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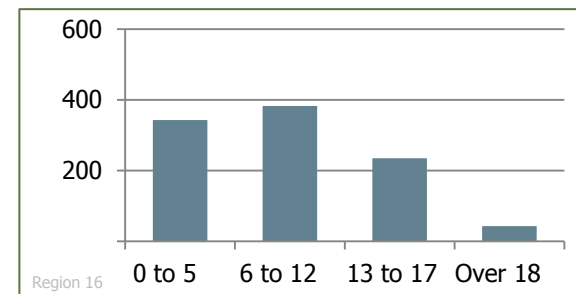


Our Children...

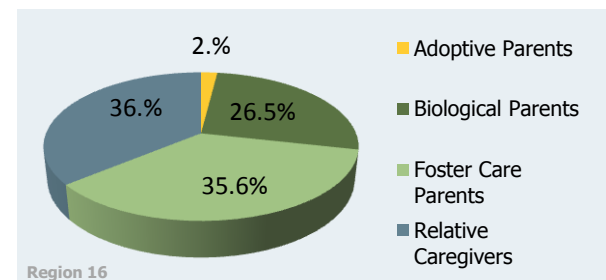
1,004

Children resided in all households

Number of Children by Age



Children being cared for by:



PSSF Making a Difference

Being a grandparent is supposed to bring joy, not pain. But Liz, a 70-year-old grandmother of four young boys, found herself overwhelmed caring for the active children when her daughter was sent to prison – pregnant with a fifth child. Stress, money worries and the challenges of raising four kids, ages 2-10, in a very different world began to take their toll on Liz. She was at the point of considering giving them up to state foster care and contacted DFCS.

A DFCS caseworker referred Liz to a PSSF program providing grandparent support services. Liz began attending support groups and was a “regular” at every function and class. She found employment to meet the financial challenges of raising four little ones and the family was more stable. Through the experience, as hard as it was, she found a confidence she didn’t know she possessed.

Amazingly, Liz also began advocating at the State Capitol for grandparent assistance and power of attorney rights to care for minor grandchildren. When the fifth great-grandson was born, she wasn’t able to take him at that time, and he went into care. But within a few years, Liz was able to bring him into her home.

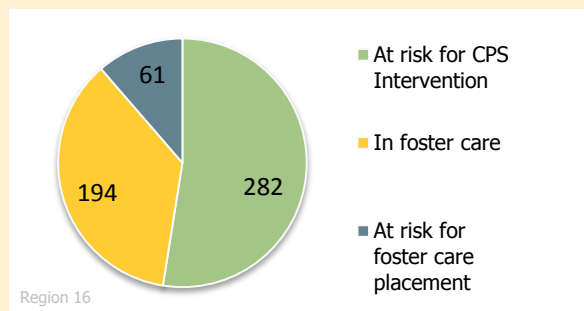
Today, Liz and the boys are thriving and she is still working. The oldest grandson started college this year. Of the four remaining boys, the second is on target to graduate, with honors, in 2013. Her family is a testament to the determination of one committed grandmother.

Our Families...

537

Families residing in Region 16 received a wide array of community-based services

Family involvement with their local child welfare agency at referral:



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

- 32%** two-parent households
- 68%** single-parent households
- 58%** high school education or less
- 51%** employed full- and/or part-time
- 61%** income less than \$20,000

Producing Results...

For the families who completed services in FFY2011:

- 50%** Children remained safely in their homes
- 21%** Children remained in foster or relative care
- 21%** Children were reunified with their families
- 7%** Children achieved permanency through adoption or legal guardianship
- 2%** Youth emancipated from Foster Care

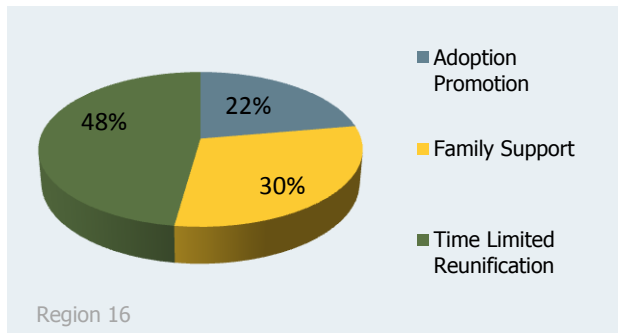
Georgia's Promoting Safe and Stable Families program has steadily built a network of community-based organizations reflecting the state's commitment to ensuring that families have access to the highest quality services and resources needed to help children and youth grow into healthy, contributing members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

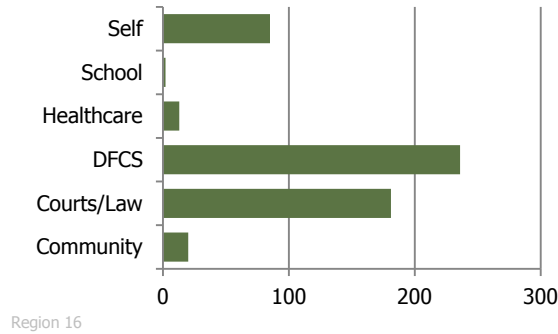
PSSF funds provide services to at-risk families in the areas of:

- **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

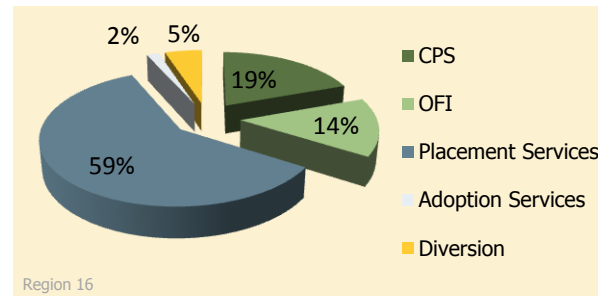
Service Allocation



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

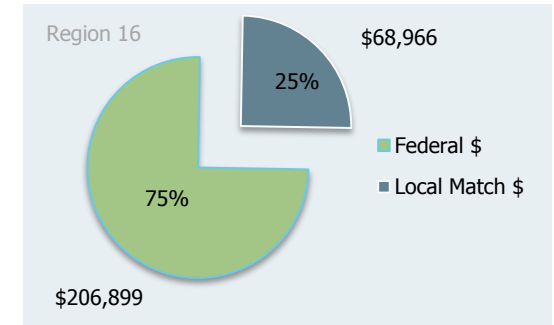
- Clayton Board of Commissioners (CASA)
- Clayton County Board of Commissioners
- Clayton County Cooperative Extension - UGA
- Family Uplift, Inc.
- Fayette Alliance Coordinating Teamwork, Outreach & Resources (FACTOR)

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 16.

- Adoption Promotion
- Center-based Parent Education
- Center-based Support Group
- Child/Family Assessment
- Childcare
- Family Life Skills
- Follow-up Services
- Home-based Parent Education
- Information and Referral Services
- Legal Advocacy
- Mentoring and Tutoring
- Parent/Child Activities
- Stress/Anger Management
- Supervised Visitation
- Transportation

