



Region 2

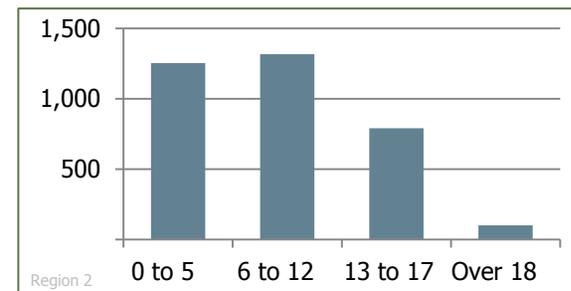


Our Children...

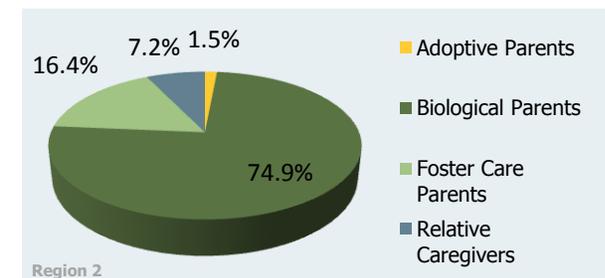
3,463

Children resided in all households

Number of Children by Age



Children being cared for by:



PSSF Making a Difference

Hopeless. That was the word Jaden used to describe her life when she was forced to leave a battered women's shelter. Her abuser had discovered her whereabouts and was threatening Jaden and the entire program. Although Jaden had almost two years of sobriety from a cocaine addiction, she felt defeated. She was a victim of severe abuse herself at the hands of her father who got her hooked on drugs. Jaden couldn't see how she would be able to meet her case plan goals and regain custody of her son.

Moving to a new PSSF-supported shelter in a different county, Jaden was paired with the residential family advocate who immediately began collaborating with DFCS to ensure that Jaden's goals were compatible with her DFCS case plan. In addition to counseling, Jaden took part in as many services as she could – from a weekly support group at the shelter to a community-based recovery support group. She engaged in parent/child activities at the shelter and watched as other parents interacted with their children. Before long, she was able to arrange for unsupervised weekend visits with her son.

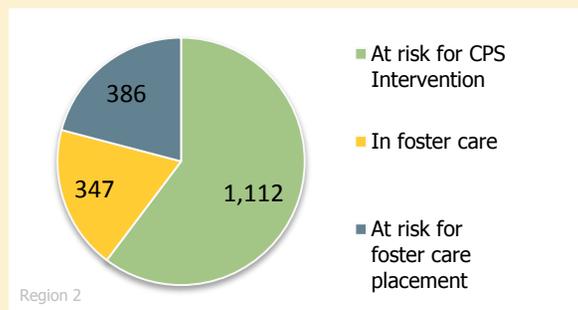
Jaden found a job, received a car donated by an individual in the community who saw her potential, and applied for a transitional housing program. Four months after coming to the shelter, Jaden learned at the most recent court hearing that if she continues this path of progress, she will regain custody of her son in a few months.

Our Families...

1,845

Families residing in Region 2 received a wide array of community-based services

Family involvement with their local child welfare agency at referral:



1,496 of these families were headed by a biological or adoptive parent, or a relative caregiver

- 47%** two-parent households
- 53%** single-parent households
- 77%** high school education or less
- 66%** employed full- and/or part-time
- 61%** income less than \$20,000

Producing Results...

For the families who completed services in FFY2011:

- 74%** Children remained safely in their homes
- 14%** Children remained in foster or relative care
- 7%** Children were reunified with their families
- 2%** Children achieved permanency through adoption or legal guardianship
- 1%** Youth emancipated from Foster Care
- 2%** Children were referred to DFCS for investigation

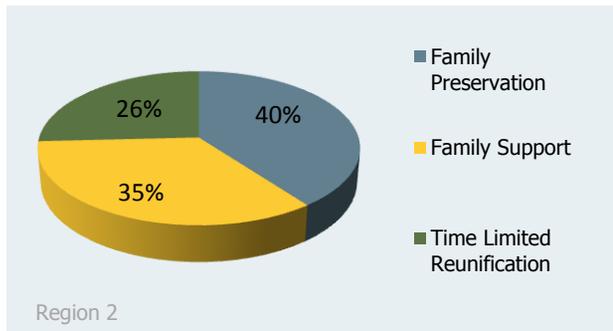
Georgia's Promoting Safe and Stable Families program has steadily built a network of community-based organizations reflecting the state's commitment to ensuring that families have access to the highest quality services and resources needed to help children and youth grow into healthy, contributing members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

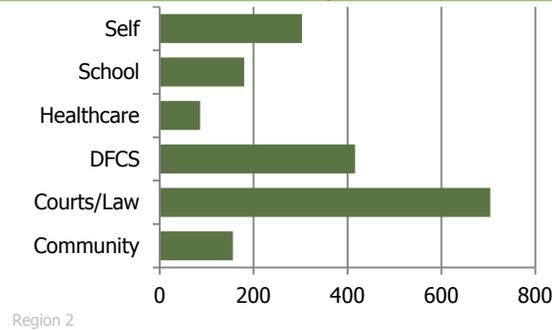
PSSF funds provide services to at-risk families in the areas of:

- **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

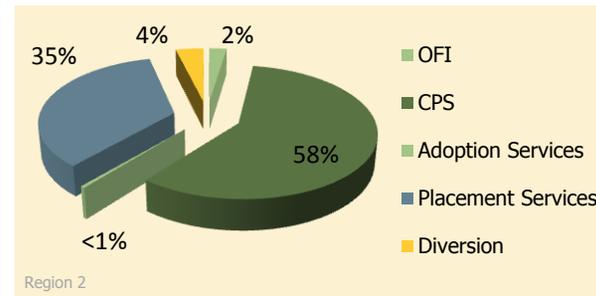
Service Allocation



Source of Community Referrals



DFCS referrals:



Serving Your Community

PSSF supports easy access and coordinated service delivery that is child- and family-focused. For more information about the following network providers in Region 2, visit the Family Services Resource Guide at www.pssfnet.com.

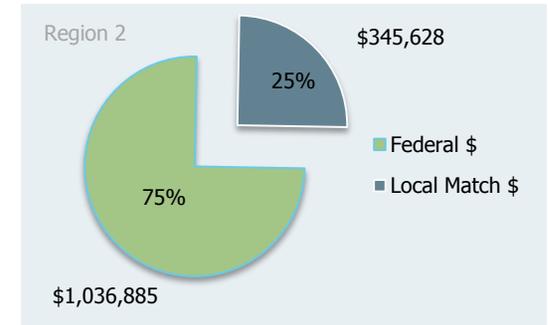
- FAITH in Rabun County, Inc.
- Family Ties Gainesville-Inc.
- Hall-Dawson CASA Program, Inc.
- Children's Center for Hope & Healing, Inc.
- Gainesville-Hall County Community Service Center
- NOA's Ark, Inc.
- Harmony House Child Advocacy Center, Inc.
- Gateway House, Inc.
- Lumpkin County Board of Education
- Support in Abusive Family Emergencies, Inc. (S.A.F.E)
- Hart Partners, Inc.
- Enotah CASA, Inc.
- Georgia Mountain Women's Center, Inc.
- Supporting Adoption & Foster Families Together, 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 2.

- 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
- Healthcare Screening/Services
- Home-based Parent Education
- Information and Referral Services
- Legal Advocacy
- Mentoring and Tutoring
- Parent/Child Activities
- Stress/Anger Management
- Substance Abuse Recovery Support
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Supervised Visitation
- Therapeutic Counseling
- Transportation

