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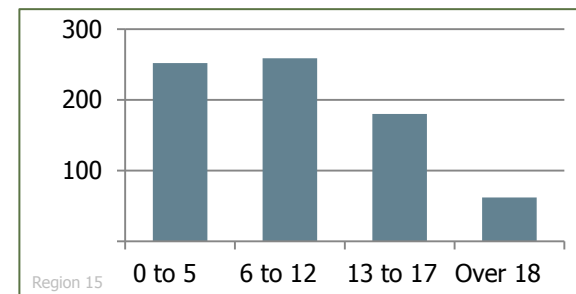


Our Children...

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Children resided in all households

Number of Children by Age



PSSF Making a Difference

This story is told in the first person, just as it was related by a caring family case manager at a PSSF supported family and children's shelter:

"When I first met Lucien, I had no idea how he and his family would impact my life. He was a resident at our shelter when I got the aftercare referral to begin counseling with him and his immigrant family. In his efforts to become 'Americanized,' he got in trouble with his parents and somehow ended up in our shelter.

Lucien was different from the other boys because he always looked so neat and put together. His shirts were ironed (I learned from staff he always ironed his clothes at night), and his white tennis shoes were spotless. Although the other boys teased him, it was no time at all before they looked neater as well. Lucien was a quiet leader. After a few months of working with this family, I closed the case.

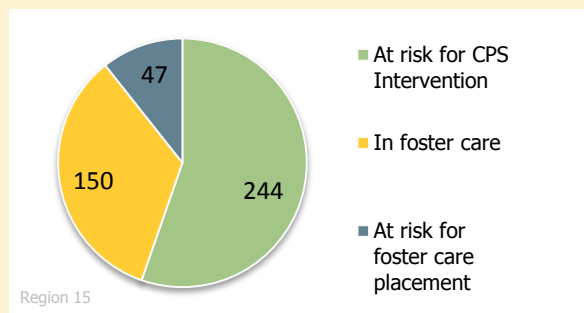
After a time, I heard from them again, but the news was not good. Lucien was diagnosed with stage four cancer. I was privileged to transport him to and from his chemotherapy, and later, to keep his family company at a local hospice. My last visit with Lucien was on the day he left this world forever. I was able to tell him how proud I was of him and how much I cared for him. There are many stories of others being helped through this agency, but the one closest to my heart will always be Lucien."

Our Families...

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Families residing in Region 15 received a wide array of community-based services

Family involvement with their local child welfare agency at referral:

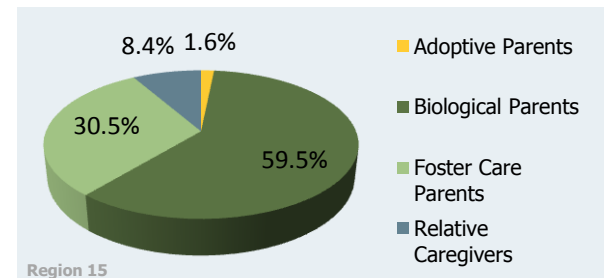


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286 of these families were headed by a biological or adoptive parent, or a relative caregiver

- 57%** two-parent households
- 43%** single-parent households
- 70%** high school education or less
- 78%** employed full- and/or part-time
- 62%** income less than \$20,000

Children being cared for by:



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Producing Results...

For the families who completed services in FFY2011:

- 66%** Children remained safely in their homes
- 18%** Children remained in foster or relative care
- 8%** Children were reunified with their families
- 5%** Children achieved permanency through adoption or legal guardianship
- 2%** Youth emancipated from Foster Care
- <1%** Children were referred to DFCS for investigation

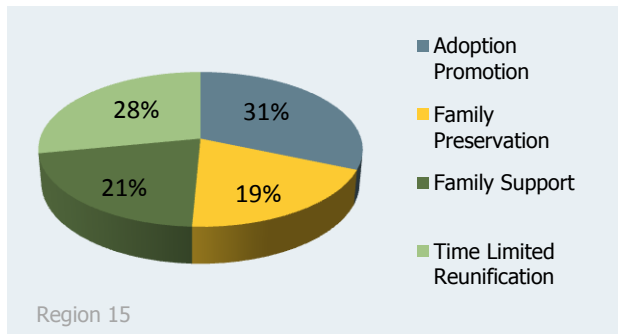
Georgia's Promoting Safe and Stable Families program has steadily built a network of community-based organizations reflecting the state's commitment to ensuring that families have access to the highest quality services and resources needed to help children and youth grow into healthy, contributing members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

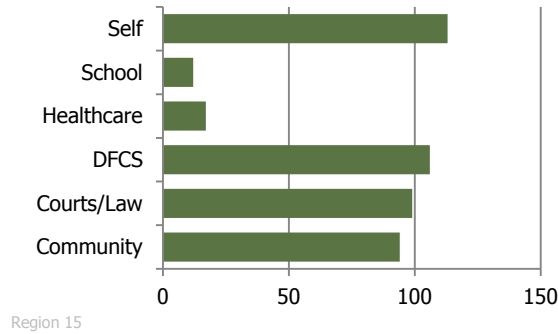
PSSF funds provide services to at-risk families in the areas of:

- **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

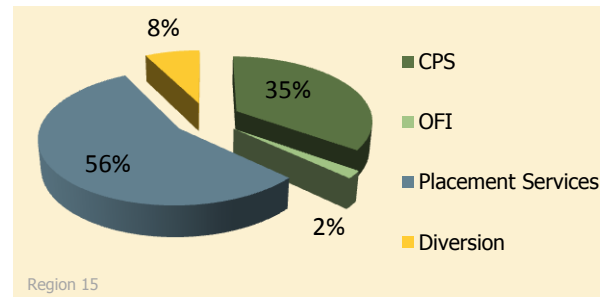
Service Allocation



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

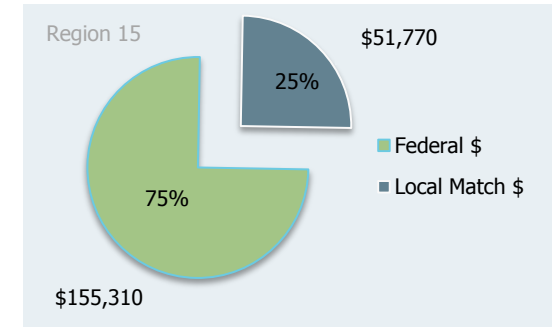
- Creative Community Services, Inc.
- Gwinnett Children's Shelter, Inc.
- Prevent Child Abuse Rockdale
- Rockdale CASA, Inc.

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 15.

- Center-based Parent Education
- Child/Family Assessment
- Crisis Intervention
- Family Conference/FTM
- Family Life Skills
- Home-based Parent Education
- Information and Referral Services
- Mentoring and Tutoring
- Parent/Child Activities
- Stress/Anger Management
- Supervised Visitation
- Therapeutic Counseling
- Transportation

