

CPS 101: an Overview of the Texas Child Welfare System

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Mission and Focus

TexProtects protects Texas children from the trauma of abuse and neglect and empowers families to thrive through education, research, and advocacy.

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Abuse
Prevention

Family Preservation

CPS System and
Workforce

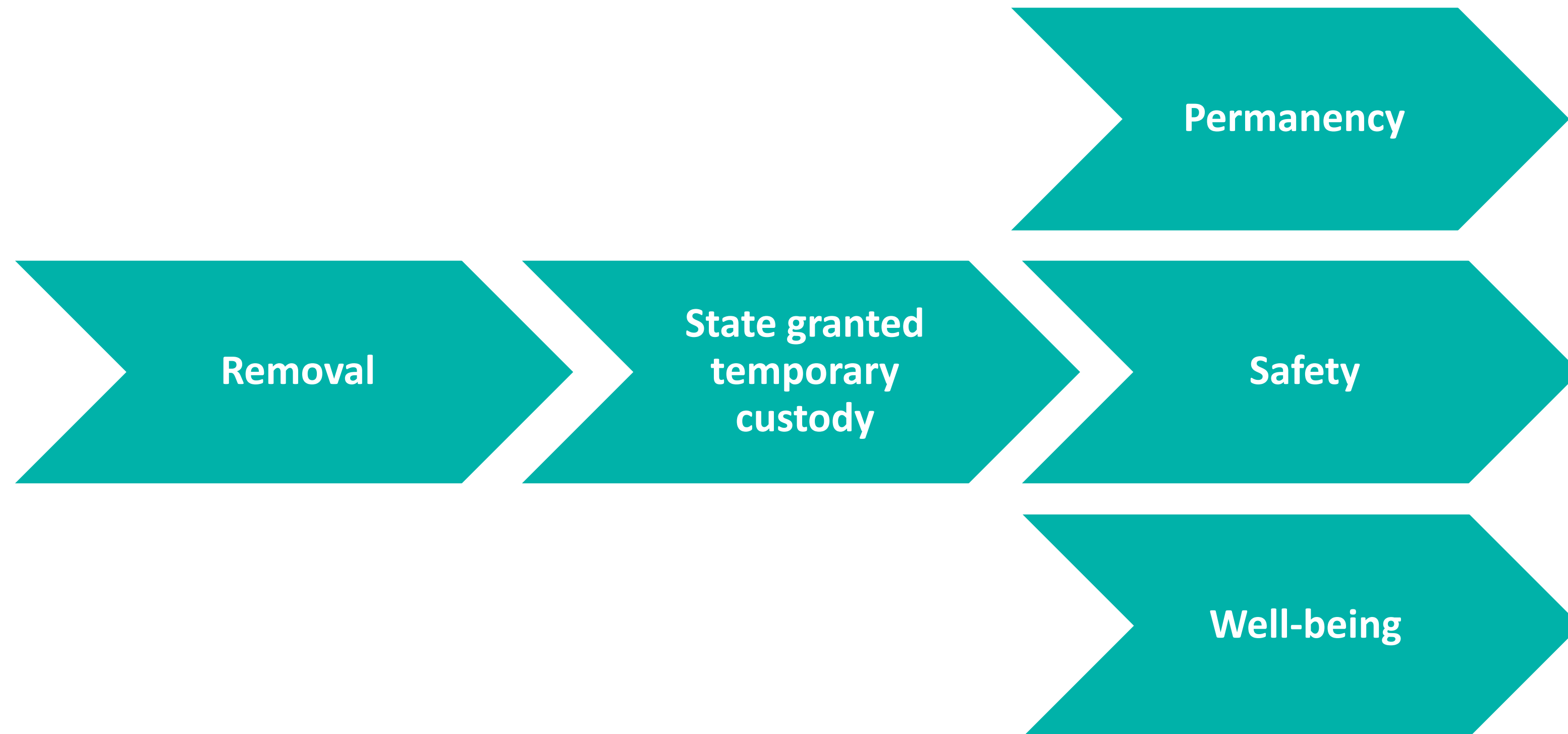
Foster Care

Transition and
Support
Services for Youth

Healing and Trauma-Informed Care

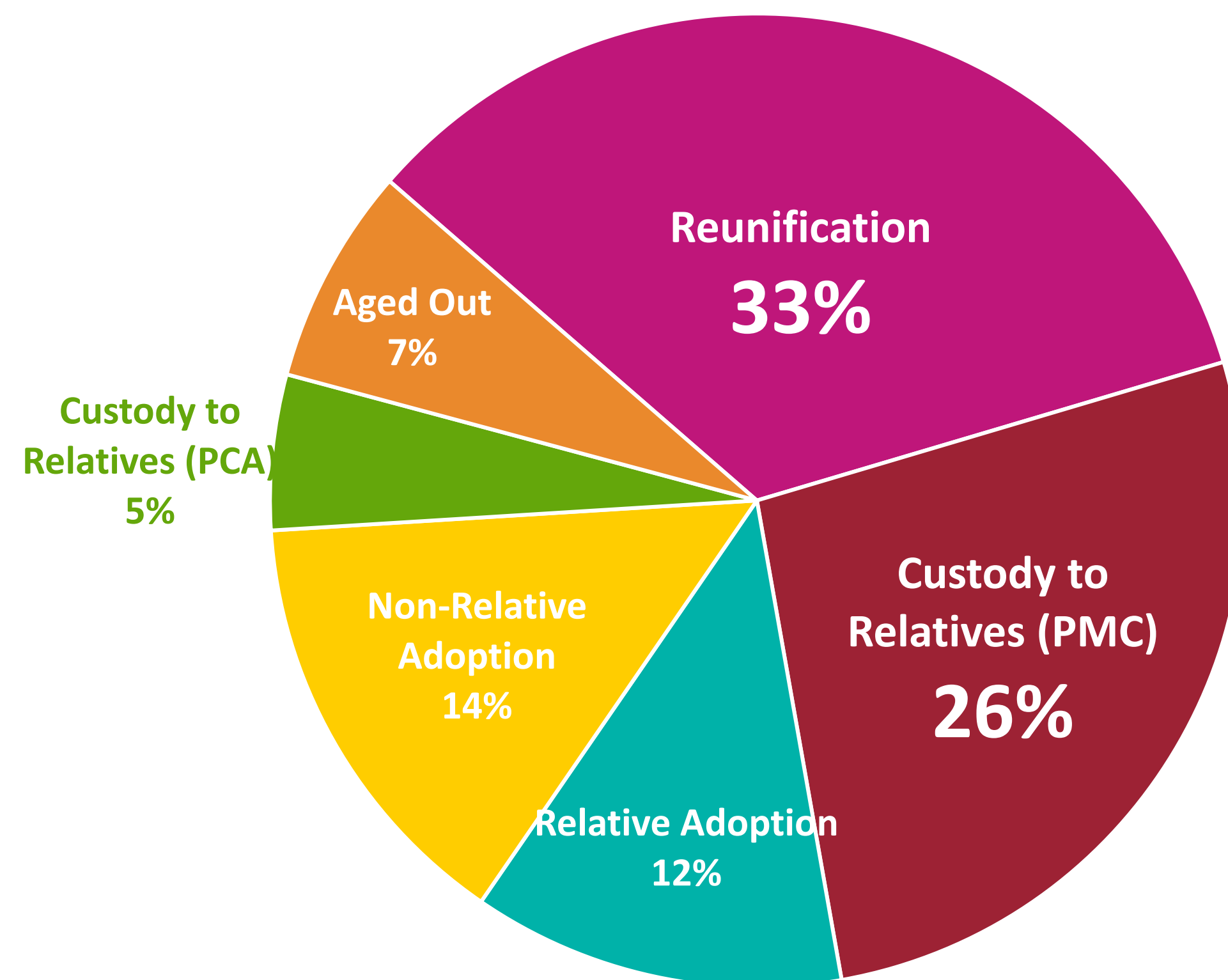
**What Are We
Talking About?**

From Removal to Permanency



Achieving Permanency

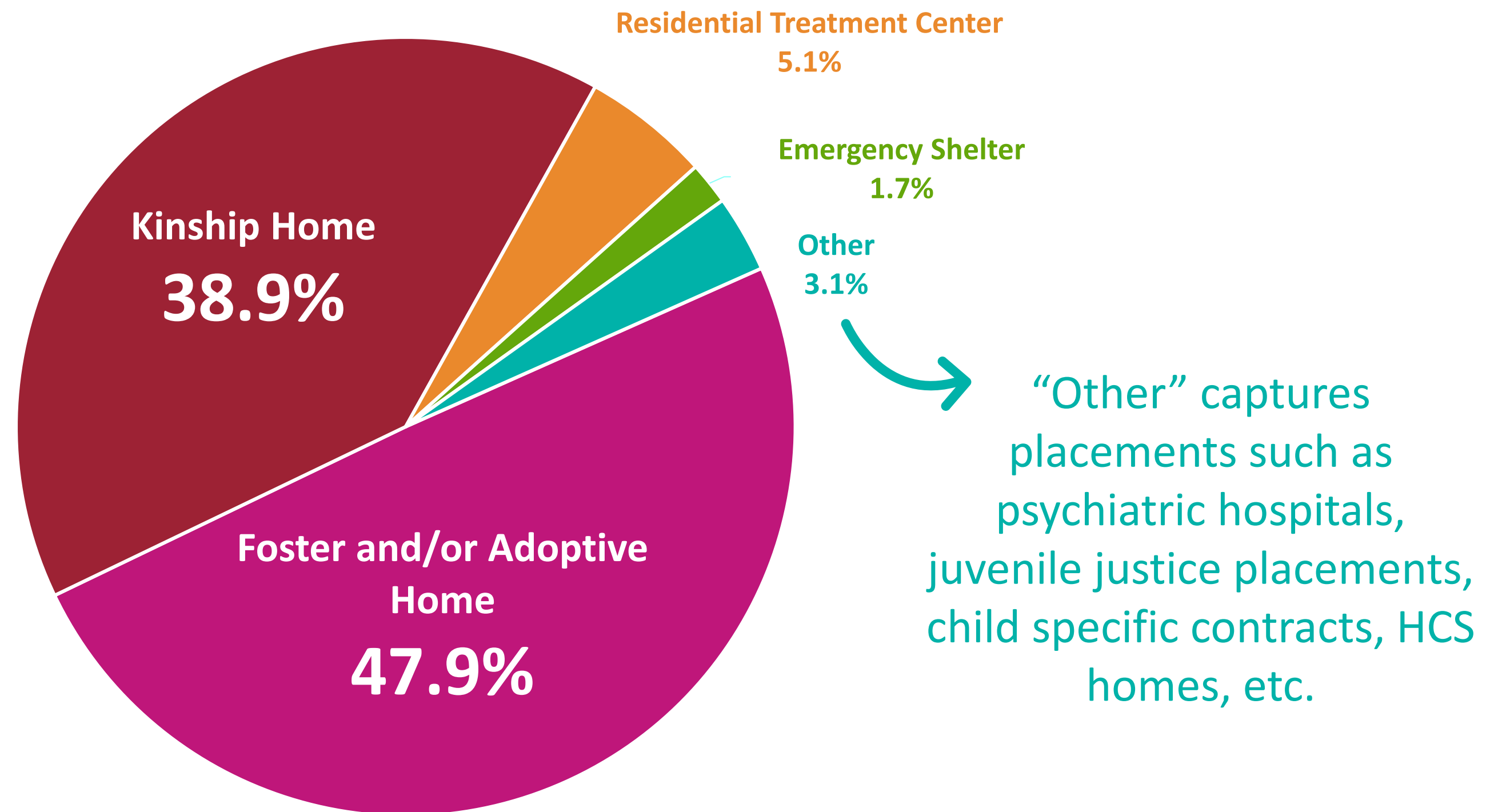
PERCENT OF CHILDREN EXITING DFPS LEGAL CUSTODY
IN 2021, STATEWIDE



Source: Department of Family and Protective Services Data Book, [Child Protective Services \(CPS\): Children Exiting DFPS Legal Custody](#)

Types of Placements

PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN SUBSTITUTE CARE BY
PLACEMENT TYPE
AS OF 8/31/2021



Source: Department of Family and Protective Services Data Book, Child Protective Services (CPS): Children in DFPS Legal Responsibility during the Fiscal Year; CPS Placements: Children in Substitute Care on August 31

Levels of Care

Level of Care	Type of Placement	Daily Reimbursement Rate
Basic	DFPS Foster Home	\$27.07
	Child Placing Agency Foster Home	\$49.54
	General Residential Operations*	\$45.19
Moderate	DFPS Foster Home	\$47.37
	Child Placing Agency Foster Home	\$97.41
	General Residential Operations*	\$120.62
Specialized	DFPS Foster Home	\$57.86
	Child Placing Agency Foster Home	\$122.76
	General Residential Operations*	\$220.42
Intense	DFPS Foster Home	\$92.43
	Child Placing Agency Foster Home	\$207.86
	General Residential Operations*	\$309.27
Intense Plus	General Residential Operation/Residential Treatment Center	\$446.80
Other	Emergency Shelter	\$153.09
	Intensive Psychiatric Transition Program (IPTP)	\$417.38
	Treatment Foster Family Care - Agency	\$309.27

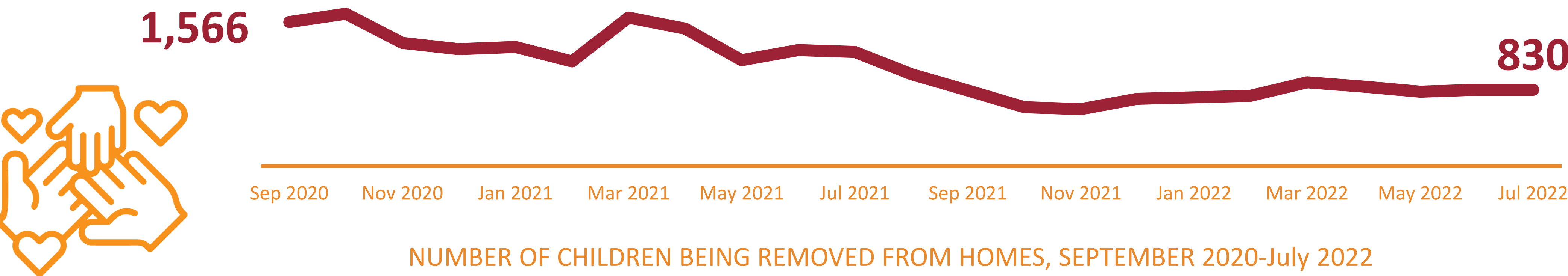
Source: Department of Family and Protective Services 24-Hour Residential Child Care Reimbursement Rates;
Presentation to the House Committee on Appropriations, September 8, 2022

* Does not include emergency shelters



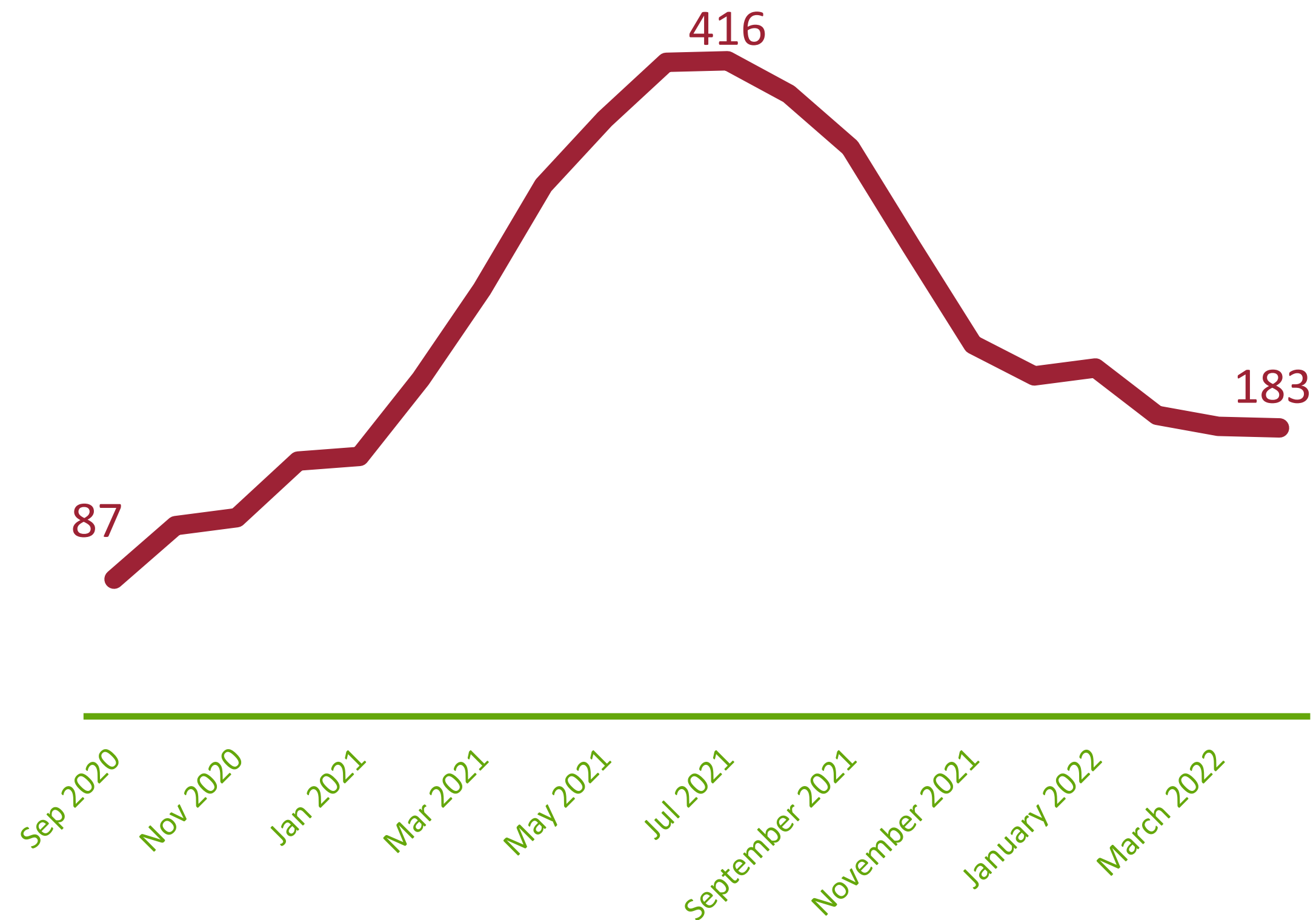
How's the System Performing?

Overall, child removals have **DECREASED**

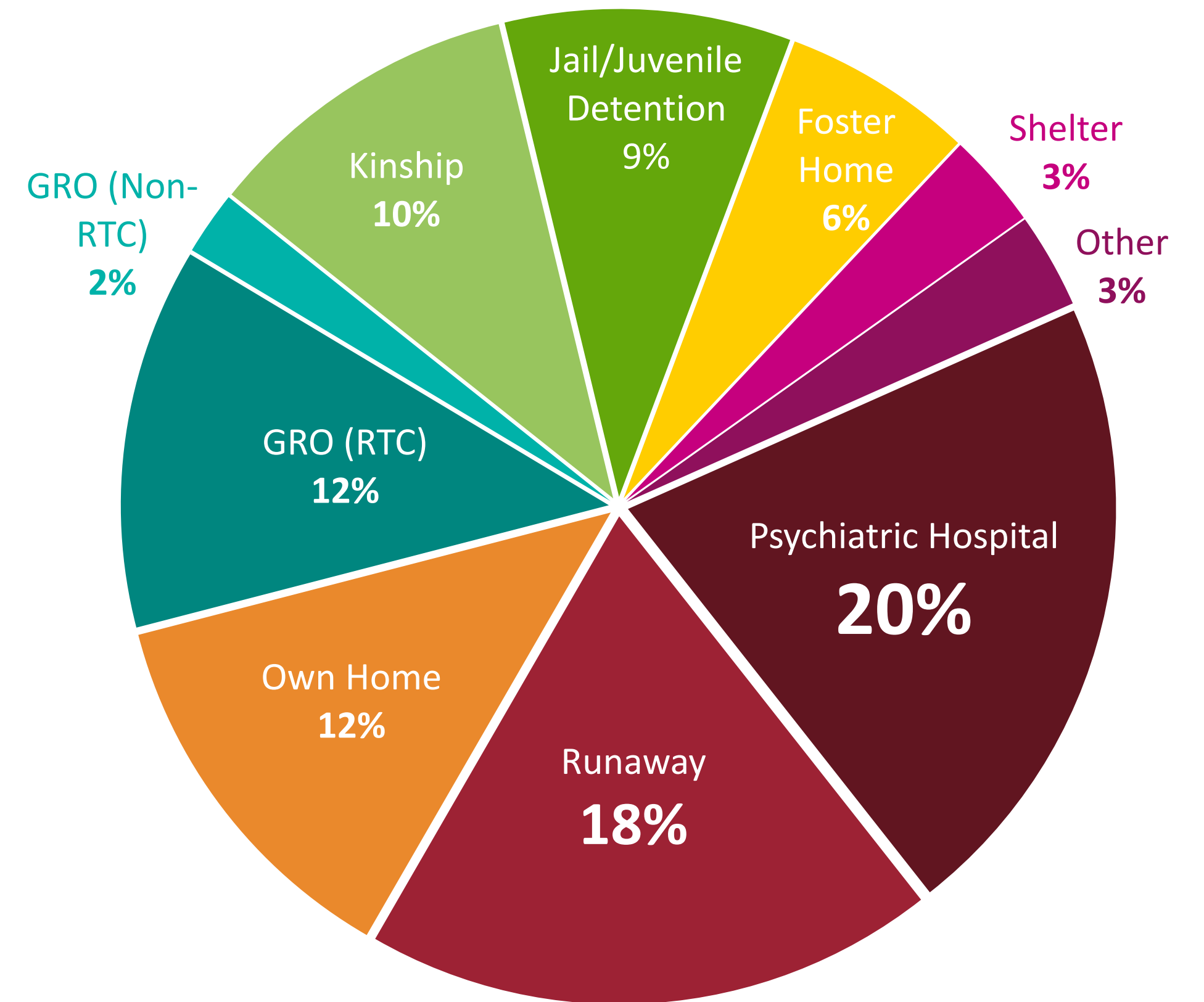


Source: Department of Family and Protective Services Data Book, Demographics of Children New in Substitute Care for Children Age 0-17

Children Without Placement (CWOP)



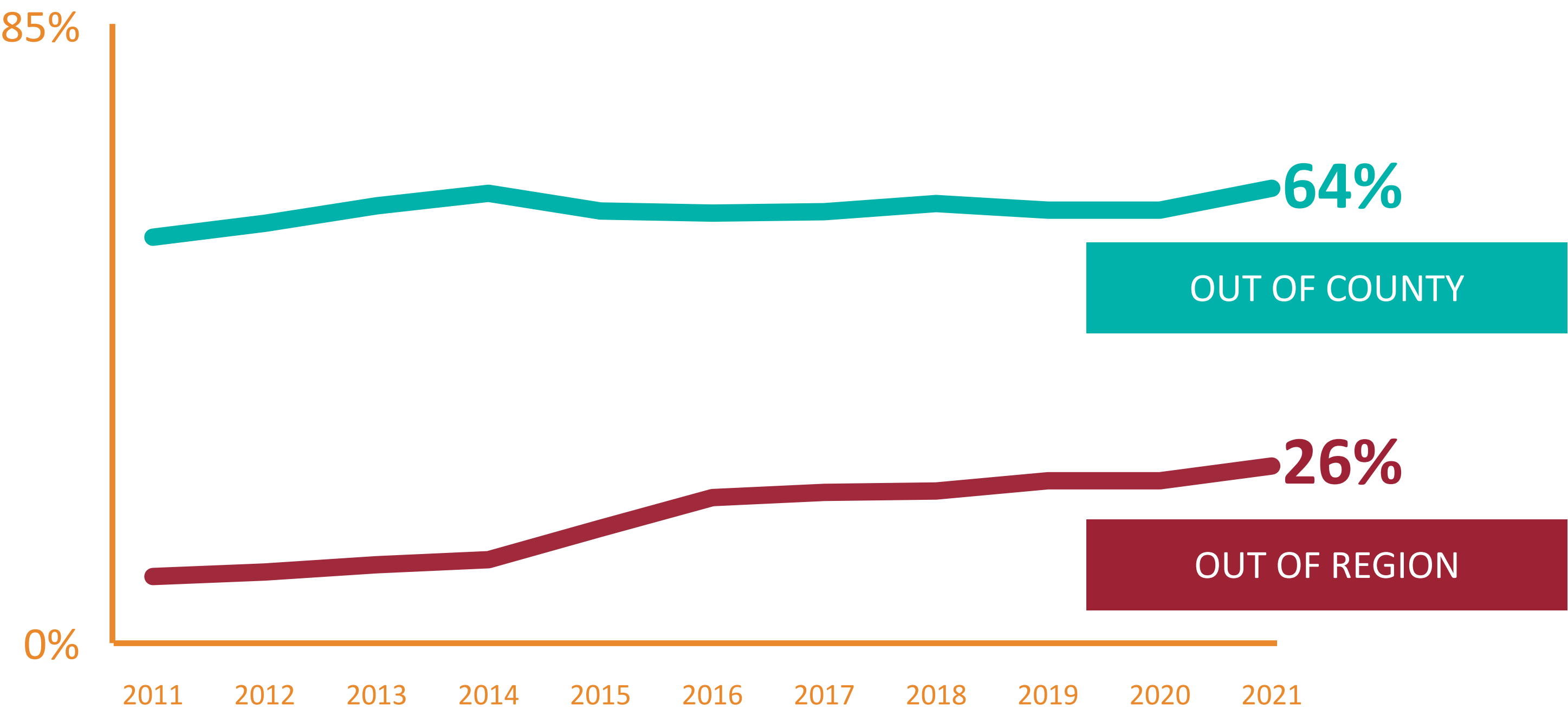
Source: Department of Family and Protective Services Data Book, Children Without Placement Report
Presentation to the Senate Special Committee on Child Protective Services



PERCENT OF CHILDREN IN CUSTODY BY PLACEMENT PRIOR TO
CWOP STATUS IN 2021

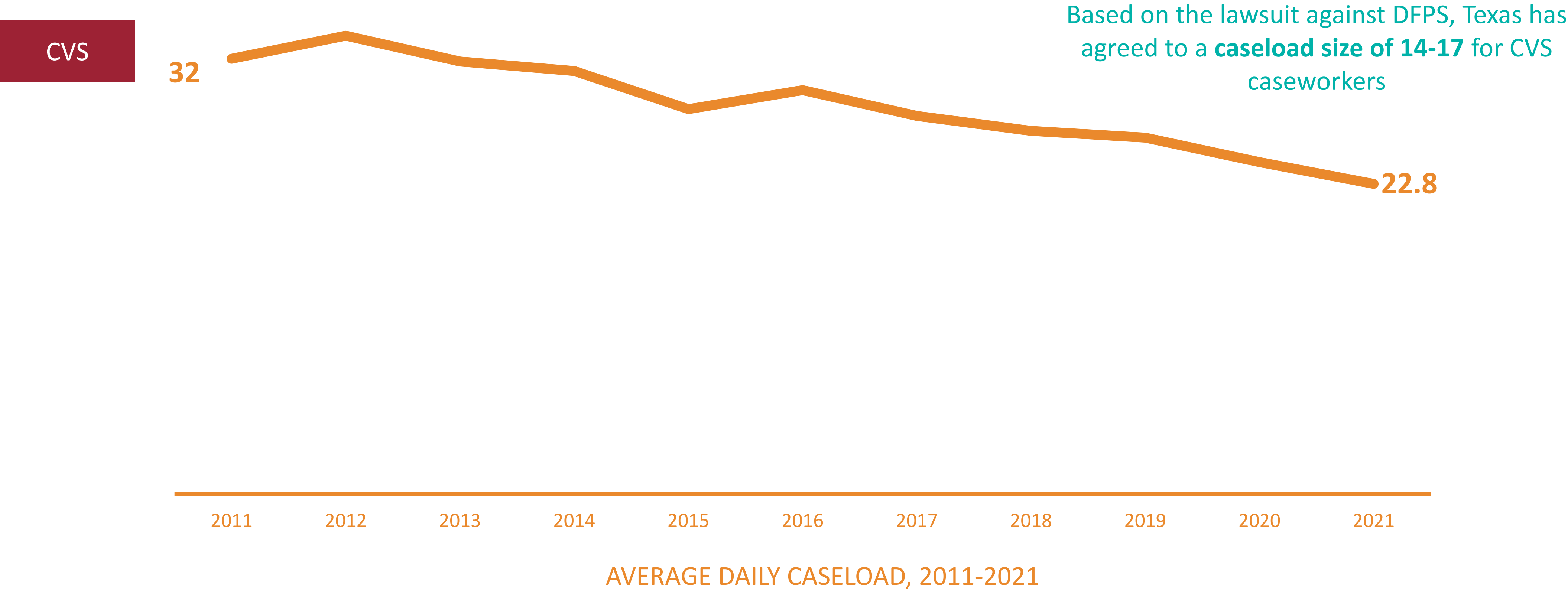
More than 6 IN 10 kids are not placed in their home county

PERCENT OF CHILDREN PLACED OUT OF COUNTY AND OUT OF REGION, 2011-2021



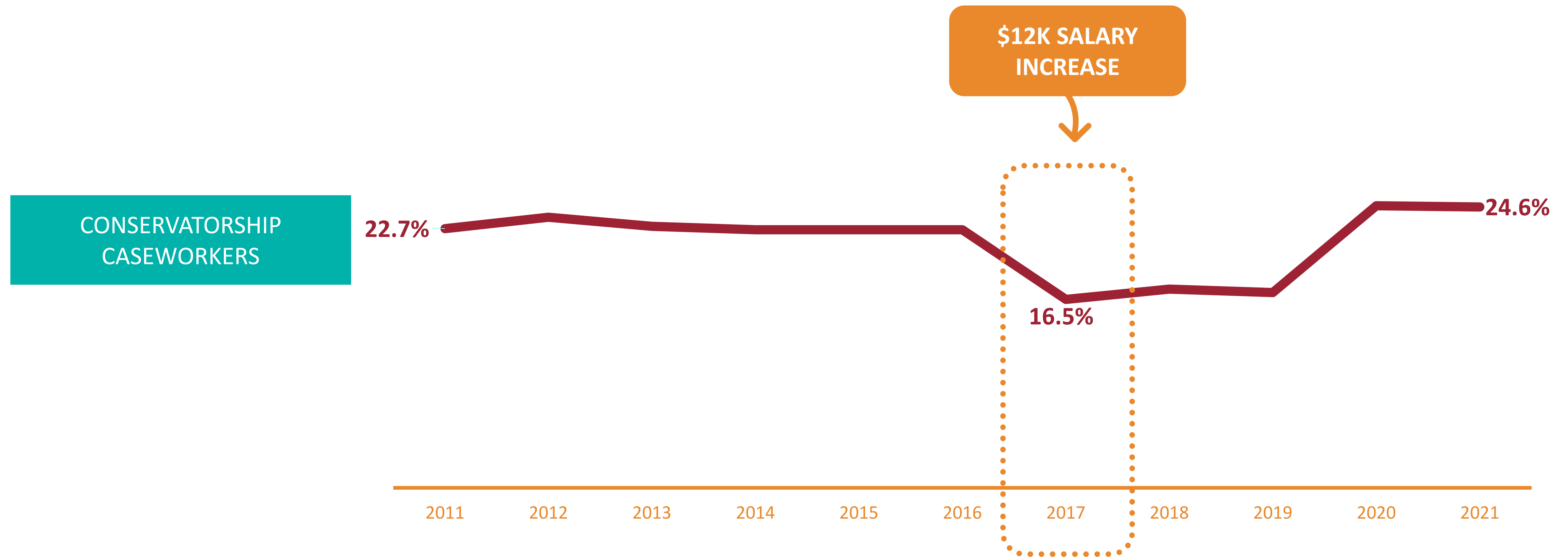
Source: Department of Family and Protective Services Data Book, CPS Foster Care Placements: Children (0-17) Placed in Originating County/Region on August 31

Average Daily Caseloads for Conservatorship Caseworkers



Source: Department of Family and Protective Services Data Book, Child Protective (CPI / CCI / CPS): Average Daily Caseload

Workforce turnover has **INCREASED** since 2017



Source: Department of Family and Protective Services Data Book, Human Resources Management Plans

Response to System Performance

Federal Foster Care Lawsuit



Community-Based Care

Region 3W (formerly 3B)

- Contracted with OCOK
- Stage II (case management) implemented in March 2020

Region 2

- Contracted with 2INgage
- Stage II implemented in June 2020

Region 8A

- Family Tapestry withdrew contract in Summer 2021
- Re-procuring contract
- Stage I implementation began February 2018
- Legislatively approved to move into Stage II when ready

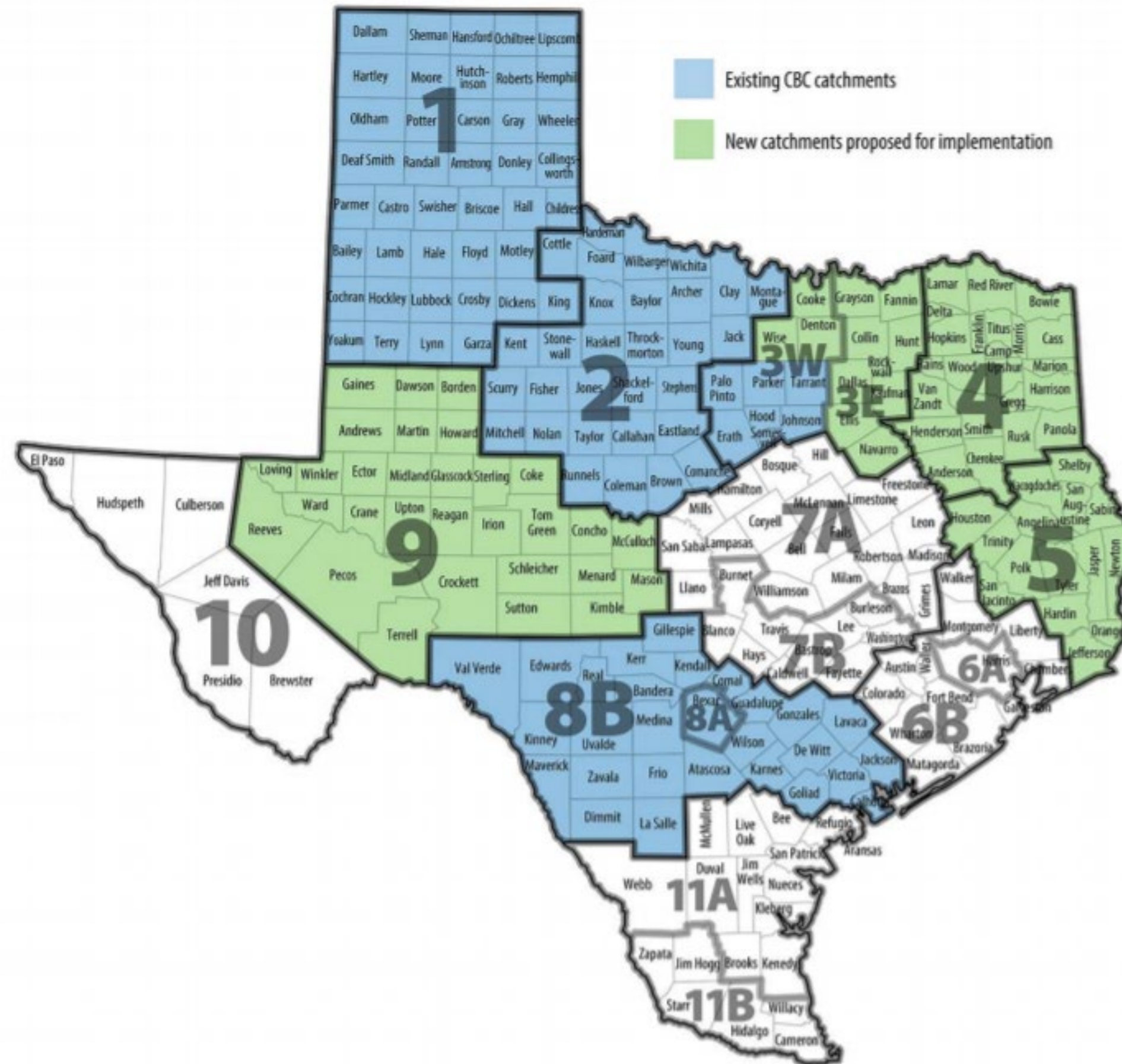
Region 1

- Contracted with Saint Francis Ministries
- Stage II implemented in March 2022

Region 8B

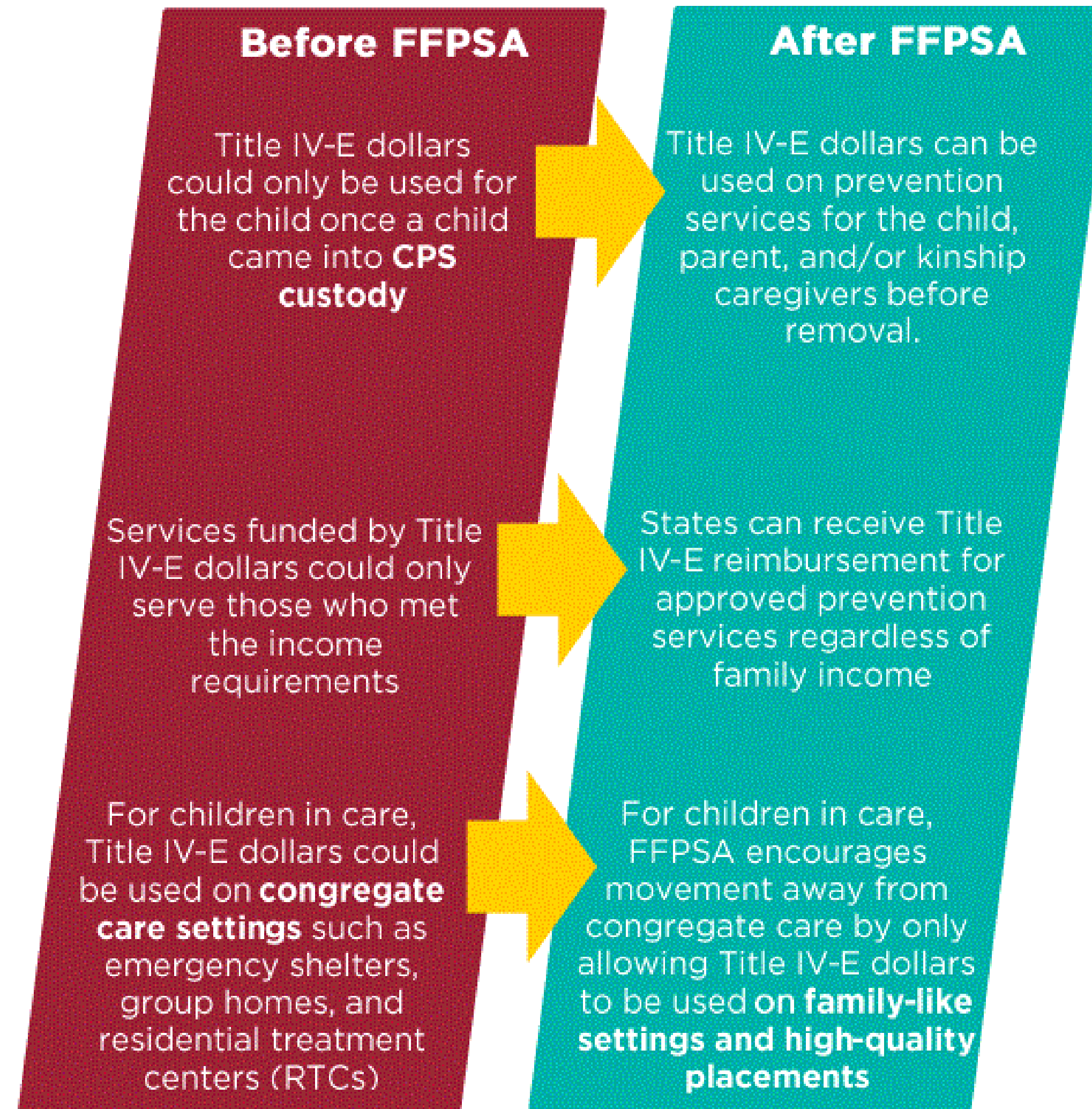
- Contracted with Belong
- Stage I implemented October 2021
- Stage II anticipated to begin October 2022

Legislatively approved to expand into Regions 3E, 4, 5, and 9. RFAs released in April 2022.



DFPS: Community-Based Care Implementation Plan

Family First Prevention Services Act



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