

Department of Human Services

Child Welfare Program Overview

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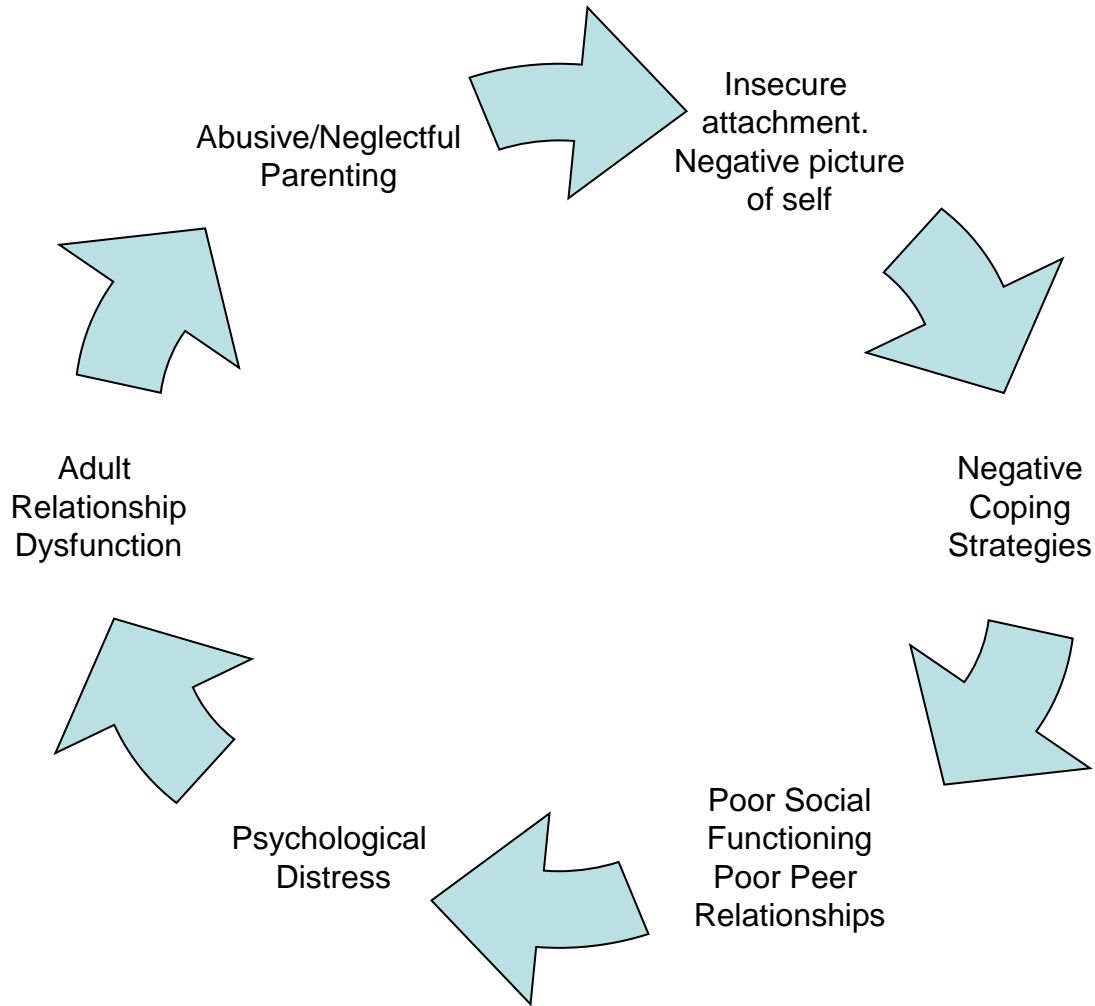
Child Welfare Program Mission and Goals

Mission: Improve family capacity to provide safe and permanent living environments for children.

Goal: Safe and Equitable Reduction in the number of children who experience Foster Care:

- Protect children and promote children's safety in their homes.
- Help children who are unable to live safely in their homes live in settings that provide safety, stability and continuity with their families and begin the healing process.
- Secure safe, nurturing and legally permanent families for children who cannot be raised by their families.
- Expand program partnerships and increase the cultural competency of DHS staff and partners to better serve Oregon's diverse communities.

Impact of Maltreatment throughout Life



Child Welfare is an interdependent system

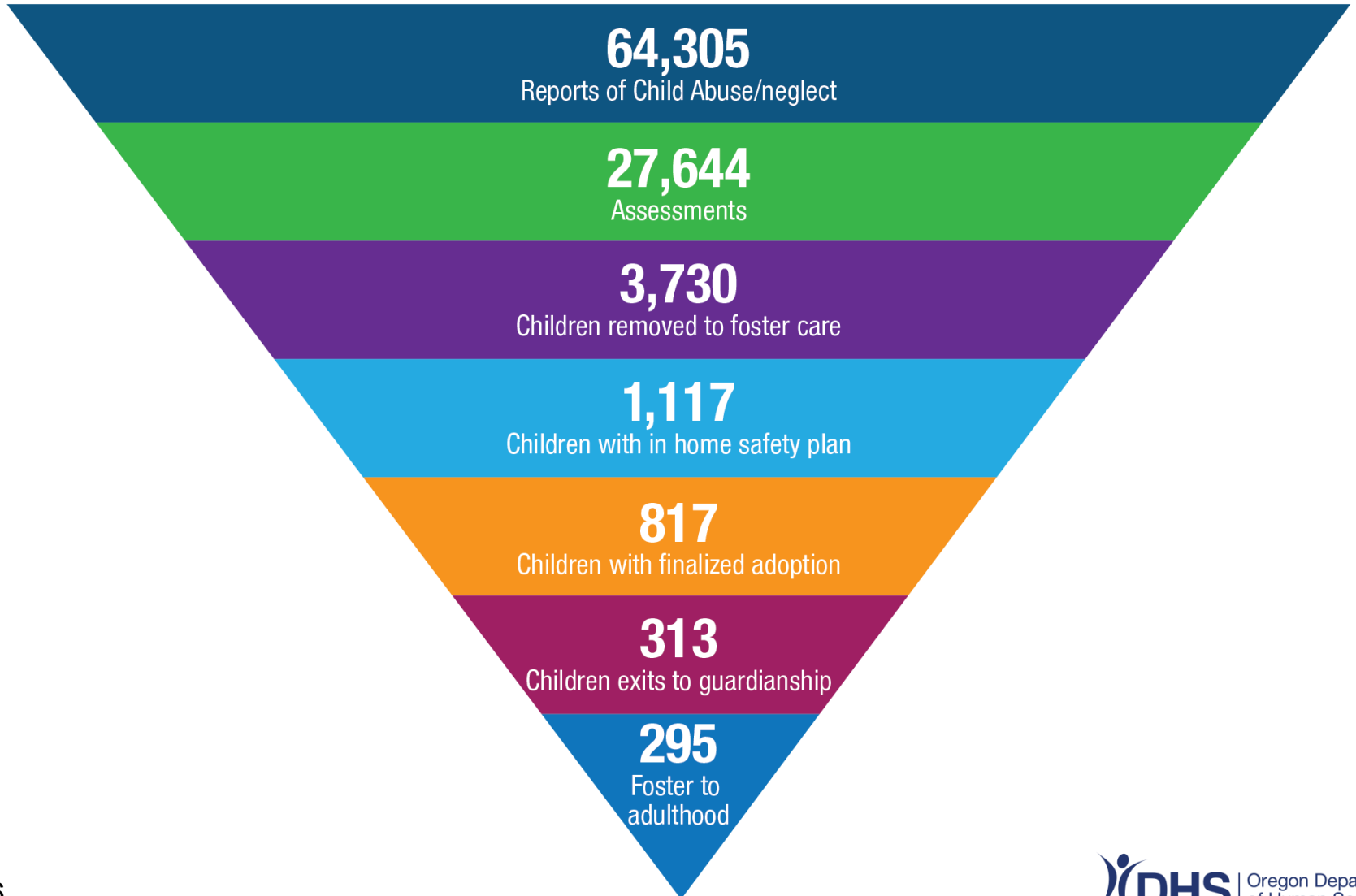


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Child Welfare Program Response to Abuse/Neglect



Child Welfare Continuum (2013 data)



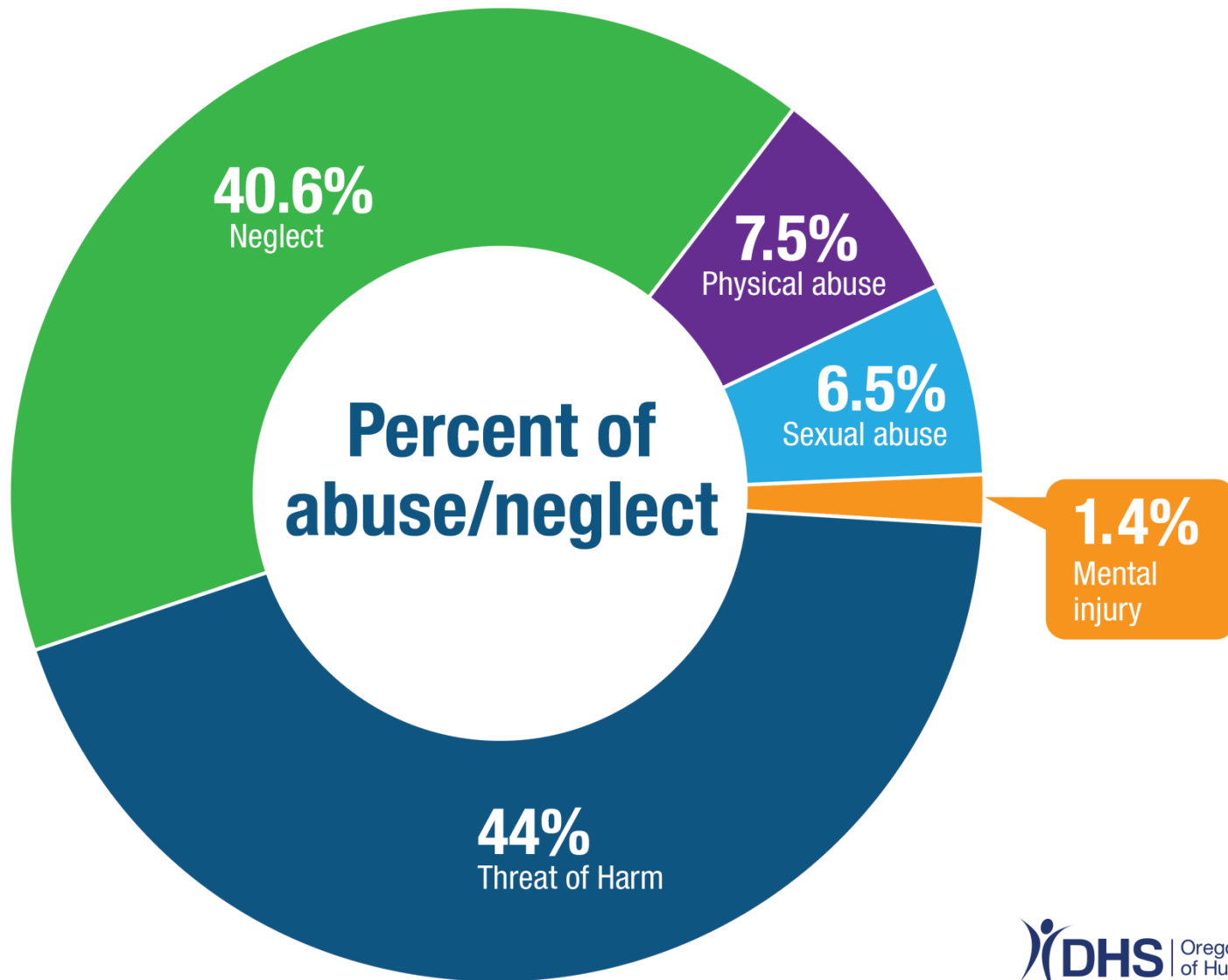
Abuse/Neglect & Foster Care Entry Drivers

Neglect

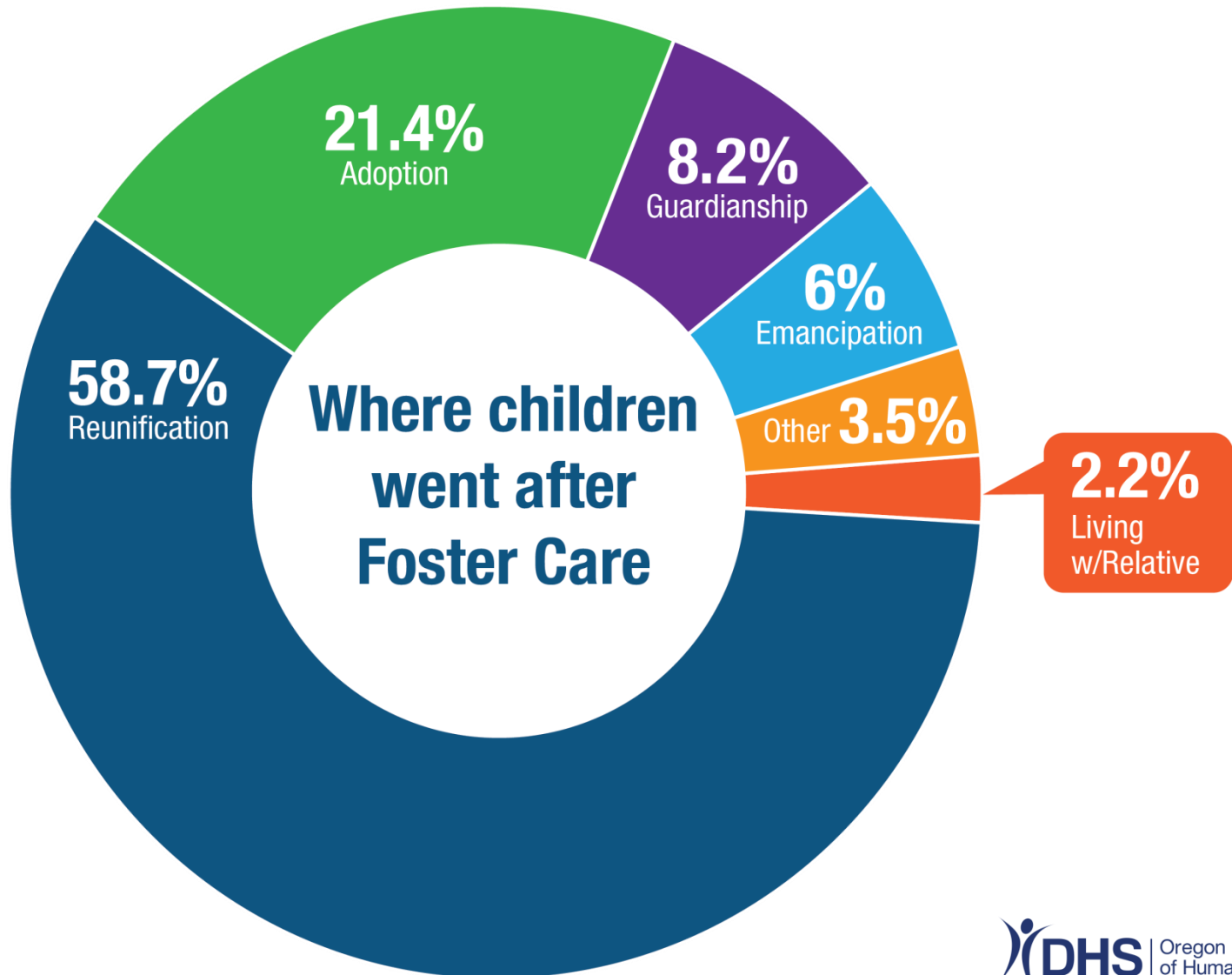
**Drug/Alcohol
Abuse**

Domestic Violence

Incidents of child abuse/neglect



2013 Exits From Foster Care

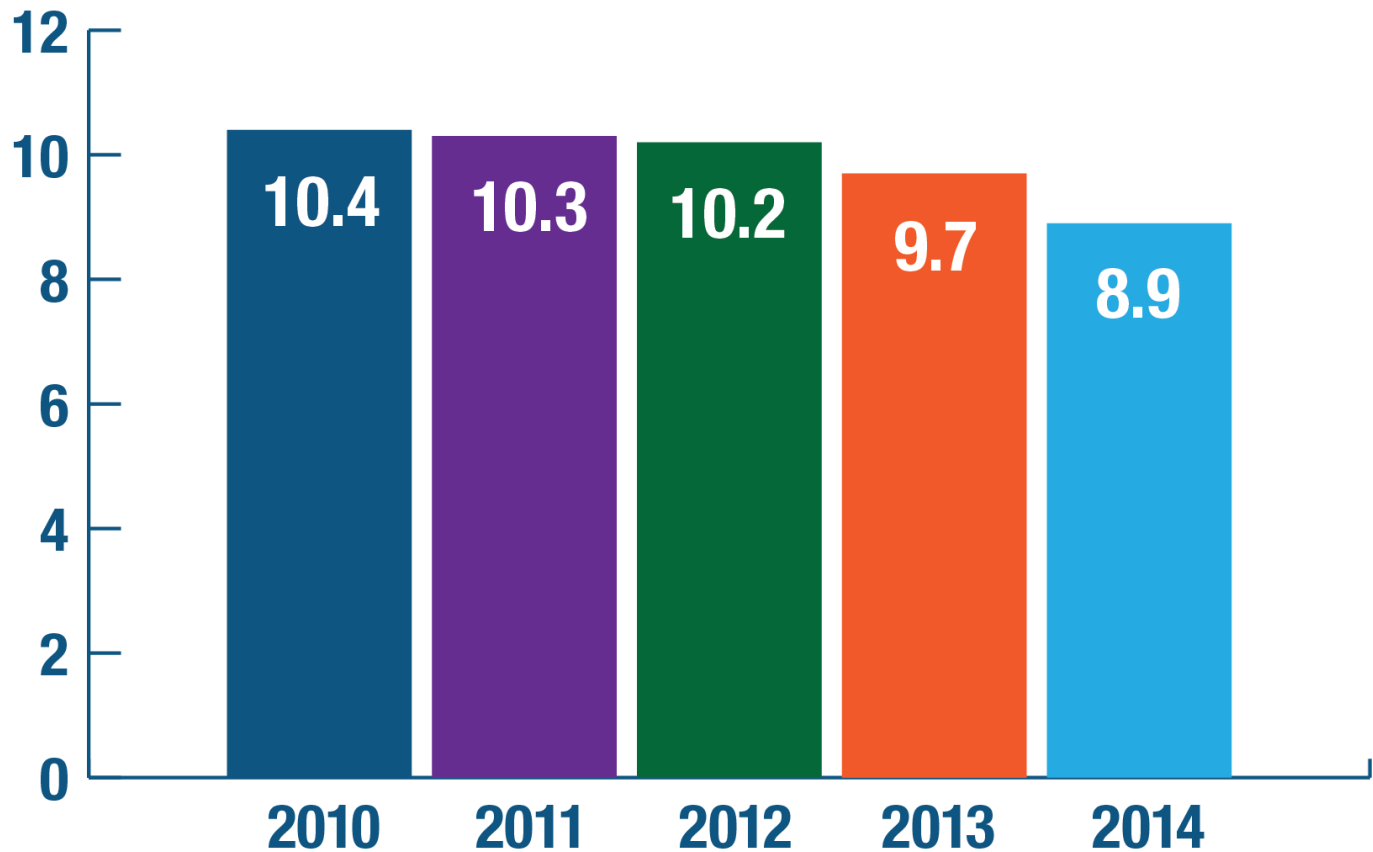


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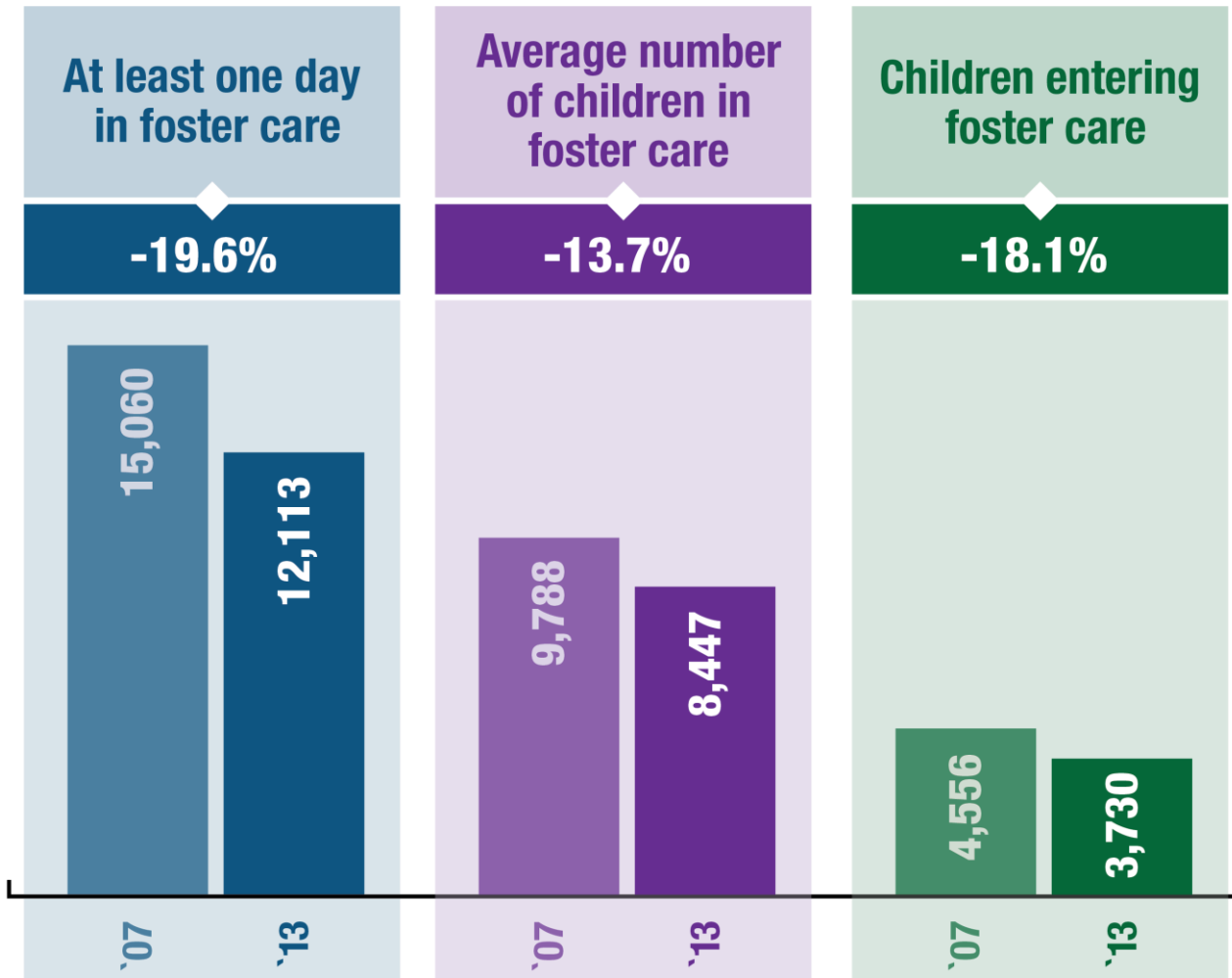
Results and Accountability



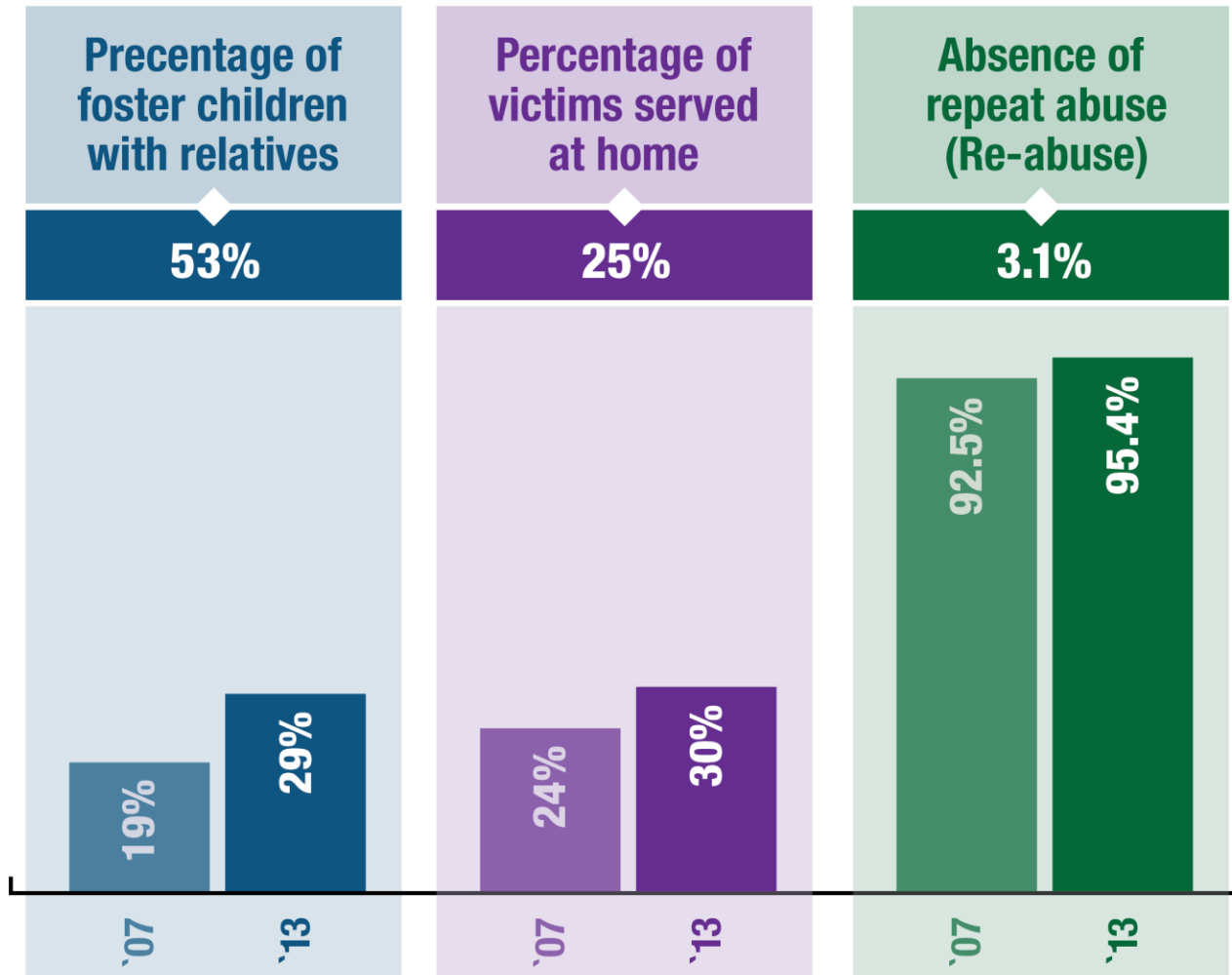
Foster Care Rate per 1000 children



Results – 2013



Results – 2013



Foster Care Experience



Equitable Foster Care Reduction: The Numbers

FFY 2013 Race Comparison: Oregon Children Served in Foster Care

Race	Percent of Oregon's children*	Percent of children served in foster care
African American	3.3%	7.0%
Asian/Pac Islander	5.1%	1.2%
Caucasian	68.8%	68.6%
Hispanic (any race)	21.2%	16.4%
Native American	1.6%	4.5%
Unknown/Not Recorded	n/a	2.2%

*2012 Easy Access to Juvenile Populations: 1990-2012 Online; Source: Oregon Data Book, AFCARS

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2013 Legislative Direction



Child Welfare System Transformation

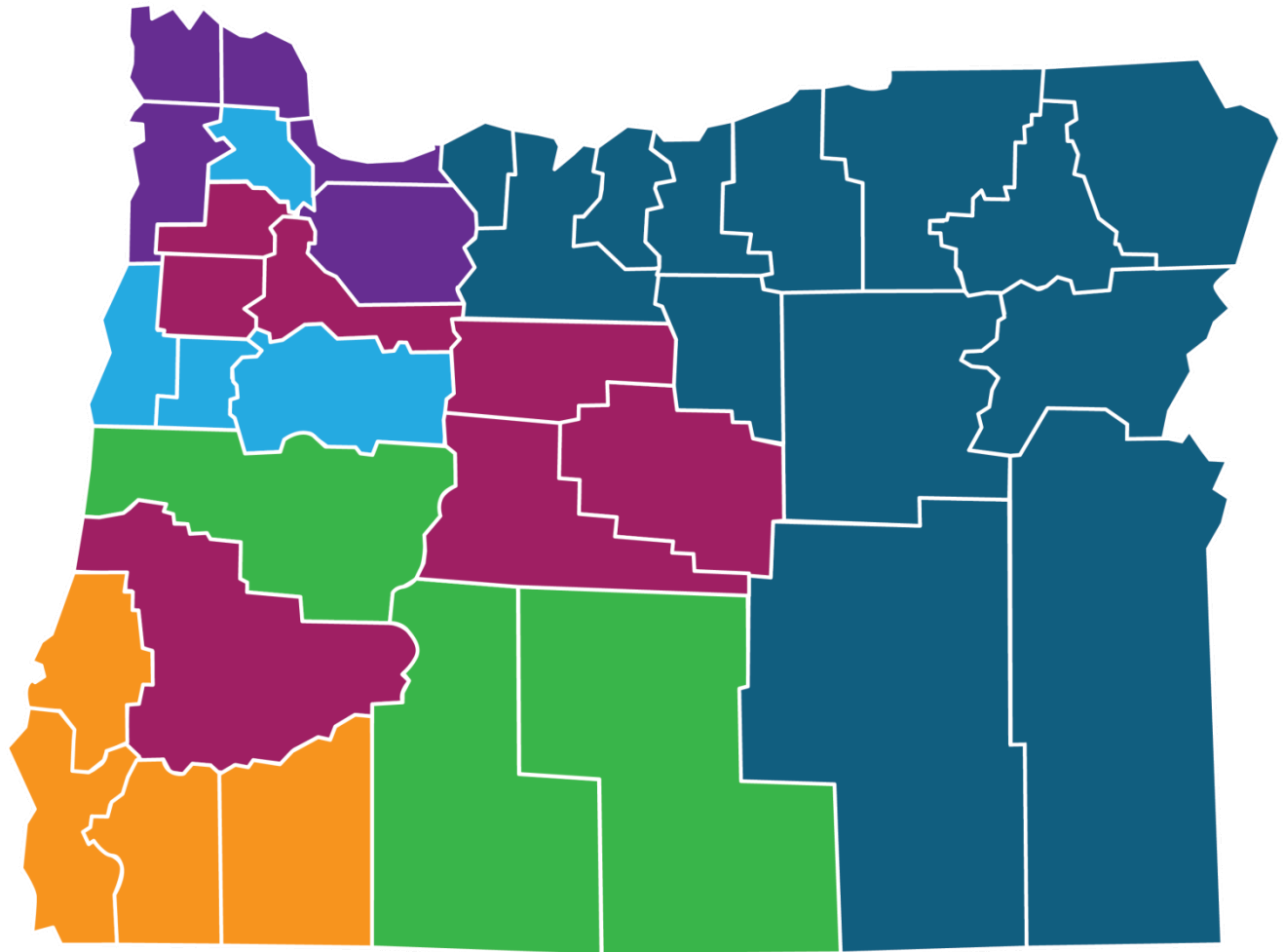


Child Welfare Transformation Strategies



Differential Response Implementation

- 5/2014
- 4/2015
- 11/2015
- 8/2016
- 4/2017
- 10/2017



Additional Direction

- Increased Services and Supports Statewide for Homeless and Runaway Youth.
- Implement Foster Child Bill of Rights and Establish a Foster Youth Ombudsman.

Statewide Transformation – DHS Connections

Partnered with the Department of Education to identify and remove barriers to foster children achieving educational success.

In collaboration with OHA, OYA and private providers, began a two year process to examine the structure and delivery of Behavioral Rehabilitation Services

Coordination with Early Learning Division at state and local level in the implementation of Early Learning HUBs.

Partnership with Addictions and Mental Health in the full implementation of Wraparound services.

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2015-17 Overview



GB 2015-17 Investment in Outcomes

DHS Child Welfare Programs has set a goal of reducing foster care by 15% from 2011 to 2020. In FFY 2014, we had an 8.4% reduction.

2015-17 Strategies:

- Increase in practice and transformation supports for field staff.
- Maturation of the Strengthening, Preserving and Reunifying Families service array through outcome based contracting.
- Continued staged implementation of Differential Response to be completed in 2017.
- Implement the new Title IV-E Demonstration Waiver.
- Support Pay for Prevention.

Practice and Transformation Supports for Field Staff

Coaching

Consultation

Quality Assurance

Technical Assistance

Oregon's New Title IV-E Waiver

Enhanced Financial Strategy

Reduce Long Term Foster Placements

Early Identification

Available Until 2019

Pay for Prevention

Early Intervention to Prevent Foster Placement

Investment of Private Dollars in Public Services

Financial Backing to Attract Investment

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Additional Issues/System Challenges



Additional Issues/System Challenges

- Implementation of HR 4980, federal legislation addressing Commercially Sexually Trafficked Children and Strengthening Permanency for Youth.
- Federal Child and Family Services Review scheduled for 2016.
- General Fund sufficient to access Title IV-E Waiver savings.
- Dependency representation

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The Child Welfare Data Book
<http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/abuse/pages/publications/children/index.aspx>

Oregon Child Welfare Data Set
https://rom.socwel.ku.edu/Oregon_Public/MyHome.aspx

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