



Region 7

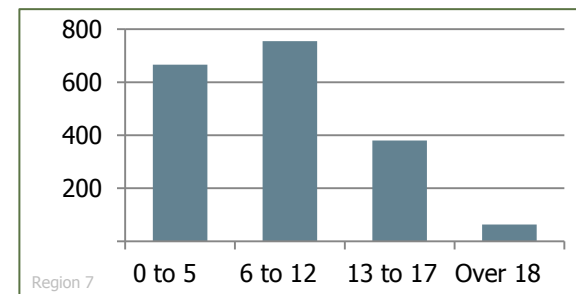


Our Children...

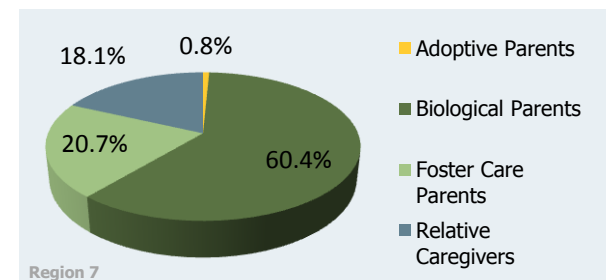
1,864

Children resided in all households

Number of Children by Age



Children being cared for by:



PSSF Making a Difference

What does it do to a young child if he never feels safe and secure, is always moving from one place to the next, and never knows who will be caring for him? Four-year-old Mark was that child. He was angry and already showed signs of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. He was a handful.

His unemployed mother also had a two-year-old daughter, and they were all living out of a hotel. His biological father was never involved. One day, Mark's mother dropped him at DFCS and told the caseworker that she could not and would not take care of him any longer.

Grandparents Elma and Jack stepped in and were able to take Mark in while they tried to get their daughter back on her feet, hoping she would be able to do a better job of taking care of him. They helped her find a job and an apartment, but it wasn't long before she quit her job and started leaving Mark with strangers and neglecting him again. Once again, Elma and Jack came to his rescue, but they needed help. Through friends, they heard about a PSSF grandparent support program that could help them get Mark back on track and help them adopt their grandson.

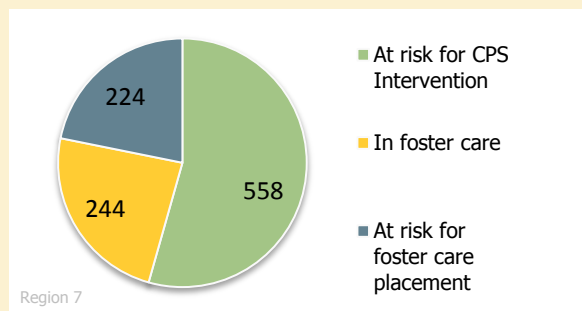
Counseling for Mark taught him how to control his anger and channel his energy into positive activities. Support for Elma and Jack helped them reduce their stress and better manage Mark's behavior. Mark has been adjusting very well and just recently made the A/B honor roll for the first time!

Our Families...

1,026

Families residing in Region 7 received a wide array of community-based services

Family involvement with their local child welfare agency at referral:



790 of these families

were headed by a biological or adoptive parent, or a relative caregiver

32% two-parent households

68% single-parent households

65% high school education or less

55% employed full- and/or part-time

65% income less than \$20,000

Producing Results...

For the families who completed services in FFY2011:

- 74%** Children remained safely in their homes
- 13%** Children remained in foster or relative care
- 7%** Children were reunified with their families
- 5%** Children achieved permanency through adoption or legal guardianship
- 1%** Youth emancipated from Foster Care
- <1%** Children were referred to DFCS for investigation

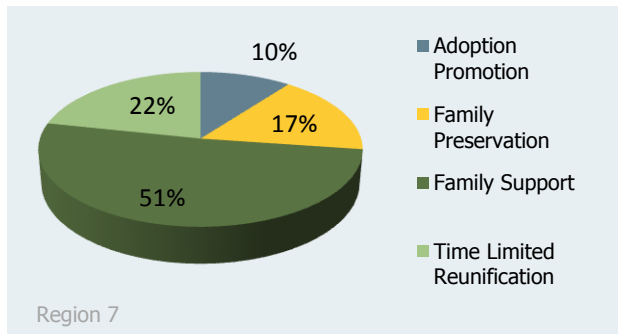
Georgia's Promoting Safe and Stable Families program has steadily built a network of community-based organizations reflecting the state's commitment to ensuring that families have access to the highest quality services and resources needed to help children and youth grow into healthy, contributing members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

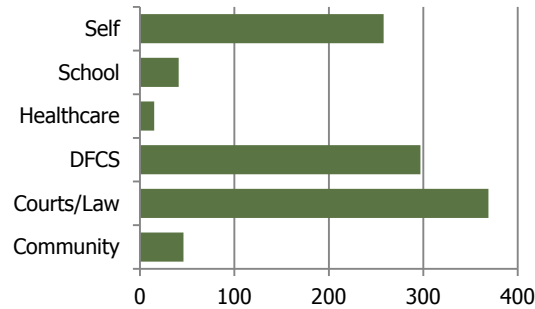
PSSF funds provide services to at-risk families in the areas of:

- **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

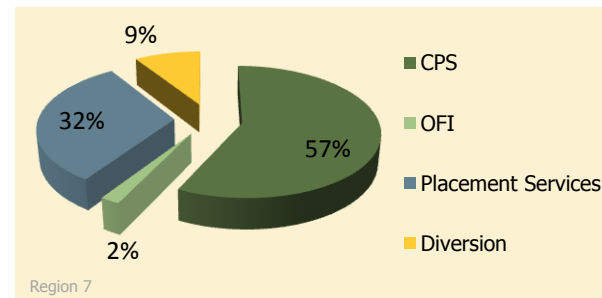


Source of Community Referrals



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

Child Enrichment, Inc.

City of Harlem

Georgia Health Sciences University

Housing Authority of City of Washington

Jenkins County Family Enrichment Center, Inc

Kids Restart, Inc.

McDuffie County Partners for Success, Inc.

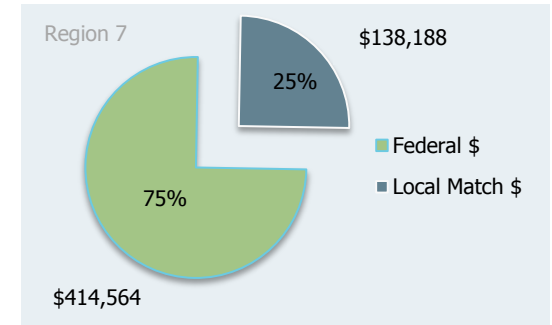
QUOLA of Warren County, Inc.

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 7.

- Adoption Promotion
- Center-based Parent Education
- Center-based Support Group
- Child/Family Assessment
- Childcare
- 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
- Supervised Visitation
- Therapeutic Counseling
- Transportation

