



Division for Children, Youth and Families

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Department of
**HEALTH &
HUMAN SERVICES**



Division Mission

We partner with families and communities to provide resources and supports that lead to the safety and healthy development of children, youth, and the communities in which they live.





Child Protective Services - RSA 169-C

- ▶ Investigate and assess allegations of child abuse and neglect
- ▶ Provide for the safety, permanency, and well-being of children who are victims of abuse and/or neglect or children at risk of maltreatment.



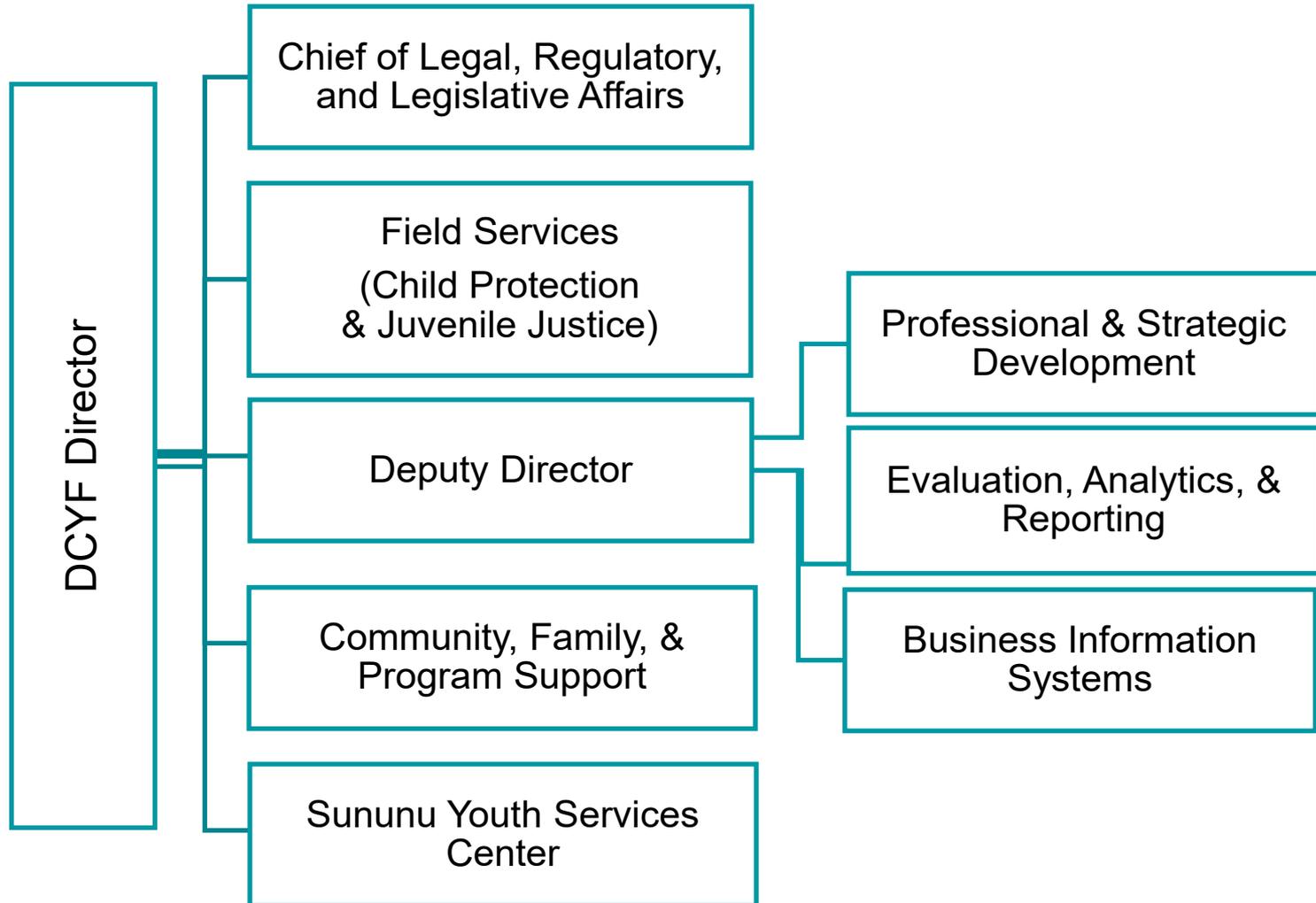
Juvenile Justice Services – RSA 169-B (Delinquent) and RSA 169-D (CHINS)

- ▶ Support children and youth to remediate challenges with delinquency to promote child, family, and community safety
- ▶ Support children and youth identified as Children in Need of Services.



Sununu Youth Services Center – RSA 621

- ▶ Provide a safe and secure environment for detained and committed youth who receive crisis intervention, mental health services, and treatment services in a secure setting.
- ▶ Ensure safety and well being of committed and detained youth and overall safety of the community



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

•**DCYF Workforce:**

- Vacancies in Assessment Caseworkers decreased from 9% to 4% comparing 12/2023 to 12/2024
- Vacancies in Juvenile Justice Officers decreased from 4% to 0 comparing 12/2023 to 12/2024
- Vacancies in Youth Counselors decreased from 56% in 12/2022; to 21% in 12/2023; and to 13% in 12/2024

•**Serving Children and Families Earlier:**

- Community Navigator at Central Intake has received 807 referrals since inception in 8/2023
- Community Based Voluntary Services served 914 children in SFY 2024
- Juvenile Justice Transformation and Assessment continuing to divert youth out of formal JJS system – 30% reduction in juvenile petitions from CY 2019 to CY 2023.

•**Kinship Care:**

- Initial out of home placement is with kin 74% of the time – up from 45% in SFY 2024
- Children served in kinship care currently surpasses children served in foster care
- Early data shows children placed in kinship care are more likely to reunify with their birth families

•**Additional Support for Transition Aged Youth:**

- HOPE Program – voluntary foster care to 21 – served 131 youth in SFY 2024 – up from 113 youth in SFY 2023
- YV Life Set - Life Skills Education and Training provided to 205 youth in SFY 2024 – up from 177 youth in SFY 2023
- Continued partnerships with housing authorities for Fostering Youth Independence housing vouchers



Looking to the Future.....

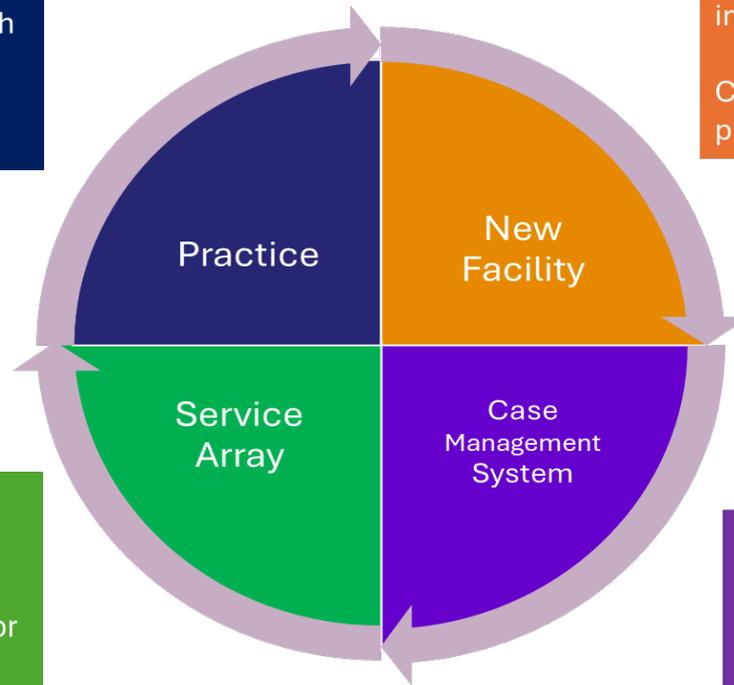
Reduce the percent of youth in residential treatment.

Increase the percent of foster youth who live in family settings (kinship, relative and foster family homes).

New facility will open by December 2026.

All employees will be trained in trauma-informed care.

Census will not exceed 12 youth at any point in time.



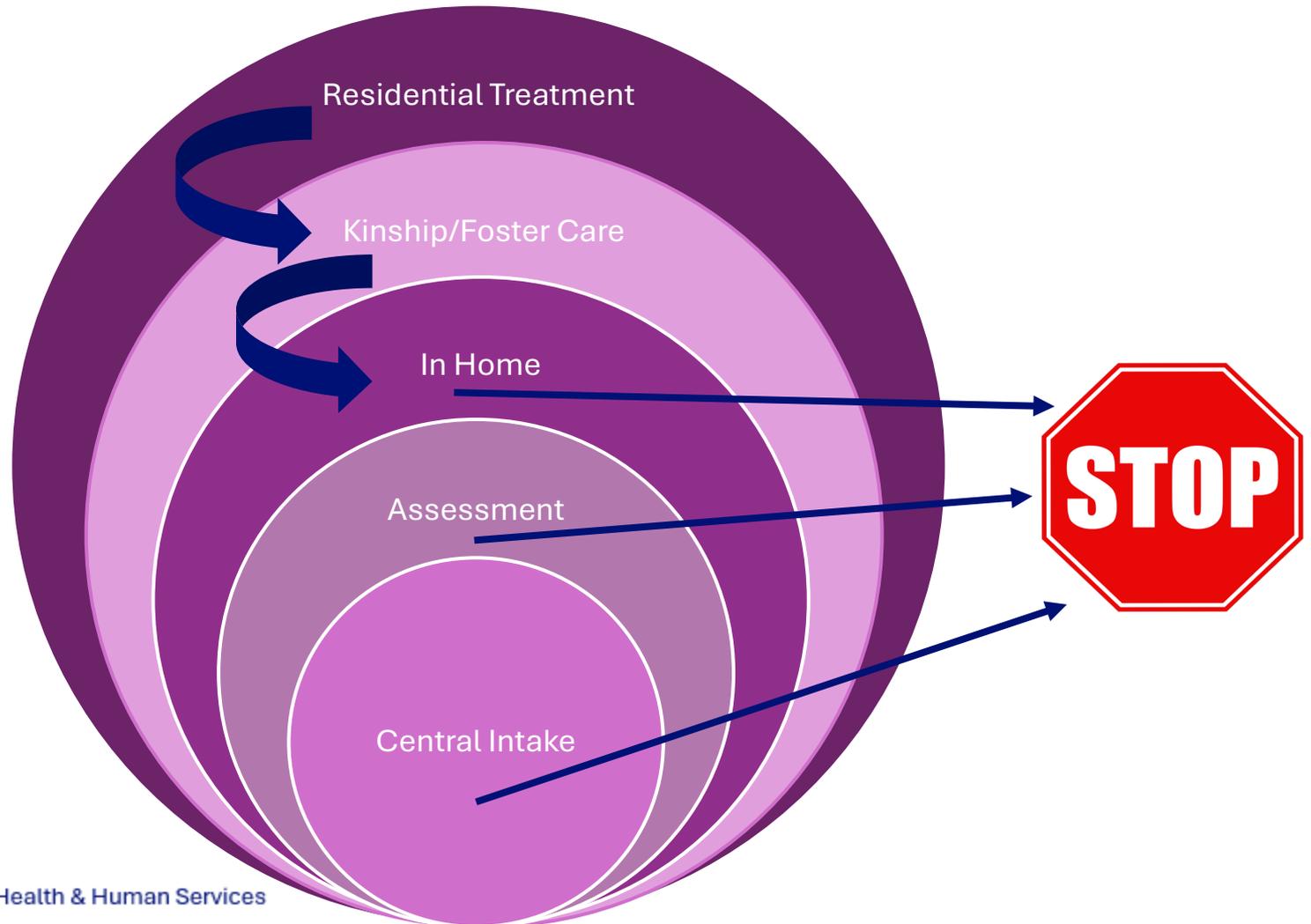
Increase children served in their own homes.

Increase foster home availability for children

DCYF's new Electronic Data System, Granite Families, will go live by December 2026.



GOAL: To Serve Families with the Lightest Touch Possible



Bureau of Field Services

- Central Intake screens all reports for child abuse and neglect, Children in Need of Services, and reports from Law Enforcement for Juvenile Justice Assessment
- Delivery of Child Protective and Juvenile Justice Services, inclusive of assessments, ongoing cases, court, placement, and provision of services for children, youth, and families.



Bureau of Field Services

Activity – Accounting Unit	Accounting Unit Title	Auth. FTE # SFY 2025	Budget Book Page #	Budget Briefing Book Page #
4210 - 1896	DCYF Emerg CYF Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% general funds 	0	847	N/A
4210 - 2957	Child Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 25% federal funds 	462	849	3
4210 - 2958	Child and Family Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 29% federal funds 	0	851	7
4210 - 2965	Unemployment Compensation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% federal funds 	0	853	N/A

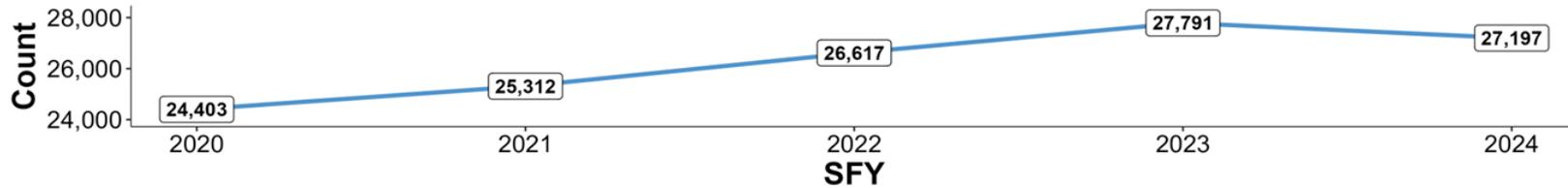


Bureau of Field Services Continued

Activity – Accounting Unit	Accounting Unit Title	Auth. FT E # SFY 20 25	Budget Book Page #	Budget Briefing Book Page #
4214 - 7905	Juvenile field Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26% federal funds 	107	862	34
4214 – 7906	OJJDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95% federal funds 	2	863	37

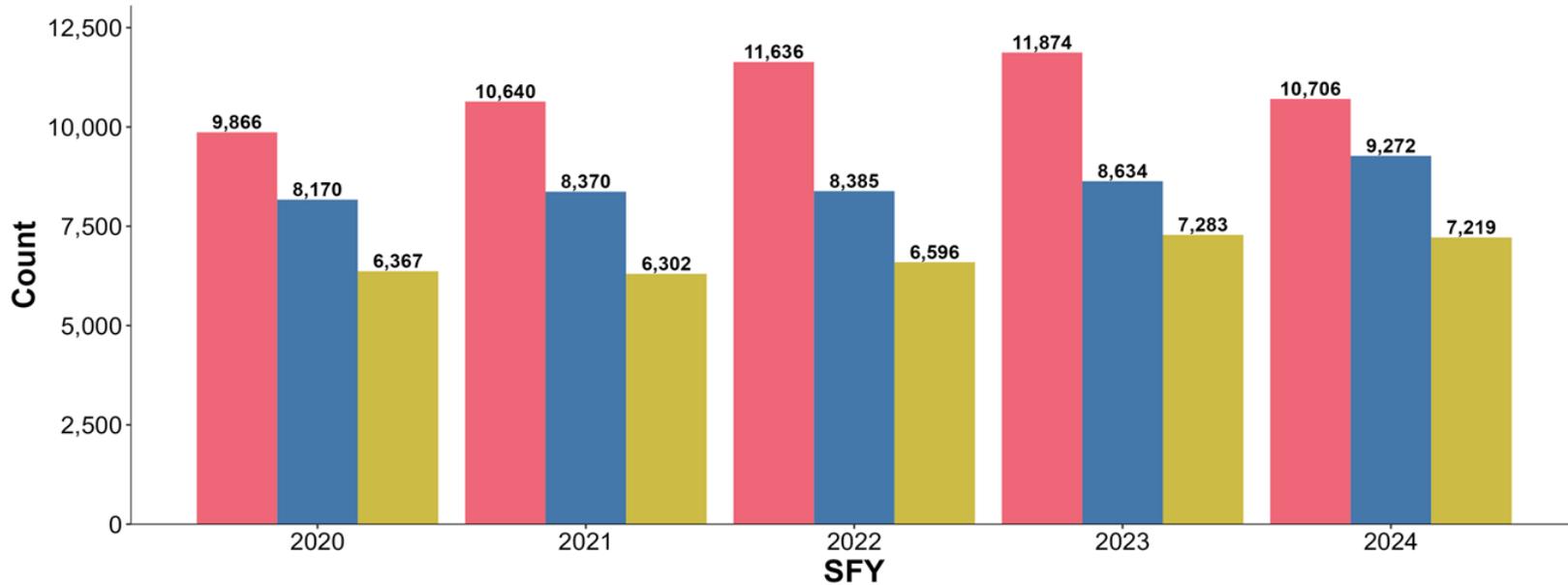


Total Calls To Intake



Breakdown By Type

Screen In Screen Out Additional Information

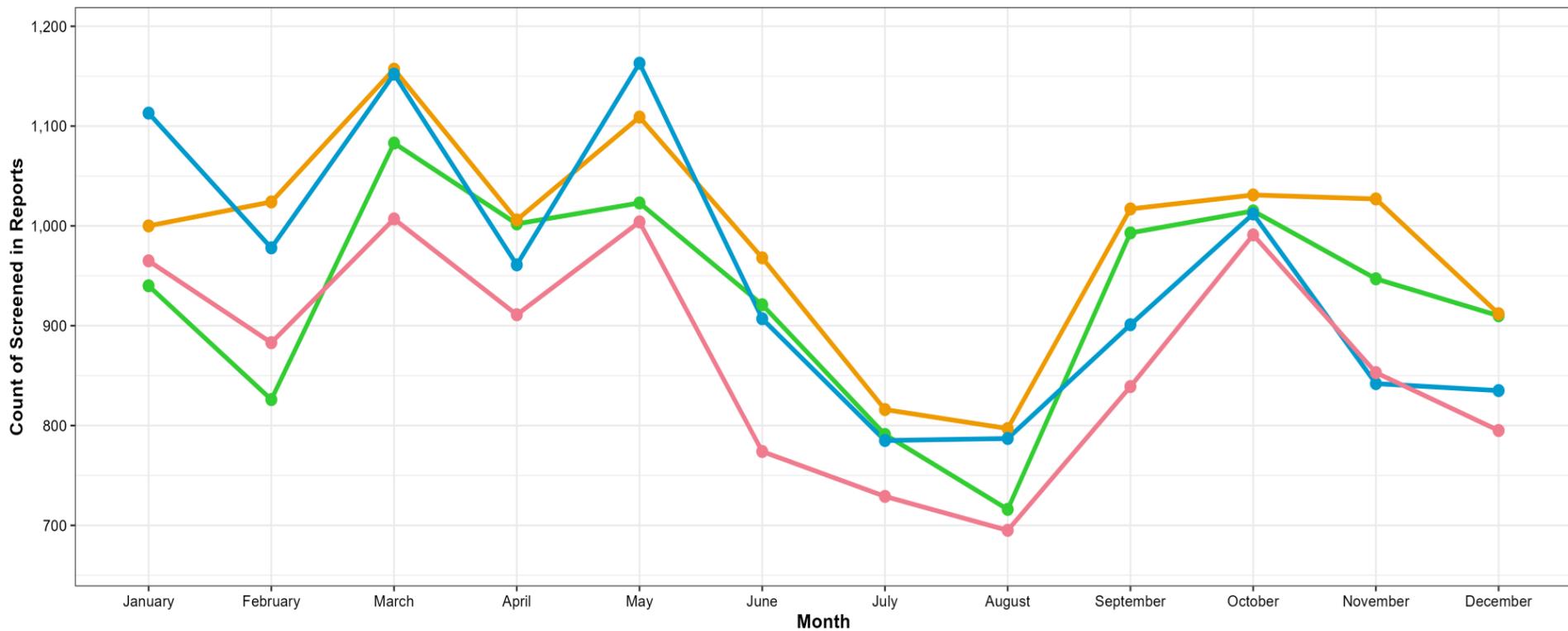


Data Extracted From Bridges SACWIS on 9/4/24



Child Protection Screened in Reports for Assessment CY2021- CY2024 Month to Month Trend

Year ● 2021 ● 2022 ● 2023 ● 2024



Extracted from Bridges (NH SACWIS) on 01/03/2025



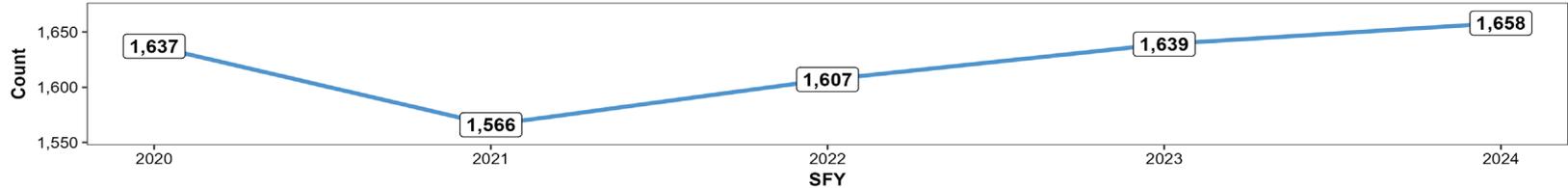
Assessment Caseload (Goal of 12 Active)

Average Assessments Assigned Per CPSW 2021-2024
(Last day of Month)

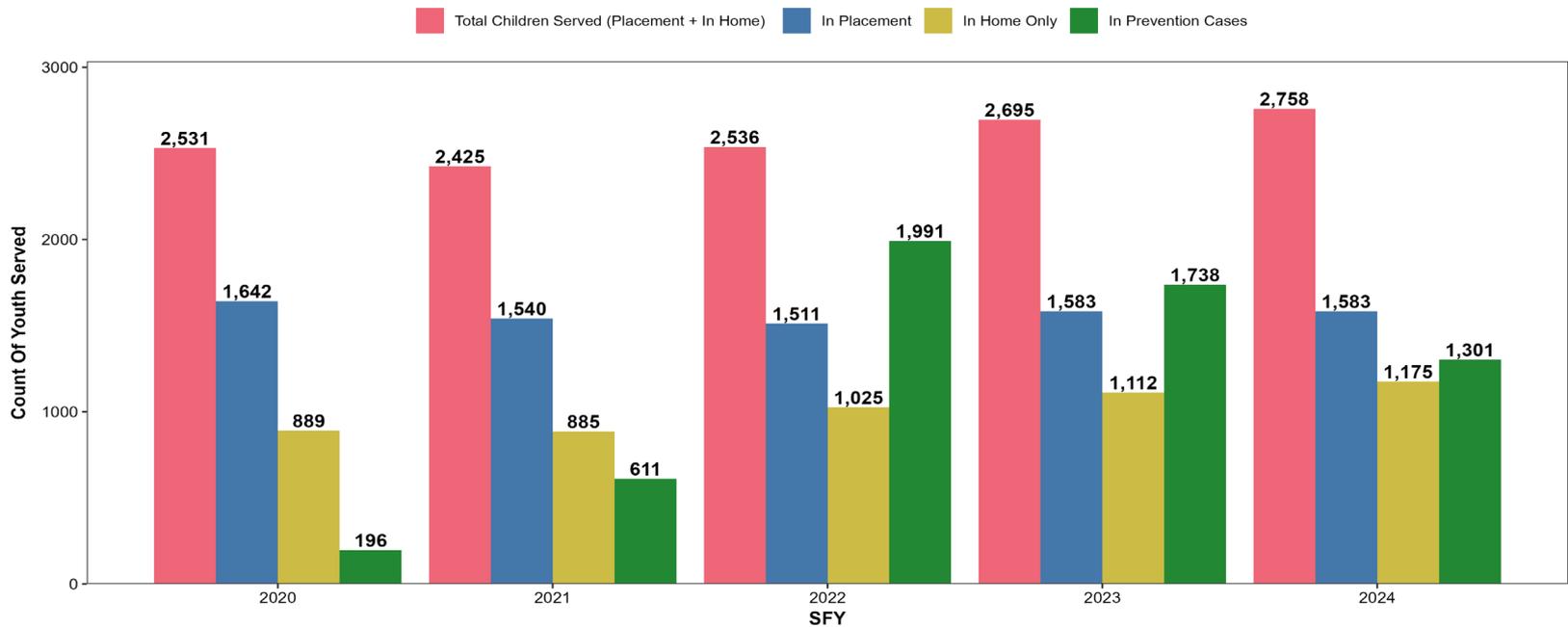


Child Protection Open Cases: SFY 2020 - 2024

Total Family Services Cases Open Anytime In Period



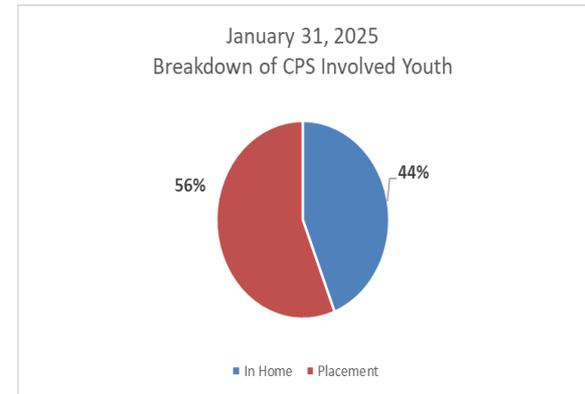
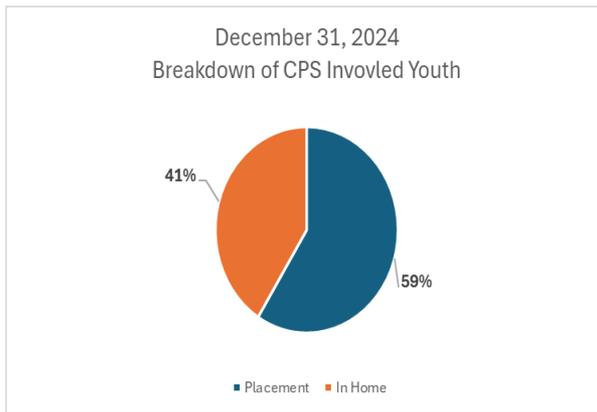
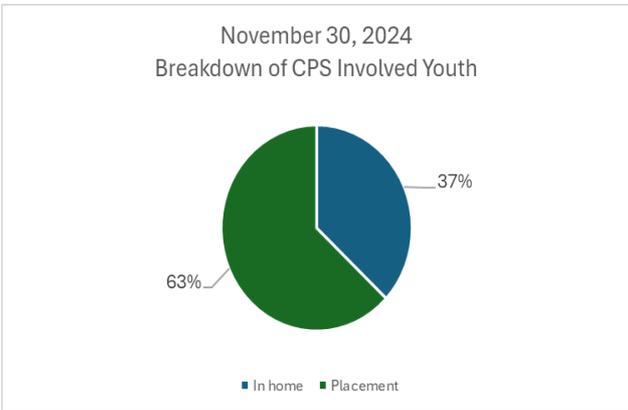
Children Served Anytime In Period



Data Extracted From Bridges SACWIS on 2025-02-04

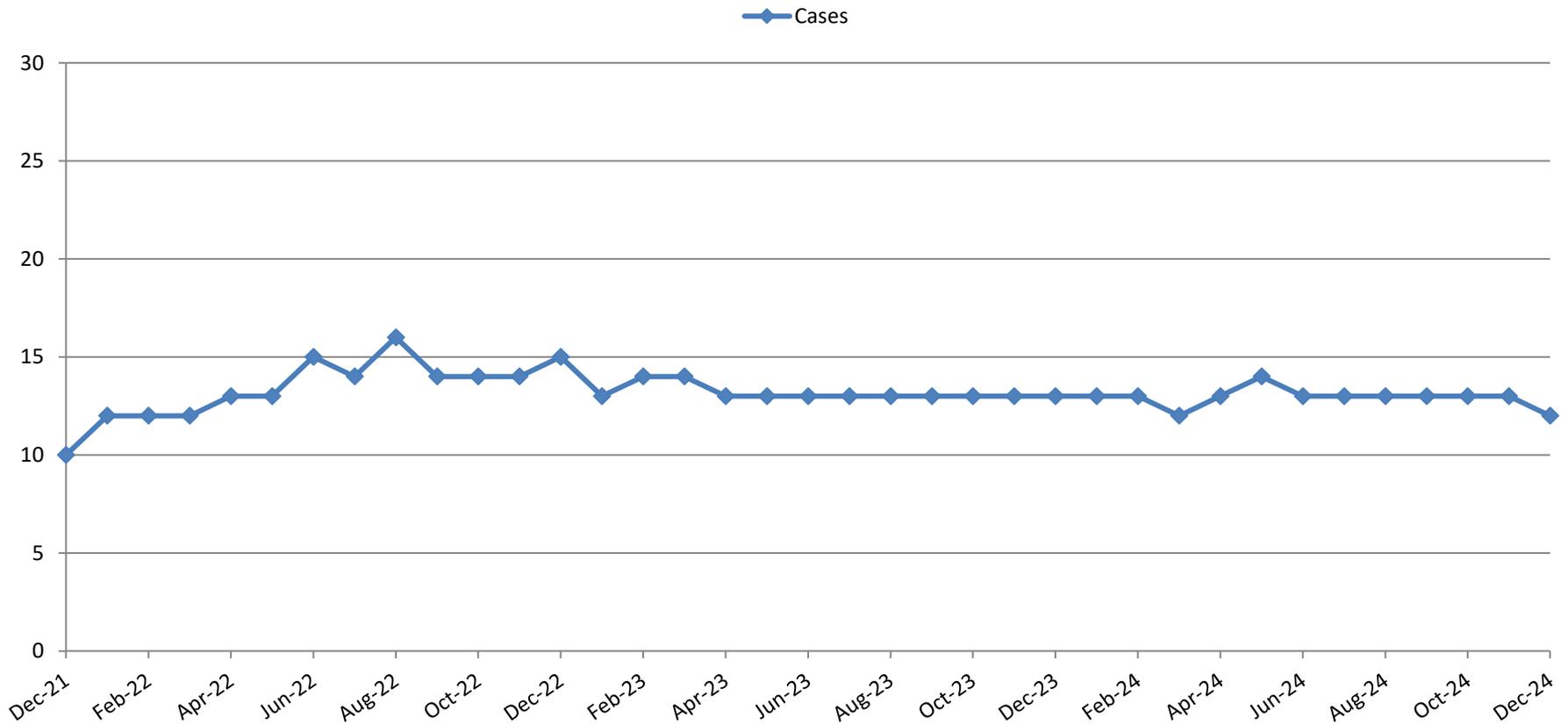


Percentage of Child Protection Children in Placement Versus in Home Decreased by 7% in the Past 3 Months

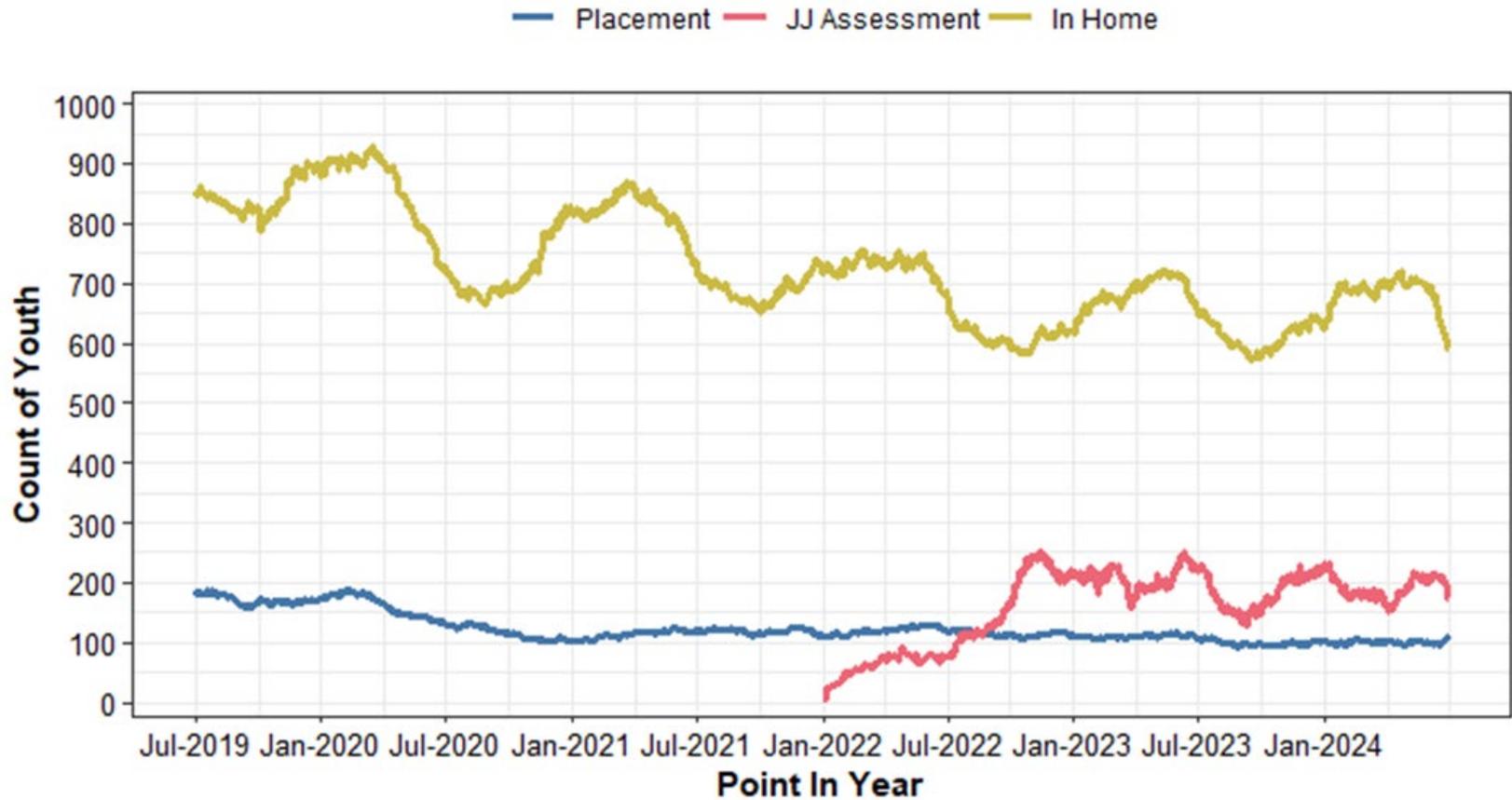


Family Service Caseload (Goal of 10)

Average Number of Cases Assigned per CPSW
(Last day of the Month, 2021-2024)



Juvenile Justice Youth Involvement: SFY 2020-2024

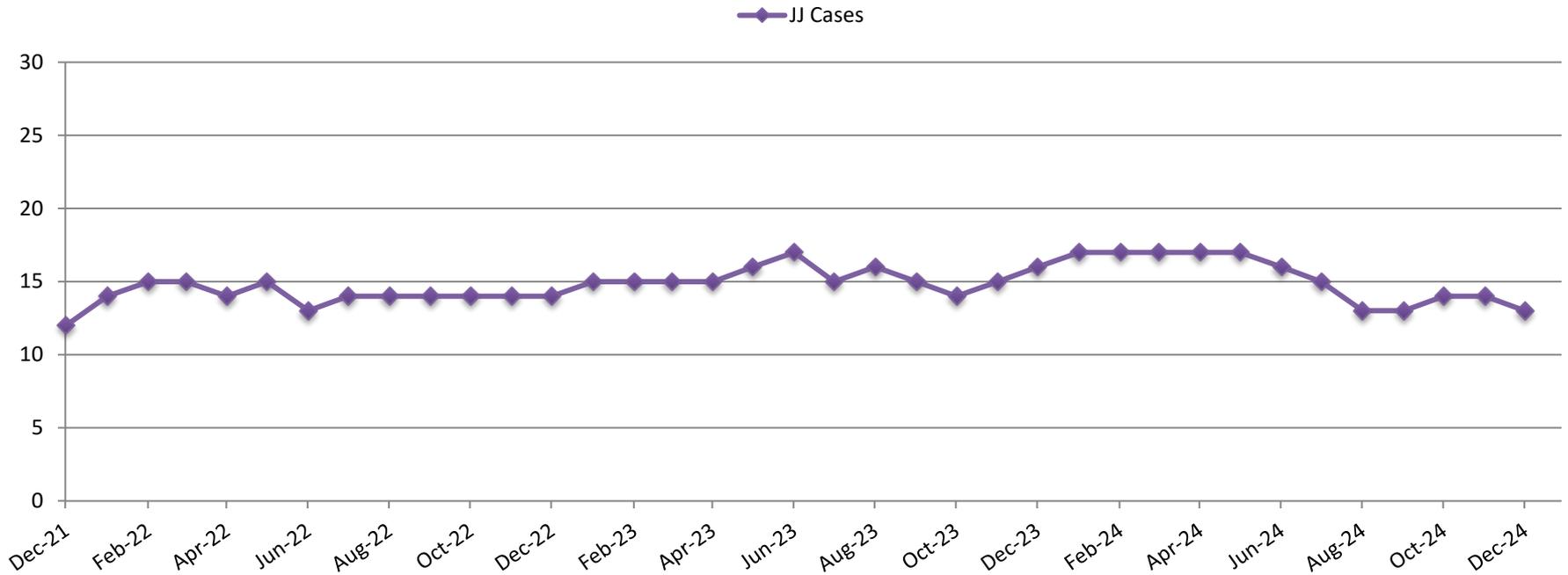


Data Extracted From Bridges SACWIS on 2/10/24

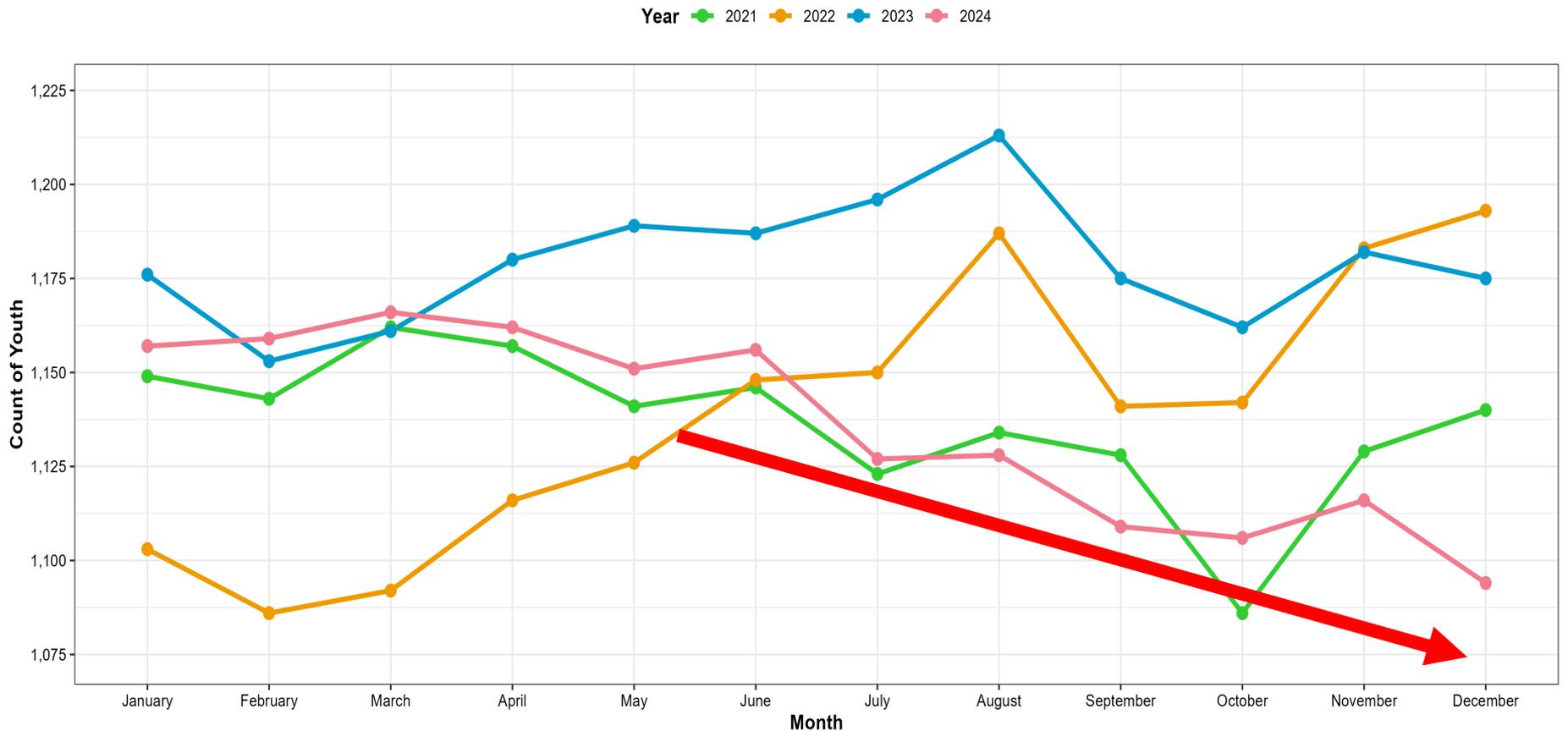


Juvenile Justice Caseload

Average Number of Cases Assigned per JPPO
(Last Day of Month, 2021-2024)



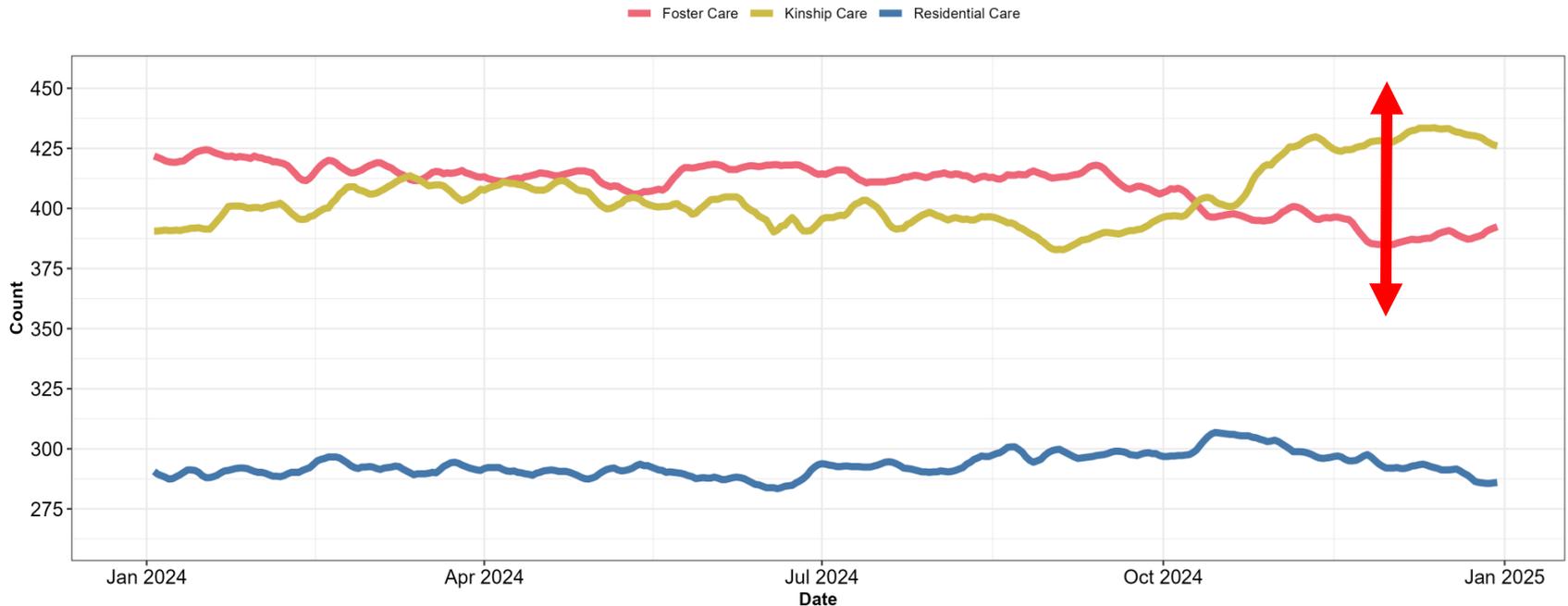
CPS & JJS Children in Out of Home Care



Extracted from Bridges (NH SACWIS) on 01/03/2025

Placements by Setting – Daily Count (Child Protection and Juvenile Justice cases)

Daily Count of Youth In Placement By Setting Type
Combined CPS and JJS | 12/30/23 - 12/30/24



**Residential Care includes Level 1-4 residential facilities and PRTF Level 5 (Hampstead Hospital). It does not include SYSC or Independent Living.*



Sununu Youth Services Center

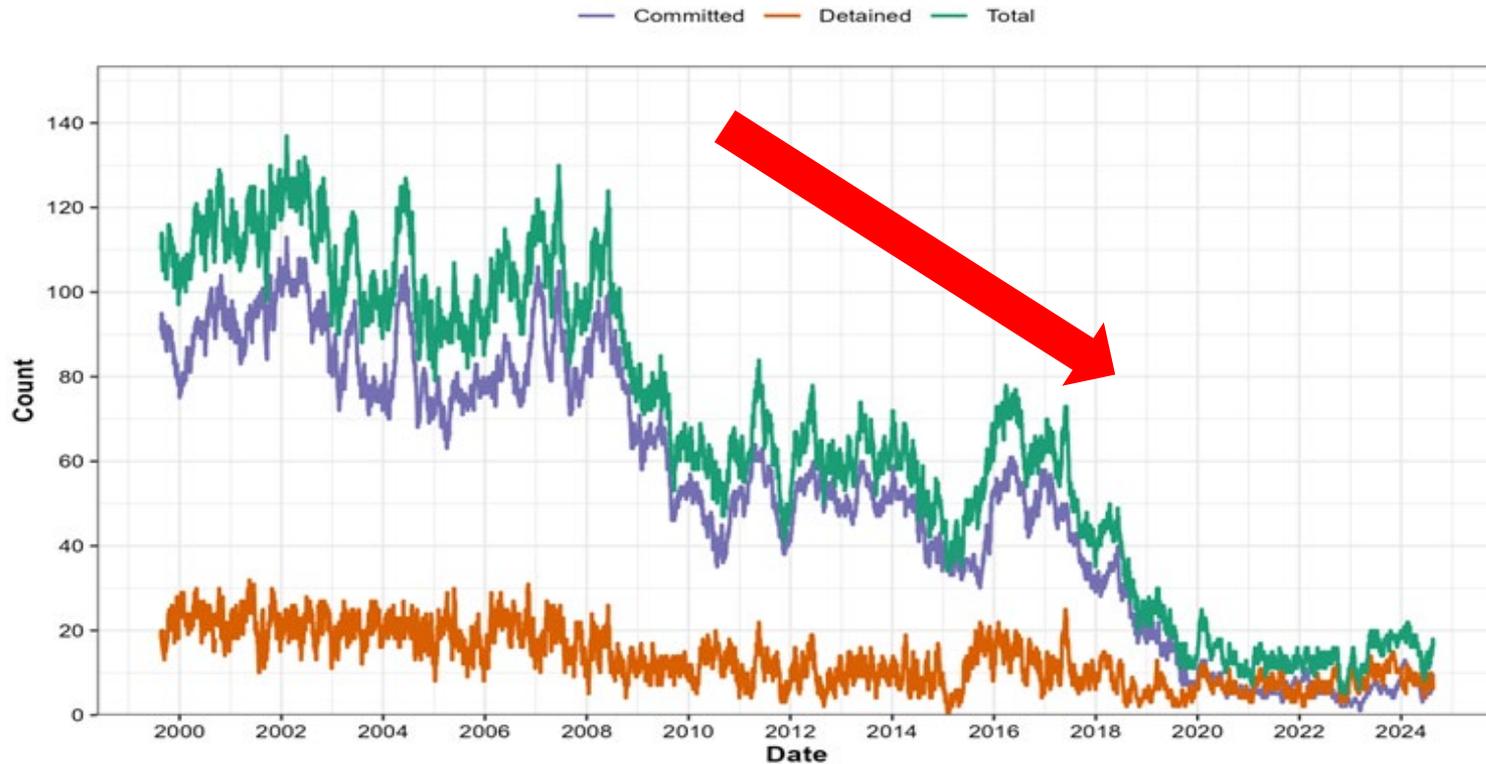
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Activity – Accounting Unit	Accounting Unit Title	Auth. FTE # SFY 2025	Budget Book Page #	Budget Briefing Book Page #
4215 -6643	Sununu Youth Services Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% general funds 	87	865	39
4215 - 7114	Store and Special Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% general funds 	0		0



Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC) Census Baseline Data - 2000-2024

Sununu Youth Services Center Daily Population
 All Genders, Detained/Committed/ICJ/Minors Charged As Adults
 August 20, 1999 – August 19, 2024



Office of the Director

DCYF Director and Deputy Director, Constituent Relations,
Field Administrators, Culture of Safety Program

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4210 - 2956	Child Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% federal funds 	35	848	1



Bureau of Community, Family, & Program Support

Responsible for community-based service development and contract oversight and management of foster care, permanency (adoption, guardianship, reunification), adolescent, foster care health, and human trafficking programs.

Activity – Accounting Unit	Accounting Unit Title	Auth. FTE # SFY 2025	Budget Book Page #	Budget Briefing Book Page #
4210 - 2296	Child Welfare Service IV-B <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% federal funds 	0	853	25
4210 - 2297	Adolescent Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% federal funds 	0	854	25
4210 - 2959	Domestic Violence Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34% federal funds, 19% other funds (fees collected) 	0	851	25
4210 – 2961	Foster Care Health Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 71% federal funds 	19	852	25



Bureau of Community, Family, & Program Support Continued

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4210 - 2969	Child Abuse Prevention CAPTA • 100% federal funds	0	855	25
4210 – 2973	Promoting Safe and Stable Family • 100% federal funds	0	856	26
4210 - 2974	Adoption & Kinship Grant Services • 100% federal funds	0	857	25
4210 – 3443	BCFPS – Child & Family Program Support • 53% federal funds	0	859	26



Bureau of Professional and Strategic Development

Responsible for professional development of all DCYF staff, caregivers, and other stakeholders; the development, monitoring, and implementation of DCYF's Strategic Priorities, Parent Partner Program, Special Investigations Unit and Risk & Safety Consultation Program.

Activity – Accounting Unit	Accounting Unit Title	Auth. FTE # SFY 2025	Budget Book Page #	Budget Briefing Book Page #
4210 - 3220	Bureau of Prof & Strategic Dev <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48% federal funds 	11	857	18



Bureau of Evaluation, Analytics, and Reporting

Responsible for data evaluation and analysis, continuous quality improvement activities, and federal reporting.

Activity – Accounting Unit	Accounting Unit Title	Auth. FTE # SFY 2025	Budget Book Page #	Budget Briefing Book Page #
4210 - 3221	Bureau of Eval Analysis & Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% federal funds 	8	859	21



Bureau of Information Systems, Legal & Policy

Legal, Regulatory, and Legislative Affairs - General Counsel & Legislative Liaison, policy and form development, and central registry. Business Information Systems - Legacy case management system “Bridges” maintenance, new case management system “Granite Families” development, and other division specific IT support

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4210 - 3444	Information Systems, Legal & Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% federal funds 	14	860	29



HB1 Budget Areas For Consideration

Description	SFY 26				SFY 27			
	General	Federal	Other	Total	General	Federal	Other	Total
SB 463 expands access to court appointed counsel for children in dependence proceedings. No funds were allocated in the passing of this legislation.	697,211	232,403		697,211	734,454	244,818		979,272
SB463 Benefits funds not allocated.	398,272	132,757		531,029	381,606	127,202		508,808
SB 417 revises criteria for out of home placements This was funded but not in whole for 26/27	118,066	39,356		157,422	111,516	37,172		148,688

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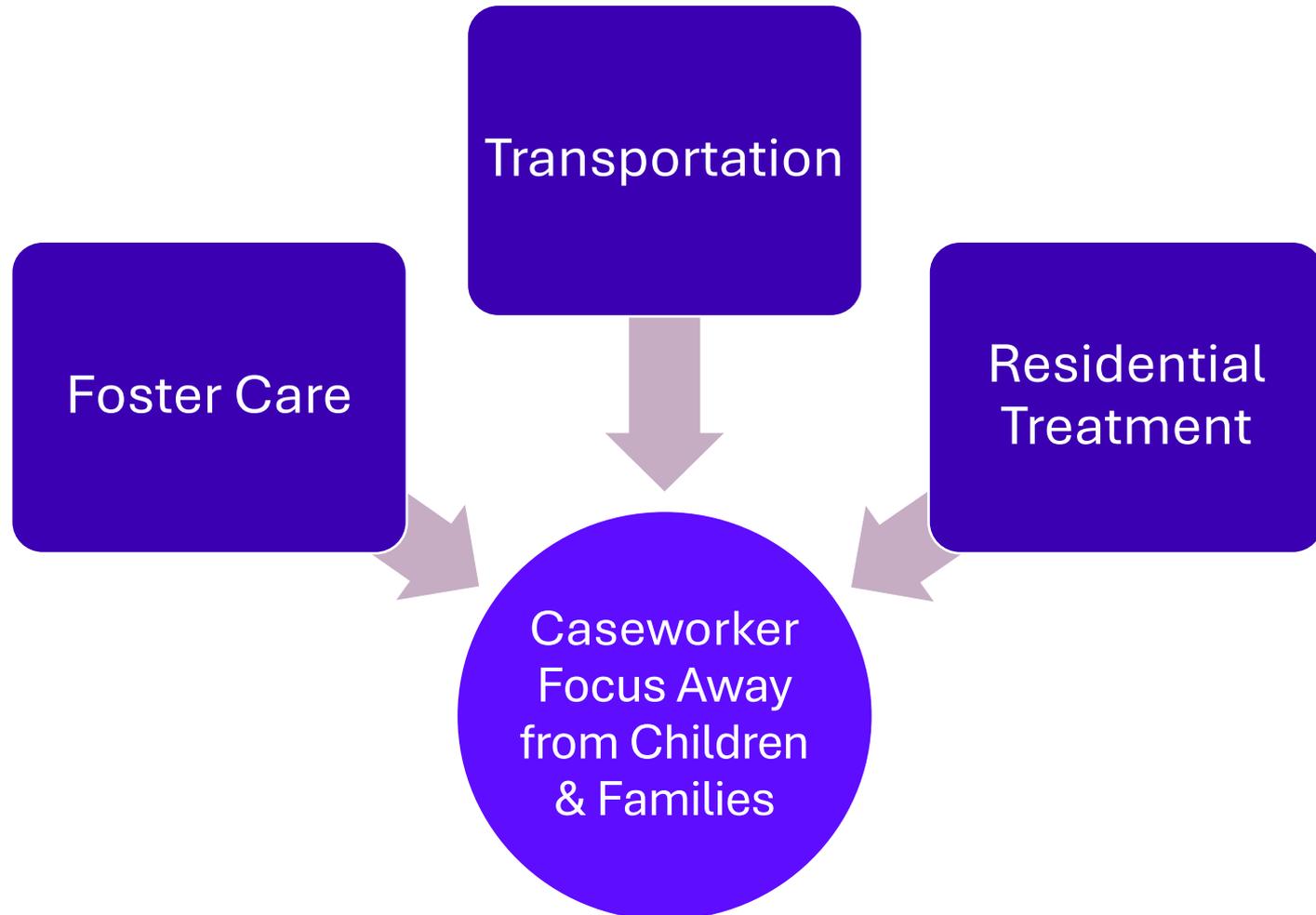
Description	SFY 26				SFY 27			
	General	Federal	Other	Total	General	Federal	Other	Total
SB 463 expands access to court appointed counsel for children in dependent proceedings. No payroll or benefit funds were allocated in the passing of this legislation. This SB was postponed until FY28	1,095,483	365,160		1,460,643	1,116,060	372,020		1,488,080
SB 417 revises criteria for out of home placements & enhanced oversight of residential treatment. This was funded in part but not fully for 8 CPSW positions.	118,066	39,356		157,422	111,516	37,172		148,688
SB 417 revises criteria for out of home placements and enhanced oversight of residential treatment. This was funded in part but not fully for 2 JPPO positions.	38,253	14,149		52,402	38,251	14,148		52,399
Residential Rate Increase	6,031,636	3,107,107		9,138,743	6,031,636	3,107,107		9,138,743
Foster Care Rate Increase	663,695	296,834		957,529	663,695	296,834		957,529
Medicaid loss of funding for residential placement					\$9,000,000			\$9,000,000

HB2 Budget Areas for Consideration

Section	Title	Description
		Transfer authority for SYSC class lines Our request to continue unique transfer authority between class lines at SYSC was not approved. This was added by the House last time after they cut \$1 million out of the budget and directed us to buy a body scanner from funds budgeted for other purposes.
		Commissioner will have the authority to access \$1,000 or less in gift or donations for SYSC.



Service Delivery Impacts on Casework





Questions?

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