

# Quick Facts

- DCFS provided services to 55,258 people overall between July 2011 and July 2012

## Intake and Child Protective Services

- 37,663 intake referrals were received
- 18,831 referrals were investigated and 6,512 were found to have some merit.
- The most common complaints involve child endangerment, neglect or deprivation of necessities, and children who are physically abused.
- 81% of referrals were categorized as a Priority 3
- 35% of the investigations were substantiated/supported
- 16% of supported CPS cases are related to domestic violence
- Nearly than 1 out of every 4 cases involving drugs (23%) resulted in the removal of a child/children

## Home –Based Services

- 15% of children with substantiated/supported cases received services in their own homes
- 16,789 adult and child clients received home-based services.
- 97% of the children who received services in their own homes were still there a year later
- Court ordered supervision accounted for 51% of home based services as of the last day of the fiscal year.
- 8 months is the average length of services for court ordered supervision.
- Upon closure of court-ordered home based services:
  - 57% of families are stabilized (stabilized & reunified)
  - 9% of children cases resulted in adoption or placement with a relative
  - 33% of children emancipate, need more intensive services, are referred elsewhere, etc. (all other closure reasons)

## Foster Care Services

- 15% of child victims with substantiated/supported cases were placed in foster care for their safety
- 1,987 kids entered foster care.
- Substance abuse was a factor in 62% of children placed in foster care
- Neglect accounted for 47% of children served in custody.
- 2,708 children were in state custody on the last day of the fiscal year
- 33% of children served in foster care were in kinship placement for some of the time they were in care
- Custody is awarded to relatives in 15% of cases of children leaving foster care.
- The median length of stay in foster care for children exiting is 12 months
- 54% of children entering foster care exited within 12 months, 51% of these children are reunified.
- All children in state custody have a nurse assigned to them
- Adoption occurs approximately 8 months after termination of parental rights.

## DCFS Workers

- 1064 people work for DCFS
- Caseworkers have an 19.9% turnover rate of workers leaving the division
- The average worker has over 6 years of experience
- The annual starting salary for a caseworker is \$30,805