

# ANNUAL REPORT 2016

CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES  
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## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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The work we do at the Division of Child and Family Services is not just important to the children and families we serve directly—it is important to all Utahns. We are continually working to fulfill our mission of “Safe Children, Strengthened Families” and build a foundation that is reflective of the innovative, pioneering spirit of our great state.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about DCFS, and for your continued support of the children and families of our state.

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**Director, Utah Division of Child and Family Services**

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## STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROTECTIVE FACTORS

- Parental Resilience
- Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development
- Concrete Support in Times in Need
- Social Connections
- Social and Emotional Competence of Children



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## PREVENTION SERVICES

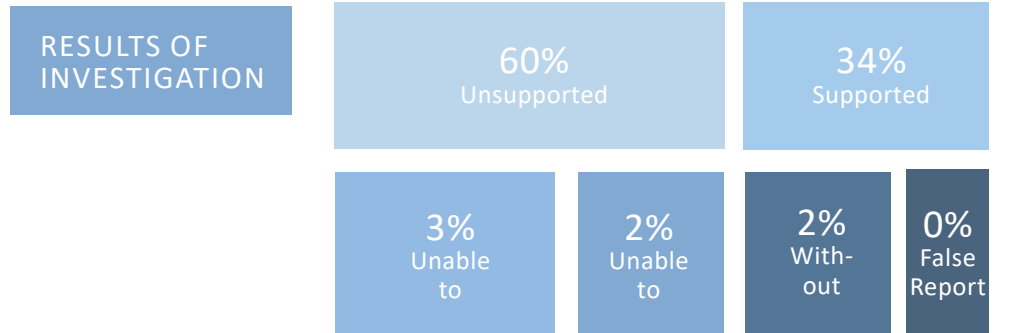
Child and Family Services provides nearly \$3 million annually to support community partners with child abuse and neglect prevention. This support is dedicated to programs like Crisis Respite Nurseries. Each nursery is designed to provide a safe, homelike environment where caregivers can bring their children during times of stress. [Learn more about our Prevention Services here.](#)

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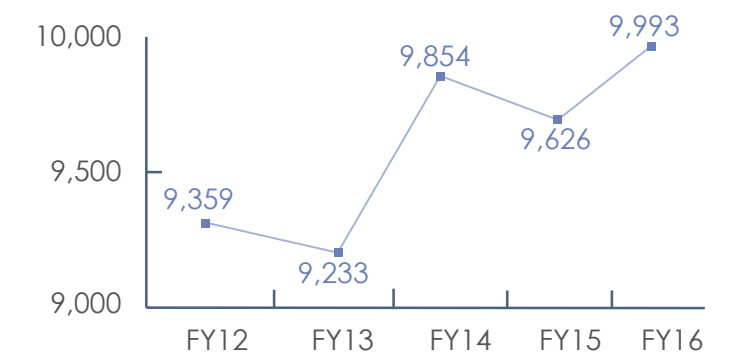
## CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Child Protective Services (CPS) is a resource for potential abuse, neglect or dependency of children in the community. Individuals can report allegations of abuse or neglect 24/7 by dialing 855-323-3237. [Learn more about Child Protective Services here.](#)

In FY2016, DCFS received 38,979 referrals investigated 21,093 cases of suspected abuse and/or neglect.



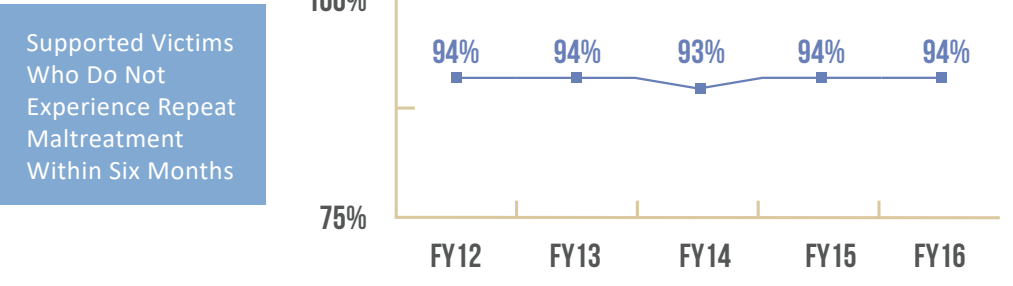
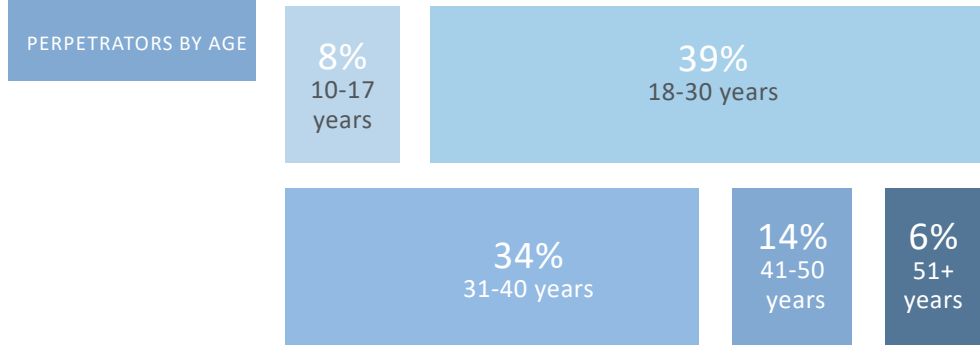
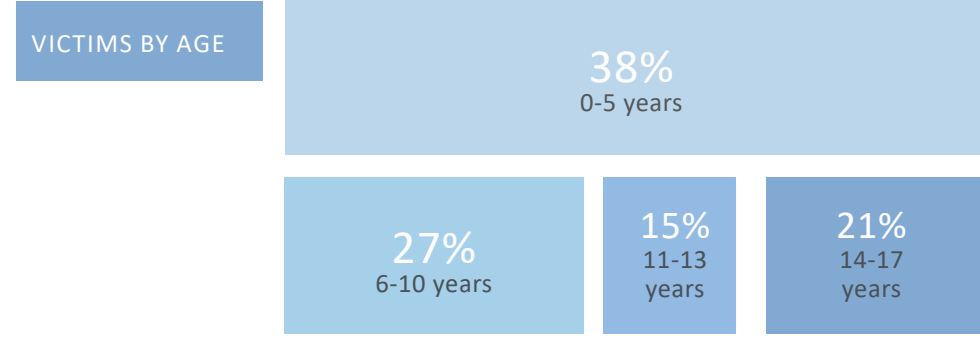
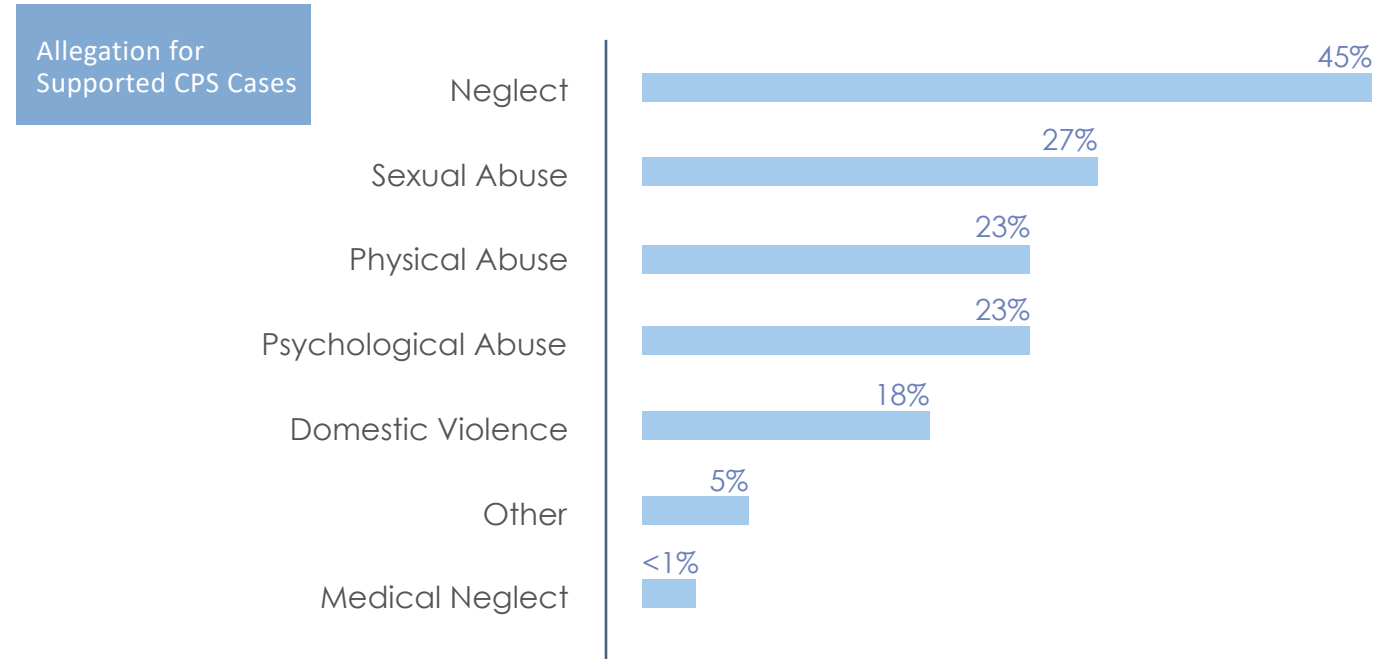
### NUMBER OF VICTIMS



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During FY 2016, neglect, which includes, child-endangerment, non-supervision, and deprivation of necessities, was the most frequently confirmed allegation. The “other” category includes allegations of safe relinquishment of a newborn child, dependency, and failure to protect. Note that one case may have more than one supported allegation, therefore, the percentages in the chart below add up to more than 100%.



# 79%

OF FAMILIES WHO HAD A SUPPORTED CASE OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT WERE REFERRED TO COMMUNITY SERVICES.

18% Child victims who received in-home services

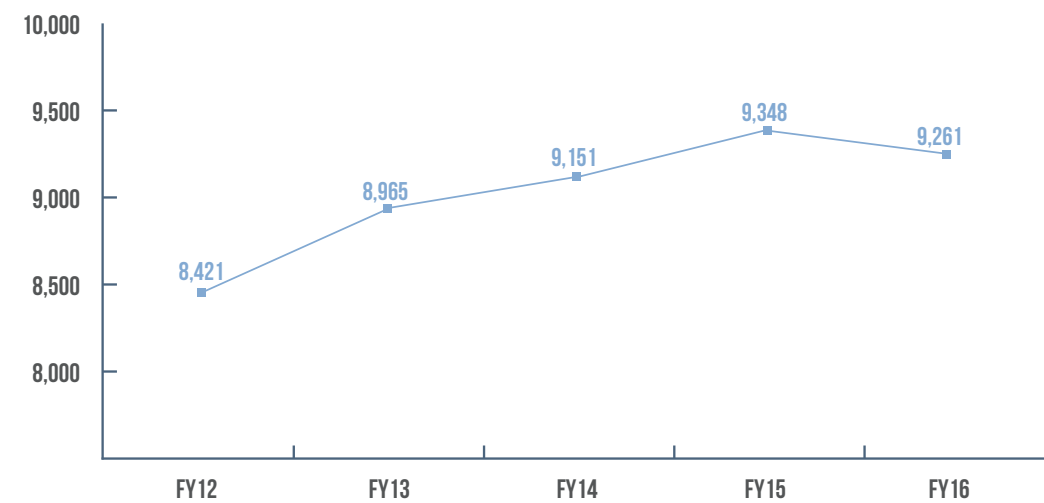
13% Child victims who received foster care services



## IN-HOME SERVICES

In-Home Services is an array of supports and interventions to ensure the safety and well-being of children in their homes. In-Home Services not only helps children remain home rather than coming into foster care, but they can also help expedite a child's safe return from foster care. In-Home Services can also be provided to relatives who have temporary custody of a child. [Learn more about In-Home Services here.](#)

Children Served in Their Homes



## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

DCFS provides funding to help support Domestic Violence shelters, treatment services, education, and other resources including the state's domestic violence hotline: 1-800-897-LINK (5465).

Domestic Violence Victims Sheltered

	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
Children	1,468	1,368	1,215	1,056	592
Women	1,758	1,526	1,564	1,480	1,628
Men	33	28	24	77	138

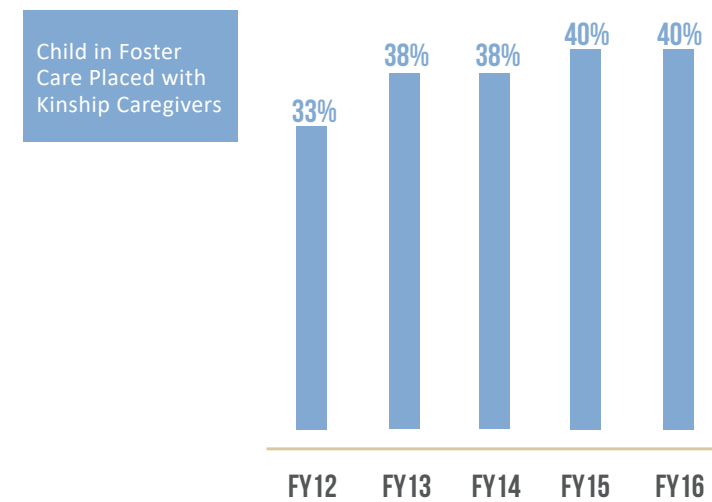




## KINSHIP SERVICES

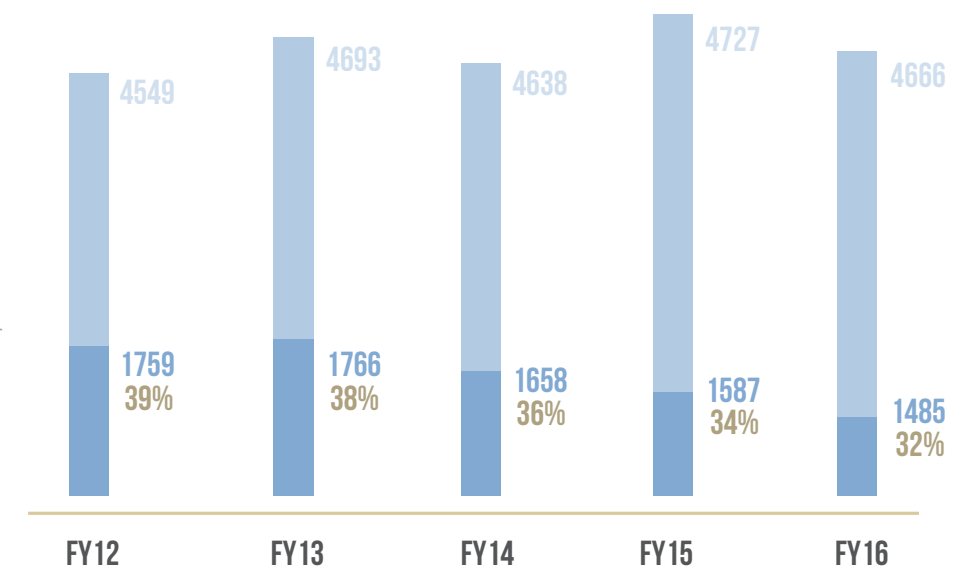
If a child cannot remain safely in their home, with their parents due to the threat of further abuse or neglect, kinship caregivers can provide a temporary or permanent home.

If kinship caregivers become foster parents and attend training, they can receive the same resources available to all licensed foster parents. [Learn more about our Kinship Program here.](#)



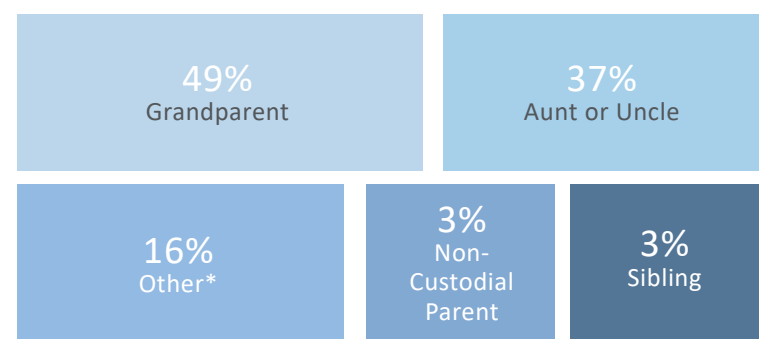
Number of Children Age 14 & Older In Foster Care

- Total Number of Children
- Children 14 Years & Older

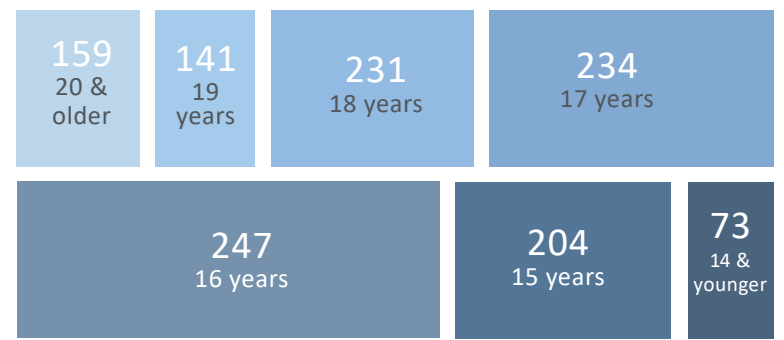


Relationship of Kinship Caregiver to the Child

\*Other includes first cousins, in-laws, or family friends.



Youth by Age Receiving TAL Services



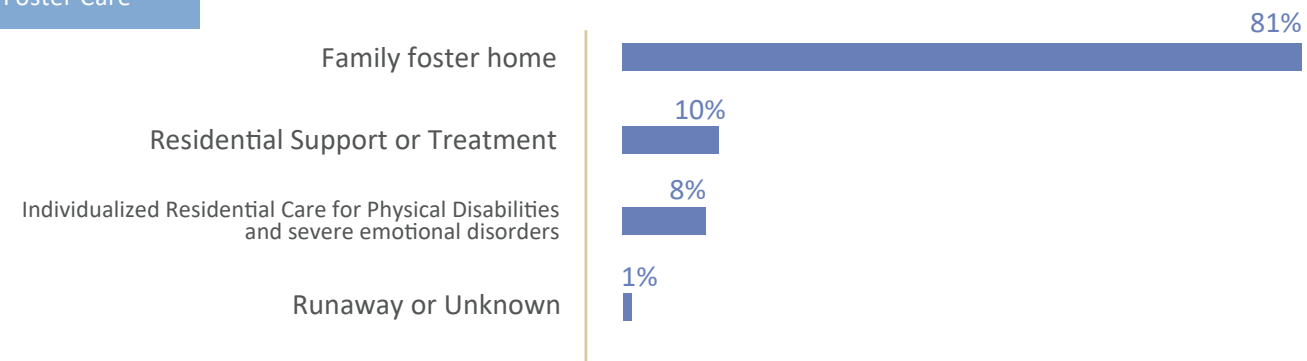
## ADOLESCENT SERVICES

The Transition to Adult Living (TAL) program offers a continuum of services for youth ages 14 and up. In FY15, 1360 youth received TAL services like career preparation, financial assistance for higher education, budget and financial management education, and vocational training. [Learn more about our Adolescent Services Program here.](#)

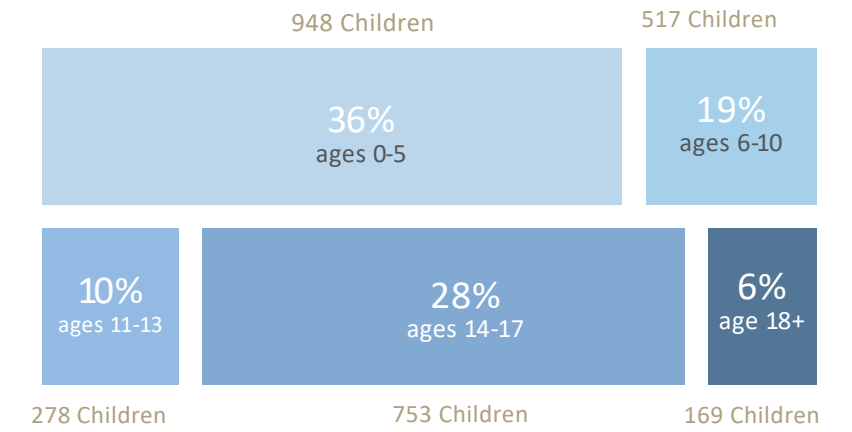
## FOSTER CARE SERVICES

To ensure that children are placed in an environment that best meets their needs, DCFS maintains a number of foster care placements that offer an increasing intensity of services. [Learn more about our Foster Care Program here.](#)

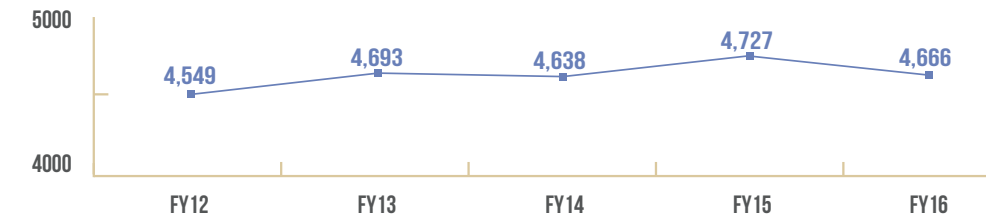
### Placement Types of Children in Foster Care



### Children in Foster Care by Age



### Children Who Received Foster Care Services



### Reason Children Exited Foster Care

Reason for Exiting	Percent
Reunification with Parents/Primary Caregiver	39%
Adoption by non-relative	20%
adoption by relative	10%
Custody & Guardianship to Relative	18%
Age of majority/emancipation	8%
Child Ran Away	1%
Custody to Juvenile Justice Services	2%
Custody/guardianship to Foster Parent	2%
Referred Outside DCFS	1%



## ADOPTION SERVICES

The adoption program's purpose is to assure every child and teenager has a permanent and supportive family. During the adoption process, the caseworker helps the adoptive parents assess what services the child may need, then identify and connect them to the community resources that may be helpful. [Learn more about our Adoption Services here.](#)

