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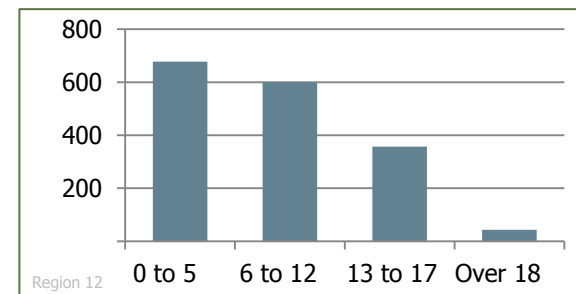


Our Children...

1,679

Children resided in all households

Number of Children by Age



PSSF Making a Difference

Grayson was an angry teenager. Fighting with classmates, verbally abusing his parents and teachers, skipping school and running away were all part of the mix of behaviors that made every day a bad day for those around him. Finally, his behaviors and his truancy triggered a report to the local county DFCS office. His parents were at a loss about how to deal with Grayson and even fearful of what he might do to others – and to them.

The family preservation program located at a PSSF provider received a referral from DFCS for counseling for the family. The family was experiencing high levels of stress due to Grayson's behavior and uncooperative attitude. They seemed unable to control him and were distressed over the change that had taken place in their once happy son. At this point, they didn't have much hope that things could change. Surprisingly, everyone agreed to participate in the counseling sessions.

Based on a thorough assessment and the goals that the family identified as being the most important to accomplish at that time, several intervention tools were put in place. After four months of intensive intervention, a troubled family was stronger and healthier. The family was stable and no longer warranted DFCS involvement. Grayson's verbal and physical abuse of others decreased, and he actually found a part-time job.

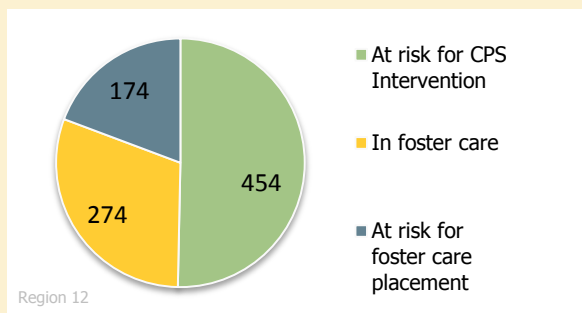
Grayson is back in school and doing much better in a smaller classroom setting. Last semester, he made the honor roll for the very first time during his educational journey.

Our Families...

902

Families residing in Region 12 received a wide array of community-based services

Family involvement with their local child welfare agency at referral:

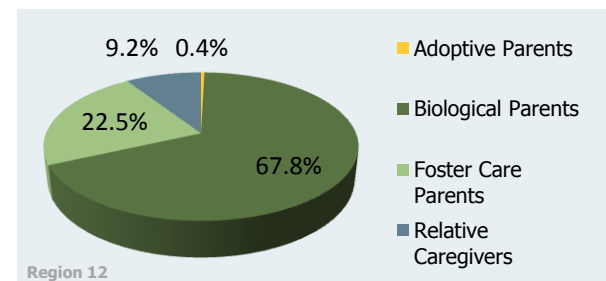


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640 of these families were headed by a biological or adoptive parent, or a relative caregiver

- 29%** two-parent households
- 71%** single-parent households
- 64%** high school education or less
- 58%** employed full- and/or part-time
- 76%** income less than \$20,000

Children being cared for by:



Producing Results...

For the families who completed services in FFY2011:

- 56%** Children remained safely in their homes
- 18%** Children remained in foster or relative care
- 16%** Children were reunified with their families
- 8%** Children achieved permanency through adoption or legal guardianship
- 1%** Youth emancipated from Foster Care
- 1%** Children were referred to DFCS for investigation

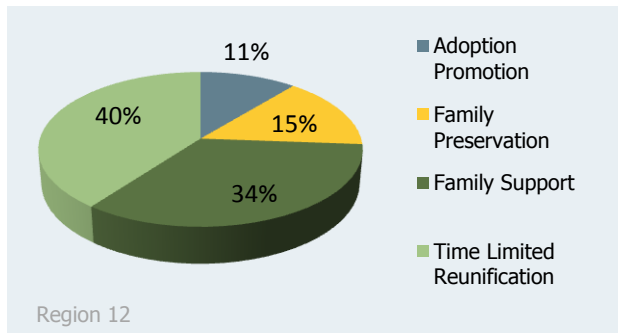
Georgia's Promoting Safe and Stable Families program has steadily built a network of community-based organizations reflecting the state's commitment to ensuring that families have access to the highest quality services and resources needed to help children and youth grow into healthy, contributing members 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

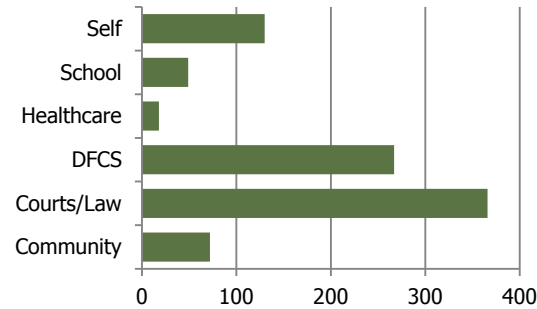
PSSF funds provide services to at-risk families in the areas of:

- **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

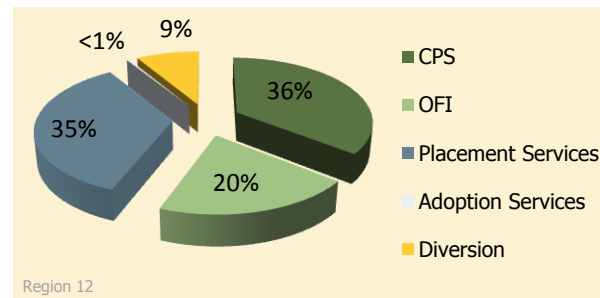


Source of Community Referrals



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DFCS referrals:



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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 12, visit the Family Services Resource Guide at www.pssfnet.com.

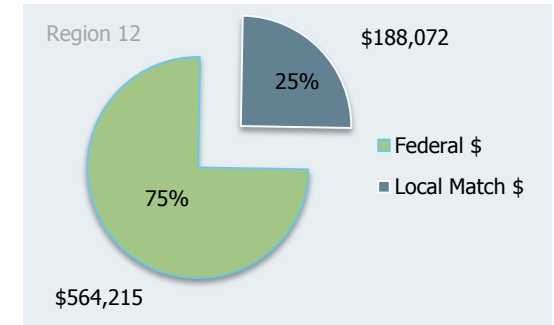
- Ash Tree Organization, Inc.
- Atlantic Area CASA, Inc.
- Camden County CASA Program, Inc.
- CASA Glynn, Inc.
- Citizens Against Violence, Inc.
- Coastal Coalition for Children, Inc.
- Glynn Community Crisis Center, Inc.
- Golden Isles Children's Center, Inc.
- Greenbriar Children's Center, Inc.
- Hope House of Savannah, Inc.
- Lutheran Services of Georgia (Savannah)
- Savannah Area Family Emergency Shelter, Inc.
- Savannah-Chatham CASA, Inc.
- Union Mission, Inc.

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 12.

- Adoption Promotion
- Center-based Parent Education
- Center-based Support Group
- Child/Family Assessment
- Childcare
- Crisis Intervention
- Family Life Skills
- Follow-up Services
- Healthcare Screening/Services
- Home-based Parent Education
- Information and Referral Services
- Legal Advocacy
- Mentoring and Tutoring
- Parent/Child Activities
- Supervised Visitation
- Therapeutic Counseling
- Transportation

