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## Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) Funding and Programs Joint Meeting of the Senate and House Families and Children Committees

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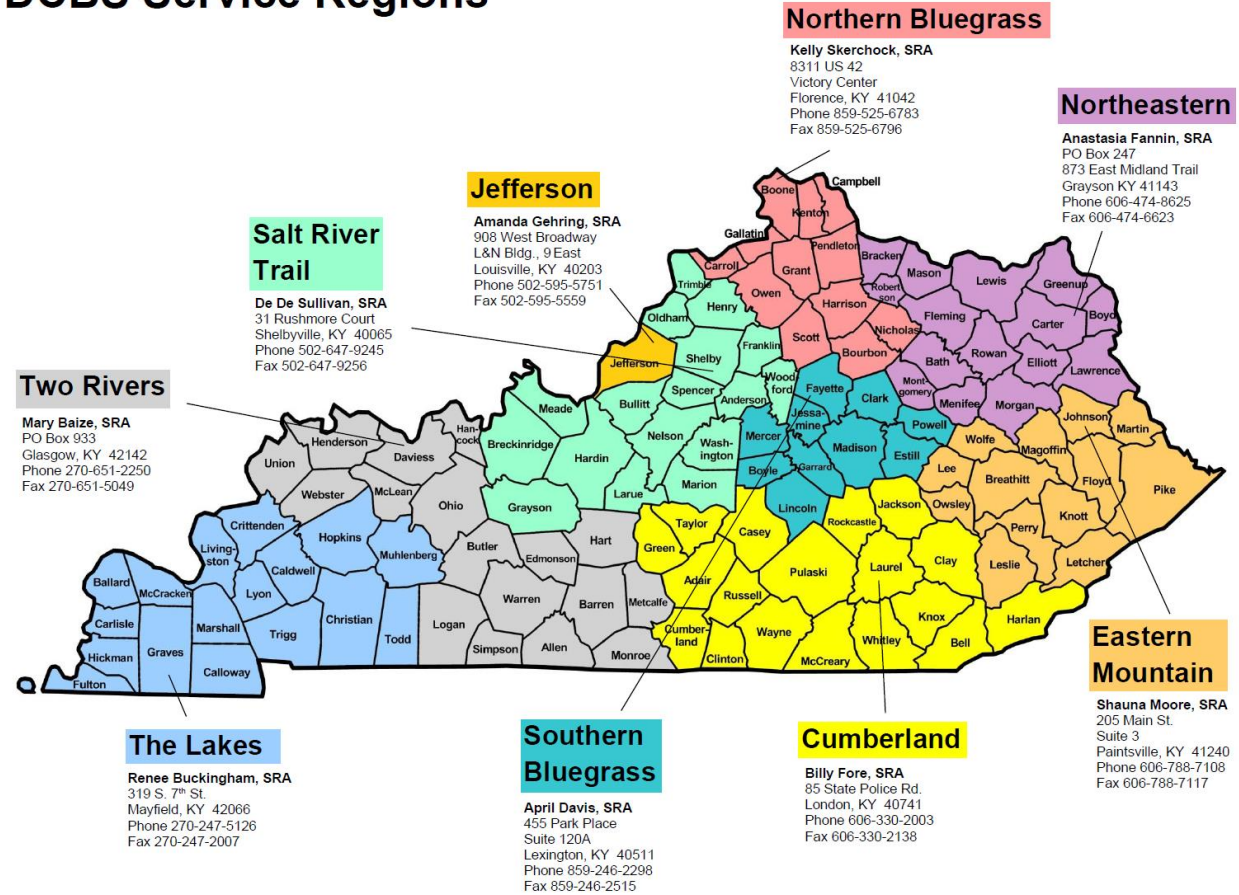
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# DCBS Overview

- The Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) is responsible for delivering services to families to enhance the self-sufficiency of families, improve safety and permanency for children and vulnerable adults, and engage families and community partners in a collaborative decision-making process.
- DCBS provides services related to child care, child and adult maltreatment prevention and protection, child and caregiver supports, and public assistance.
- Service is enhanced through a close relationship and coordination with community partners
- Approximately 4,800 DCBS employees statewide
- Offices in every county

# Statewide Services

## DCBS Service Regions



# Administration of Block Grants

- DCBS administers five federal block grants:
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
  - Community Services
  - Child Care & Development Fund (CCDF)
  - Social Services
- State Plans required
- Preliminary plans required to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by KRS Chapter 45

# Snapshot of Programs Administered by DCBS

## (Funded Partially Through Federal Block Grants)

- Adult protective services, general adult services, and alternate care services
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Child maltreatment prevention
- Child protective services
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Block Grant (KTAP, KY Works Program, supportive services)
- Relative placement supports
- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and standards for Kentucky's Community Action Network
- Regulation of private child care and residential treatment services
- Regulation of child care providers and programs
- Child care professional development and quality-rating system
- Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)

# History and Purpose of SSBG

- Congress created the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) through the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981.
- Five national goals of SSBG:
  - Achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent dependency;
  - Achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including prevention of dependency;
  - Preventing or remedying neglect, abuse, or exploitation of children or adults unable to protect their own interests, or preserving rehabilitating, or reuniting families;
  - Preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care, home-based care, or other forms of less intensive care; and
  - Securing referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate and providing services to individuals in institutions.

# State Programs Funded by SSBG

- States were given the responsibility to determine which services they provide through the funding, the eligibility requirements, and service delivery methods in order to meet those goals. The following state programs are supported with this funding:
  - Adult protective services (APS)
  - Child protective services (CPS)
  - Home safety services
  - Juvenile services
  - Residential treatment services
  - Staff training



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# SSBG Budget Projections

- DCBS uses the following to create annual goals for SSBG:
  - Programs required to be administered by statute;
  - Prior and present service utilization;
  - Funds available;
  - Information obtained from surveys, focus groups, program evaluation, and monitoring;
  - Availability of other funds for services; and
  - Historical data on trends.
- Funds provide for staff or service contracts with individuals, other public agencies, or private providers to provide direct services
- State-mandated programs are prioritized to receive these funds when General Funding is not sufficient



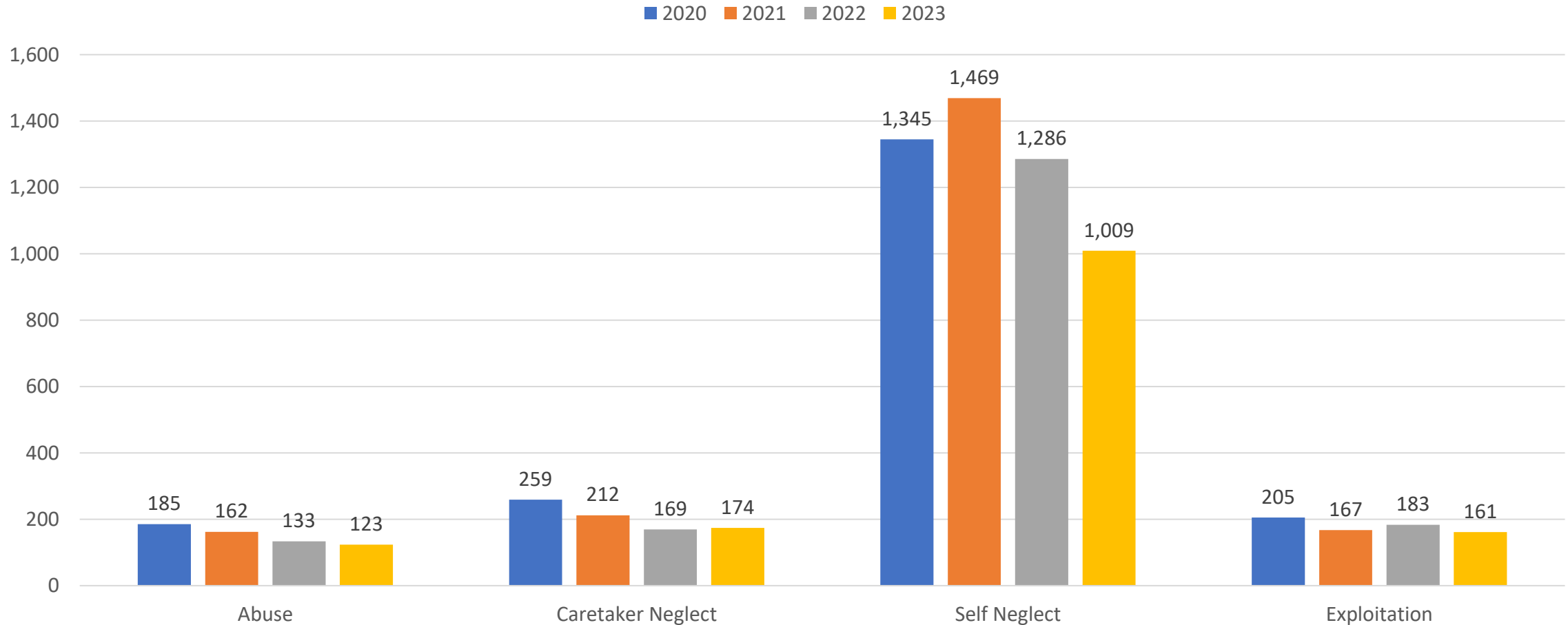
# SSBG Budget & Expenditures

- Federal grant of approximately \$22M annually
  - SFY 2022 actual expenditures: \$22.7M federal, \$167M state
  - SFY 2023 actual expenditures: \$23.9M federal, \$193.4M state
  - SFY 2024 YTD expenditures: \$13.9M federal, \$152.2M state

# SSBG-Funded Programs: Adult Protective Services

- Protecting people aged 18 or older who are unable to manage their own resources or carry out activities of daily living on their own
- Preventing, investigating, and remedying abuse, neglect, or exploitation
- Increasing employability and self-sufficiency
- Assisting with financial management and providing supportive services
- Locating and obtaining needed community resources
- Preventing inappropriate placement or secure placement with caregiver or in a facility

# APS Substantiated Calls/Intakes by Type: All Ages (18+) SFY 2020 – SFY 2023

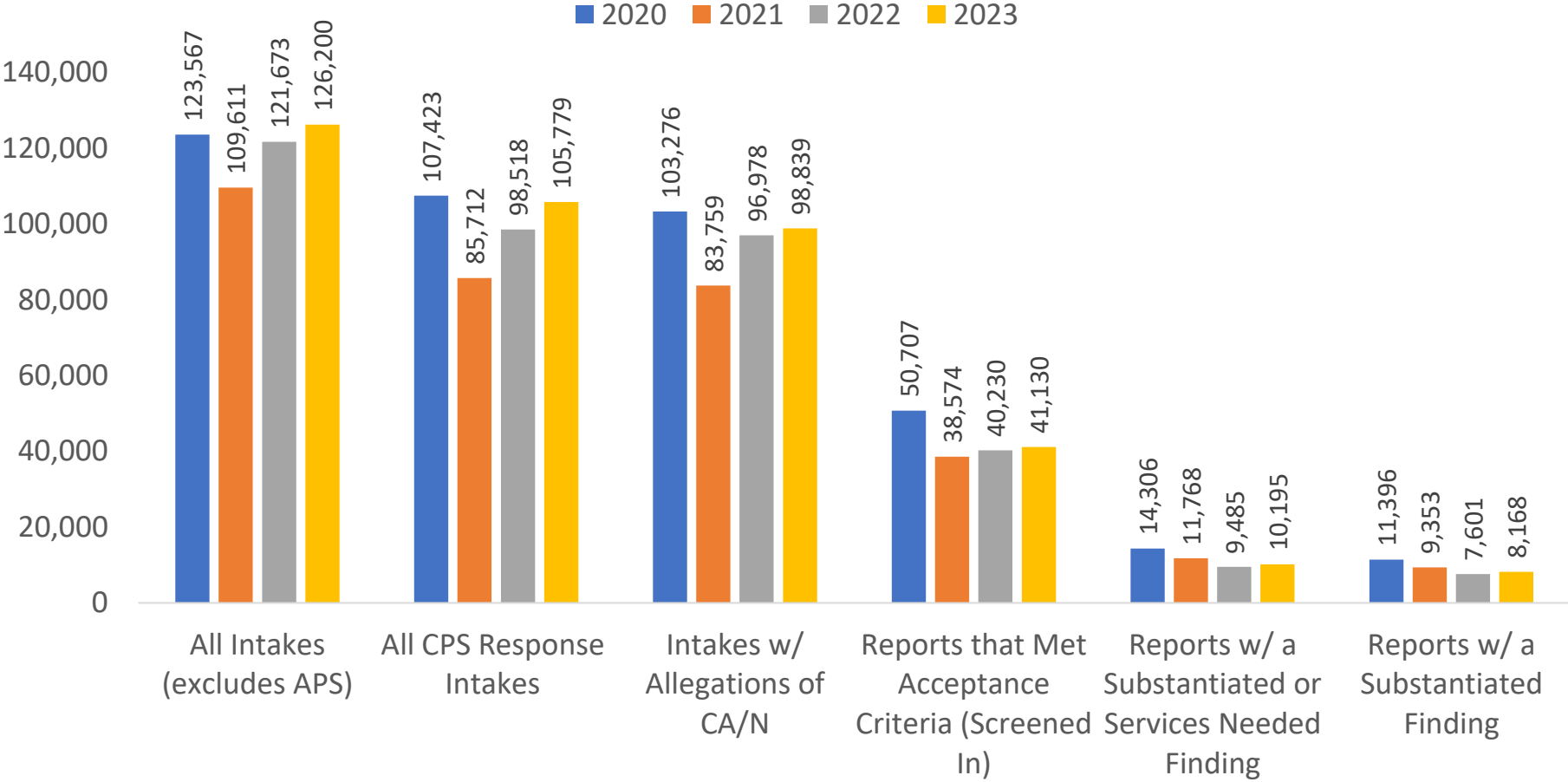


# SSBG-Funded Programs: Child Protective Services

- Safeguarding the welfare of children
- Preventing, investigating, and remedying child abuse, neglect, or dependency
- Assisting parents or other caregivers in recognizing and remedying conditions detrimental to children, assuring a safe and nurturing home
- Locating and obtaining needed community resources
- Removing a child from their home and initiating court action when necessary for the protection of a child
- Preventing inappropriate placement or secure placement with caregiver or in a facility

# CPS Reports

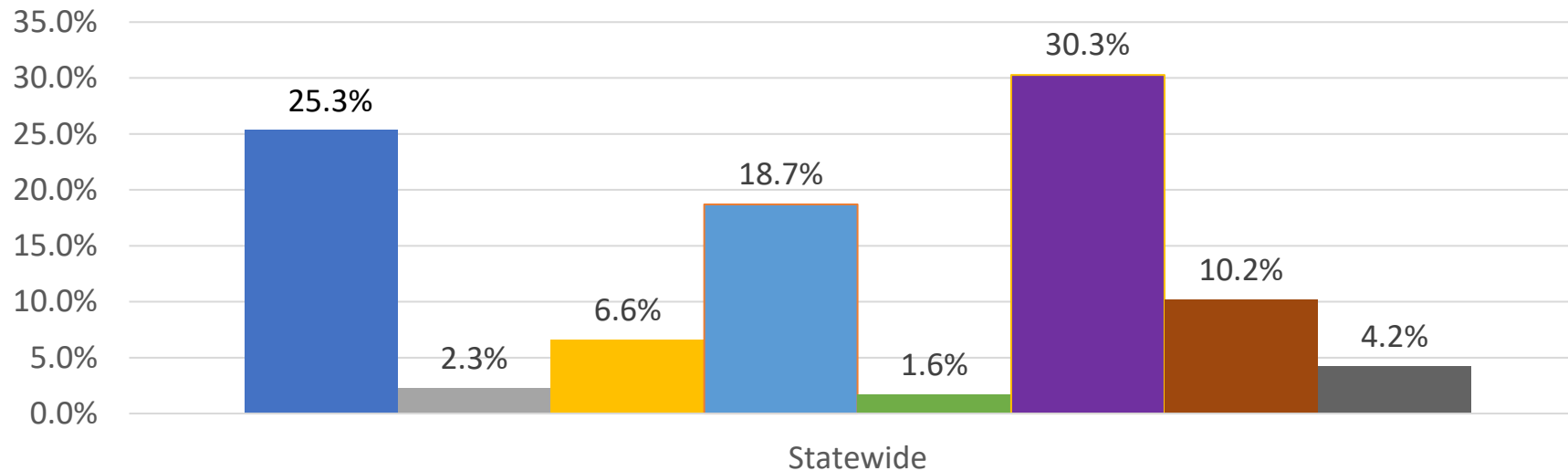
## SFY 2020 – SFY 2023



# CPS Type of Maltreatment

Children in Reports with a Substantiated or Services Needed Finding  
SFY 2023

- Supervision Neglect
- Educational Neglect
- Emotional Injury
- Environmental Neglect
- Medical Neglect
- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Substance Abuse Infant Neglect



Note that although physical abuse is the highest single percentage above, the types of neglect equal 52.1%

# SSBG-Funded Programs: Home Safety Services

- Preventing the removal or repeat maltreatment of a child
- Maintaining adult safety in a home or community
- Services may include:
  - Arranging for community agencies to provide help with day-to-day tasks;
  - Instructing and assisting with meal preparation, nutrition, and home-delivered meals;
  - Assisting with budgeting and household management;
  - Assisting with medication;
  - Transporting and assisting clients with physician, dental, or other necessary appointments or children in out-of-home care; and
  - Supervising in-home visits with a child.

# SSBG-Funded Programs: Juvenile Services

- Providing for community treatment for juveniles and their families
- Rehabilitating youth and preventing continued involvement with the Department of Juvenile Justice
- Services may include:
  - Interaction with courts on behalf of juveniles;
  - Evaluation of child's strengths and needs through psychological testing and psychiatric consultation and diagnosis;
  - Assisting youth with societal living;
  - Counseling and providing therapy;
  - Coordinating with treatment programs;
  - Arranging community resources for youth returning to community living; and
  - Supervising aftercare, follow-up services, probation services.



# SSBG-Funded Programs: Residential Treatment Services

- Providing comprehensive treatment-oriented living experiences in 24-hour residential facilities
- Services may include:
  - Placement into and out of residential care;
  - 24-hour personal and emergency shelter care;
  - Social functioning and psychological evaluation;
  - Social adjustment counseling;
  - Remedial education, GED preparation, vocational training; and
  - Supervision of medical regimen and social interaction.
- Referrals accepted statewide, committed or court-ordered

# SSBG-Funded Programs: Staff Training

- Comprehensive training and professional development for new and tenured protection and permanency staff
- Increasing programmatic knowledge and job skills while improving work performance and service delivery to families and children
- Continuously improving delivery of services that are strength based, client oriented, family focused, culturally responsive, and dedicated to promoting and enhancing self-sufficiency for families and protection and permanency for children

# Questions?

