



## Region 11

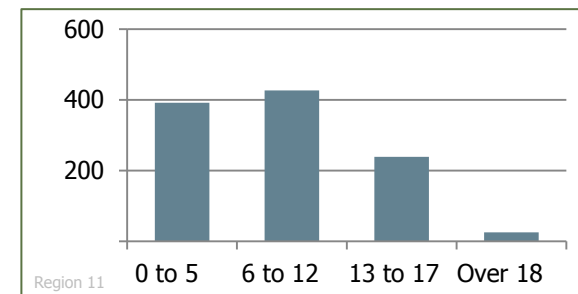


### Our Children...

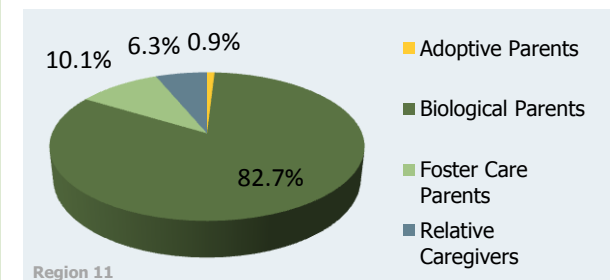
**1,083**

Children resided in all households

#### Number of Children by Age



#### Children being cared for by:



### PSSF Making a Difference

Moving, even to another county in the same state, can be a big upheaval for a young family. When the move comes late at night, in the middle of a domestic violence crisis, it is traumatic and terrifying.

The Smith family first made contact with a PSSF domestic violence shelter through its crisis hotline. Sara, the mom, had finally reached her breaking point when her husband pushed her down in front of her three children. She had taken the abuse for years in secret - but this time was different because her kids had seen it with their own eyes.

The children's advocate at the shelter helped the family every step of the way - from helping mom with new school registration forms to case management services which helped them establish and accomplish their goals. Sara and the children stayed at the shelter for six weeks. During that time, she found a job and saved some money for their new start. Several community resources were identified, and referrals were made for many things that the family needed. With the help of these resources, they were able to move into an apartment near the children's new elementary school. For several months afterwards, Sara maintained contact with the shelter, taking advantage of follow-up services and keeping in touch.

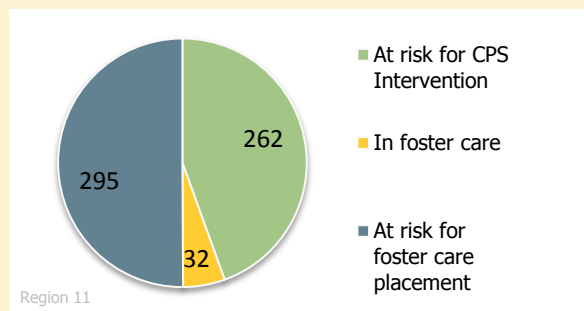
From the trauma of a violent home, the family has established a peaceful new start, and Sara believes that she has strengthened her ability and resolve to avoid another abusive relationship.

### Our Families...

**589**

Families residing in Region 11 received a wide array of community-based services

#### Family involvement with their local child welfare agency at referral:



**523** of these families

were headed by a biological or adoptive parent, or a relative caregiver

- 36%** two-parent households
- 64%** single-parent households
- 83%** high school education or less
- 65%** employed full- and/or part-time
- 69%** income less than \$20,000

### Producing Results...

For the families who completed services in FFY2011:

- 79%** Children remained safely in their homes
- 15%** Children remained in foster or relative care
- 3%** Children were reunified with their families
- 1%** Children achieved permanency through adoption or legal guardianship
- 1%** Youth emancipated from Foster Care
- 1%** Children were referred to DFCS for investigation

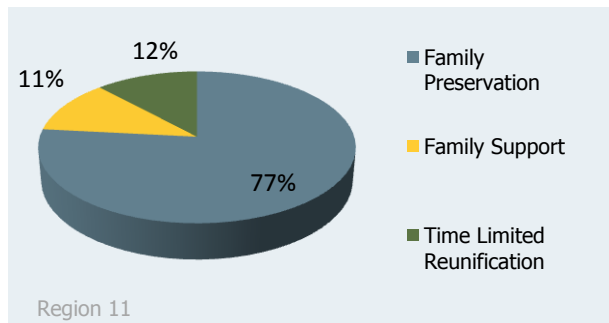
Georgia's Promoting Safe and Stable Families program has steadily built a network of community-based organizations reflecting the state's commitment to ensuring that families have access to the highest quality services and resources needed to help children and youth grow into healthy, contributing members of our society. PSSF is one of the few sources of federal funds directed toward the *prevention* of issues that bring families into the child welfare system.

## PSSF Program Areas

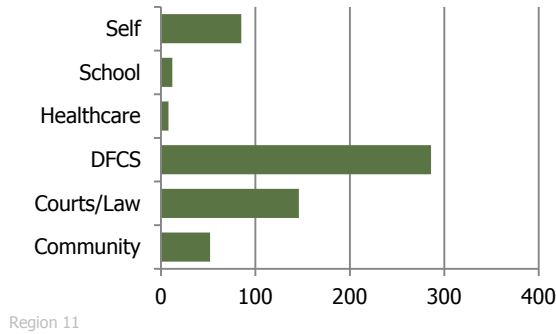
PSSF funds provide services to at-risk families in the areas of:

- **Family Support** to prevent child abuse and neglect among families at risk through the provision of supportive family services
- **Family Preservation** to assure children's safety within the home and preserve intact families in which children have been abused or neglected when the family's needs can be addressed effectively
- **Time-Limited Reunification** to address the needs of families whose children have been placed in foster care so that reunification may occur in a safe and timely manner
- **Adoption Promotion/Post-Permanency Support** to provide foster and adoptive families support services so that they can make a lifelong commitment to their children

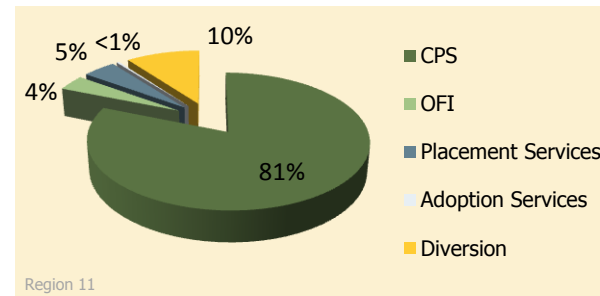
### Service Allocation



## Source of Community Referrals



### DFCS referrals:



## Responding to Community Needs

PSSF supports easy access and coordinated service delivery that is child- and family-focused. For more information about the following network providers in Region 11, visit the Family Services Resource Guide at [www.pssfnet.com](http://www.pssfnet.com).

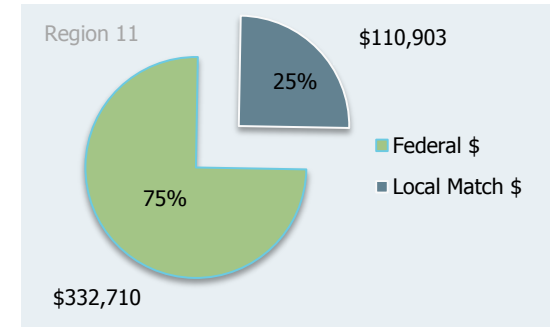
- Battered Women's Shelter, Inc.
- Berrien County Collaborative, Inc.
- Berrien County DFCS
- Brooks County DFCS
- Children's Advocacy Center of Lowndes County, Inc.
- Morningstar Children and Family Services, Inc. (Waycross)
- Tift County DFCS

## Shared Responsibility

PSSF resources have been strategically invested to enhance the capacity of DFCS to identify and meet the needs of families and to expand the array of supportive services available through community-based family service agencies.

Federal allocations are leveraged with the support of matching funds contributed at the local level.

### Investment



## Service Array

PSSF supports a variety of services for families with children. The following services were made available to families through network providers in Region 11.

- Center-based Parent Education
- Center-based Support Group
- Child/Family Assessment
- Childcare
- Crisis Intervention
- Effective Discipline/Behavior Management
- Family Conference/FTM
- Family Life Skills
- Follow-up Services
- Home-based Parent Education
- Information and Referral Services
- Legal Advocacy
- Parent/Child Activities
- Stress/Anger Management
- Substance Abuse Recovery Support
- Therapeutic Counseling
- Transportation

