CSA Vision and Mission

VISION
MDHHS will lead Michigan in supporting our children, youth, and families to reach their full potential.

MISSION
Child welfare professionals will demonstrate an unwavering commitment to engage and partner with families we serve to ensure safety, permanency and well-being through a trauma-informed approach.
Children’s Services Agency

- **State-administered child welfare system**
  - 83 counties (dual and tri-county configurations)
  - 5 Business Service Center (BSC) regions

- **Children’s Services Agency Units**
  - Office of Child Welfare Policy and Programs
  - Juvenile Justice Programs
  - Child Welfare Field Operations
  - Child Welfare Services and Supports
  - Centralized Intake
  - Children’s Trust Fund
  - Division of Continuous Quality Improvement
  - Office of Family Advocate
  - Division of Child Welfare Licensing
  - MiSACWIS

**Staff Numbers:**
- CPS Investigators: 1,217
- CPS Ongoing: 579
- Foster Care (public): 674
- Foster Care (private): 636
- Adoption (private): 280
- Licensing (public): 132
- Licensing (private): 318
Child Welfare Continuum of Services

- Children remain in home whenever safely possible.
- Court order is required for removal/placement into Foster Care and for reunification or termination of parental rights.
- Reunification with parent(s) is goal.
- If reunification is not possible, other options for permanency are explored.

Priorities throughout are

**SAFETY * PERMANENCY * WELL-BEING**
MiTEAM Practice Model & Continuous Quality Improvement

**Teaming Engagement Assessment Mentoring**

MiTEAM competencies have been implemented into practice to achieve SAFETY, PERMANENCY, and WELL-BEING.

*Local CQI Teams* exist in each county to:

- Review various local data measures
- Analyze data to identify strengths and areas of opportunity
- Enhance local child welfare practice
Family Preservation & Reunification

**Program Goal:** Prevent removal/placement of children into foster care whenever safely possible; successfully reunify children with parents as soon as possible.

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<tr>
<th>Program</th>
<th>Intervention/Goals</th>
<th>Timeframe</th>
<th>FY18 Families Served; Success Rate</th>
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<tr>
<td>Families First of Michigan</td>
<td>Intensive; Risk reduction and stabilization</td>
<td>Minimum 10 hours/week</td>
<td>3,204 families served; 88% success rate</td>
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<td>Family Reunification Program</td>
<td>Therapeutic and skill development; safe reunification and permanency</td>
<td>Minimum 4 hours/week; 4-6 months</td>
<td>741 families served; 89% success rate</td>
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<td>Families Together Building Solutions</td>
<td>Low-Moderate Risk; step-down to FFM or FRP or independent</td>
<td>3-6 month intervention</td>
<td>1,562 families served; 91% success rate</td>
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<td>Parent-Partner Program</td>
<td>Reducing length of stay in FC; support by parents with previous involvement in child welfare</td>
<td>Minimum 6 months</td>
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2019 Focus for Family Preservation

• **Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)**
  – Significant federal funding change
  – Use of Title IV-E Funds for Evidence Based Prevention Programming
  – Qualified Residential Treatment Programs

• **Substance Use Disorder Family Support Program (SUDFSP)**
  – Supports families affected by substance use who are at high risk of having children removed

• **Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP) Grant**
  – Statewide multi-disciplinary team; Expansion of SUDFSP; “Connection between Trauma, Substance Abuse and Mental Health” trainings; Creation and maintenance of online mandated reporter training

• **Guy Thompson Parent Advisory Council**
  – Involving parents in statewide policy and programming decisions
**Program Goal:** Investigate complaints of alleged child abuse and/or neglect; assess and ensure safety of children; provide families with resources and support when needed.

**Timeframe:** CPS investigation is typically 30 days; in open cases, concerns are typically resolved within 6 months.

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<th>FY 2015</th>
<th>FY 2016</th>
<th>FY 2017</th>
<th>FY 2018</th>
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<td># of Investigations Completed</td>
<td>94,533</td>
<td>92,267</td>
<td>90,152</td>
<td>95,465</td>
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<td># of Complaints Made by Mandated Reporters</td>
<td>60,732 (64.2%)</td>
<td>61,983 (66.5%)</td>
<td>63,485 (68.7%)</td>
<td>66,730 (69.9%)</td>
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<td># of Children Separated from a Parent/Legal Guardian</td>
<td>5,810</td>
<td>6,019</td>
<td>7,429</td>
<td>6,969</td>
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# Children’s Protective Services

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<th>Category Dispositions</th>
<th># for FY2015</th>
<th># for FY2016</th>
<th># for FY2017</th>
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<td>Category I: <em>Abuse/neglect confirmed</em>; Child unsafe and/or court petition required.</td>
<td>4,279</td>
<td>4,410</td>
<td>4,595</td>
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<td>Category II: <em>Abuse/neglect confirmed</em>; high or intensive risk of future harm to child; services required.</td>
<td>6,512</td>
<td>6,897</td>
<td>7,227</td>
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<td>Category III: <em>Abuse/neglect confirmed</em>; low or moderate risk of future harm to child; community services needed; referral to services.</td>
<td>13,022</td>
<td>14,202</td>
<td>14,195</td>
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<td>Category IV: <em>Abuse/neglect NOT confirmed</em>.</td>
<td>65,781</td>
<td>63,575</td>
<td>62,838</td>
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<td>Category V: <em>Abuse/neglect NOT confirmed</em>. Family can’t be located or allegations are based on false or erroneous information.</td>
<td>4,909</td>
<td>3,183</td>
<td>1,295</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>94,533</td>
<td>92,267</td>
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Children’s Protective Services

- Calls received: 171,171
- Investigations assigned: 100,123
- Cases with a preponderance: 25,654
- Court cases
- Cases resulting in removal
Foster Care

- **Program Goal**: Ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of children who are temporary court wards placed under the care and supervision of MDHHS.

  - Meant to be a short-term solution to an emergency situation; permanency planning continues through placement in care.

  - Provides an array of services to families tailored to meet their unique needs, resolve safety concerns, reunify whenever safely possible.
MDHHS is currently responsible for the care and supervision of approximately 13,500 children.

### Children Currently in Foster Care

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<th>% of Children in Care</th>
<th>Placement Setting</th>
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<td>34%</td>
<td>Unrelated Licensed Foster Home (if no relative available)</td>
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<td>32%</td>
<td>Relative Care (preferred placement)</td>
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<td>16%</td>
<td>Supervised in Own Home</td>
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<td>11%</td>
<td>Other (adoptive home, emergency shelter, detention, hospital, etc.)</td>
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<td>7%</td>
<td>Child Caring Institutions</td>
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Children in Care Trend by Year

Children in Care Trend


0 5000 10000 15000 20000 25000
Permanency Goals for Children in Care

- Reunification (preferred)
- Adoption (requires termination of parental rights by the court)
- Guardianship
- Permanent Placement w/ Relative
- Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA)
  - Permanent Arrangement w/ Foster Parent
  - Independent Living--Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care
Adoption

**Program Goal:** Ensure a safe, permanent, loving adoptive family for each child that becomes available for adoption.

- Approx. 2,800 children/year are available for adoption.
- Occurs through termination of parental rights.
- Fully privatized. MDHHS contracts with 48 licensed adoption agencies.
Adoption Facts

– In 2018, 2,002 children were adopted.
  • More than 300 children are currently in need of an adoptive family.
– Average cost of adopting a child from the child welfare system is $250.
– 95% of children available for adoption qualify for Michigan’s Adoption Assistance Program.
– 24,000 receive Adoption Assistance.
Looking Ahead

- Focus on Evidence Based Prevention
- More Targeted Supervisory Oversight of CPS Investigation Process
- Placement with Relatives
- Limited use of congregate care and ONLY with QRTPs
- Trauma Informed Approach
- Workforce Recruitment and Retention
Questions?

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