

Annual Data Book 2019



State of New Hampshire
Department of Health and Human Services
Division for Children, Youth and Families



A Message from DHHS and DCYF Leadership

We are pleased to share the first Division for Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) Annual Data Book. The 2019 Data Book presents and analyzes key information on DCYF's child protection, foster and adoptive care, juvenile justice and community and family support programs.

The people at DCYF are motivated by a vision of a whole-family, integrated approach to child welfare that works upstream to ensure the best possible outcomes for children and families. As we work collaboratively with stakeholders to transform New Hampshire's child welfare system, we are simplifying structures, embracing a culture of safety, and engaging in a shoulder-to-shoulder effort among all stakeholders that will shift our focus from one of reaction to one of prevention, so that families are successful and strong before a crisis requires DCYF intervention. We extend our sincere thanks to the Child Welfare Systems Transformation Interagency Team, which has been instrumental in exploring the data, providing feedback, and supporting our efforts throughout this process.

How will we know when we have achieved that vision? Data will serve as a tool to measure our progress, detect trends, drive long-term policy, and determine whether DCYF funding is effectively invested. The data we collect will help us to identify what is working and where challenges remain. It will guide our decision-making to create a system of child well-being that allows New Hampshire families to thrive.

We are encouraged by the data in the first DCYF Data Book, which shows that for the first time since 2015, more children are exiting from out of home care than entering. This trend has remained consistent for the past six months. But there is more work to be done. We have secured funding for additional child protective service workers and supervisors to DCYF, case technicians and nursing staff, and we propose a fundamental shift in our in-home and residential services to children and families to increase clinical capacity and the use of evidence based programs.

While DCYF is a critical part of the child welfare system, the health and safety of our most vulnerable residents depends on strong partnerships among all stakeholders across the child- and family-serving system - educators, medical professionals, law enforcement agencies, parents, families and others. As we work collaboratively with our stakeholders, the data in this report will continue to inform a system of child well-being that will be permanent and successful for all New Hampshire families.

Joseph Ribsam

Director, Division for Children Youth and Families
NH Department of Health and Human Services

Christine Tappan

Associate Commissioner, Human Services and Behavioral Health
NH Department of Health and Human Services

Jeffrey A. Meyers

Commissioner, NH Department of Health and Human Services

Table of Contents

| | |
|---|----|
| Child Protection Services | 4 |
| Central Intake | 4 |
| Catchment Area | 6 |
| Assessment | 7 |
| Workforce Capacity | 9 |
| Family Services | 10 |
| Workforce Capacity | 15 |
| Adoption Services | 16 |
| Juvenile Justice Services | 17 |
| Catchment Area | 17 |
| Case Distribution | 18 |
| Workforce Capacity | 20 |
| Sununu Youth Services Center | 21 |
| Substance Misuse | 23 |
| Comprehensive Family Support Services | 26 |
| Resources | 27 |

Data reported throughout this book has been extracted from the New Hampshire statewide automated child welfare information system (SACWIS) known as Bridges. The data cannot be generalized given the multiple processes used to query the data and the complexity of the measures. State Fiscal Year is used as the reporting period where it is feasible and appropriate to provide the most up-to-date information available. However, there are instances where the data is presented in other cyclic periods such as calendar year and federal fiscal year. Some historical data is only available in state fiscal year intervals; accordingly it is presented in state fiscal year intervals to allow for trend comparisons. Additionally, for other measures DCYF is mandated to report data to the federal government in federal fiscal year intervals. In order to ensure consistency with the data reported on significant federal measures, the federal fiscal year interval was used here. Some of the underlying data is based on service authorizations which may take additional time to process. Accordingly, the data is through Jan 2019 to ensure accuracy.

Child Protection Services

The Child Protection Bureau works to protect children from abuse and neglect while attempting to preserve the family unit. Child Protective Service Workers help prevent further harm to children from intentional physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, exploitation or neglect by a person responsible for a child's health and well-being.

Central Intake

DCYF Central Intake is the first of three primary functions in the process for resolving abuse and neglect. After a call is received by Central Intake, it is evaluated and logged into one of following categories:

- A referral on possible child abuse and neglect;
- A call that provides additional information on an existing referral;
- A call for informational purpose only.

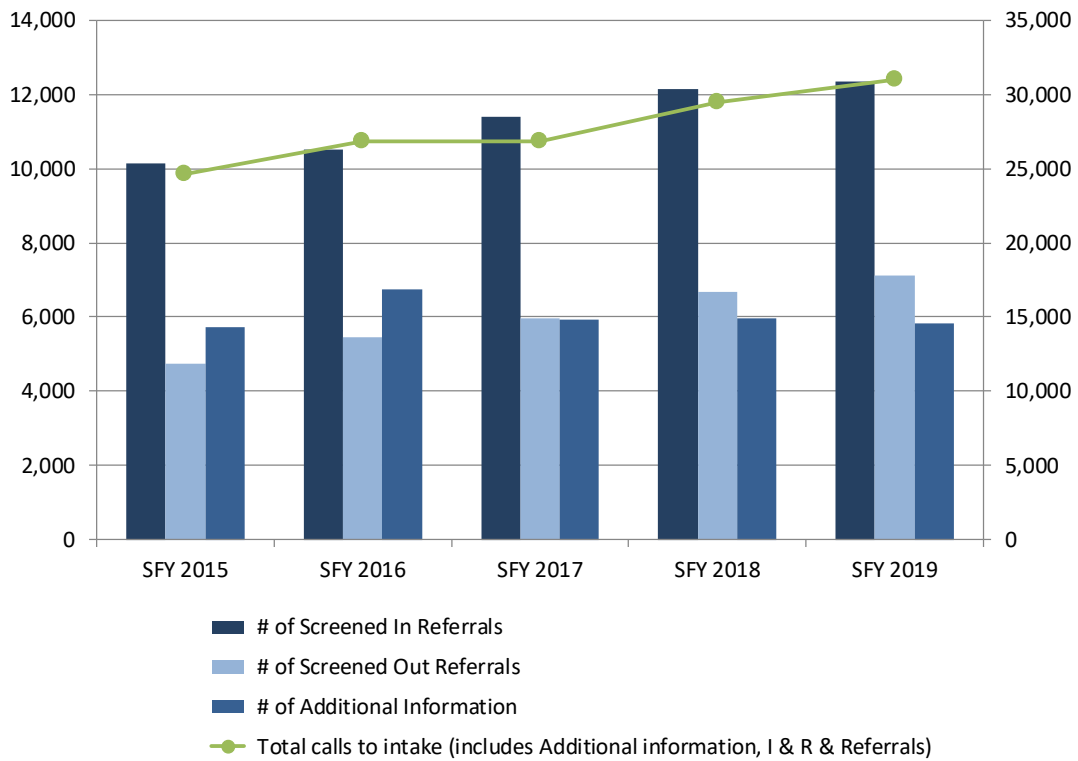
A referral can be screened in for further assessment, or screened out based on law and DCYF regulations. A screened-in referral is moved to the other primary functions of Child Protection, Assessment and Family Services.

Read more about Child Protection Services at www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/cps/.

| | SFY 2015 | SFY 2016 | SFY 2017 | SFY 2018 | SFY 2019 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total calls to intake (includes Additional information, I & R & Referrals) | 24,613 | 26,844 | 26,884 | 29,482 | 30,993 |
| # of All Referrals | 14,913 | 15,986 | 17,355 | 18,834 | 19,478 |
| # of Screened In Referrals | 10,154 | 10,525 | 11,385 | 12,141 | 12,361 |
| # of Screened Out Referrals | 4,759 | 5,461 | 5,970 | 6,693 | 7,117 |
| % of Screen-Ins out of All Referrals | 68% | 66% | 66% | 64% | 63% |
| % of Screen-Outs out of All Referrals | 32% | 34% | 34% | 36% | 37% |
| # of Additional Information | 5,735 | 6,730 | 5,948 | 5,958 | 5,838 |
| # of Information & Referral | 3,965 | 4,128 | 3,581 | 4,690 | 5,677 |
| % of Additional Information of Total Calls to Intake | 23% | 25% | 22% | 20% | 19% |
| % of Information & Referral of Total Calls to Intake | 16% | 15% | 13% | 16% | 18% |
| Total collateral calls DCYF Intake made | 13,252 | 13,111 | 14,629 | 14,630 | 15,884 |

Data Source: NH DCYF Program and Case Tracking System

Calls to DCYF Central Intake by State Fiscal Year, 2015-2019

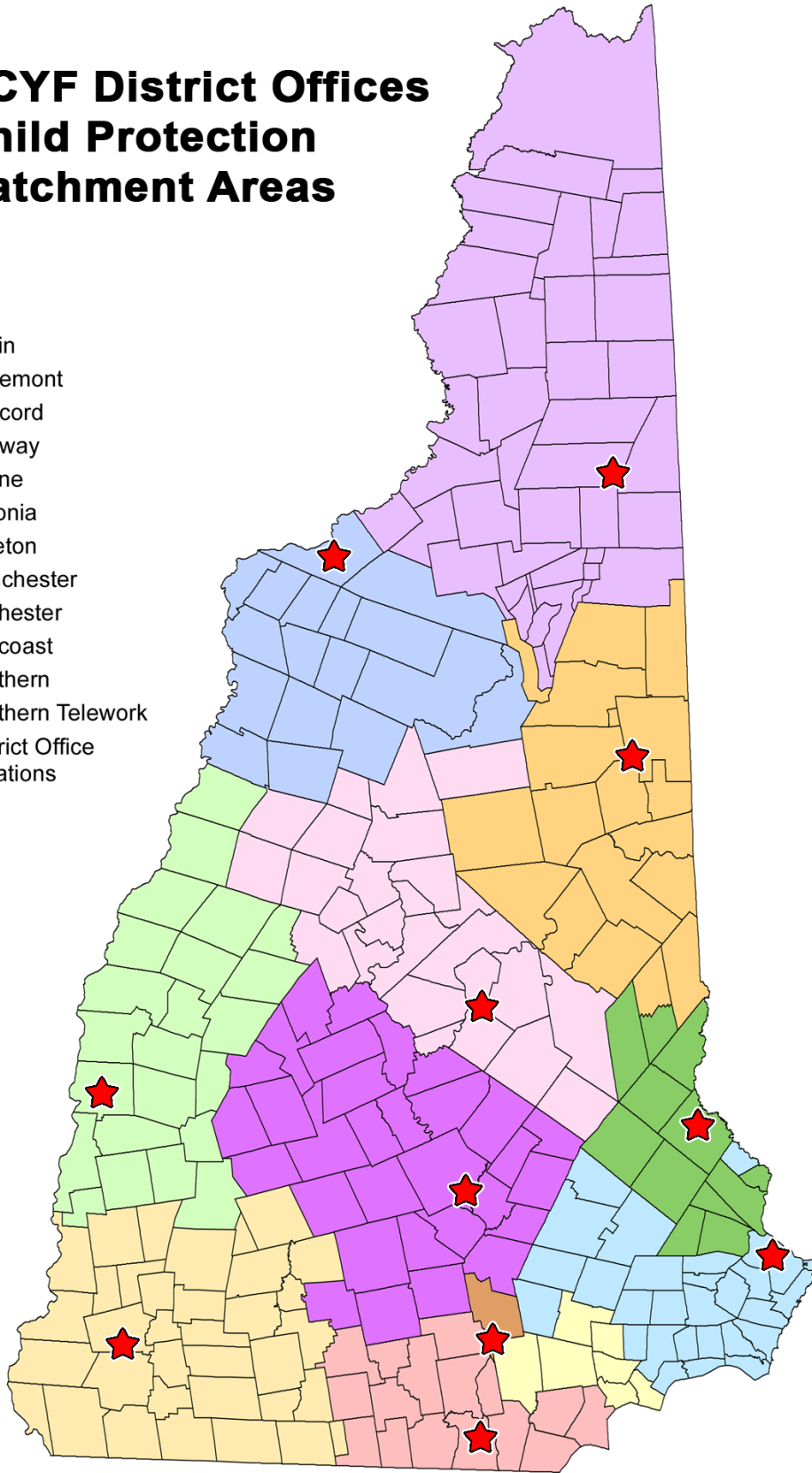


Data Source: NH DCYF Program and Case Tracking System



DCYF District Offices Child Protection Catchment Areas

-  Berlin
-  Claremont
-  Concord
-  Conway
-  Keene
-  Laconia
-  Littleton
-  Manchester
-  Rochester
-  Seacoast
-  Southern
-  Southern Telework
-  District Office Locations



Assessment

After receiving a call reporting possible child maltreatment, DCYF Intake determines if that referral should be screened in for further assessment. A screened-in referral is categorized into one of three levels and is assigned to one of the DCYF District Offices. The Child Protection staff comprehensively investigate and assess each report of alleged child abuse and neglect.

Levels of assessments indicate how harmful and urgent the situation seems to be for the children. Child Protection staff responds to Level 1 assessments within 24 hours of approval for a referral to be screened in. The response priority time for Level 2 assessments is 48 hours and Level 3 is 72 hours.

“Substantiated” means that a report/referral made pursuant to RSA 169-C (NH statute) was investigated and that credible evidence of the abuse or neglect exists.

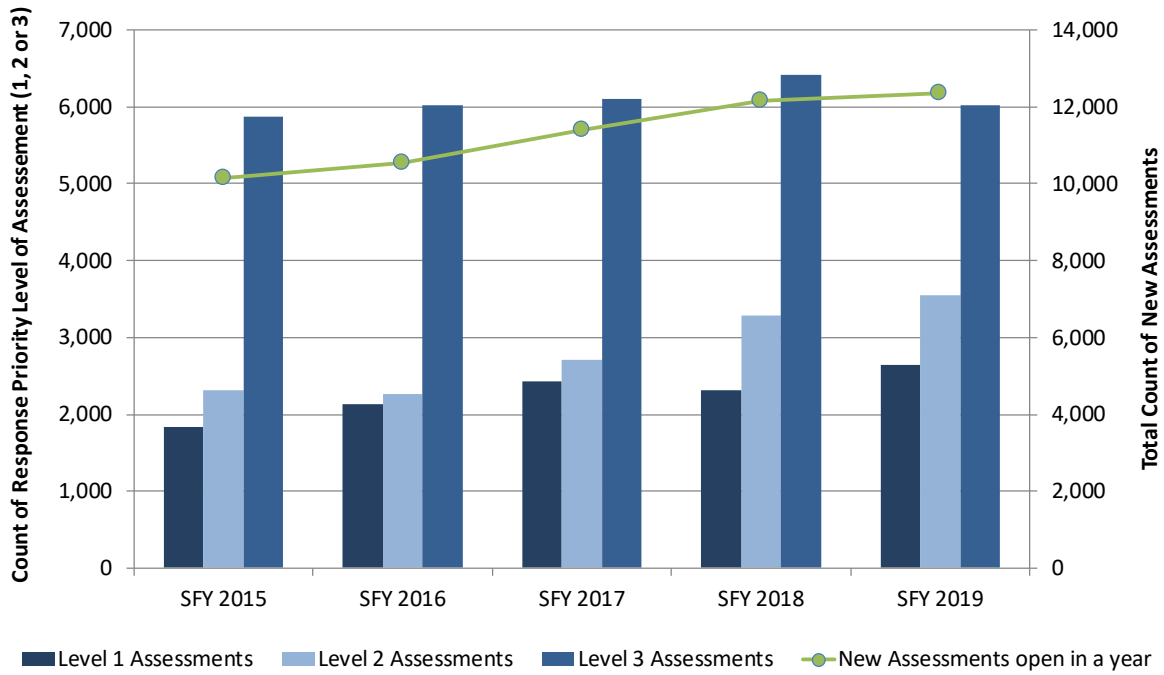
Read more about Child Protection Services at www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcyf/cps/.

| | SFY 2015 | SFY 2016 | SFY 2017 | SFY 2018 | SFY 2019 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| New Assessments open in a year | 10,154 | 10,525 | 11,385 | 12,141 | 12,361 |
| Level 1 Assessments | 1,834 | 2,126 | 2,436 | 2,309 | 2,642 |
| Level 2 Assessments | 2,315 | 2,267 | 2,709 | 3,289 | 3,543 |
| Level 3 Assessments | 5,871 | 6,019 | 6,108 | 6,412 | 6,024 |
| No level assigned | 134 | 113 | 132 | 131 | 152 |
| % Level 1 | 18% | 20% | 21% | 19% | 21% |
| % Level 2 | 23% | 22% | 24% | 27% | 29% |
| % Level 3 | 58% | 57% | 54% | 53% | 49% |
| % No level assigned | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| Children served in all new open assessments during the year | 23,494 | 24,211 | 27,244 | 29,244 | 30,091 |
| Individuals involved in all new assessments during the year (including children) | 57,237 | 58,625 | 66,657 | 70,945 | 73,137 |
| Federal Fiscal Year (October 1 thru September 30) | FFY 2015 | FFY 2016 | FFY 2017 | FFY 2018 | FFY 2019 |
| Substantiated reports | 5.60% | 5.48% | 8.05% | 8.09%* | Not Available |
| Unique Child Victims (with at least one substantiated maltreatment) | 745 | 905 | 1,151 | 1,335* | Not Available |

Data Source: NH DCYF Program and Case Tracking System & National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System

*Subject to Administration for Children and Families approval

New Assessments by State Fiscal Year, 2015-2019

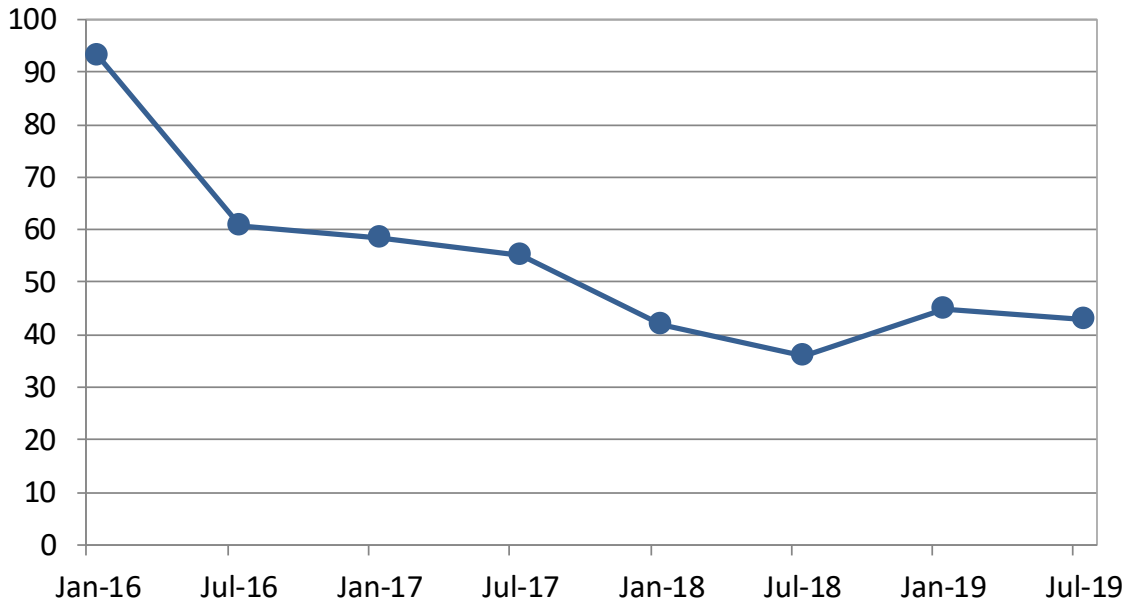


Data Source: NH DCYF Program and Case Tracking System

Assessment Workforce Capacity

Assessment workforce capacity is determined by the number of assessments open on the last day of a given month divided by the staff who are fully trained and available to assume responsibility over a full workload. This number takes into account staff members who may be out of the office on extended leave, requiring other staff to cover any active open assessments prior to the leave.

Assessment Average Workload



Data Source: Bridges, DCYF Master Staffing List & Supervisor Staff Tracking

Family Services

Treatment and rehabilitative services are provided to families whose children have been neglected or abused. If treatment and rehabilitative services are unable to provide a safe environment for the children, temporary out-of-home placement with a relative or in foster care may be utilized to provide children with the safety they require.

Family Service Cases include: Abuse, Before Court-B Child Prot., Director Authorized Only, Guardianship, ICPC, IL Aftercare, Neglect, Post-Adoption and Voluntary Services.

Other case types include: Adoption, Child Protection (Obsolete), Preventive Day Care, Relinquishment, NYTD and Social Services only.

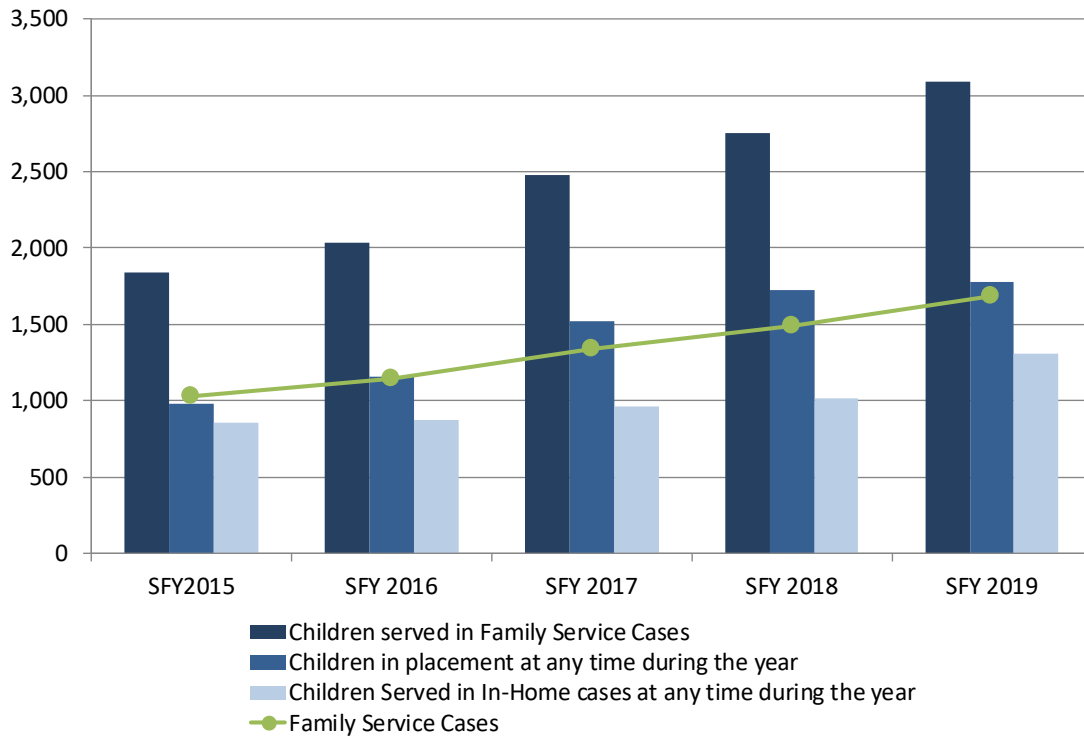
| | SFY 2015 | SFY 2016 | SFY 2017 | SFY 2018 | SFY 2019 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Total NH Child Population (Under 18) | 264,919 | 262,630 | 260,450 | 258,170 | Not Available |

Data Source: US Census Population Estimates (factfinder.census.gov)

| | SFY2015 | SFY 2016 | SFY 2017 | SFY 2018 | SFY 2019 |
|--|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Family Service Cases | 1,028 | 1,142 | 1,344 | 1,492 | 1,685 |
| Children served in Family Service Cases | 1,841 | 2,031 | 2,478 | 2,748 | 3,086 |
| Children in placement at any time during the year | 982 | 1,160 | 1,517 | 1,729 | 1,779 |
| Children Served in In-Home cases at any time during the year | 859 | 871 | 961 | 1,019 | 1,307 |
| % of Children Served in placement | 53% | 57% | 61% | 63% | 58% |
| % of Children Served in In-Home cases | 47% | 43% | 39% | 37% | 42% |
| Individuals involved in Family Service cases at any time during the year | 5,518 | 5,890 | 7,151 | 7,999 | 9,005 |

Data Source: NH DCYF Program and Case Tracking System

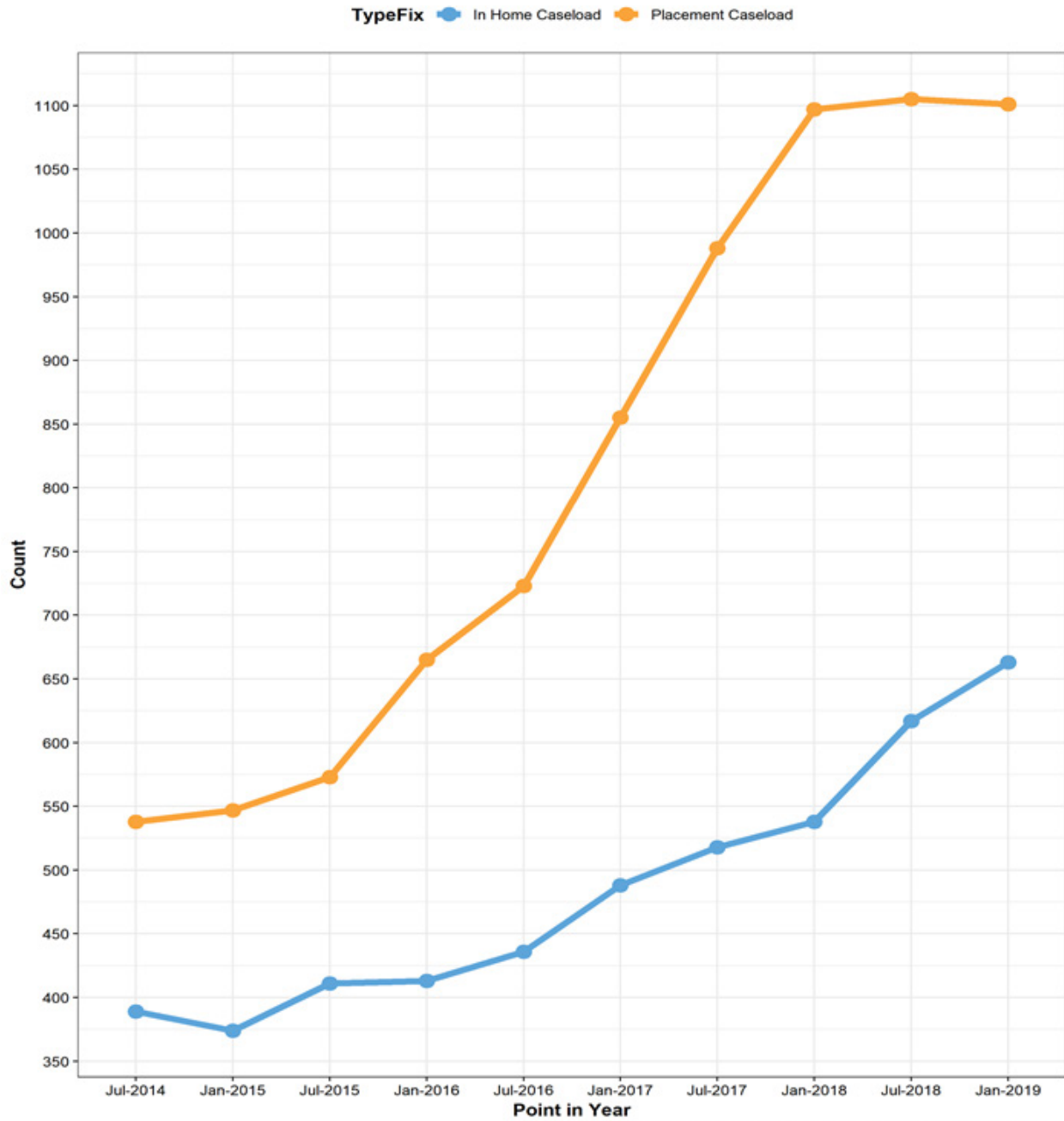
Family Services Cases and Clients by State Fiscal Year, 2015-2019



Data Source: NH DCYF Program and Case Tracking System

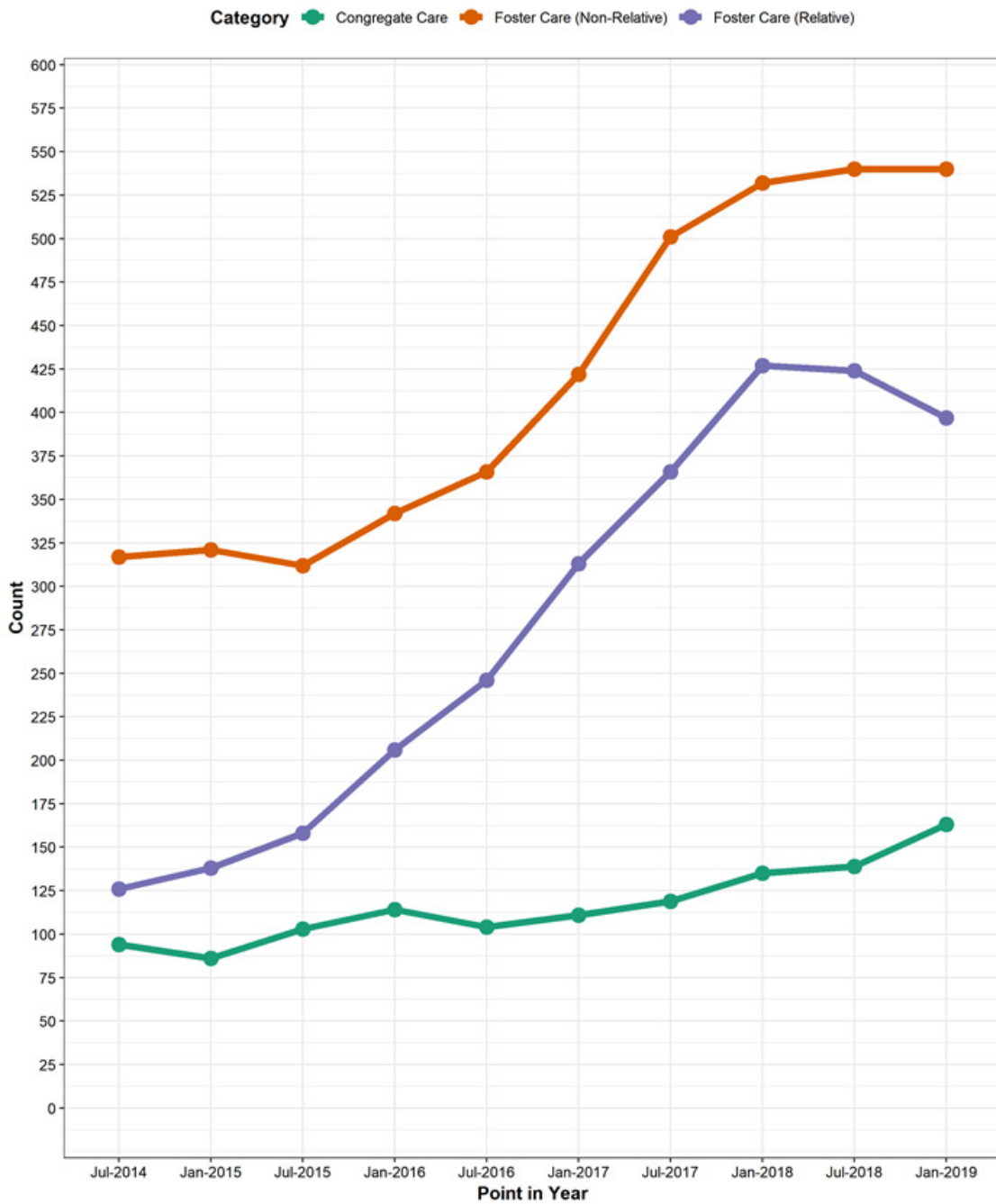
Child Protective Services Involvement Count, July 2014-January 2019

Count of Children Involved on Caseload at the Start of the Report Period

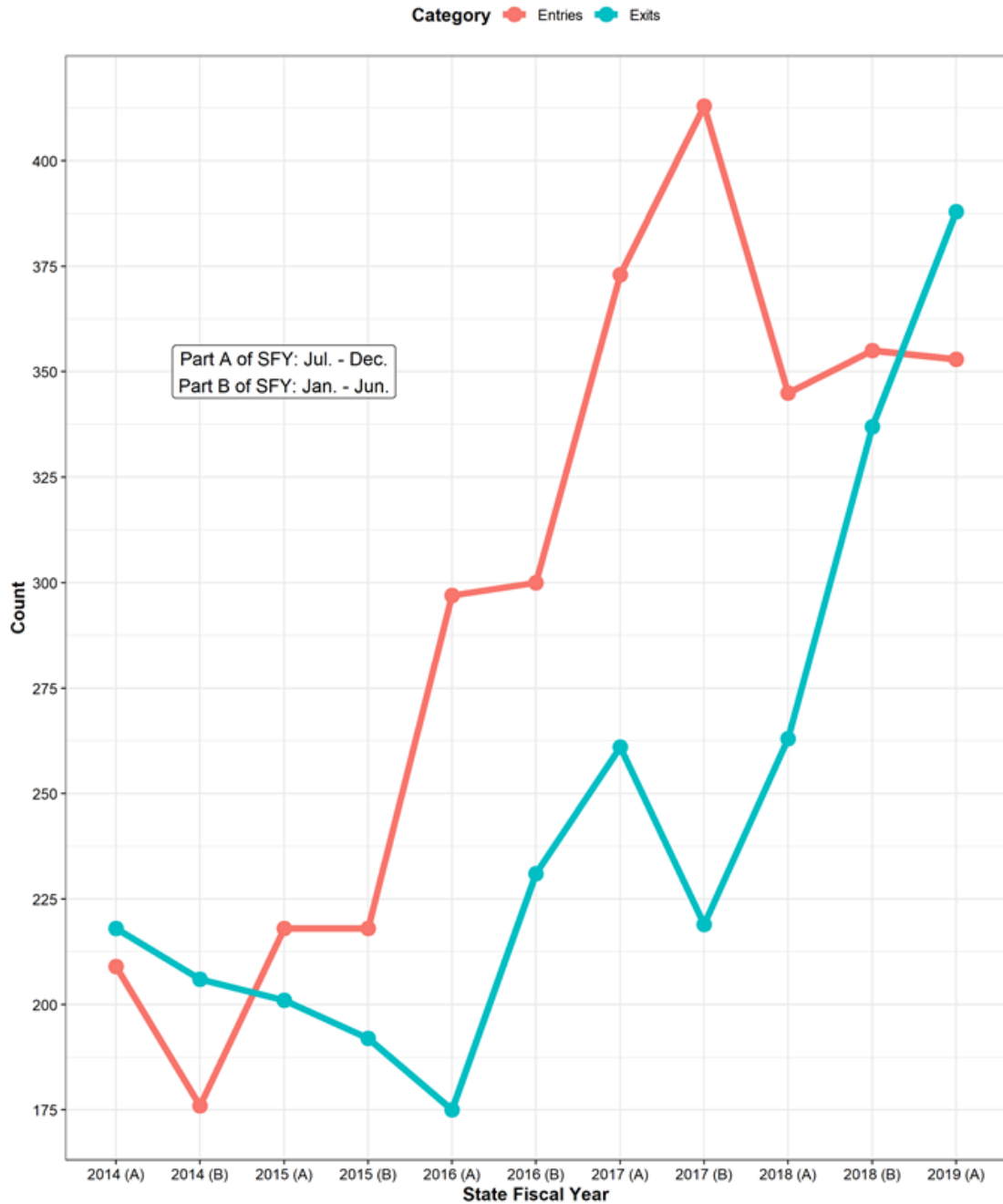


Child Protective Services Youth in Placement by Type, July 2014-January 2019

Children in Care at the Start of the Report Period



Child Protective Services Placement Entries and Exits State Fiscal Year 2014-2019 (partial) Entries and Exits Anytime During the Report Period

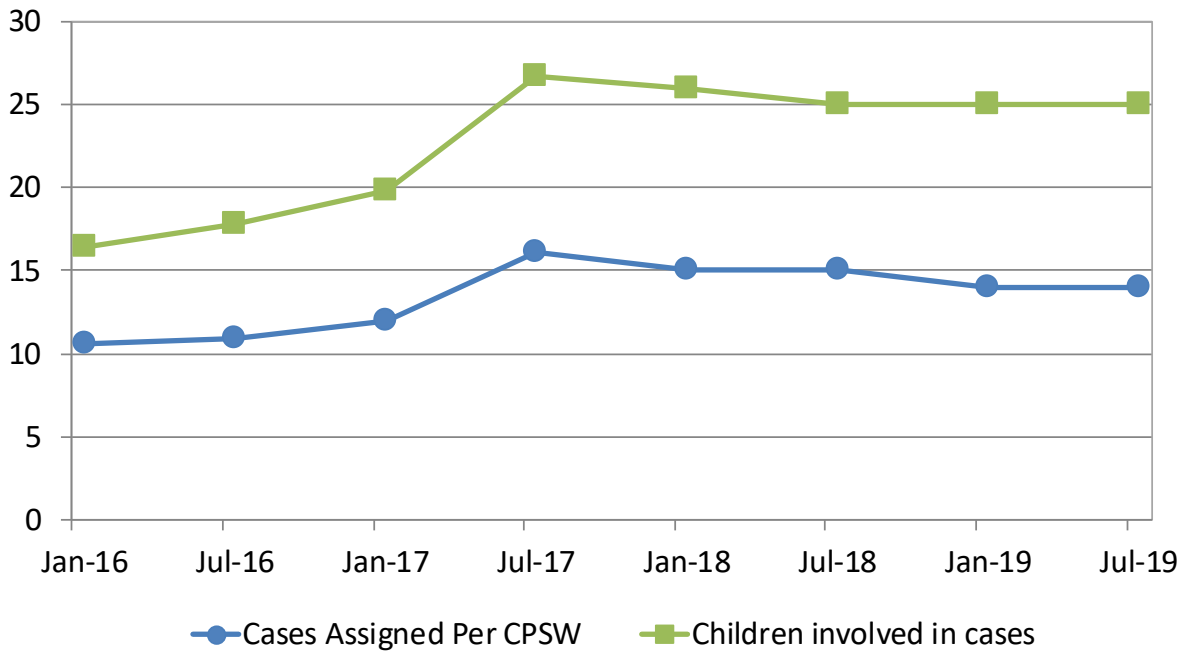


Data Source: NH Bridges (SACWIS), Extracted on 9/13/19

Family Services Workforce Capacity

Family Service workforce capacity shows both ongoing case counts as well as the number of children involved in the cases. Workforce capacity is determined by the number of cases open/children involved on the last day of the given month, divided by the staff members who are fully trained and available to assume responsibility over a full workload. This number takes into account any staff member who may be out of the office on extended leave which requires other staff to cover any case activities during that leave.

Family Service Average Workload

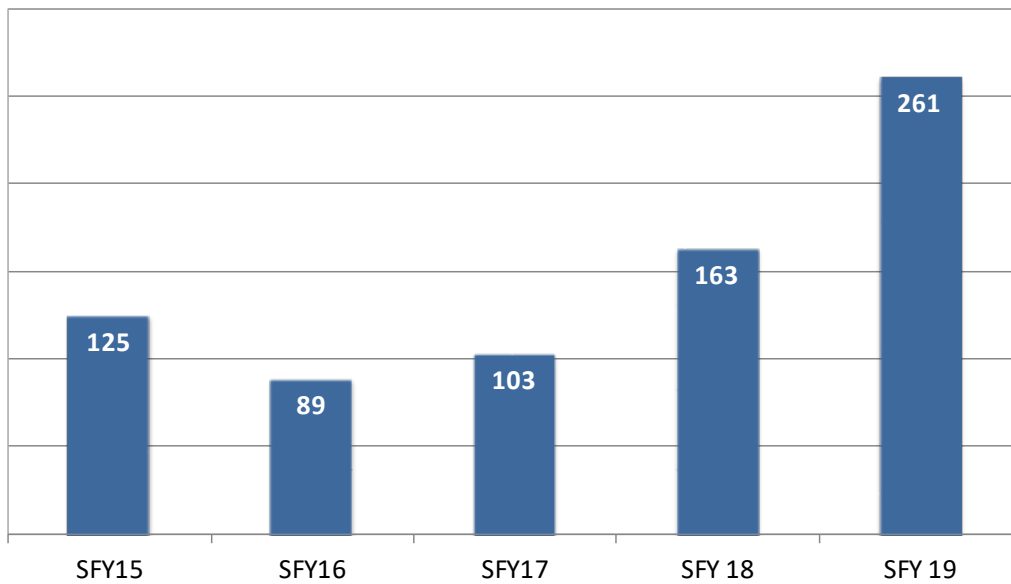


Data Source: Bridges, DCYF Master Staffing List & Supervisor Staff Tracking

Adoption Services

Most children entering foster care as a result of abuse and/or neglect are able to successfully reunify with their family. However, when children and youth cannot safely return home, Adoption is the preferred alternative permanency plan.

Number of Children Adopted During Each State Fiscal Year



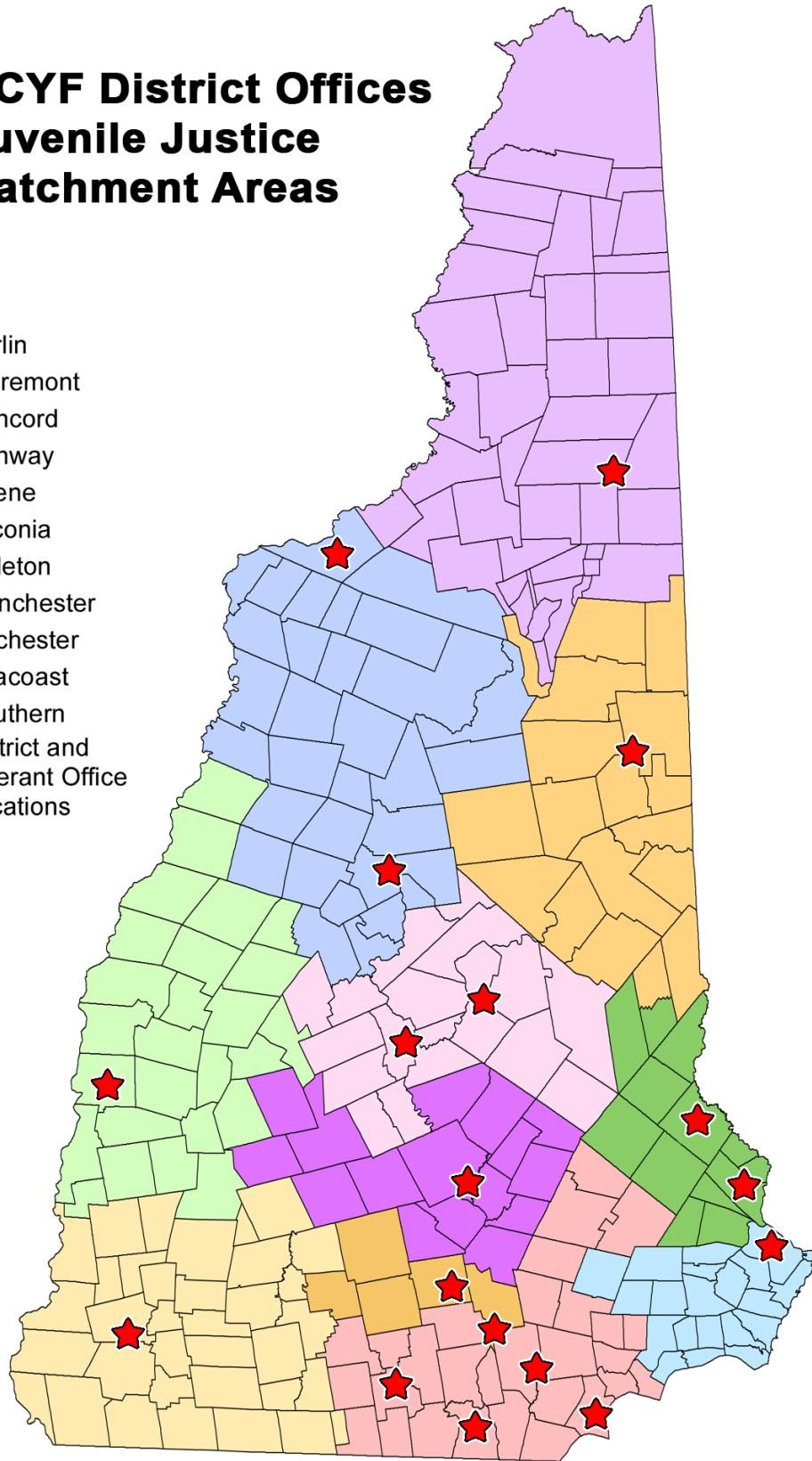
Data Source: NH DCYF Program and Case Tracking System

Juvenile Justice Services



DCYF District Offices Juvenile Justice Catchment Areas

-  Berlin
-  Claremont
-  Concord
-  Conway
-  Keene
-  Laconia
-  Littleton
-  Manchester
-  Rochester
-  Seacoast
-  Southern
-  District and Itinerant Office Locations



Case Distribution

Juvenile Justice Services (JJS) is responsible for providing supervision and rehabilitative services to youth adjudicated under state law as delinquent or as Children In Need of Services (CHINS).

In addition, Juvenile **diversion** and mediation programs provide communities they serve with an alternative means of dispute resolution for youth who commit minor offenses, are first-time offenders, or are very young. Other JJS case types include **CHINS Without Court-W**, Interstate Commission for Juveniles (ICJ), Non-Court Day, Non-Court Resident, and Pending Enrollment.

JJS cases are either administrative cases or non-administrative cases. Administrative cases were cases brought before the court and the youths entered into alternative agreements with, and have some responsibility to, the court. These youth are not on conditional release or receiving services from DCYF and DCYF has minimal supervision and reporting responsibilities.

Identified Youth can be served in home or in placement. Youth In Placement are served in residential community based programs including: foster or relative care, group home, residential treatment facilities, institutions and the Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC).

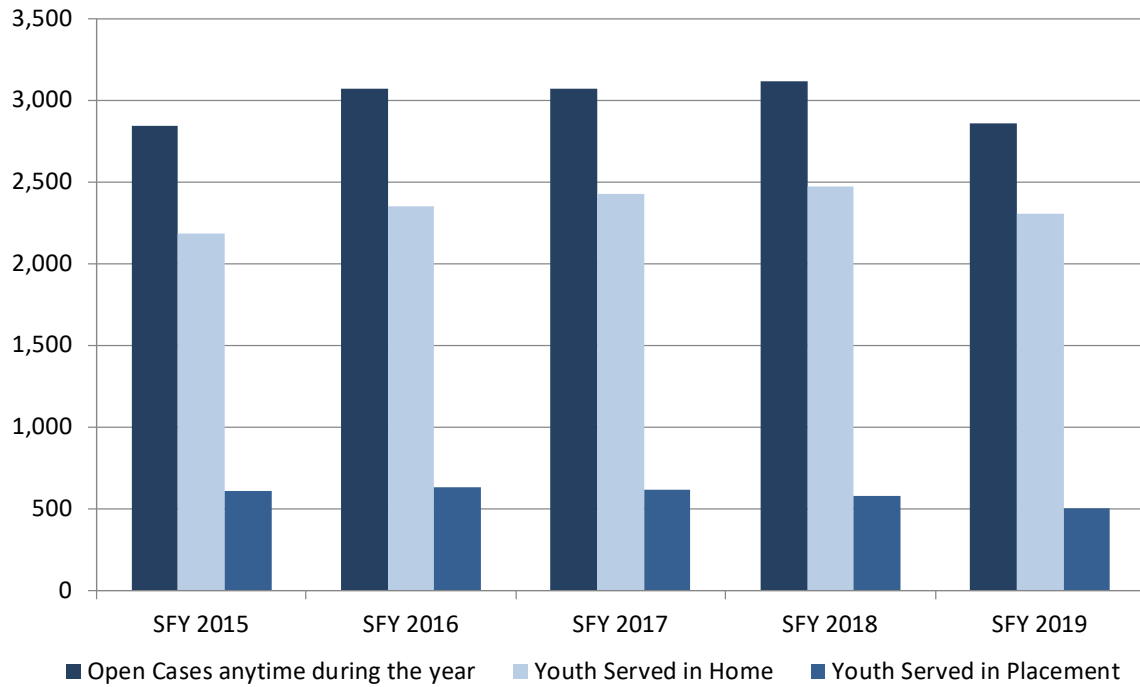
Meanwhile, other children in the household or siblings of the identified Youth are automatically part of the case and served by DCYF as **Siblings**.

| | SFY 2015 | SFY 2016 | SFY 2017 | SFY 2018 | SFY 2019 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total number of cases open at any time during the year | 2,840 | 3,072 | 3,069 | 3,112 | 2,858 |
| Delinquency | 2,176 | 2,314 | 2,273 | 2,226 | 1,974 |
| CHINS | 212 | 262 | 274 | 294 | 318 |
| Diversion | 25 | 14 | * | * | * |
| CHINS Without Court-W | 402 | 453 | 501 | 555 | 534 |
| Other | 25 | 29 | 21 | 37 | 32 |
| Administrative cases | 828 | 746 | 773 | 697 | 669 |
| Non-Administrative cases | 2,012 | 2,326 | 2,296 | 2,415 | 2,189 |
| Total number of Individuals involved in a JJS case at any time during the year | 11,166 | 11,749 | 11,970 | 12,061 | 11,317 |
| Youth/Children served in a JJS case at any time during the year (identified & siblings) | 3,222 | 3,453 | 3,392 | 3,357 | 3,071 |
| Identified Youth | 2,793 | 2,983 | 3,045 | 3,050 | 2,802 |
| In Placement | 609 | 630 | 616 | 577 | 499 |
| In-Home | 2,184 | 2,353 | 2,429 | 2,473 | 2,303 |
| Siblings | 429 | 470 | 347 | 307 | 269 |
| Number of New Petitions Filed | 2,845 | 3,353 | 3,174 | 3,231 | 2,925 |
| Delinquency Petitions | 2,717 | 3,211 | 3,033 | 3,075 | 2,758 |
| CHINS Petitions | 128 | 142 | 141 | 156 | 167 |

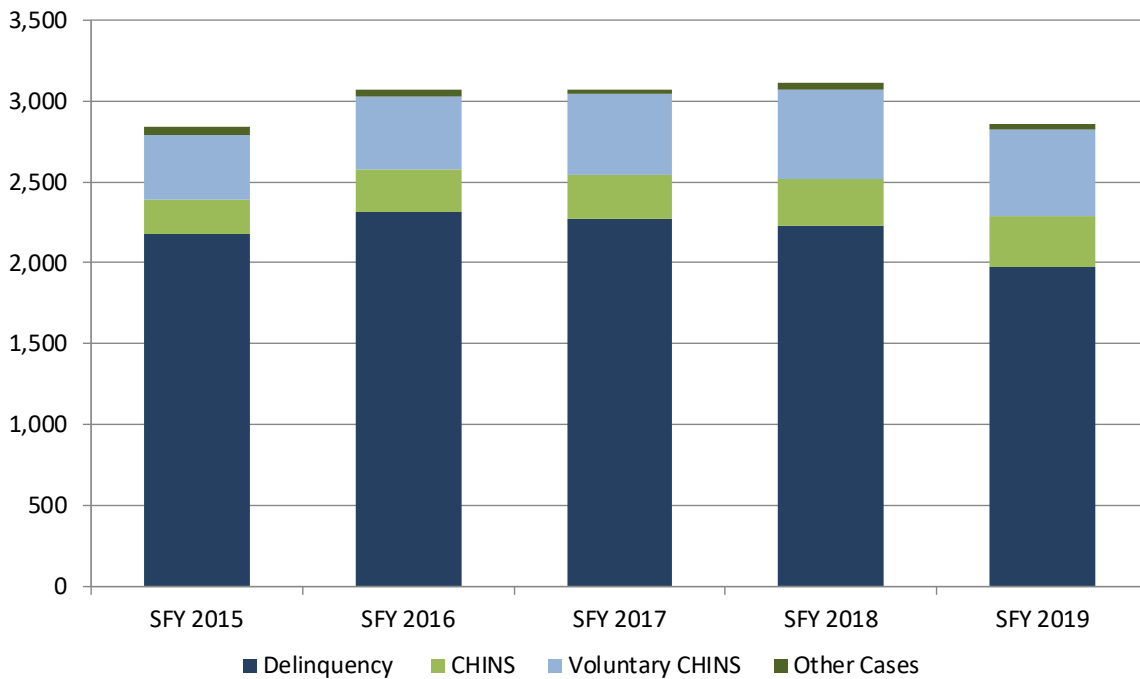
Data Source: NH DCYF Program and Case Tracking System

* indicates a count less than 5. Therefore, the count was added to the "Other" category as not to mask more than one type of case.

Juvenile Justice Services Cases by State Fiscal Years, 2015-2019



Juvenile Justice Services Cases by Type, 2015-2019 (Open anytime during the year)

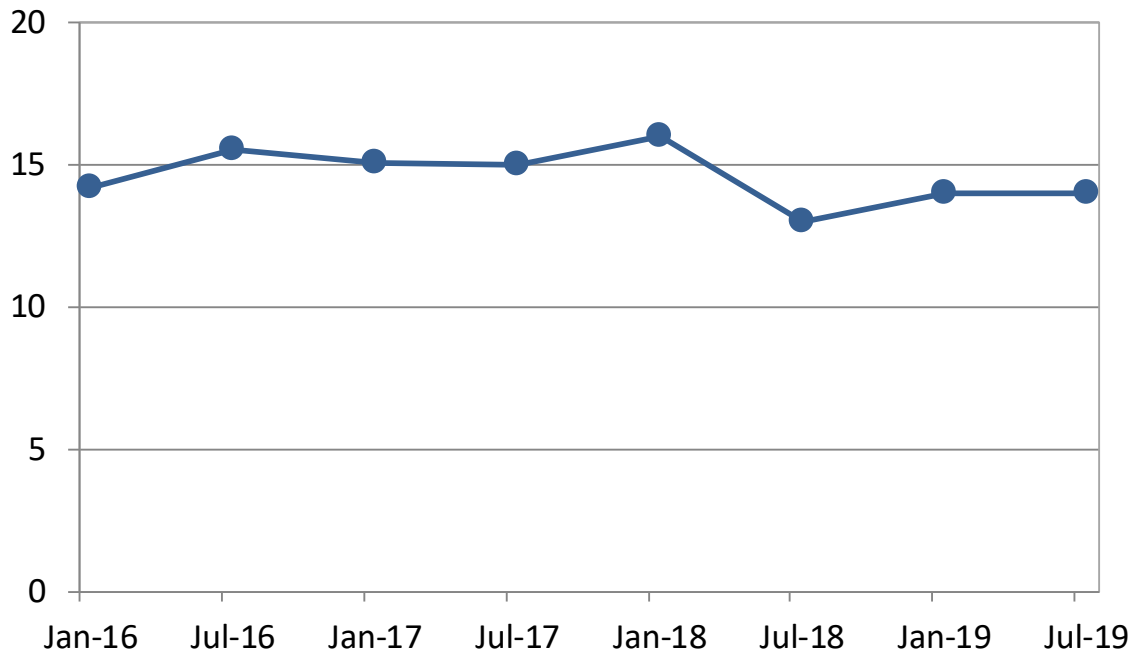


Data Source: NH DCYF Program and Case Tracking System

Juvenile Justice Services Workforce Capacity

Juvenile Justice workforce capacity is determined by the number of cases open on the last day of the given month divided by the staff who are fully trained and available to assume responsibility over a full workload. This number takes into account any staff who may be out of the office on extended leave, requiring other staffs to cover any case activities during that leave.

Juvenile Justice Average Workload



Data Source: Bridges, DCYF Master Staffing List & Supervisor Staff Tracking

Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC)

Admissions refers only to those youth that entered SYSC in the time period. Youth who were already at SYSC are not counted. Admission is an Event count. This means all admissions are counted. If a single individual is admitted, discharged, and admitted again during the defined time period, they are counted Twice.

Population refers to the total number of Youth who spent any amount of the time period at SYSC. Population is an Individual count. This means that any individual who was admitted to SYSC for any time during that period is counted. If a single individual is admitted, discharged, and admitted again during the defined time period, they are counted once.

Committed (COM) refers to those Youth who are placed in the custody and care of SYSC by the Court as described in NH RSA 621:3.

Detained (DET) refers to Youth temporarily at SYSC while awaiting disposition of the court as described in NH RSA 621-A.

Youth Days are the accumulative number of days all youth are at SYSC.

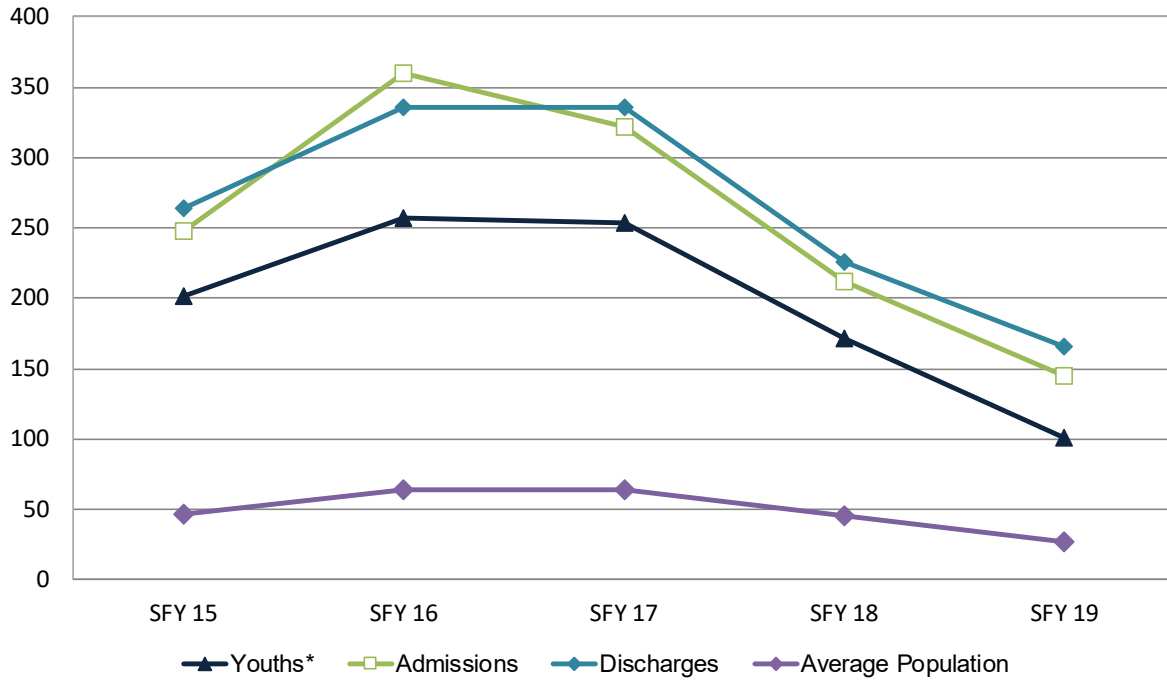
| Population | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------|---------------|----------|-------|---------------|----------|-------|---------------|----------|-------|---------------|----------|-------|--------------|
| | 2015 | | | 2016 | | | 2017 | | | 2018 | | | 2019 | | |
| | COM | DET | TOT | COM | DET | TOT | COM | DET | TOT | COM | DET | TOT | COM | DET | TOT |
| Youths* | 202 | | | 257 | | | 254 | | | 172 | | | 101 | | |
| Admissions | 96 | 152 | 248 | 105 | 255 | 360 | 108 | 214 | 322 | 74 | 138 | 212 | 81 | 64 | 145 |
| Discharges | 109 | 155 | 264 | 89 | 247 | 336 | 117 | 219 | 336 | 87 | 139 | 226 | 96 | 70 | 166 |
| Average Population | 38.8 | 7.5 | 46.2 | 48.0 | 15.9 | 63.8 | 51.7 | 12.5 | 64.1 | 35.3 | 9.9 | 45.1 | 21.2 | 5.8 | 26.9 |
| Youth Days | 14,039 | 2,568 | 16,608 | 17,468 | 5,564 | 23,033 | 18,755 | 4,338 | 23,092 | 12,754 | 3,457 | 16,211 | 7,738 | 2,117 | 9,855 |
| Committed Youth | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | SFY 2015 | | | SFY 2016 | | | SFY 2017 | | | SFY 2018 | | | SFY 2019 | | |
| # Committed at SYSC* | 101 | | | 105 | | | 123 | | | 86 | | | 59 | | |
| Average Previous Placements | 7.1 | | | 6.4 | | | 6.3 | | | 6.6 | | | 7.8 | | |
| Average Petitions** | 9.0 | | | 9.7 | | | 9.5 | | | 9.6 | | | 12.2 | | |
| Detained Youth | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | SFY 2015 | | | SFY 2016 | | | SFY 2017 | | | SFY 2018 | | | SFY 2019 | | |
| # Detained at SYSC * | 136 | | | 210 | | | 184 | | | 116 | | | 58 | | |
| Average Previous Placements | 3.7 | | | 3.7 | | | 3.4 | | | 3.7 | | | 3.8 | | |
| Average Petitions** | 7.5 | | | 7.5 | | | 6.8 | | | 7.5 | | | 11.5 | | |

Source: NH DCYF Program and Case Tracking System

* Youth can be Detained and Committed in the same year. In 2014, 112 Committed Youth, 177 Detained Youth, and 246 Total Youth were served. 112+177-246= 43 Youth were both committed and detained in 2014.

** The number of petitions includes all delinquency petitions up until the end of the State Fiscal Year in which they were at SYSC

Sununu Youth Services Center (SYSC) Population Data State Fiscal Year 2015-2019



* Youth can be Detained and Committed in the same year. In 2014, 112 Committed Youth, 177 Detained Youth, and 246 Total Youth were served. $112+177-246= 43$ Youth were both committed and detained in 2014.

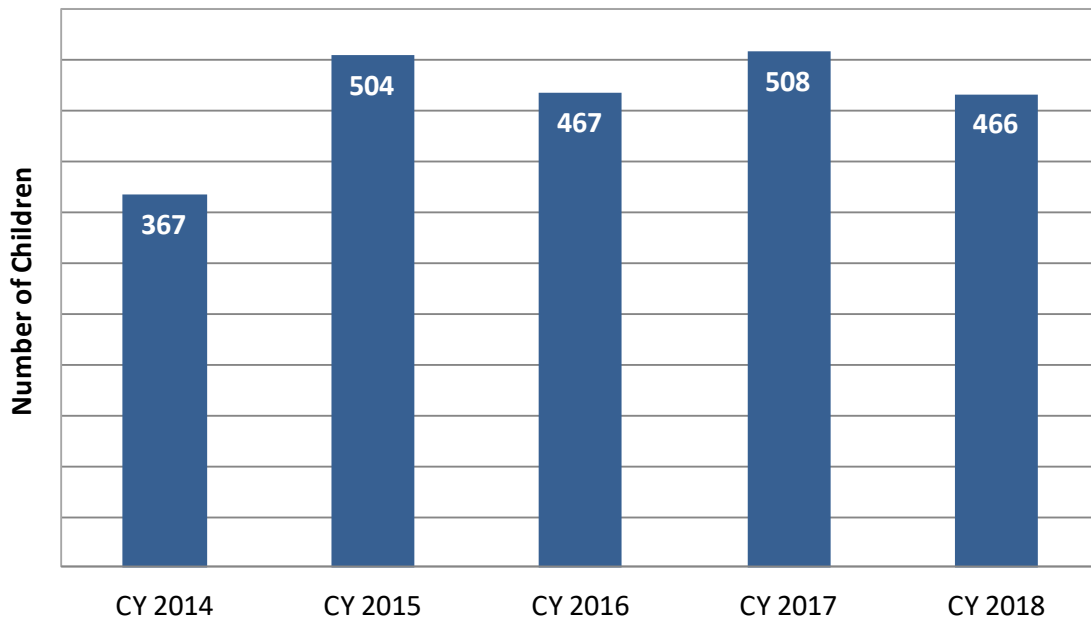
Data Source: NH DCYF Program and Case Tracking System

Substance Misuse

| Time period | Number of children born drug exposed in accepted assessments |
|-------------|--|
| CY 2014 | 367 |
| CY 2015 | 504 |
| CY 2016 | 467 |
| CY 2017 | 508 |
| CY 2018 | 466 |

Child Born Drug Exposed means infants exposed to alcohol, prescription drugs, misuse of over-the-counter medications, inhalants, and illicit drugs (cannabis, hallucinogens, opioids, stimulants, sedative hypnotics) while the infant is in utero, whether prescribed or not, which result in the infant exhibiting withdrawal symptoms at birth.

Investigations with Child Born Drug Exposed



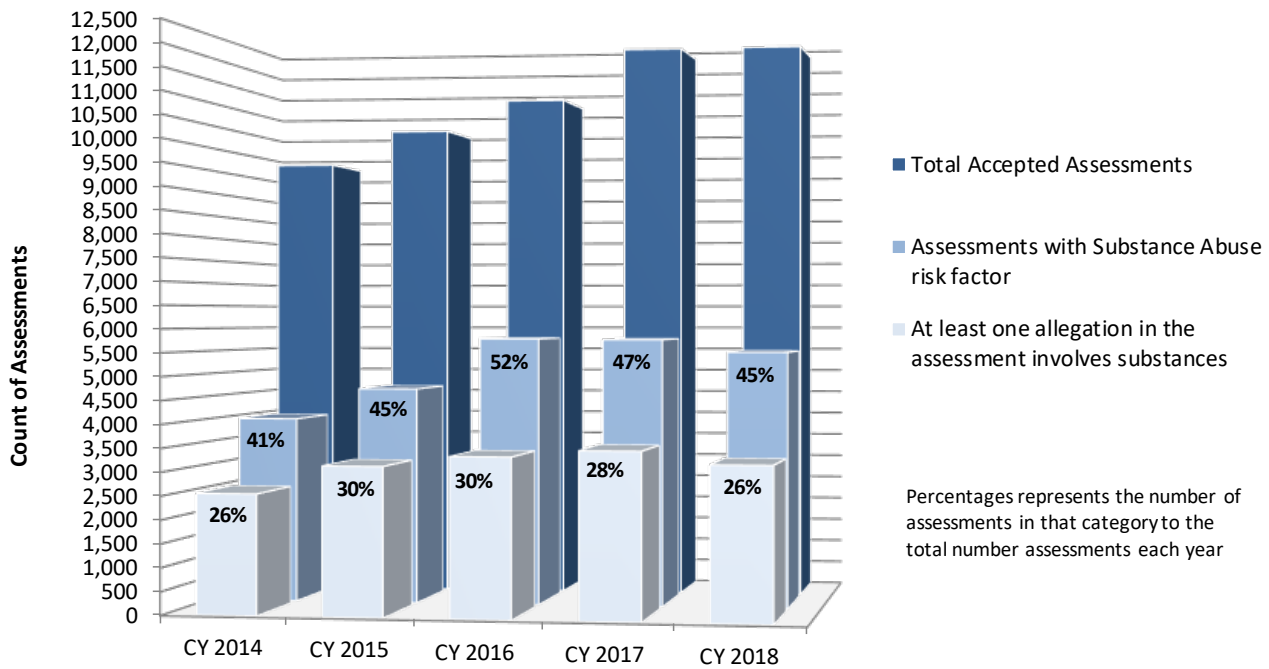
Data Source: NH SACWIS- Bridges

Impact of Substance Use on Assessments, 2014-2018

| | Total Accepted Assessments | Assessments with Substance Abuse risk factor | At least one allegation in the assessment involves substances |
|---------|----------------------------|--|---|
| CY 2014 | 9,762 | 4,007 | 2,550 |
| CY 2015 | 10,516 | 4,675 | 3,147 |
| CY 2016 | 11,197 | 5,771 | 3,364 |
| CY 2017 | 12,331 | 5,758 | 3,504 |
| CY 2018 | 12,341 | 5,491 | 3,237 |

This data is relative to an assessment when it is accepted for further investigation. The allegation and risk factor are determined by the intake Child Protective Service Worker at the time the referral is received at DCYF Central Intake.

Accepted Assessments with Substances Indicated



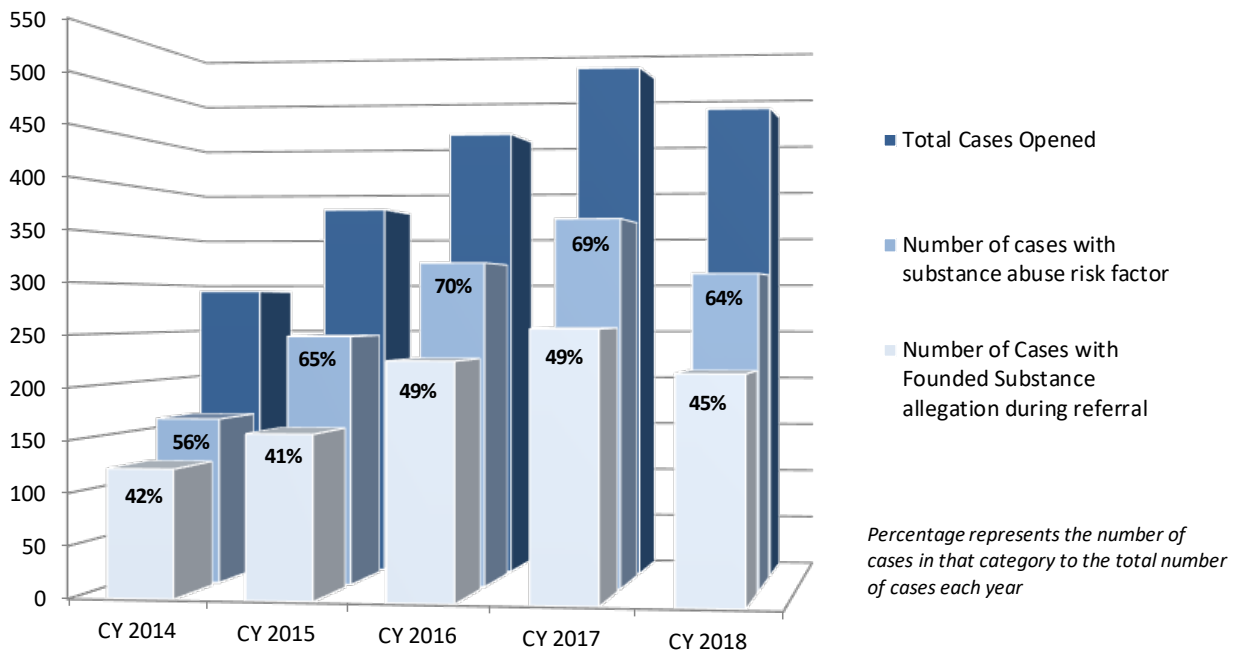
Data Source: NH SACWIS- Bridges

Impact of Substance Use on Family Services Cases, 2014-2018

| | Total cases opened | Number of cases with substance abuse risk factor | Number of cases with a founded substance allegation during referral |
|---------|--------------------|--|---|
| CY 2014 | 293 | 164 | 123 |
| CY 2015 | 379 | 247 | 157 |
| CY 2016 | 457 | 320 | 226 |
| CY 2017 | 525 | 363 | 256 |
| CY 2018 | 481 | 309 | 215 |

This data pertains to open child protection family service cases where an allegation of substance use was made at the time of assessment and determined to be founded. The risk factor was indicated when the assessment was closed and the family services case was opened.

Cases Opened with Substance Misuse Indicated



Data Source: NH SACWIS- Bridges

Comprehensive Family Support Services

Comprehensive Family Support Services are preventative services provided by Family Resource Centers (FRC) across the state.

Data is self-reported to the FRC by the family. Substance abuse issues are identified for the individual entered on the Service Plan. This does not include other family members who have issues. If relatives are caring for the child(ren) because of the parent's drug use and the relative is receiving CFSS with the child(ren) then they would not be documented for substance abuse issues.

Entry is defined when the family engages with the provider to participate in services.

Data for Families Served Any Time During the State Fiscal Year

| | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Families Served during year | 871 | 1,048 | 1,027 | 1,004 | 1,098 |
| Total Family Members Served = Children | 1,664 | 1,926 | 1,695 | 1,692 | 1,843 |
| # Families with Children < 5 yrs old | 470 | 747 | 612 | 607 | 601 |
| Data Calculated at Entry | | | | | |
| Families Entering Service | 547 | 759 | 620 | 631 | 750 |
| Family with Low Income – self-reported at entry | 88% | 92% | 88% | 86% | 86% |
| Families that have a Single Caregiver | 54% | 49% | 50% | 51% | 51% |
| Families Referred by DCYF/Intake/Assessment - Referral that entered service * | 27% | 27% | 28% | 29% | 38% |
| Families that have Mental Health Issues | 57% | 57% | 48% | 55% | 54% |
| Families that have Chronic Health Issues | 31% | 28% | 33% | 35% | 36% |
| Children that have Child Medicaid Insurance | 85% | 93% | 93% | 91% | 88% |
| Adults without any Health Insurance | 35% | 29% | 12% | 11% | 13% |
| Families with Substance Abuse Issues | 15% | 16% | 12% | 14% | 16% |
| Exit Data | | | | | |
| Families Discharging in FY | 572 | 613 | 646 | 638 | 637 |

Data Source: NH DCYF Program and Case Tracking System

* DCYF referrals are counted at entry. Count does not include DCYF referrals that did not enter into services with the provider.

Resources

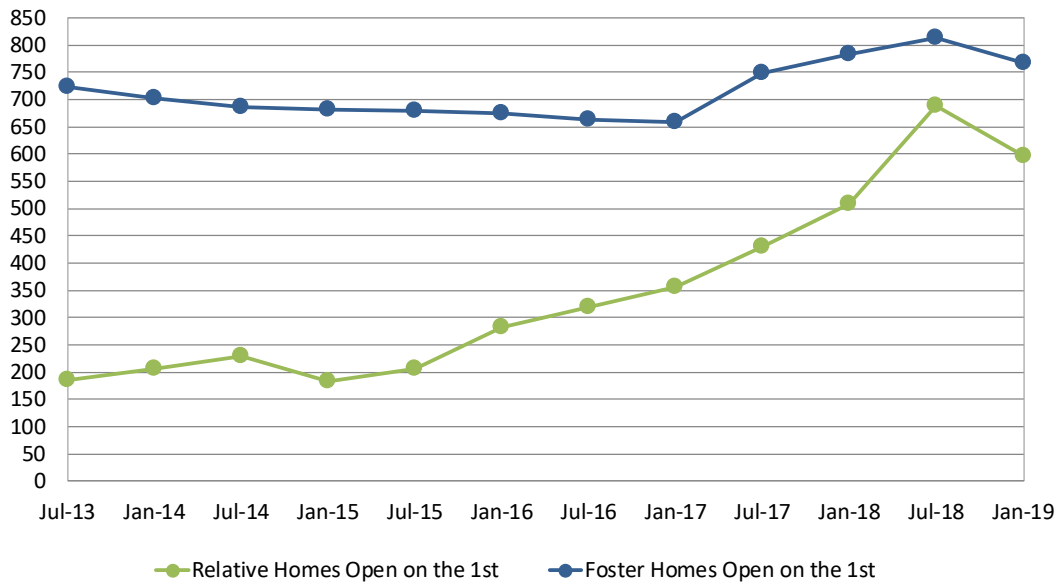
| | SFY 2015 | | SFY 2016 | | SFY 2017 | | SFY 2018 | | SFY 2019 | |
|---|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| | Jul-14 | Jan-15 | Jul-15 | Jan-16 | Jul-16 | Jan-17 | Jul-17 | Jan-18 | Jul-18 | Jan-19 |
| Relative Homes Open on the 1st | 229 | 183 | 205 | 283 | 320 | 357 | 429 | 509 | 689 | 596 |
| Foster Homes Open on the 1st | 685 | 681 | 680 | 675 | 664 | 658 | 748 | 782 | 812 | 767 |
| Homes counted as both relative and foster | 57 | 33 | 51 | 58 | 50 | 45 | 45 | 49 | 43 | 47 |
| New Foster Homes within the State Fiscal Year | 153 | | 136 | | 244 | | 172 | | 187 | |

Data Source: Bridges (NH SACWIS)

Note: Foster homes count includes child placing agency foster homes (approximately 15-24% of open foster homes.)

Foster homes are licensed for different numbers of children. The maximum number of children under the age of 21 including non-foster children in a two parent household is 6 and the maximum number is 4 in a single parent household. Some foster homes are adoption only homes and/or licensed for a specific child. There is a delay in closing relative homes as a provider, if /when a child moves from the home.

Foster and Relative Care



Data Source: NH SACWIS- Bridges