



# **Public-Private Partnerships: The Key to Successful Child Welfare Transformation**

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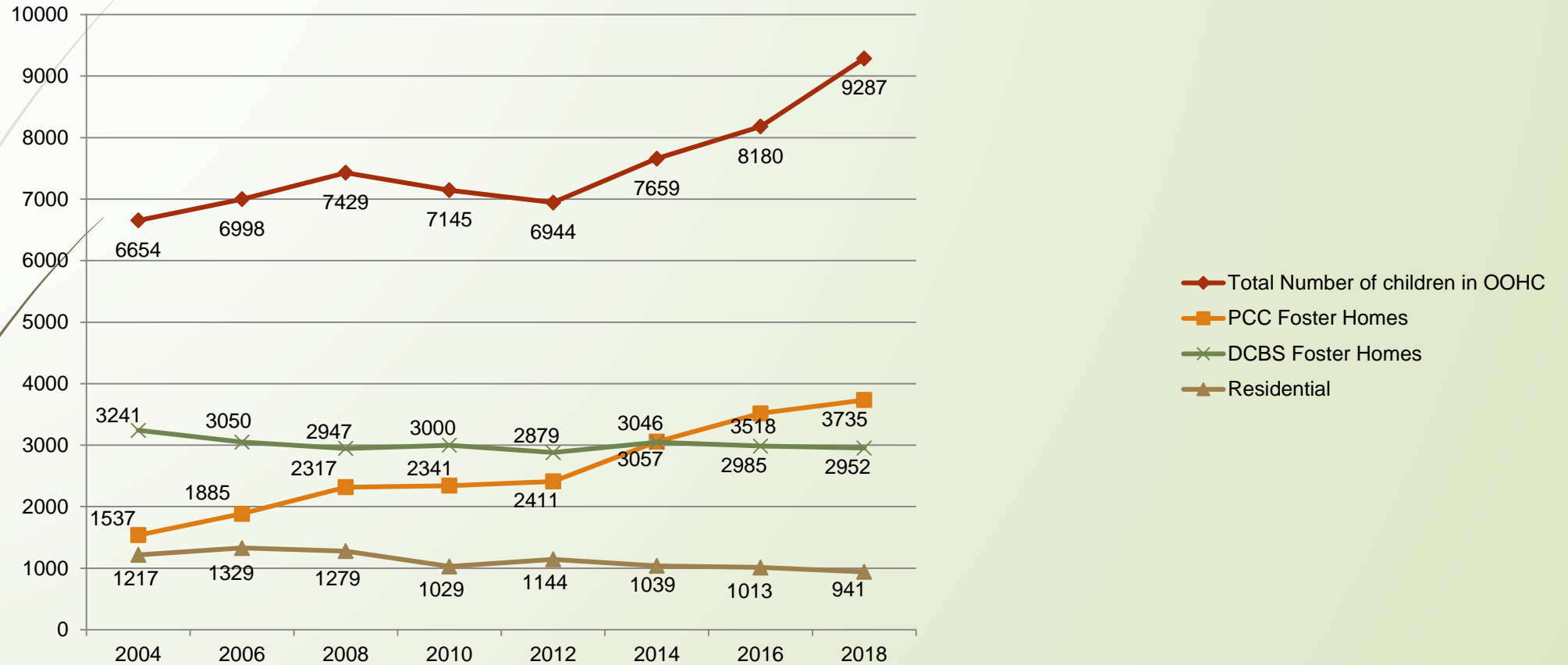
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# The Problem: # of Children in Out of Home Care

- Since 2014 the number of children in out of home care has **increased by 22%**.
- On September 2, 2018 there were **9654 children in out of home care**.
- We must work to **reduce this number**.



# Out of Home Care Trend 2004 - 2018



Point in Time Data – May 2004 to May 2018

# Public-Private Partnerships in Out-of-Home Care

- In 2004, private providers cared for about 40% of the children in out of home care.
- In 2018, private providers care for over 50% of the children in out of home care.
- Contracting for out of home care services with private providers works and we are partnering to continue to improve the outcomes for children together with the Cabinet through the work of the HB 1 study groups.



# The Solutions:

## Family First Prevention and Services Act (FFPSA)

The Family First Prevention Services Act was signed into law as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act on February 9, 2018. This act reforms the federal child welfare financing streams, Title IV-E and Title IV-B of the Social Security Act, to provide services to families who are at risk of entering the child welfare system. **The bill aims to prevent children from entering foster care by allowing federal reimbursement for mental health services, substance use treatment, and in-home parenting skill training.** It also seeks to improve the well-being of children already in foster by incentivizing states to reduce placement of children in congregate care.

## Kentucky House Bill 1

A Comprehensive plan to strengthen supports for children impacted by abuse and neglect.

Increases supports to keep families together safely

When safety is not a possibility it addresses timelines for adoptions so children can move quickly toward Permanency Changes that evaluate and improve the pro for acne of programs serving kids and families

### **Prioritizes the best interest of the child**

Addresses neonatal substance exposure to ensure women seek and receive substance use treatment



# The Plan: Successful Public-Private Partnerships

## **Current Successes**

- Strong Collaboration between Public and Private Sector
- Effective, Existing Prevention Programming
- Innovation in Programming to Address Substance Use (KSTEP & START)
- Motivated and engaged executive, cabinet and legislative leadership

# Public-Private Partnerships in Prevention and Reunification

## Statewide Family Preservation FY18 Statistics

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| Children identified as at-risk of removal:                                  | 5124  |
| Children in-home at case closure:   | 4961  |
| Percent of children at risk of removal who remained in the home at closure: | 96.8% |



## January 2008 Comprehensive Family Preservation Program Evaluation:

*“The results show that FPP services are provided to families with high risks, young children and more chronic involvement with CPS services... FPP services are successful in reducing entry to OOHC, speeding reunification for children, and promoting family well being... Conservatively, each dollar spent on FPP saved \$2.85 in cost avoidance.”*



# Public-Private Partnership Recommendations

- Increase funding for existing, successful services that work that align with HB1 and Family First Prevention and Services
- Utilize strong network of existing providers to alleviate DCBS direct responsibility and increase system capacity
- Increase accountability, performance and flexibility of existing and future contracting (e.g. Performance-Based/Outcome-Based Contracting)
- “Public-Private Partnerships” are the key to a successful Child Welfare Transformation



# Questions:

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## Resources and Links

<https://campaignforchildren.org/resources/fact-sheet/fact-sheet-family-first-prevention-services-act/>

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/family-first-prevention-services-act-ffpsa.aspx>

[https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/Documents/FPPEvaluation\\_Final.pdf](https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dcbs/Documents/FPPEvaluation_Final.pdf)