



Region 6

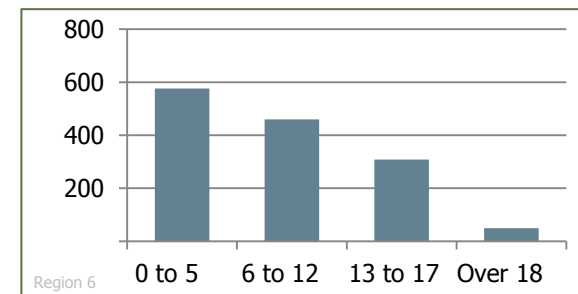


Our Children...

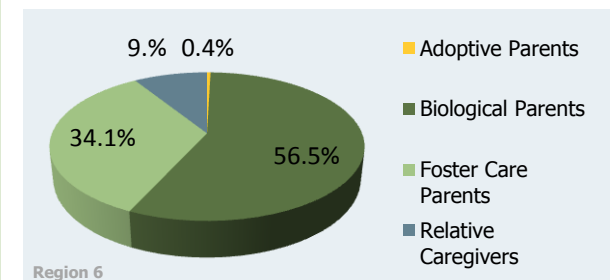
1,394

Children resided in all households

Number of Children by Age



Children being cared for by:



PSSF Making a Difference

Fourteen and pregnant. A recipe for disaster. The odds against any good outcome for the mother and child are overwhelming. Even completing high school seemed doubtful, but with help, Shalisa did all that and much more.

This story begins with DFCS, where a caseworker was fearful that the young teen would not be able to cope with the responsibilities of a baby, finish school and make something of herself. Referred to a PSSF-supported teen parenting program by the caseworker, Shalisa's initial goals were to find a way to finish high school and keep her baby. Eventually, she embraced the idea that she had some challenges ahead of her if she wanted a good life for her and her son.

Support for Shalisa came from a variety of community-based agencies and organizations. Her caseworker at the teen parenting program coordinated help from DFCS, a pregnancy wellness center, her school, and the Pre-K program. Shalisa completed high school and passed her exit exam on time.

While in high school, she learned how to style hair and turned that into self-employment to provide for her son. Today, Shalisa attends college, is doing well with her classes, and also is engaged to her son's father. Together, they have purchased a home that they are remodeling to live in when they marry in a few months.

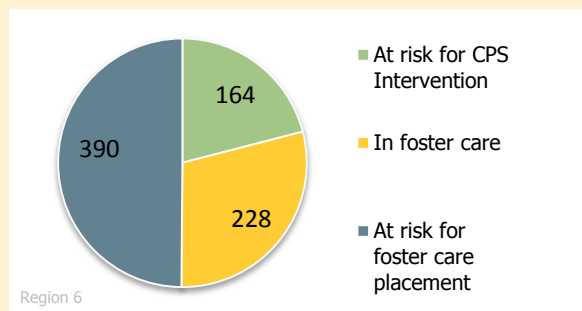
A sad story ends with a happy new beginning. Five years later, Shalisa is a strong and independent woman who has taken charge of her life.

Our Families...

782

Families residing in Region 6 received a wide array of community-based services

Family involvement with their local child welfare agency at referral:



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

27% two-parent households
73% single-parent households

79% high school education or less

52% employed full- and/or part-time

75% income less than \$20,000

Producing Results...

For the families who completed services in FFY2011:

- 45%** Children remained safely in their homes
- 29%** Children remained in foster or relative care
- 12%** Children were reunified with their families
- 7%** Children achieved permanency through adoption or legal guardianship
- 3%** Youth emancipated from Foster Care
- 3%** Children were referred to DFCS for investigation

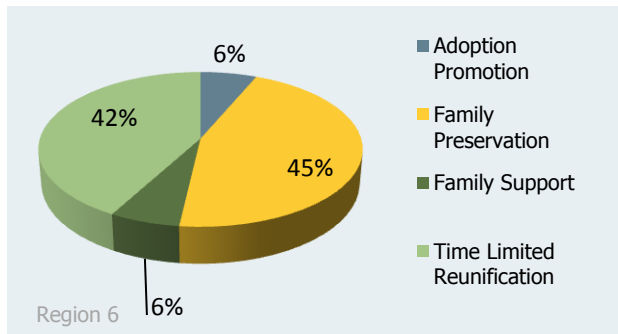
Georgia's Promoting Safe and Stable Families program has steadily built a network of community-based organizations reflecting the state's commitment to ensuring that families have access to the highest quality services and resources needed to help children and youth grow into healthy, contributing members 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

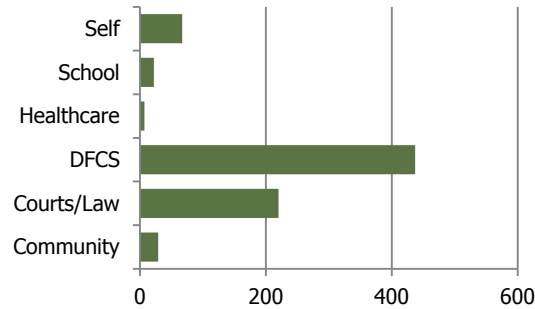
PSSF funds provide services to at-risk families in the areas of:

- **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

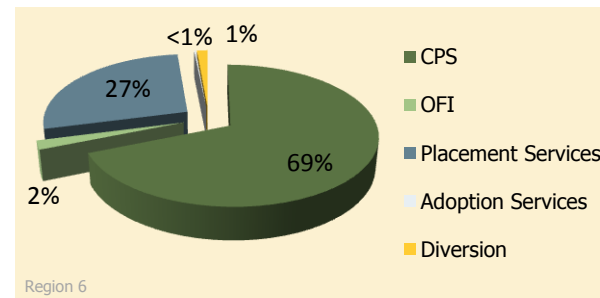
Service Allocation



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 6, visit the Family Services Resource Guide at www.pssfnet.com.

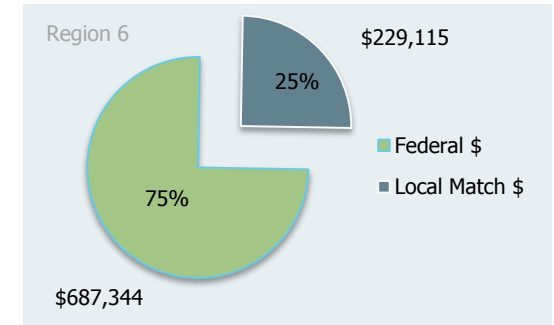
- Baldwin County DFCS
- CASA of Houston County, Inc.
- Central Georgia CASA, Inc
- HODAC, Inc.
- Monroe County DFCS
- Morningstar Children and Family Services, Inc. (Macon)
- Ocmulgee CASA, Inc.
- Putnam County DFCS
- River Edge Behavioral Health Center
- Twin Cedars Youth and Family Services, Inc.
- Wilkinson County DFCS

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 6.

- Center-based Parent Education
- Center-based Support Group
- Child/Family Assessment
- Crisis Intervention
- Effective Discipline/Behavior Management
- Family Life Skills
- Follow-up Services
- Healthcare Screening/Services
- Home-based Parent Education
- Information and Referral Services
- Legal Advocacy
- Mentoring and Tutoring
- Parent/Child Activities
- Residential Aftercare
- Stress/Anger Management
- Substance Abuse Recovery Support
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Therapeutic Counseling
- Transportation

