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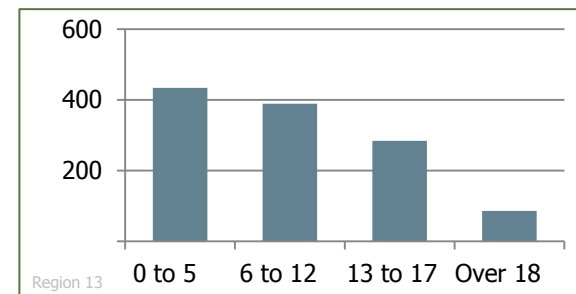


Our Children...

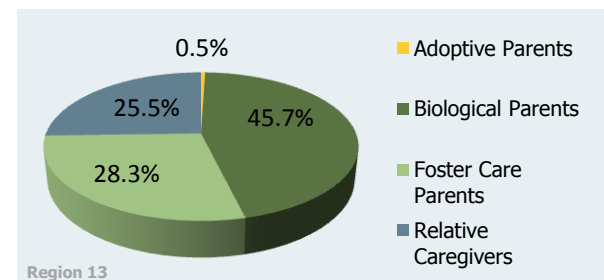
1,193

Children resided in all households

Number of Children by Age



Children being cared for by:



PSSF Making a Difference

Coming from a birth home where physical abuse was the norm, 19-year-old Janelle and her baby were placed by DFCS into a safe setting at a PSSF group home serving teen parents. At only four months old, baby Tyrone faced the bleak prospect of being raised by a young mother whose upbringing had spawned anger management issues and who also suffered from seizures and diabetes. Their future seemed predestined to be a sad one.

But, against all odds, something ignited a fierce sense of resolve in Janelle after she arrived at the teen parent home. Resilience and determination combined to create a whole new outlook for Janelle and four-month-old Tyrone. She took advantage of every helping hand offered to her – from job placement to transitional living.

Health problems can derail even the most functional of families, but Janelle was also diligent in coping with her diabetes and seizure health issues, as well as those of Tyrone, who suffers from asthma. During the winter, he was plagued with numerous ear infections, which eventually needed to be treated surgically.

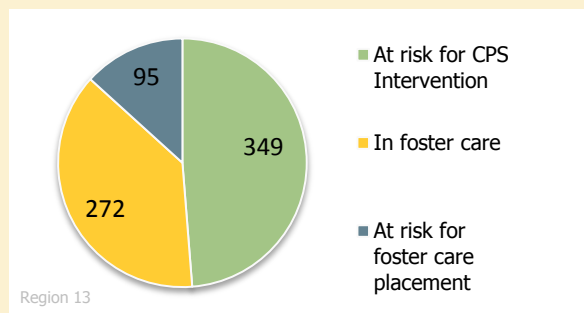
While she struggles to control her anger issues, Janelle genuinely engages with her fellow residents and their children. Everyone agrees that Janelle's dedication as a parent is a true inspiration to others.

Our Families...

716

Families residing in Region 13 received a wide array of community-based services

Family involvement with their local child welfare agency at referral:



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

- 28%** two-parent households
- 72%** single-parent households
- 74%** high school education or less
- 55%** employed full- and/or part-time
- 64%** income less than \$20,000

Producing Results...

For the families who completed services in FFY2011:

- 62%** Children remained safely in their homes
- 17%** Children remained in foster or relative care
- 12%** Children were reunified with their families
- 5%** Children achieved permanency through adoption or legal guardianship
- 3%** Youth emancipated from Foster Care
- 1%** Children were referred to DFCS for investigation

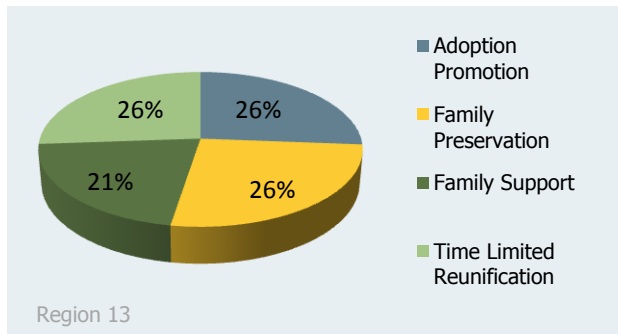
Georgia's Promoting Safe and Stable Families program has steadily built a network of community-based organizations reflecting the state's commitment to ensuring that families have access to the highest quality services and resources needed to help children and youth grow into healthy, contributing members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

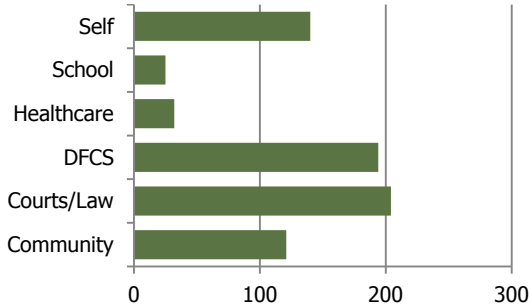
PSSF funds provide services to at-risk families in the areas of:

- **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

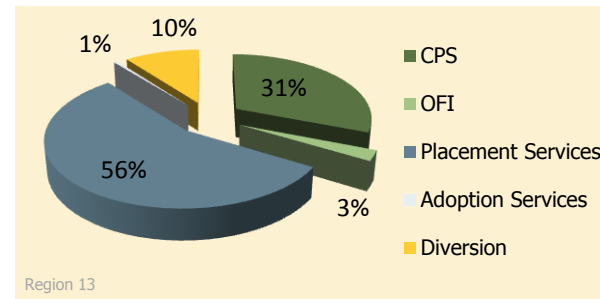


Source of Community Referrals



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

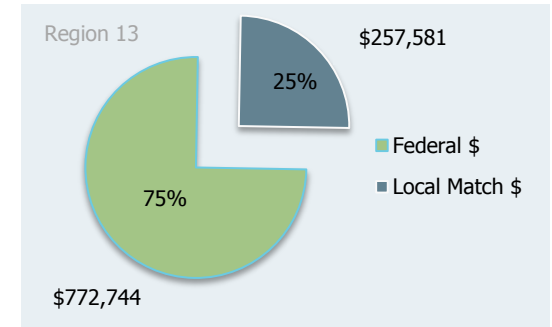
- Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation
- Bridge Inc., The
- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Atlanta
- Fulton County CASA, Inc.
- GCAPP
- Georgia State University
- Hillside, Inc.
- Juvenile Justice Fund, Inc.
- Lutheran Services of Georgia (Atlanta)
- Multi-Agency Alliance for Children, Inc.
- St. Jude's Recovery Center, Inc.
- Tapestry Youth Ministries, 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 13.

- Adoption Promotion
- Center-based Parent Education
- Center-based Support Group
- Child/Family Assessment
- Crisis Intervention
- Effective Discipline/Behavior Management
- Family Conference/FTM
- 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
- Residential Aftercare
- Respite
- Supervised Visitation
- Therapeutic Counseling
- Transportation

