

# FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT

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- The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), signed into law in 2018, provided new federal funding for prevention activities in child welfare.
- The act provides federal matching dollars for evidence-based services in the areas of:
  - Substance use disorder
  - Parent skill building
  - Mental health
  - Kinship navigation
- Kansas SFY26 all funds budget is \$20.8M
- FFPSA programs are designed to prevent the need for foster care, and funding is available only for children and their families at imminent risk of placement in foster care, also referred to as “candidates for foster care.”



# THE FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT





# CANDIDATE FOR FOSTER CARE

- Children at “imminent risk” of removal who can remain safely at home with services.
- Their parents/ caregivers.
- Pregnant and parenting youth in foster care.
- A variety of living situations may qualify
  - Child is with parent(s) but at imminent risk
  - Formal or informal kinship placements, if there is imminent risk of entering foster care
  - In an adoptive or guardianship placement at risk of disruption or dissolution
  - Aftercare services for reunified and post-permanency youth





# FFPSA KANSAS GRANTS

- **October 2019:** DCF awarded 17 agencies across the state with \$12.95 million in Family First prevention grants for FY 20
- **July 2023:** DCF awarded 11 agencies across the state with \$20.78 million with Family First prevention grants supporting 15 unique programs for SFY24
- Of the current 15 programs, 7 are approved evidence-based services which receive a 50% federal match
- DCF also awarded a FFPSA grant to the University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc to evaluate program data and outcomes as federally required

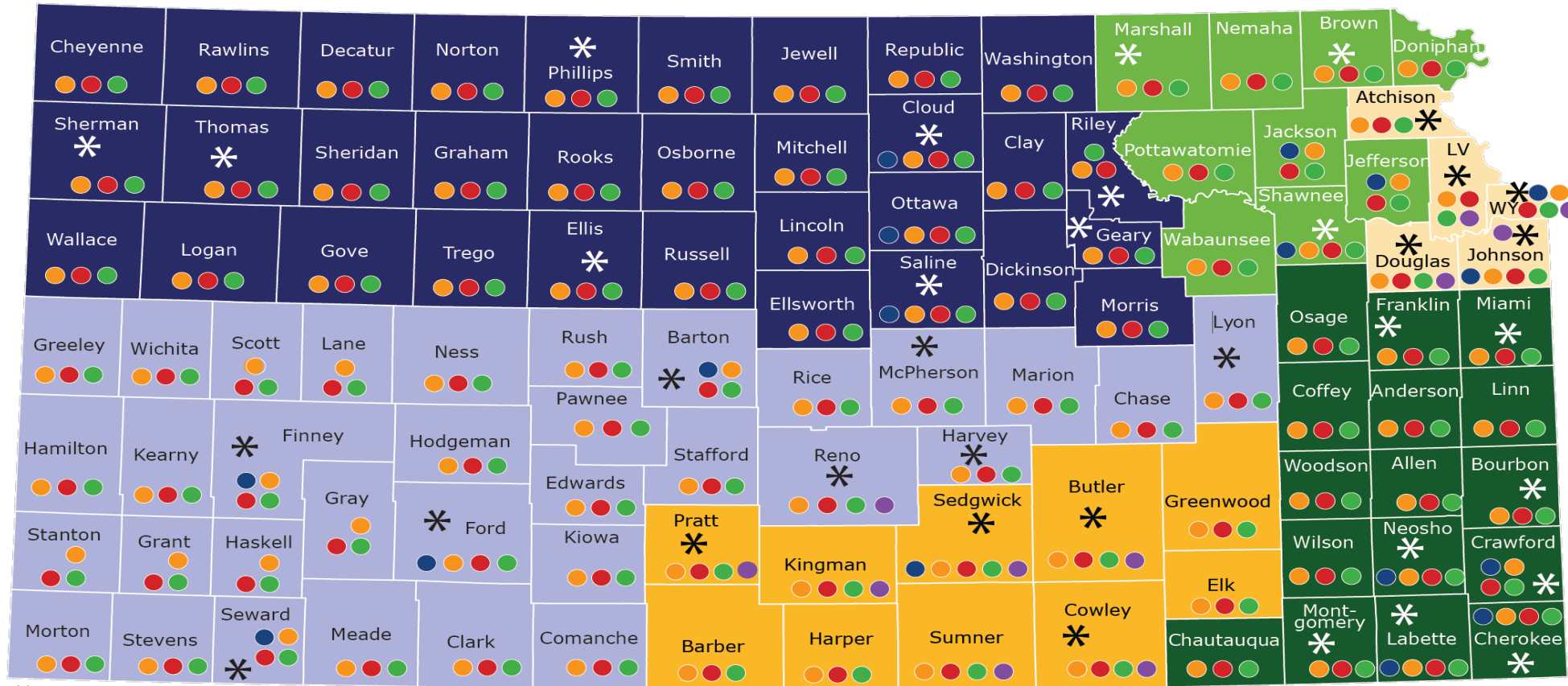
- Family First funding increased from SFY20 to SFY24
  - Supporting geographical expansions of Multi-Systemic Therapy, Healthy Families America, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy, Parent Advocate and Fostering Prevention
- SFY26 included funding reductions to 3 Family First grants based on historical underspending which were reallocated to the Family Resource Center (FRC) Administration grant
- During grant renewals some Family First providers reassessed their budgets, reducing by previously underspent funds and allowing for other prevention program expansions without additional State fund allocation.



# THE FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT



## Family First Prevention Services Act Programs



\* DCF Service Center

Northwest Northeast Wichita  
Southwest Southeast Kansas City

Mental Health Substance Use Disorder  
Parent Skill Building Kinship Navigator  
Other Primary Prevention Services

Rev: 5-20-25

# SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER GRANTEES

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# DCCCA



## FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT

\$921,606



## AREA SERVED

CR, CK, JA, JF, LB, NO,  
SN



## EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

Sobriety Treatment and  
Recovery Teams (START)



## SERVICE

Provides a family-centered, collaborative  
intervention for families who are impacted by  
parental substance use





**DCCCA**  
**IMPROVING LIVES**

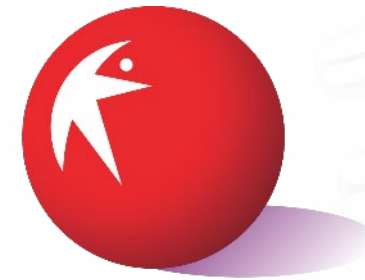
# KANSAS CHILDREN'S SERVICE LEAGUE

 **FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT**  
\$304,942

 **AREA SERVED**  
Shawnee County

 **EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE**  
Parent-Child Assistance  
Program (P-CAP)

 **SERVICE**  
Assists families in obtaining alcohol and drug  
treatment and staying in recovery



**Kansas Children's  
Service League**

# SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES



FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT

\$760,000



AREA SERVED

FI, SW, TH, SA, BT, SG



EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

Seeking Safety



SERVICE

Provides services and counseling to families with one or more individuals who are using substances, resulting in children at risk for removal



Saint Francis  
MINISTRIES



# KVC



## FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT

\$183,515.14



## AREA SERVED

In person: Johnson County,  
Shawnee County  
Virtual: Statewide



## EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

Strengthening Families



## SERVICE

Provides a family skills training program including weekly classes to focus on parenting, communication, and youth life skills.




**KVC**  
Kansas

# PARENT SKILL BUILDING GRANTEES


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# KVC

 **FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT**  
\$373,758.10

 **AREA SERVED**  
BR, DP, JA, MS, NM, PT,  
WB

 **EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE**  
Healthy Families America

 **SERVICE**  
Intensive home visiting family support program that provides a variety of services including child development supports, access to health care, and parent education



**KVC**  
Kansas



# KANSAS CHILDREN'S SERVICE LEAGUE



## FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT

\$2,527,000



## AREA SERVED

JF, SN, AL, AN, BB, CQ, CK, CF, CR, FR, LB, LN, MI, MG, NO, OS, WL, WO, AT, DG, JO, LV, WY, BA, BU, CL, EK, GW, HP, KM, PR, SG, SU, BT, CS, HV, LY, MN, MP, PN, RN, RC, RH, SF



## EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

Healthy Families America



## SERVICE

Intensive home visiting family support program that provides a variety of services including child development supports, access to health care, and parent education



Kansas Children's  
Service League

# FOSTER ADOPT CONNECT, INC.



FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT

\$543,134



AREA SERVED

BB, CK, CR, JO, LB, NO,  
WY



EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

Fostering Prevention



SERVICE

Home visiting service that provides weekly visitation, in-home parenting curriculum, group parenting, resource referrals, and concrete services to at-risk families



fosteradopt  
connect

# CHILD ADVOCACY AND PARENTING SERVICES



## FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT

\$437,053.92



## AREA SERVED

Saline County and  
Ottawa County



## EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

Family Check-Up and  
Family Mentoring Program



## SERVICE

Family mentor will educate parents about healthy child development, advocate for and support the family during mental health or academic wrap arounds, budget plan, access local assistance programs, and assist during stressful times






# KANSAS PARENTS AS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

 **FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT**  
\$1,000,000

 **AREA SERVED**  
Statewide

 **EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE**  
Bright Futures (Parents as Teachers)

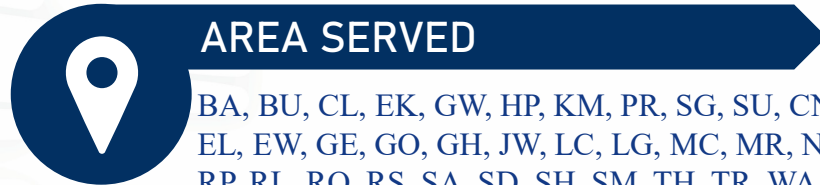
 **SERVICE**  
Intensive home visiting program in which parent educator builds relationships with a family and offers information and activities to enhance the child's intellectual, social-emotional, motor and language development, providing parents with the skills and knowledge needed to appropriately care for their child



# SAINT FRANCIS MINISTRIES



\$4,798,000.



BA, BU, CL, EK, GW, HP, KM, PR, SG, SU, CN, CY, CD, DC, DK, EL, EW, GE, GO, GH, JW, LC, LG, MC, MR, NT, OB, OT, PL, RA, RP, RL, RO, RS, SA, SD, SH, SM, TH, TR, WA, WS, BT, CS, CA, CM, ED, FI, FO, GT, GY, GL, HM, HV, HS, HG, KE, KW, LE, LY, MN, MP, ME, MT, NS, PN, RN, RC, RH, SC, SW, SF, ST, SV, WH



Family Centered Treatment



Intensive in-home treatment services for youth and families using psychotherapy designed to reduce maltreatment, improve caretaking and coping skills, enhance family resiliency, develop healthy and nurturing relationships, and increase children's well-being.



**Saint Francis**  
**MINISTRIES**

# MENTAL HEALTH GRANTEES

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# COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS INC.



\$6,109,472



Statewide



Multisystemic Therapy



Intensive therapeutic service aimed at promoting pro-social behavior and reducing criminal activity, mental health symptomology, out-of-home placements, and illicit substance use in 12- to 17-year-old youth



community  
solutions, inc.  
creating conditions for change

# TFI FAMILY SERVICES



## FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT

\$1,220,000



## AREA SERVED

SN, AL, AN, BB, CQ, CK, CF, CR,  
FR, LB, LN, MI, MG, NO, OS,  
WL, WO, SG, CY, GE, RL, LY



## EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

Growing Nurturing Families  
(Parent Child Interaction Therapy)



## SERVICE

Families and youth work with a therapist to decrease  
child behavior problems and improve parent-child  
attachment through the use of social reinforcers



# KINSHIP NAVIGATION GRANTEES


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# KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES

 **FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT**  
\$350,911

 **AREA SERVED**  
Statewide

 **EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE**  
Kids2Kin

 **SERVICE**  
Legal advice, representation, and mediation of services for guardianship, adoptions, family law issues, and assistance with other legal issues





# OTHER PREVENTION SERVICES GRANTEES

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# KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES



## FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT

\$992,824



## AREA SERVED

BU, CL, DG, HP, JO, KM, LV, PR,  
RN, SG, SU, WY



## EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

Parent Advocate Program (PAP)



## SERVICE

High quality pre-petition legal services which include case management and community resource coordination for parents/legal caregivers



# SEDGWICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



FY 26 GRANT AMOUNT

\$85,359



AREA SERVED

Sedgwick County



EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

Community Support Specialist



SERVICE

Reduce instances of contact with law enforcement and child abuse with the goal of children remaining safe with their families.



*Sedgwick County...  
working for you*

# DATA COLLECTED

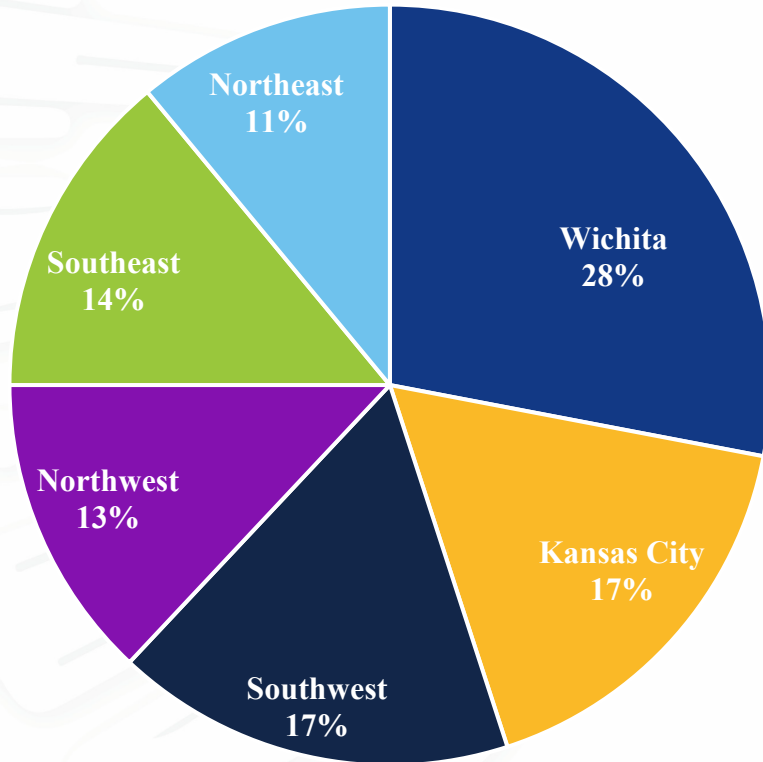
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# FAMILIES REFERRED

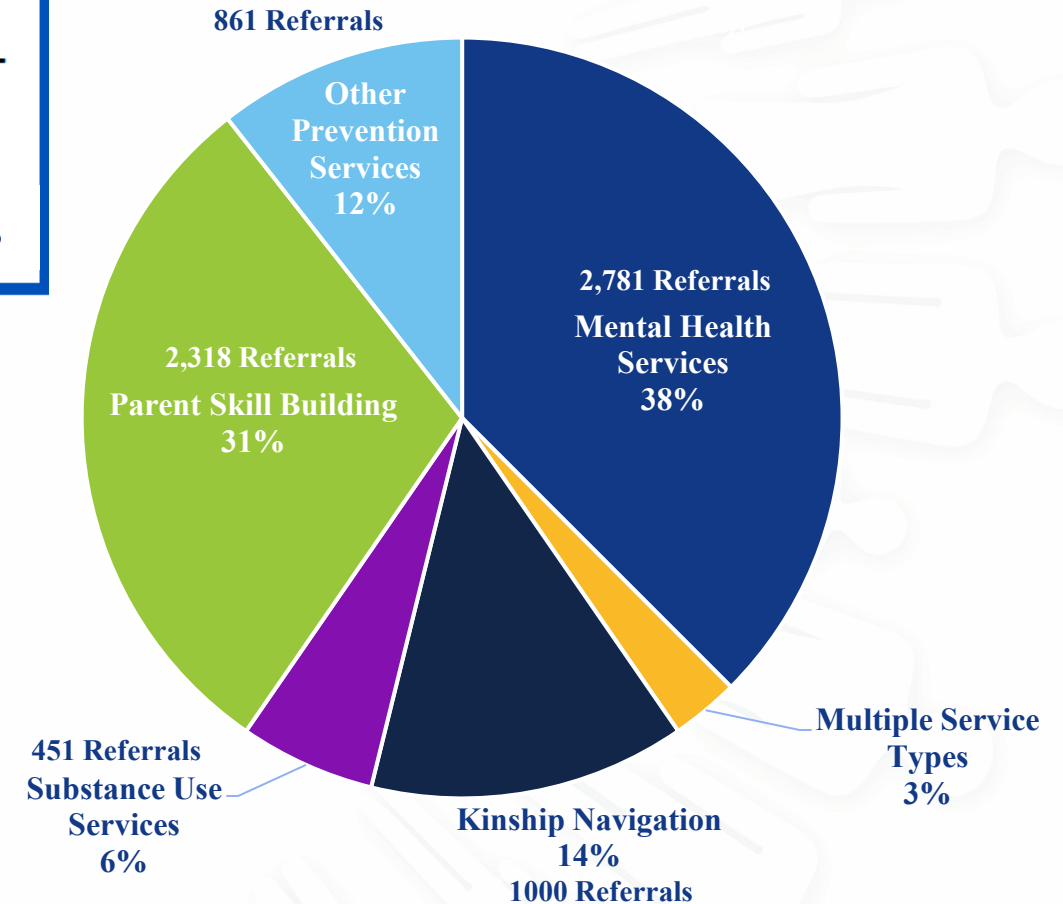
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Referrals by Region

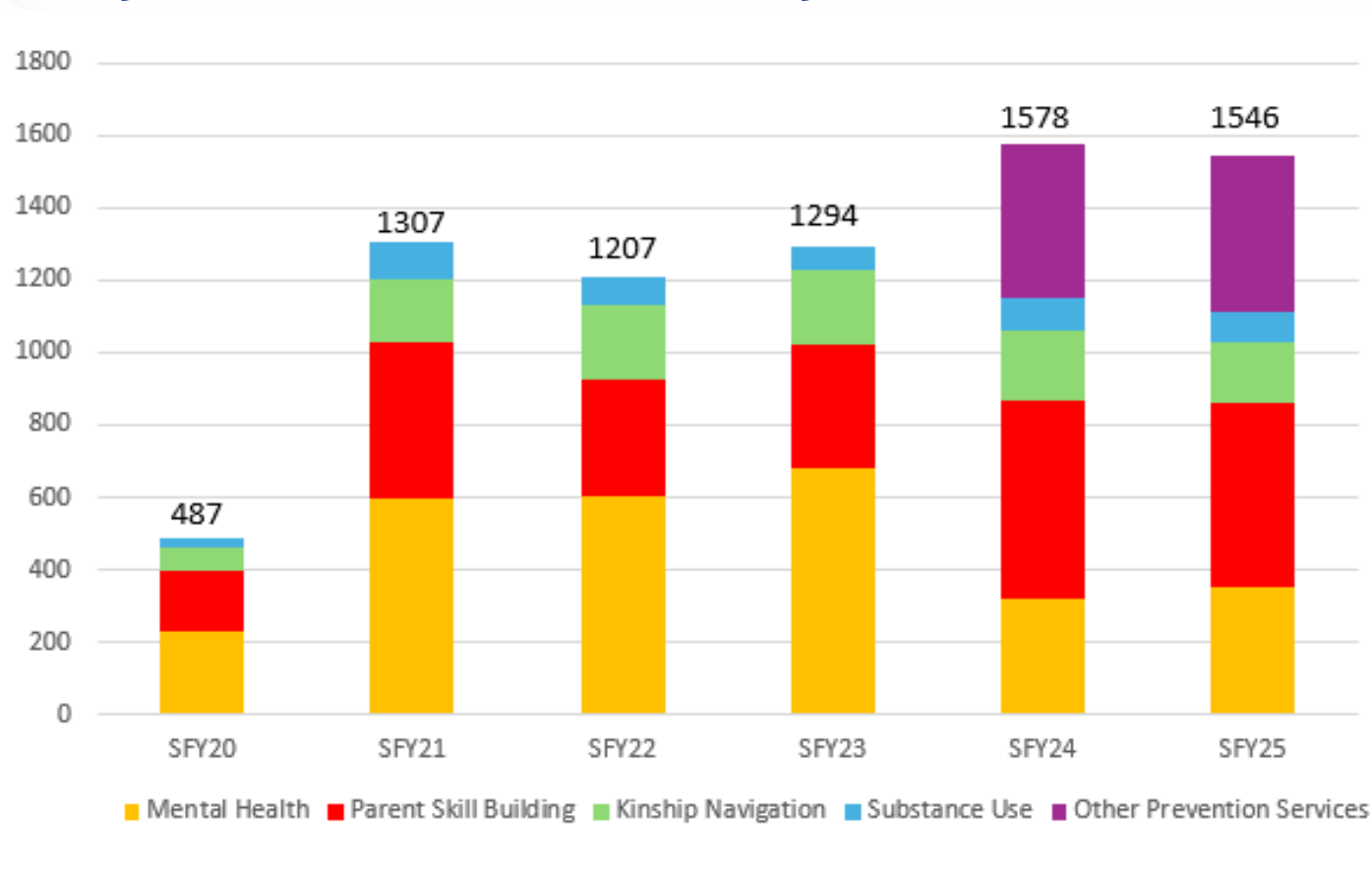


**FAMILY FIRST  
REFERRALS**  
**7,414 Referrals**

Referrals by Service Type



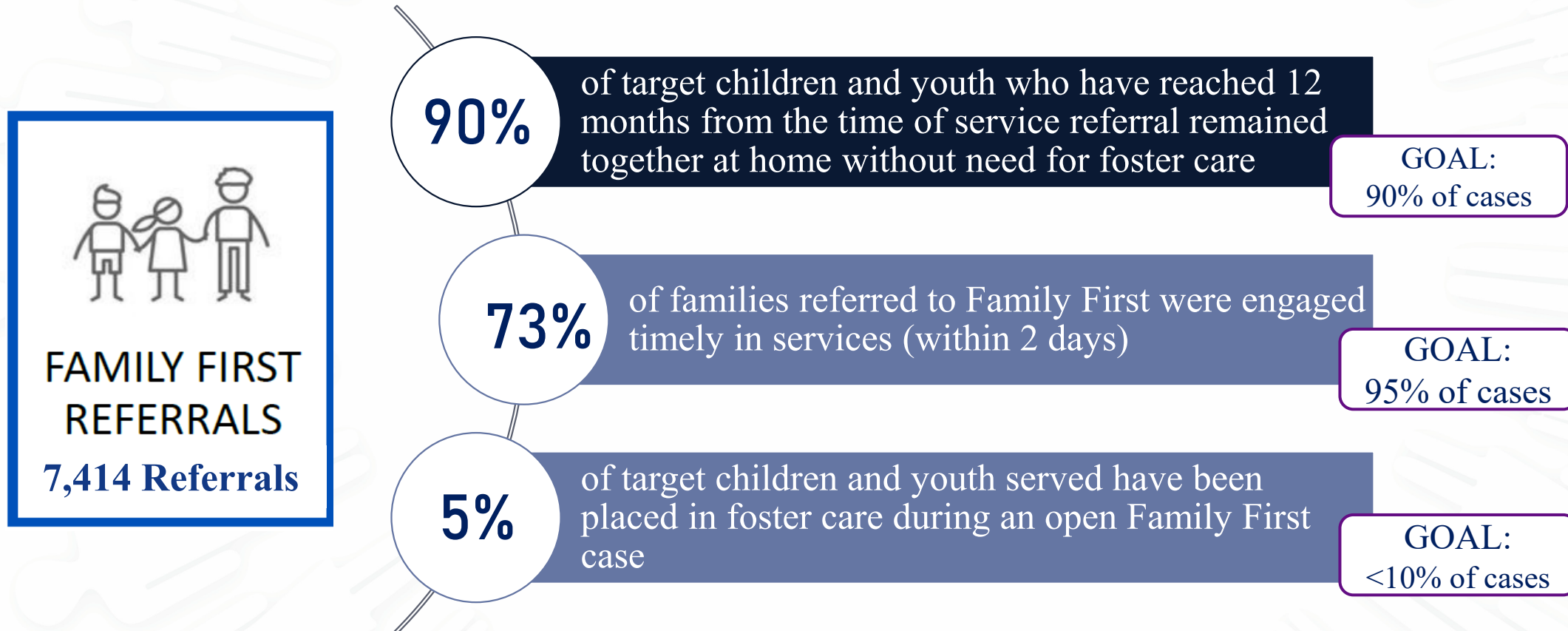
# Family First Referrals by State Fiscal Year



- “Other Prevention Services” were added for evaluation in SFY24
- Increase in referrals for Parenting Skills domain in FY24 was due to Family Centered Treatment recategorization from Mental Health to Parenting Skills on the Federal IV-E Clearinghouse

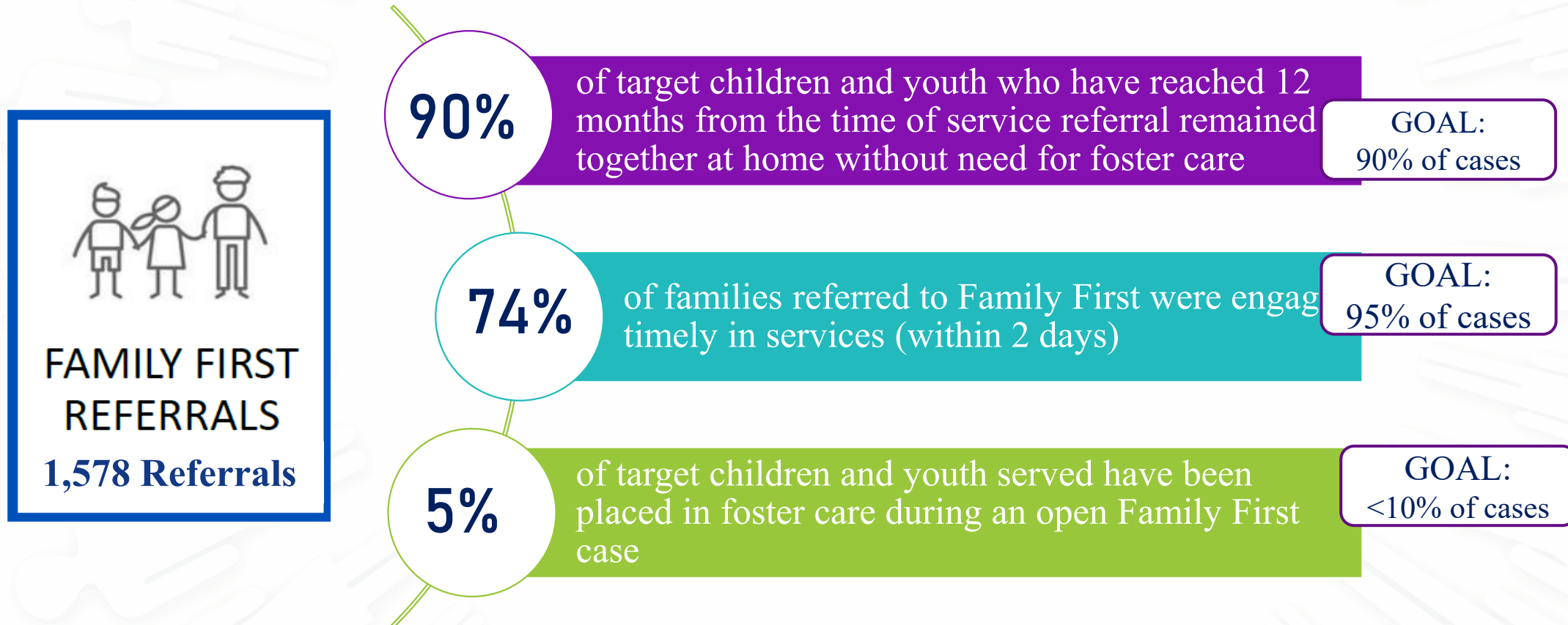
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Outcomes: October 2019 – June 2025



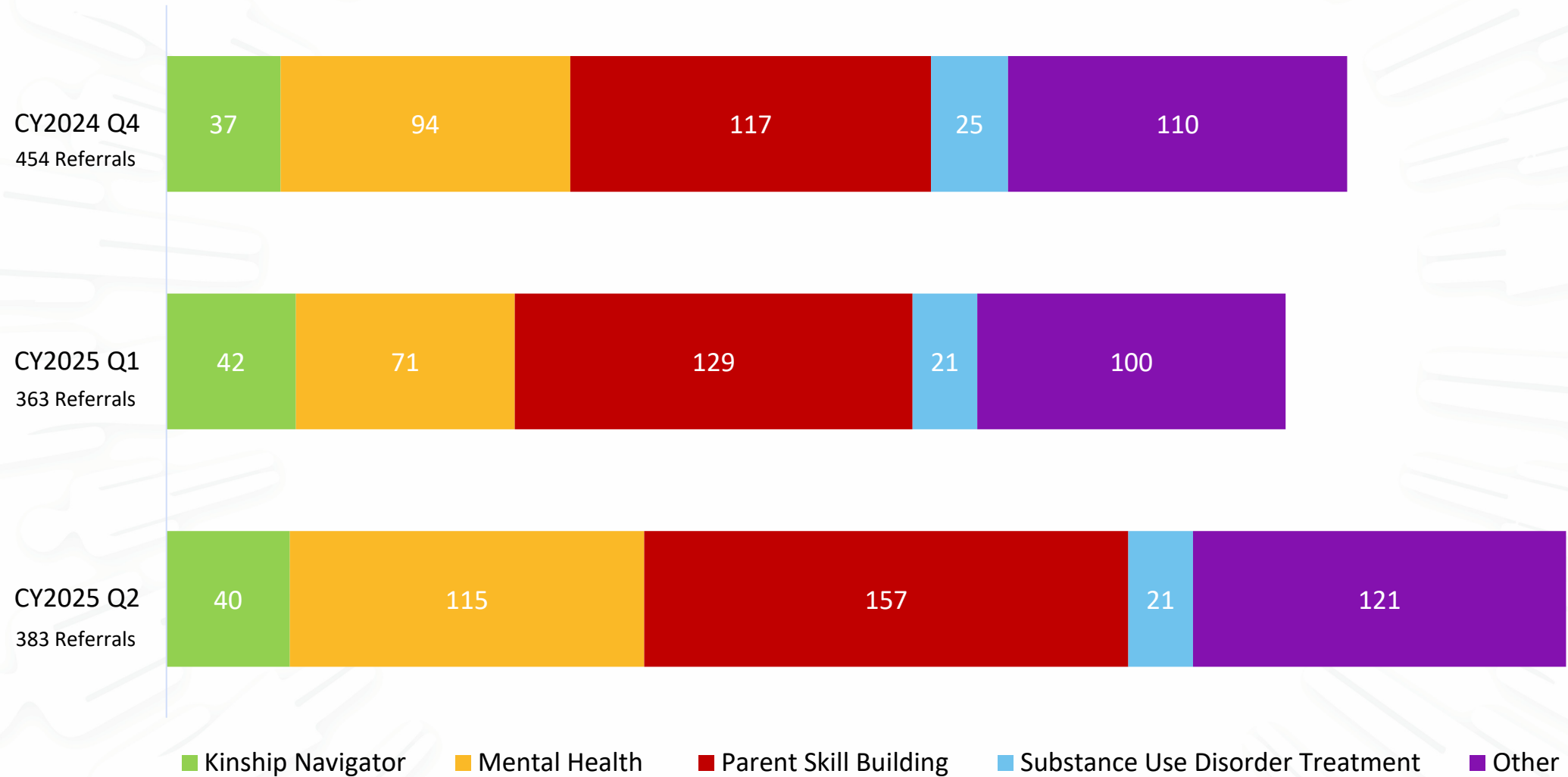
# FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES

Final Outcomes for SFY24: Referrals between July 2023 – June 2024





# FAMILY FIRST REFERRALS BY QUARTER



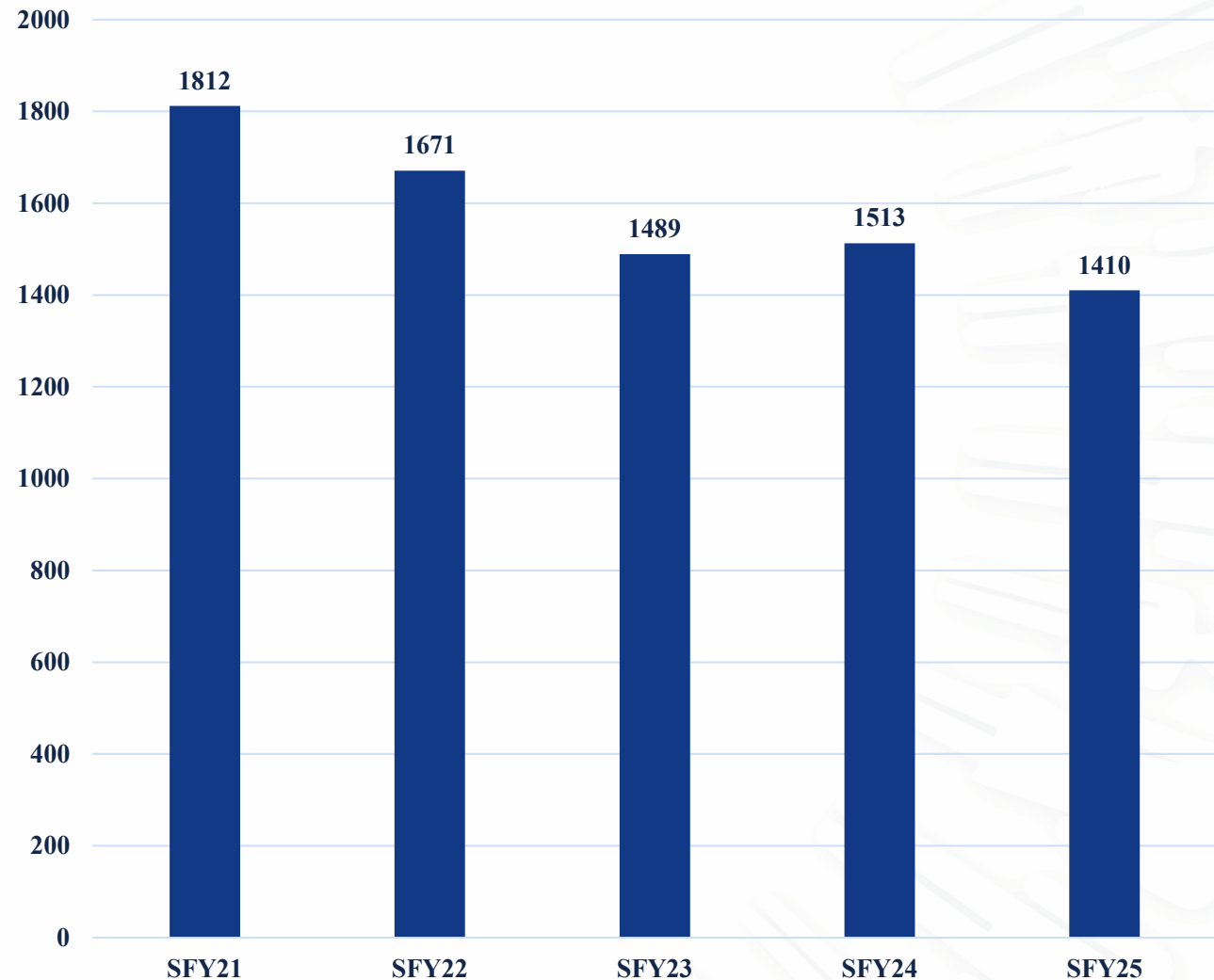
# OTHER PREVENTION PROGRAMS

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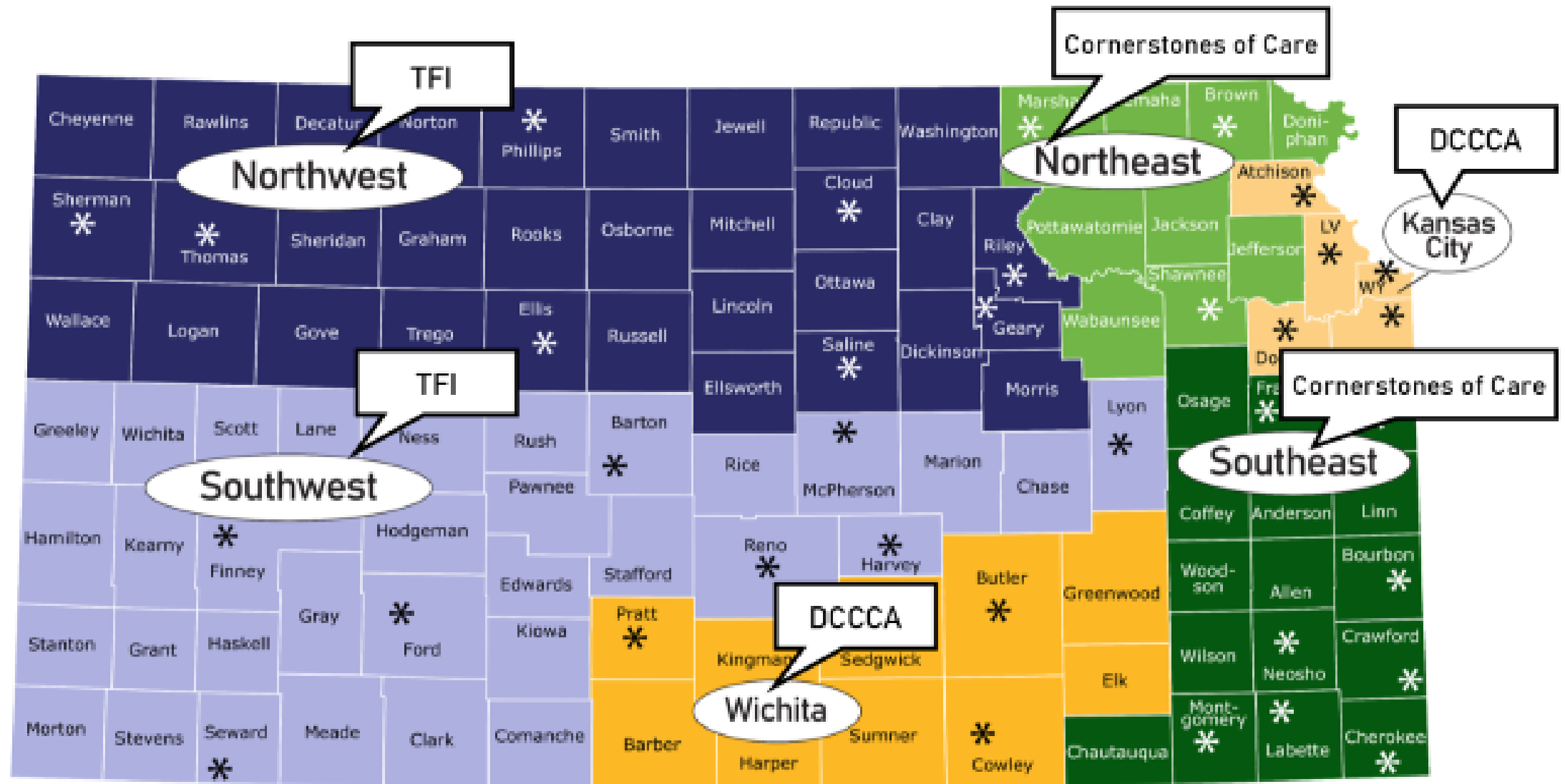
# FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES CONTRACTS

Number of Families referred by SFY

- Available in all Counties
- Provides voluntary services alongside families to build on family strengths and reduce the risk of children being placed in foster care.
- Providers determine with family the intensity of service provided.
- Cornerstones of Care, TFI, DCCCA



# Family Preservation in DCF Regions



\* DCF Service Center



# “Family Preservation: Maintaining Children Safe at Home”

CY 2024 Q4, 2025 Q1, 2025 Q2

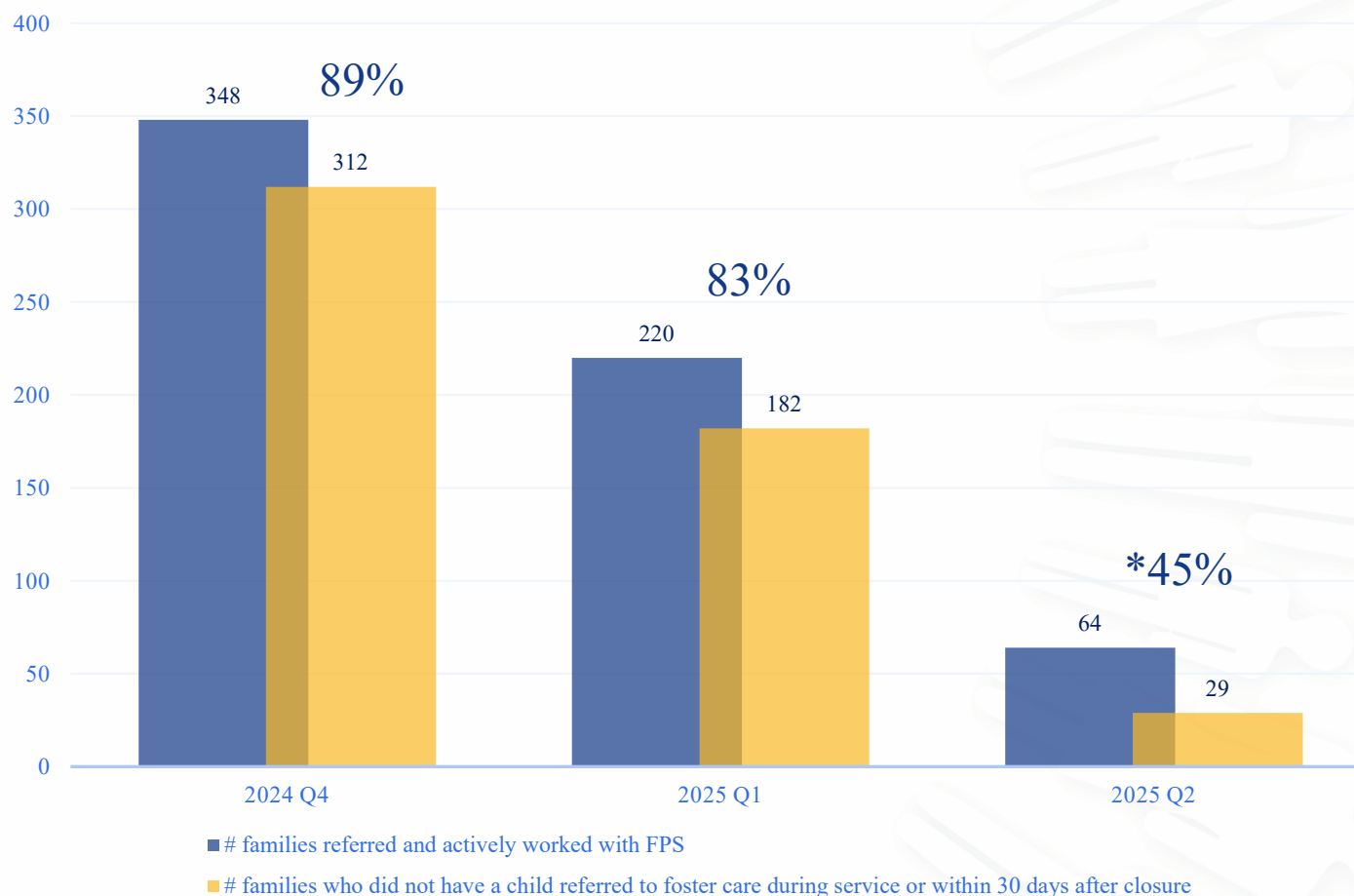
Outcome Indicator: Families referred for family preservation services will not have a child placed outside the home into the foster care program during the service period or within 30 days of case closure.

**Performance FY24: 91%** (complete data)

**Performance FY25 to date: 88%**

(incomplete data until 30 days after last referral has ended, performance typically increases as cases become applicable to the outcome)

FPS: Families with Children Safely Maintained At Home



\*Note: Data for this outcome is fluid and will change as referral periods end, data is incomplete due to open referrals

# Community Based Prevention



**Family Resource Centers (FRC):** Starting in November of SFY23, FRCs support families and communities to be healthy and successful and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect by building the research-based Strengthening Families Protective Factors. FRCs are a desired community engagement strategy for states to support thriving families and prevent the need for unnecessary formal child welfare involvement.

KCSL's FRC Technical assistance and the University of Kansas Center for Public Partnership & Research's FRC Evaluation provide support to the granted Family Resource Centers.

**Families Together Family Advocacy, Support, and Training (FAST):** Beginning in October of SFY24, FAST supports families with a child living with an Intellectual/Developmental Disability or dual diagnosis of I/DD and mental illness. Community referrals are accepted. FAST works to reduce the number of children living with an I/DD from entering foster care by providing supportive services through primary prevention.

## Prevention Services FY26 Allocation

Family Resource Centers	\$953,271
FRC Technical Assistance	\$181,000
FRC Evaluation	\$500,000*
Families Together	\$1,000,000
Total	\$2,634,271

\*100% TANF

# Family Resource Centers (FRC)



FRCs provide a unique service in their communities and include resources based on community needs. In November of SFY23, DCF awarded grants to 10 new or already established FRCs throughout Kansas. FRCs accept community referrals.

SFY26 Grantees:

- **Community Children's Center**– Douglas. Serving families with children under the age of six through parenting classes, family support, support groups, caregiver-child engagement activities, and clothing closet.
- **Kansas Children's Service League** – Sedgwick. Free concrete supports and help with immediate needs and linking families to community resources for ongoing needs.
- **Kansas Family Advisory Network (KFAN)** – SE Site: Allen, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Crawford, Labette, Linn, Montgomery, Neosho, Osage, Wilson. SW Site: Barton, Comanche, Edwards, Finney, Ford, Gray, Greeley, Harvey, Lyon, Marion, McPherson, Meade, Pawnee, Reno, Rice, Seward, Stafford. Provides support, education, advocacy, trainings, and support.
- **KU Project Eagle** – Wyandotte. Engage families, assess family needs, facilitate family connections.
- **LiveWell NW Kansas** – Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Sherman, Thomas, Sheridan, Wallace, Logan, Gove. Parent education and leadership, home visiting, health and economic well-being services.
- **Urban League of Kansas** – 67214 zip-code in Sedgwick. Utilizes the Strengthening Families Protective Factors framework including parental resilience, social connections, knowledge of parenting and child development, concrete supports in time of need, and social and emotional competence of children.
- **USD 202 Turner** – USD 202 Wyandotte. Connects families to early childhood resources through parenting classes, community events, activities, and programs.
- **USD 252 Southern Lyon County** – USD 252 Lyon. Provide child development and parent support activities, playgroups, and Parent Club Meetings.

**University of Kansas Center for Public Partnership & Research:** Evaluates the FRC sites and provides Quarterly Service Output Reports. Tracks concrete supports, events, and trainings. Data is used to understand the reach and community's greatest needs.

The evaluation launched March 2024.

## CONCRETE SUPPORTS

**2,511**

Total families served to date

**4,498**

Total individual concrete supports provided

**1.79**

Average number of resources received by families per visit

## EVENTS & TRAININGS

**255**

Total number of events/trainings hosted

**12,219**

Total number of adults reached

**7,781**

Total number of children reached

**KCSL Technical Assistance:** Supports Family Resource Centers in attaining the National Family Support Network Standards of Quality. The Standards provide a common language and framework to ensure consistency, accountability, and positive outcomes across family support programs. All granted FRC sites are formally certified in the Standards.

# Family Advocacy, Support, & Training Program (FAST)



Available statewide, focuses on supporting families with a child with an intellectual/developmental disability or dual diagnosis of I/DD and mental illness. All staff have lived experience in caring for children with disabilities.

FAST provides a community pathway to support families with a child living with an I/DD. The purpose of this grant is to reduce the number of children living with an I/DD from entering foster care by providing supportive services through primary prevention.

Services include:

- **Educational Support:** Intensive educational support, IEP review and attendance.
- **Peer-to-Peer support:** Opportunities are created for families to network and feel supported through trainings and regional retreats.
- **Training:** Parent rights in special education, IEPs, behavior, and accessing disability services.
- **Making Connections:** Connect families to resources in their communities.
- **Concrete Support:** Help if a family needs services or goods to strengthen and empower their ability to care for their child.

FAST Data			
	Oct – Dec '24	Jan – March '25	April – May '25
Referrals	96	73	60
Contacts with families	470	482	380
Meetings (IEP/Family)	39	39	38
Tier 3 Supports*	87	154	74
*Time-intensive and travel sometimes included. Utilizes The LifeCourse Family Portfolio person-centered planning tool allowing staff to support family and educational goals.			

Concrete Supports can help children with sensory regulation and maintain safety. Some purchases have included: weighted blankets and vests, chewelry (chewable jewelry), adaptable dinner/drinkware, adaptive clothing, window and door alarms, and safety gates. Funding is also used to assist families with expenses incurred by Applied Behavior Analysis therapy.

# SPENDING

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# FAMILY FIRST SFY26 BUDGET \$20.8M



Mental Health (Multi-Systemic Therapy, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy)	
	SFY25* Expenditures: \$7,129,472.00 spent across two programs serving a total of 353 referrals and 755 children SFY26 Budget \$7,329,472
Substance Use (START, PCAP, Seeking Safety, Strengthening Families)	
	SFY25* Expenditures: \$1,906,950.98 spent across four programs serving a total of 89 referrals and 183 children SFY26 Budget \$2,170,063
Kinship Navigation (Kids2Kin)	
	SFY25* Expenditures: \$324,158.00 spent for one program serving a total of 173 referrals and 304 children SFY26 Budget \$350,911
Parenting Skills (HFA, FCT, PAT/Bright Futures, Family Mentoring, Family Check-Up, Fostering Prevention)	
	SFY25* Expenditures: \$9,397,962.92 across eight programs serving a total of 553 referrals and 1209 children SFY26 Budget \$9,855,586
Other Services (Parent Advocate, Community Support Specialist)	
	SFY25* Expenditures: \$879,936.00 spent across two programs referrals are community-based, rather than directed by DCF SFY26 Budget \$1,078,183

# WHAT'S NEXT FOR PREVENTION

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# NEXT IN PREVENTION FOR KANSAS



- Expand and support more Family Resource Centers
- Promote, encourage providers and workforce for more in-home services
  - Children's Behavior Interventionist
  - Functional Family Treatment
- Explore capacity and collaboration possibilities with Juvenile Intake and Assessment Services / Centers ( JIAS/JIAC)
- Support and expand therapeutic family foster homes (or model in communities) as a prevention resource
- Continuous dialogue with local communities on their prevention needs and ideas

# QUESTIONS?

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