

A man and a woman in business attire are looking at a tablet together in an office setting. The man is wearing a blue sweater and glasses, and the woman is wearing a grey blazer. They are both smiling and looking at the tablet. The background is a blurred office environment with large windows and other people working at desks.

Using Evidence and Financing in Child Welfare to Improve Outcomes

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What You Will Leave With

01 Learn from State Innovation

Outline how lessons learned from state efforts can inform changes at the federal level.

02 Apply Evidence & Financing Strategies

Identify practical ways states and jurisdictions can use evidence and financing strategies to improve outcomes for children and families.

03 Leverage Federal Tools

Describe how federal tools such as context measures, the AFCARS dashboard, and related ACF initiatives can supplement state evidence and support state improvement efforts.

04 Strengthen State Improvement

Learn about federal and state progress on, among a number of initiatives, A Home for Every Child, the streamlined Child and Family Services Review processes, CCWIS reform and the lessons emerging from that work.



Session Outline



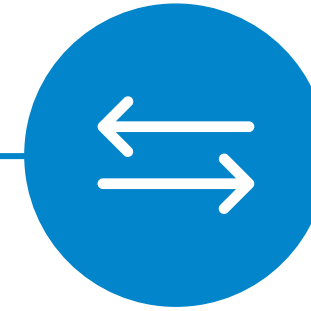
State Examples

- Performance-Based Contracting
- Continuous Quality Improvement



Lessons Learned

- Monitoring
- Accountability
- Data-Driven



Federal Changes

- Context Measures
- AFCARS
- A Home for Every Child
- Modified CFSR and PIP



Why PBC in Tennessee?

01 Improve outcomes for children and families

02 Move beyond compliance

03 Reward outcomes instead of activities

04 Encourage innovation

05 Use evidence to inform decisions at the systems and practice levels

06 Build a stronger provider network

07 Better collaborate with providers



Tennessee Core Outcomes



Promote timely permanency



Decrease days spent in foster care



Minimize reentry into foster care



Tennessee Example of PBC Baselines, Targets, and Actuals Workbook (BTA)

Admissions (FY 2009-2010)	Projected Remaining on			Cumulative Perm Exits			Avg Caredays in Interval			Total Caredays in Interval			Non Perm (Cum)		Transfers (Cum)		Reentry (Cum)	
	Admits	7/1/2010	7/1/2010	Baseline	Target	Actual	Baseline	Target	Actual	Baseline	Target	Actual	Baseline	Actual	Baselines	Actuals	Baseline	Actual
A/N/U 0-13	22	13	13	5	6	5	101	91	135	2,219	1,997	2,971	0	0	6	4	%/Count	%/Count
A/N/U 14 +	37	20	21	6	6	5	137	123	118	5,076	4,569	4,358	7	1	5	10		
JDs	83	55	42	8	9	21	154	139	166	12,803	11,523	13,755	10	8	7	12	0%	3%
Total	142	88	76	19	21	31	142	127	148	20,098	18,088	21,084	17	9	17	26	0	1
Grand Total	238	101	87	65	72	79				42,090	37,881	37,090	28	20	30	52	3	8
																	4%	11%
Yr 1 Perf Grid:				Perm	Days	Reentry												
Exceed Target				X	X	-												
Between Target & Baseline				-	-	X												
Below Baseline				-	-	-												



Tennessee Results



**Permanency
Rates Increased
Relative to Prior
Performance**



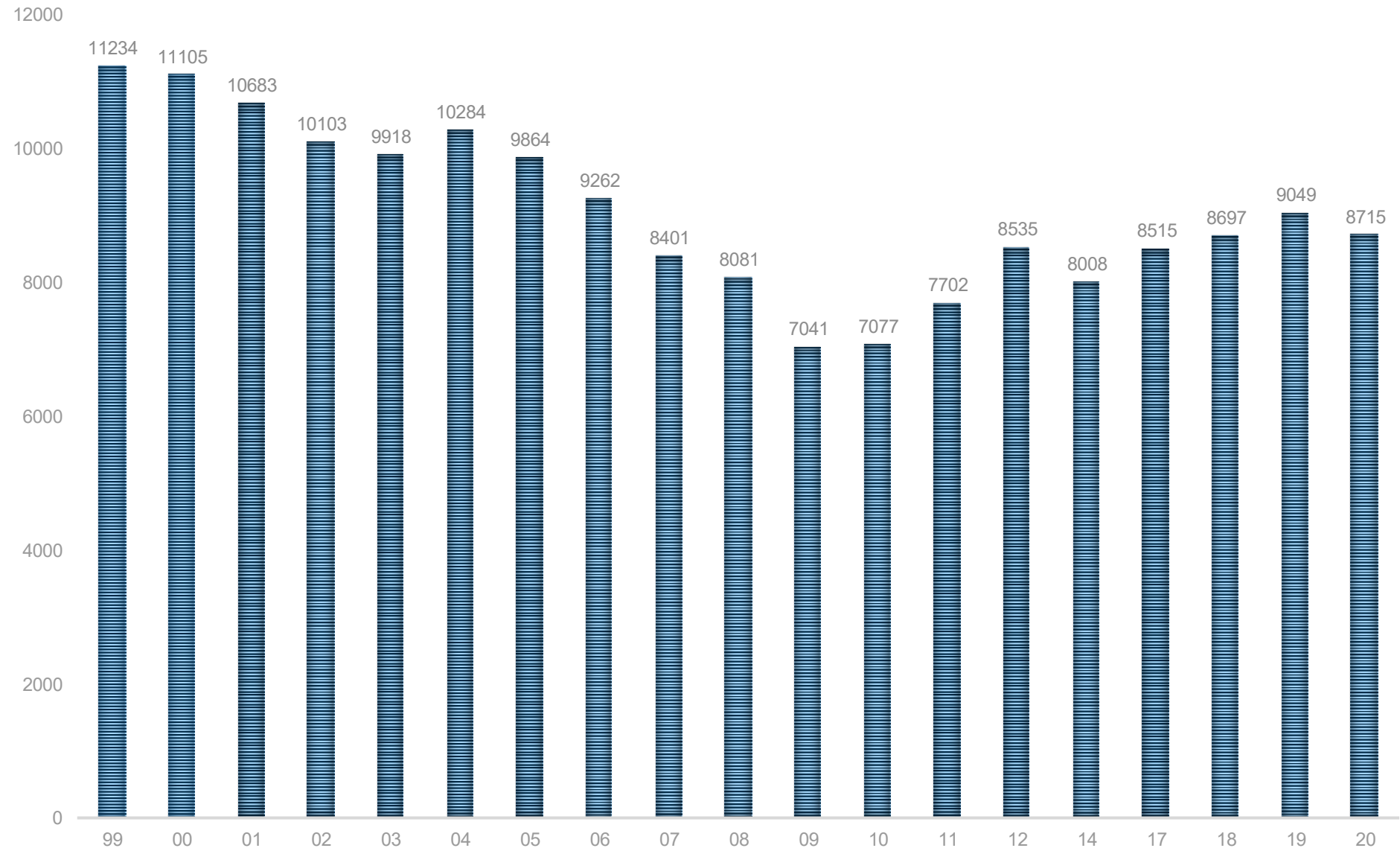
**Cost Neutral - Funds
Available To
Successful Providers
to Reinvest In
Programming**



Number of Children in Tennessee State Custody 1999-2020

11,234 children in state custody on December 31, 1999

On December 31, 2009, there were 7,041 children in state custody



Performance Summary: Phase I Providers – First Two Years of PBC

All Admissions: FY 2006-2007 and FY 2007-2008		
Activity Observed through June 30, 2008		
All Providers (n=5)	Care Days	Permanent Exits
Baseline	1,099,845	1,606
Actual	1,055,892	1,796
Difference	-43,953	190
Percent Difference	-4%	12%



Performance Summary: All Providers

All Admissions: July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012		
Activity Observed through June 30, 2012		
All Providers (n=29)	Care Days	Permanent Exits
Baseline	2,876,651	5,808
Actual	2,799,650	6,070
Difference	-77,001	262
Percent Difference	-3%	5%



01

Cross Regional Workbook

02

Child Spell File

03

Foster Parent Spell File



What were some of our lessons learned?



Federal Changes

Context Measures

- Child Protective Services
- Foster Care
- Demographic Breakdowns

AFCARS Dashboard

- In Care Dashboard
- Entry Dashboard
- Exit Dashboard

A Home for Every Child and Modified CFSR and PIP Pilots

- Clear goal
- Clear baseline strategies to track progress

Changes on the Horizon...



Federal Context Measures

Child Protective Services (CPS)

These measures describe how a state responds to reports of abuse and neglect:

- Referral volume and screen-in rates
- Timeliness of investigations or assessments
- Use of traditional investigations versus alternative response pathways
- Victimization by maltreatment type
- Perpetrator relationship to the child

Foster Care

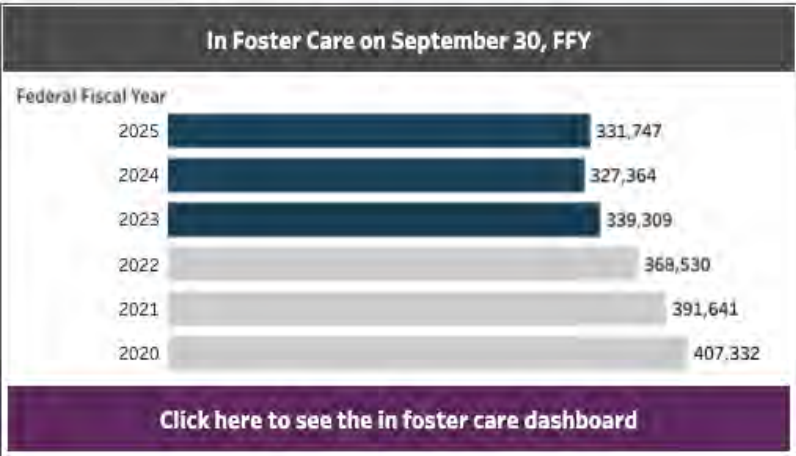
These measures describe the size, characteristics, and movement of a state's foster care population:

- Entries, exits, and children remaining in care
- Reasons children enter foster care
- Placement types, including kinship, non-relative foster homes, and congregate care
- Placement changes and stability
- Discharge outcomes such as reunification, adoption, guardianship, or aging out

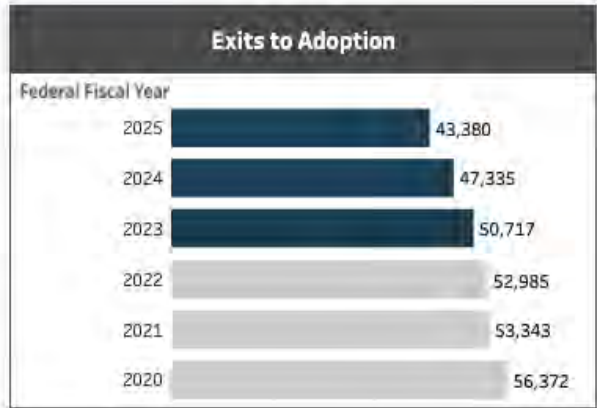
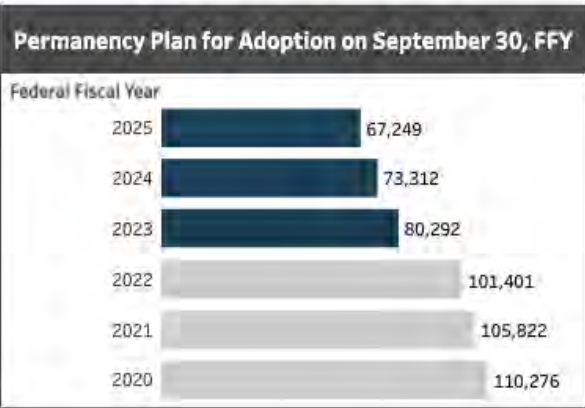


AFCARS Dashboards

Population Dashboards



Additional Foster Care Subpopulations



https://tableau-public.acf.gov/views/afcars_dashboard_main_page/mainpage?%3Aembed=y&%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y



A Home for Every Child and Modified CFSR and PIP Pilots

- Focus strategies and implementation on the *A Home for Every Child* ratio.
- Monthly data reporting on the ratio, chaser measures and lead measures
- Exempt from current Program Improvement Plan (PIP) development, implementation and measurement.
- On the horizon...



How do we see these federal changes impacting state innovation?



Thank You

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