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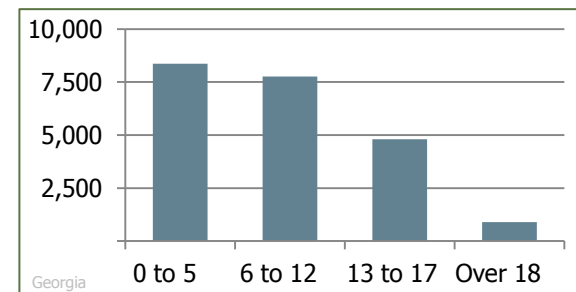


Our Children...

21,841

Children resided in all households

Number of Children by Age



The Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF) program, authorized by Title IV-B, Subpart 2 of the Social Security Act, provides federal funding, training and technical assistance to help build state and community capacity to meet the needs of families at risk for child welfare intervention and families in crisis. Reauthorized in 1997, 2001 and 2006 under the Family Service Improvement Act, PSSF offers Georgia the opportunity to:

- Develop and enhance the community-based support and service system for children and families
- Emphasize collaborative approaches to early identification of risk and intervention services that build on the strengths of families
- Help prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening and stabilizing Georgia families

PSSF is administered in Georgia by the Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS). PSSF targets four types of families touched by the child welfare system:

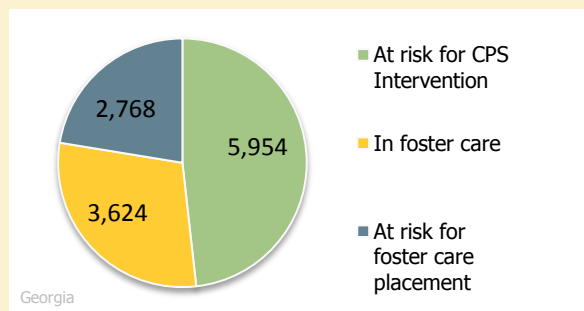
- Families at risk and in need of support
- Families in crisis where efforts are being made to preserve the family
- Families with a child in foster care and whose best interest is to be reunified
- Families in need of adoption or post permanency services

Our Families...

12,346

Families received a wide array of community-based services

Family involvement with their local child welfare agency at referral:

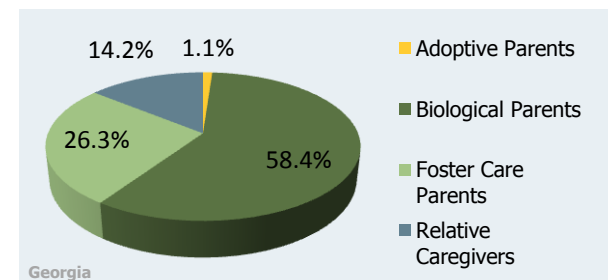


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8,546 of these families were headed by a biological or adoptive parent, or a relative caregiver

- 40%** two-parent households
- 60%** single-parent households
- 73%** high school education or less
- 60%** employed full- and/or part-time
- 64%** income less than \$20,000

Children being cared for by:



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Producing Results...

For the families who completed services in FFY2011:

- 62%** Children remained safely in their homes
- 19%** Children remained in foster or relative care
- 10%** Children were reunified with their families
- 6%** Children achieved permanency through adoption or legal guardianship
- 2%** Youth emancipated from Foster Care
- 1%** Children were referred to DFCS for investigation

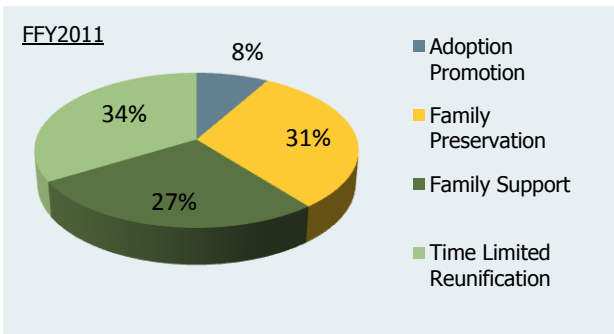
Georgia's Promoting Safe and Stable Families program has steadily built a network of community-based organizations reflecting the state's commitment to ensuring that families have access to the highest quality services and resources needed to help children and youth grow into healthy, contributing members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

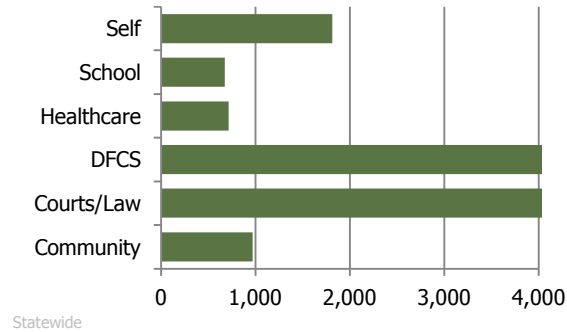
PSSF funds provide services to at-risk families in the areas of:

- **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

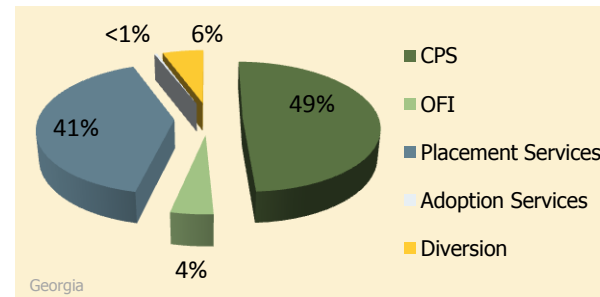
Service Allocation



Source of Community Referrals



DFCS referrals:



Responding to Community Needs

In FFY2011, 198 network providers served families in 151 counties. The network includes 20 collaborations between local county departments and their community partners.

- Parenting
- Crisis intervention
- Child behavior
- Child advocacy
- Domestic violence
- Life skills
- Substance abuse
- Child development
- Supervised family and/or sibling visits
- Mental health crisis

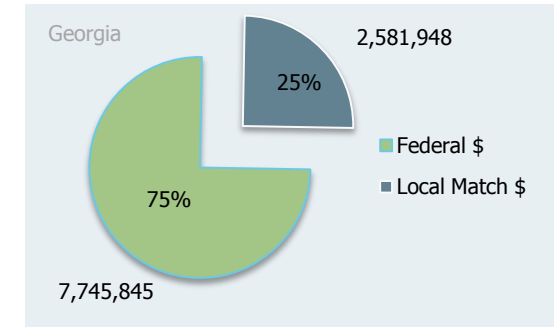
PSSF supports easy access and coordinated service delivery that is child- and family-focused.

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

Significantly, 17% of PSSF network dollars was invested in parenting – with more than 71% provided in the home – to improve parental capacity to care for children and reduce the need for out-of-home care.

- 61 Family Support programs serving teens, victims of family violence, relative caregivers, immigrant families, and first-time parents
- 57 Family Preservation programs providing placement prevention, crisis intervention and residential aftercare services
- 65 Time-Limited Reunification including 27 supervised visitation centers, 31 CASA programs and 7 substance abuse treatment and recovery support programs
- 15 Adoption Promotion and Permanency Support programs including 9 programs targeting youth transitioning to independent living

