



Region 4

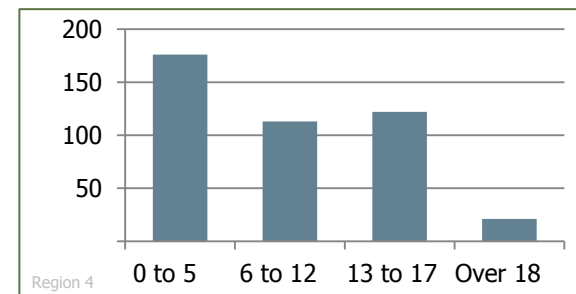


Our Children...

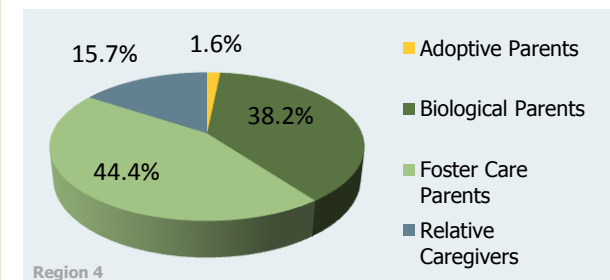
432

Children resided in all households

Number of Children by Age



Children being cared for by:



PSSF Making a Difference

Carla was 19, homeless and spending the nights in a local park with her one-year-old daughter. Facing unbearable summer heat and mosquito bites over most of the baby's body, Carla finally went to the local emergency room for help.

An ER worker, searching online for a safe haven for the mother and baby, found a PSSF-supported shelter for teen moms and babies. With no high school education, no money and no family support, Carla was desperate for resources to help her care for herself and the baby. Once she had a safe place to live, new possibilities opened up for the young mother.

As a first step, the coordinator suggested she attend parenting classes and other agency activities which led to Carla deciding that she wanted to learn how to sew. Other teen moms at the shelter were also interested in learning a new skill. Several volunteers agreed to teach a sewing class. Thirteen sewing machines were donated along with mountains of fabric. The class was a huge success and Carla's fashion sense and stylish flair eventually landed her a part-time job at a local clothing retailer. She was on her way to independence.

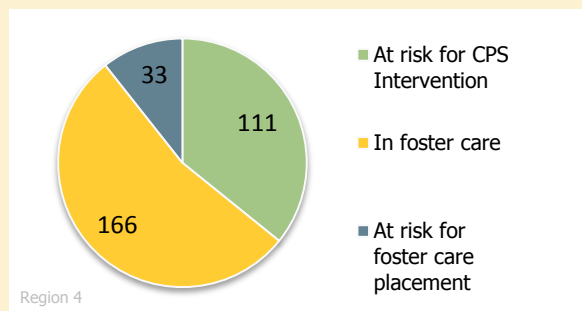
It wasn't long before Carla had a full-time job and was able to move into a place of her own. Her daughter also made a successful transition from day care to the local Head Start program. The family continues to thrive because of the life skills mom learned and her determination to succeed.

Our Families...

310

Families residing in Region 4 received a wide array of community-based services

Family involvement with their local child welfare agency at referral:



164 of these families were headed by a biological or adoptive parent, or a relative caregiver

- 32%** two-parent households
- 68%** single-parent households
- 80%** high school education or less
- 45%** employed full- and/or part-time
- 52%** income less than \$20,000

Producing Results...

For the families who completed services in FFY2011:

- 49%** Children remained safely in their homes
- 21%** Children remained in foster or relative care
- 15%** Children were reunified with their families
- 11%** Children achieved permanency through adoption or legal guardianship
- 3%** Youth emancipated from Foster Care
- 1%** Children were referred to DFCS for investigation

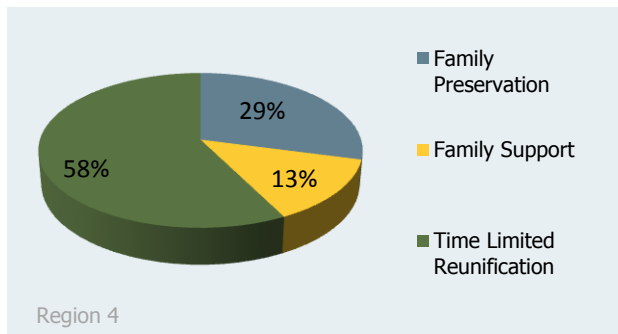
Georgia's Promoting Safe and Stable Families program has steadily built a network of community-based organizations reflecting the state's commitment to ensuring that families have access to the highest quality services and resources needed to help children and youth grow into healthy, contributing members of our society. PSSF is one of the few sources of federal funds directed toward the *prevention* of issues that bring families into the child welfare system.

PSSF Program Areas

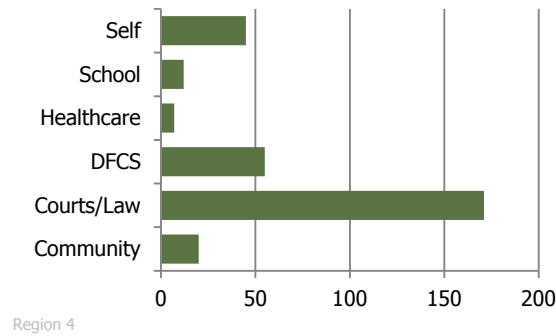
PSSF funds provide services to at-risk families in the areas of:

- **Family Support** to prevent child abuse and neglect among families at risk through the provision of supportive family services
- **Family Preservation** to assure children's safety within the home and preserve intact families in which children have been abused or neglected when the family's needs can be addressed effectively
- **Time-Limited Reunification** to address the needs of families whose children have been placed in foster care so that reunification may occur in a safe and timely manner
- **Adoption Promotion/Post-Permanency Support** to provide foster and adoptive families support services so that they can make a lifelong commitment to their children

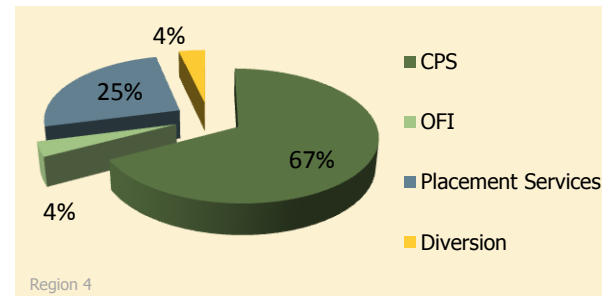
Service Allocation



Source of Community Referrals



DFCS referrals:



Responding to Community Needs

PSSF supports easy access and coordinated service delivery that is child- and family-focused. For more information about the following network providers in Region 4, visit the Family Services Resource Guide at www.pssfnet.com.

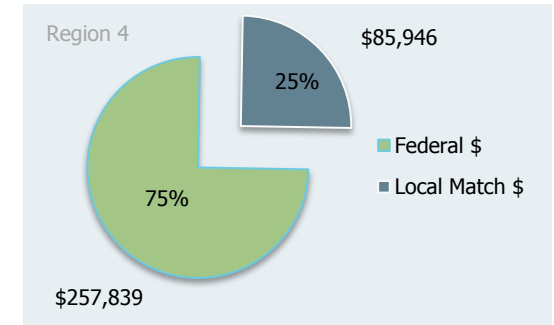
- Advo-Kids CASA, Inc.
- Carroll County CASA, Inc.
- CASA of Troup County, Inc.
- Coweta CASA, Inc.
- Morningstar Children and Family Services, Inc. (Carrollton)
- Troup Family Connection Authority
- Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc.

Shared Responsibility

PSSF resources have been strategically invested to enhance the capacity of DFCS to identify and meet the needs of families and to expand the array of supportive services available through community-based family service agencies.

Federal allocations are leveraged with the support of matching funds contributed at the local level.

Investment



Service Array

PSSF supports a variety of services for families with children. The following services were made available to families through network providers in Region 4.

- Center-based Parent Education
- Child/Family Assessment
- Crisis Intervention
- Effective Discipline/Behavior Management
- Follow-up Services
- Home-based Parent Education
- Information and Referral Services
- Legal Advocacy
- Parent/Child Activities
- Supervised Visitation
- Therapeutic Counseling
- Transportation

