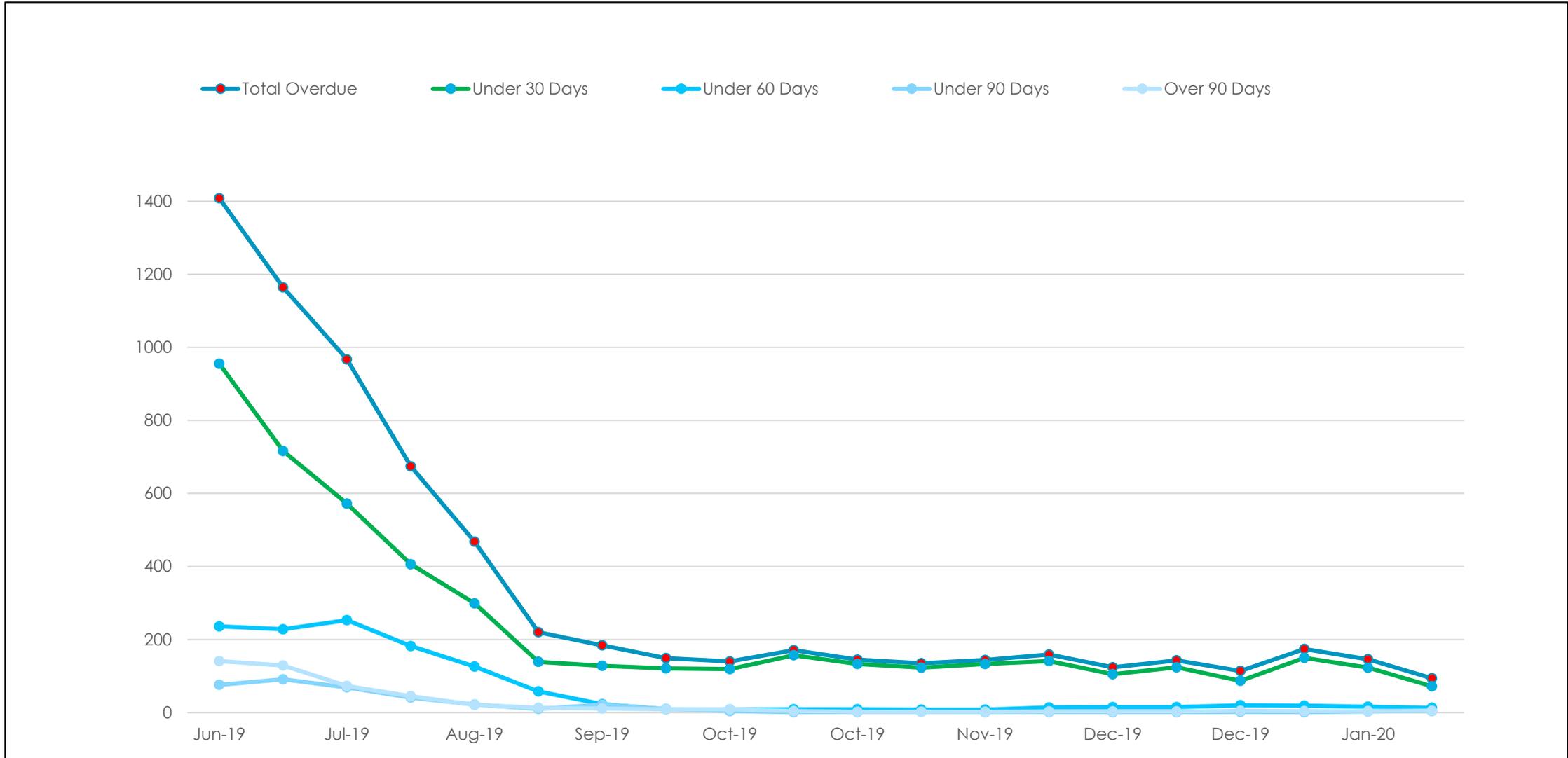
Children's Protective Services Audit Remediation

Remediation Efforts

- Supervisory Control Protocol (SCP)
- Compliance Review Team
- Peer Case Review
- Policy Simplification
- Revalidation of Safety and Risk Assessment Tools

Overdue CPS Investigations

June 2019 – January 2020



Foster Care

MDHHS and private agency partners provide foster care services focused on ensuring the safety, permanency and well-being of all children in care.

Statistics

- **12,712** children under Michigan's care and supervision.
- New foster care placements in FY19: **6,280**.

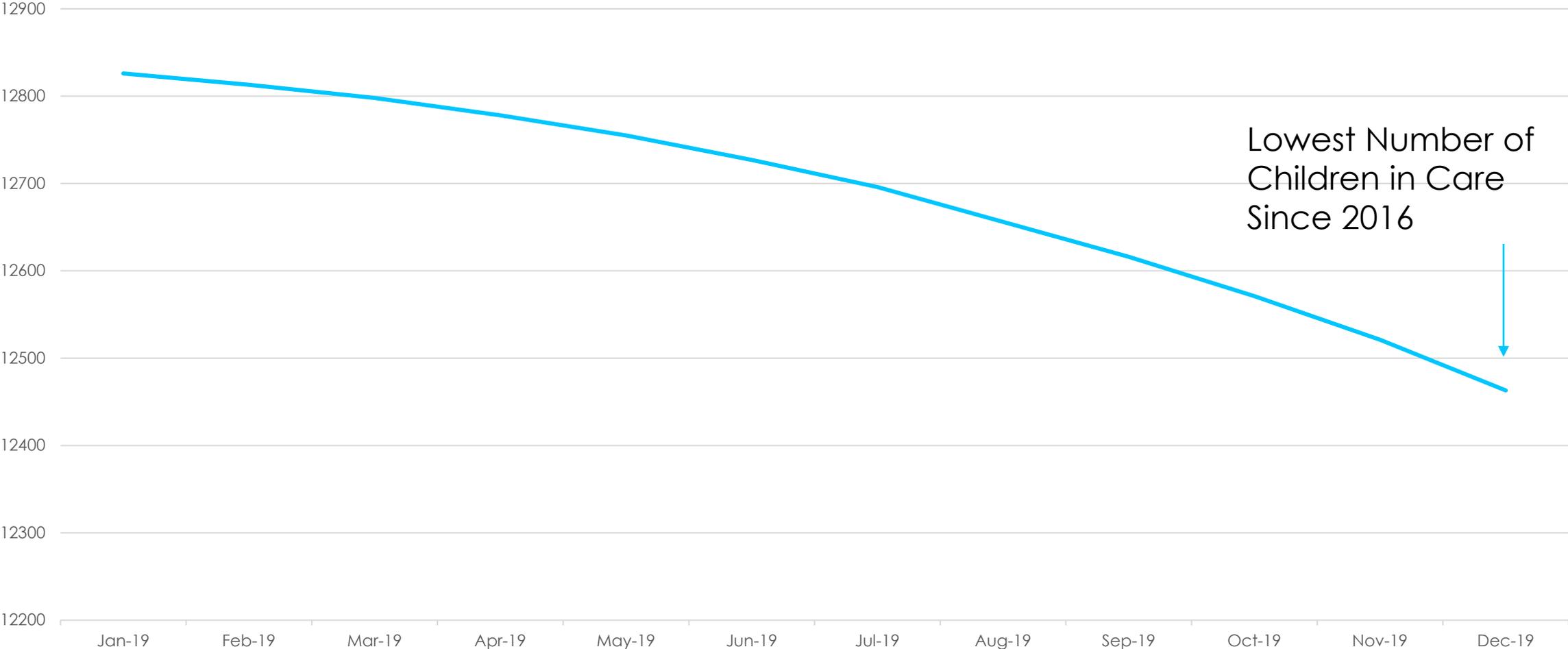
Accomplishments

- Increased foster care supportive visitation services statewide.
- Safely reduced the number of children in foster care.

Children in Foster Care

January – December 2019

Children in Care by Month
Rolling 12 Month Average



Adoption

Approximately 3,000 Michigan foster children are wards of the state at any given time. Of those children, over 300 do not have an identified adoptive family.

Statistics

- In 2019, **2,161** children were adopted.
- The Adoption & Guardianship Assistance Office administers approximately **\$206 million** each year.
- Approximately **95%** of children who are wards of the state qualify for Michigan's Adoption Assistance program.

Accomplishments

- Eight regional Post Adoption Resource Centers continue to provide services statewide.
- CSA is partnering with the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption to increase the number of adoption recruiters for Michigan.

One-time Request:	\$15.9M Gross	\$8.3M GF/GP
Ongoing Request:	\$4.6M Gross	\$3.9M GF/GP

Child Welfare IT Modernization

Context

- CSA has operated under **federal court oversight** for 13 years.
- Caseworkers have been unable to do their work effectively and report accurate data, due to the failure of the current case management information system, MiSACWIS.
- The court-ordered review of MiSACWIS declared the system to have “**persistent and significant defects**” and called for the state to replace the system; the federal judge agreed.

Response

- **CSA is currently working toward a transition from MiSACWIS to a Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS).**
- **The transition is expected to be completed in phases, with full CCWIS compliance being achieved by 2024.**

Expected impact

- Better outcomes for children and families.
- Increased caseworker satisfaction and retention.
- Improved data and reporting accuracy.

Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS)

Project and Design Requirements



Modularity – break complex functions into separate, manageable, and independent components.



Simplified language – clear simple language for all system documentation.



Standard approach – permits agencies to easily switch vendors or combine offerings from different vendors.

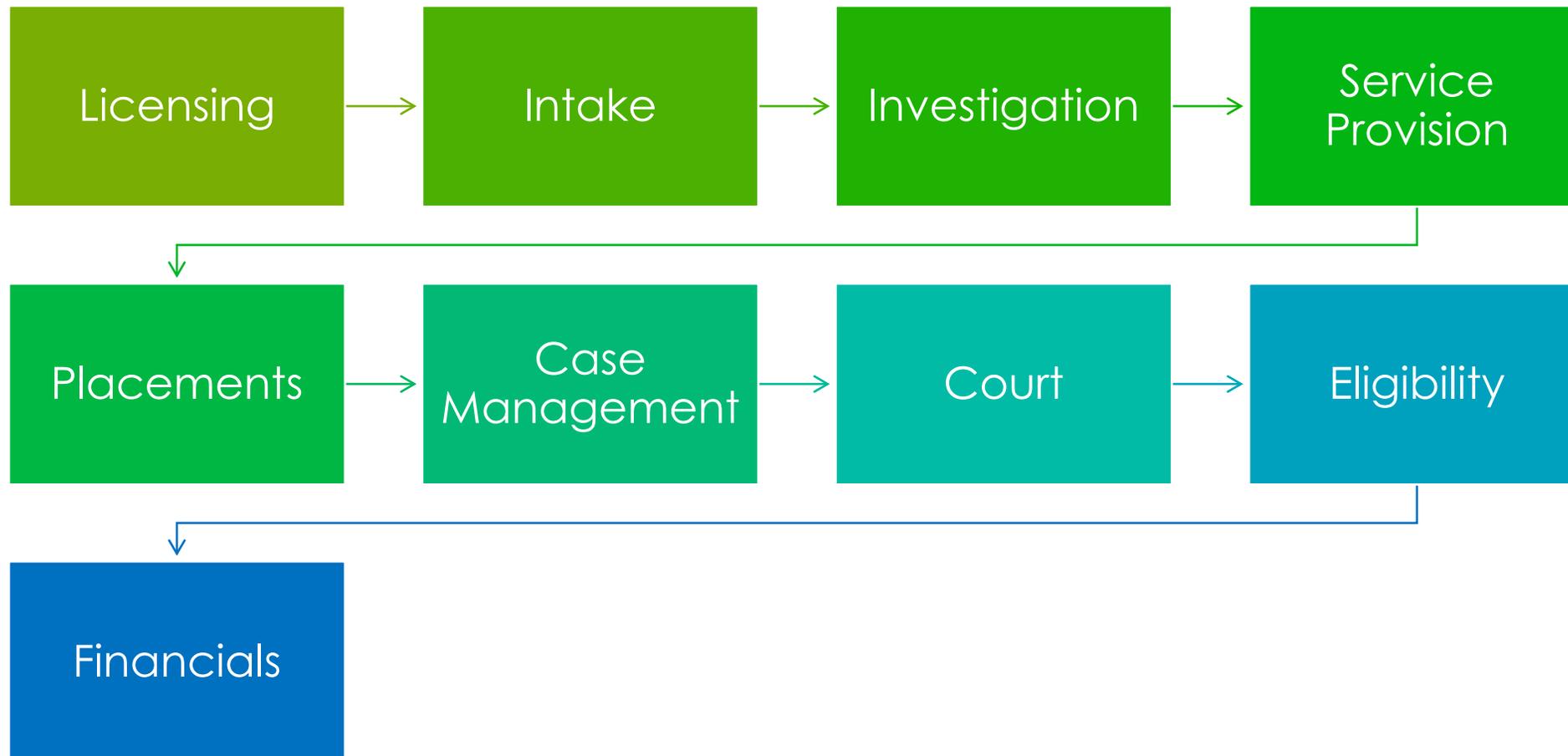


Reusability – functions must be capable of being shared, leveraged, and reused.



Data quality – system must establish data quality standards and monitoring.

CCWIS Modules



Prevent Foster Care & Congregate Care Entry

Context

- Placement in foster care can cause trauma to the child, family, and community; prolonged placement in congregate care settings often leads to poor outcomes for children and families.
- The Family First Prevention Service Act (FFPSA) allows **expansion of previously limited title IV-E funding** to be used for evidence-based prevention services with goals of reducing foster care entry, maltreatment and maltreatment recurrence.

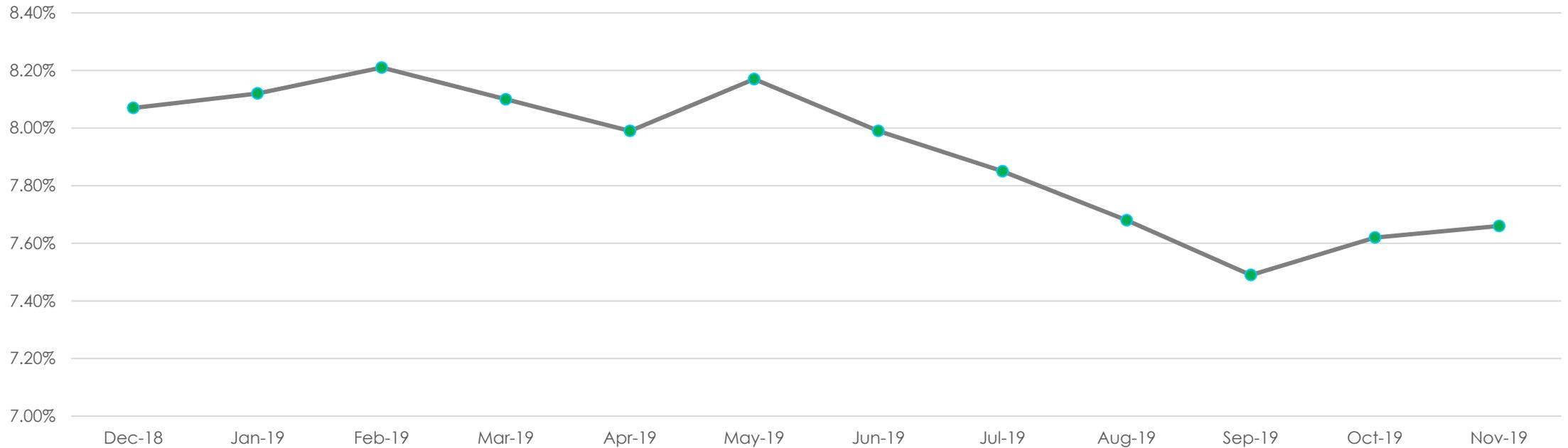
Response

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

Expected impact

- **Reduction in entry into foster care and group homes.**
- **Compliance with new federal rules limiting federal reimbursements for congregate care placements.**

Percent of Total Foster Care Placements in Congregate Care



	Dec-18	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19
Number in CCI	1056	1067	1080	1067	1054	1069	1038	1017	986	959	971	963
Total Foster Care	13083	13140	13154	13170	13195	13091	12996	12957	12842	12811	12735	12567
Percent Total	8.07%	8.12%	8.21%	8.10%	7.99%	8.17%	7.99%	7.85%	7.68%	7.49%	7.62%	7.66%

Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies, Healthy Families

Context

- Unacceptable levels of maternal and infant mortality, including racial disparities
- Limited access to prevention, support services & home visiting
- More than 15% rate of postpartum depression, usually untreated

Response

- Increase access to preventive services
- Expand and strengthen home visiting programs
- Broaden postpartum health care and assistance with depression

Expected impact

- Healthier births
- Lower maternal & infant mortality
- Better life outcomes across generations

Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies, Healthy Families

Expanding Home Visitation to Prevent Entry into Foster Care

- Effective home visiting programs support at-risk mothers & **demonstrably improve birth outcomes** & reduce foster placements.
- The Family First Prevention Service Act (FFPSA) **allows expansion of previously limited title IV-E funding** to be used for evidence-based prevention services with goals of reducing foster care entry, maltreatment and maltreatment recurrence.
- The funding will expand three existing evidence-based home visiting models eligible for title IV-E reimbursement to directly serve families referred by CPS as a result of a child abuse/neglect investigation.

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