

Dept. of Human Services  
Promoting Safe & Stable Families Funding  
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# Who Manages the Fund?

CPMT/DSS Co-Manage Funds

CSA manages Office of Program Support for Child Welfare and CSA

- PSSF
- Title IV-E & Medicaid Eligibility
- Foster Care & Adoption Support

# Local Policy & Procedures

- Written Formal Local Policy
- Cap Services to Families with Flexibility  
Designed to Target Timeliness of Services
- Provide Clear Direction on Eligibility & Services Allowed to Staff
- Outcome Reporting is Required

# How are the Funds Used?

## PSSF = Community Fund

- Family Support (60%) – Healthy Start
- Family Preservation (20%) – Community Needs
- Time-Limited Reunification (20%) – Foster Care
- Adoptions – No Funds Allocated

# Family Support

- Healthy Start targeted new/first time parents with at risk children up to 5 years of age;
- FY2018 the target expands to any parent with at risk children up to 5 years

# Family Support – Healthy Start

- Funds 3 staff to provide early intervention to include services in the home & community with families and children at risk
- Serve 40-49 families and approximately 35 children directly each quarter

# FAMILY SUPPORT

- Provides Parenting Education
- Provides Development Assessments
- Provides Referrals for Specialized Services
- Provides Information & Resources to Prevent Teen Pregnancy
- Provides Socialization & Recreation Education and Experiences for Parents & Their Children

# Family Preservation

- 44 Families Served
- 23 Families (2 children) – drug screens
- 5 Families – Housing/Material Assistance
- 7 Families (1 child) – substance abuse evaluations

# Family Preservation – cont.

- 7 families (1 child) – PCE, Psychosexual or Psychological Evaluations
- 1 Family – marital counseling
- 1 Family – interpreter service

*(Some families received multiple services)*

# Time-Limited Reunification

- 7 Families (2 children) – Drug Screens
- 3 Families – PCE
- 1 Family (1 child) – Polygraph
- 2 Families – Transportation to Services
- 1 Family – Substance Abuse Evaluation

# Time-Limited Reunification Cont.

- 7 Families & 12 Children Served
- 4 Children left foster care in FY2016 (same year as services)
- 3 Children left foster care within 4 months of FY end
- 5 Remained in Care

# Is Anyone Better Off?

- Many Children Have Been Safely Placed Successfully While Parents Received Services
- Children have returned home or remained in relative care

# Challenges

- History of Families Not Completing Services
- Transportation – Even with Bus Passes
- Significant Substance Abuse Issues
- We Encumber 100% But Still Give Back Money Each Year

# Improvements in 2017

- Significant Improvements in Completion of Services
- Better Case Management by Staff
- Ability to Track Outcomes
- Spending Greater % of Encumbered Funds



# Questions?