

PSSF

Promoting Safe & Stable Families NETWORK



Region 9

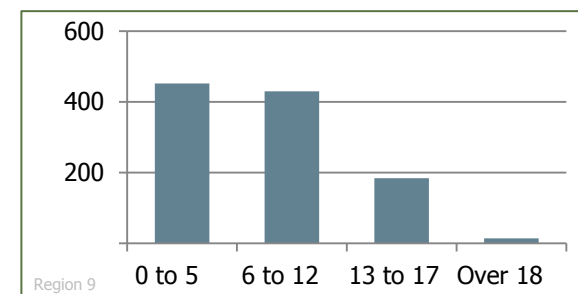


Our Children...

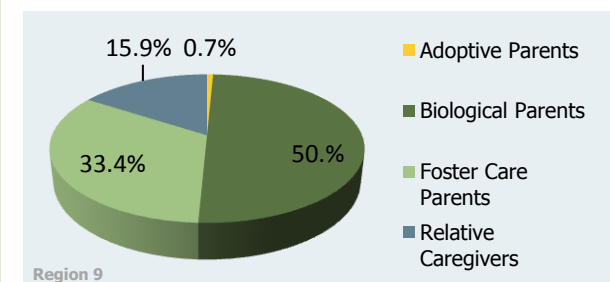
1,082

Children resided in all households

Number of Children by Age



Children being cared for by:



PSSF Making a Difference

The crisis line at the women's shelter rang late one night. A halting voice on the other end of the line said, "My niece and her little girl are here with me and they need someplace safe to stay." Erin's saga with an abusive husband had finally driven her from her home with her five-year-old daughter when her husband threatened to file for sole custody and take the child away from her.

After Erin and her daughter Traci were safely at the shelter, she confided in the caseworker that she had been a victim of domestic violence for several years. She said that her husband was a violent man who had extramarital affairs and was selling drugs. Their daughter was a high functioning autistic child who attended school where the stay-at-home mom volunteered.

Over a period of several months, Erin received a variety of services to help her cope with the challenges she was facing. Counseling helped her gain a better understanding of domestic violence and its effects on its victims. She took advantage of community resources to help her and her daughter deal with the trauma they had both suffered and to get back on their feet. The family was able to establish a safe home away from the abusive husband.

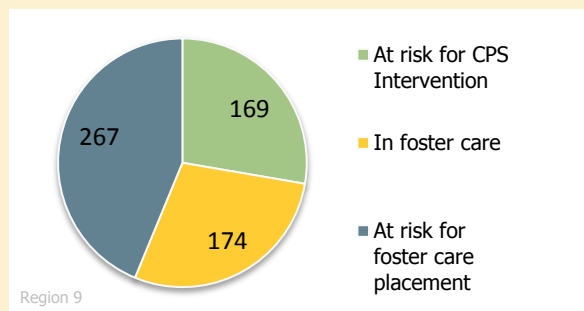
This family's world is much brighter than it was on that dark night. Erin is employed as an office manager for a large business, and Traci is doing well in school. Both mother and daughter are still in counseling.

Our Families...

610

Families residing in Region 9 received a wide array of community-based services

Family involvement with their local child welfare agency at referral:



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

40% two-parent households
60% single-parent households

73% high school education or less

64% employed full- and/or part-time

60% income less than \$20,000

Producing Results...

For the families who completed services in FFY2011:

- 50%** Children remained safely in their homes
- 28%** Children remained in foster or relative care
- 14%** Children were reunified with their families
- 8%** Children achieved permanency through adoption or legal guardianship
- <1%** Youth emancipated from Foster Care
- 1%** Children were referred to DFCS for investigation



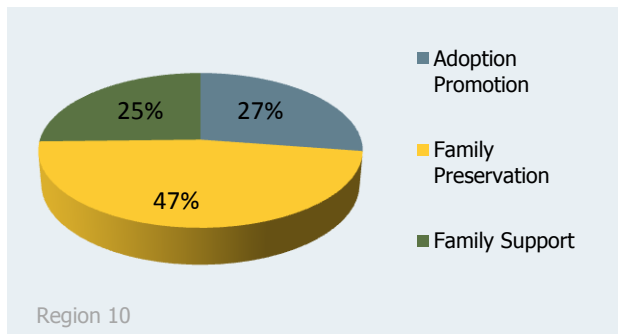
Georgia's Promoting Safe and Stable Families program has steadily built a network of community-based organizations reflecting the state's commitment to ensuring that families have access to the highest quality services and resources needed to help children and youth grow into healthy, contributing members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

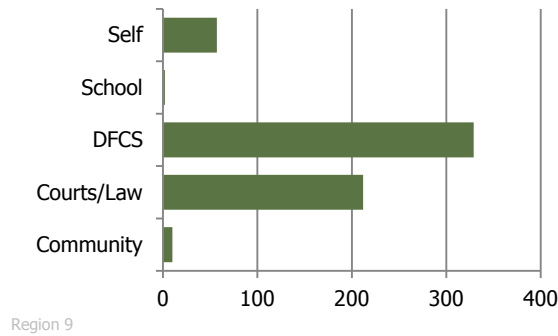
PSSF funds provide services to at-risk families in the areas of:

- **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

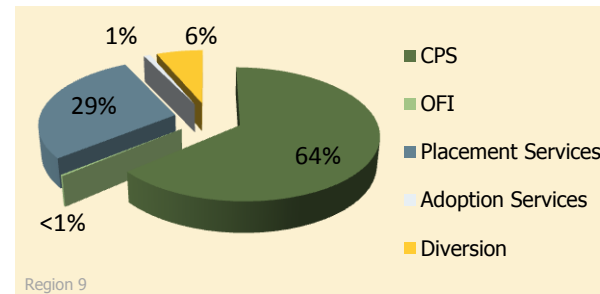
Service Allocation



Source of Community Referrals



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

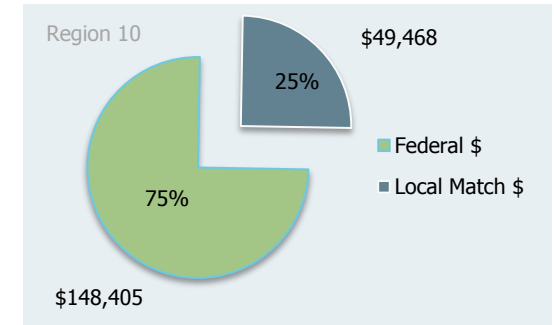
- Emanuel County CAP Center, Inc.
- Emanuel County DFCS
- Johnson County DFCS
- Laurens County CASA Program, Inc.
- Montgomery County DFCS
- Toombs County DFCS
- Treutlen County DFCS
- Women In Need Of God's Shelter, Inc.

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 9.

- Center-based Parent Education
- Center-based Support Group
- Child/Family Assessment
- Childcare
- 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

