

Children, Youth and Families Division FY 2022

Presentation to the Advisory Social Services Board



FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
FAMILY SERVICES



Children, Youth and Families Programs

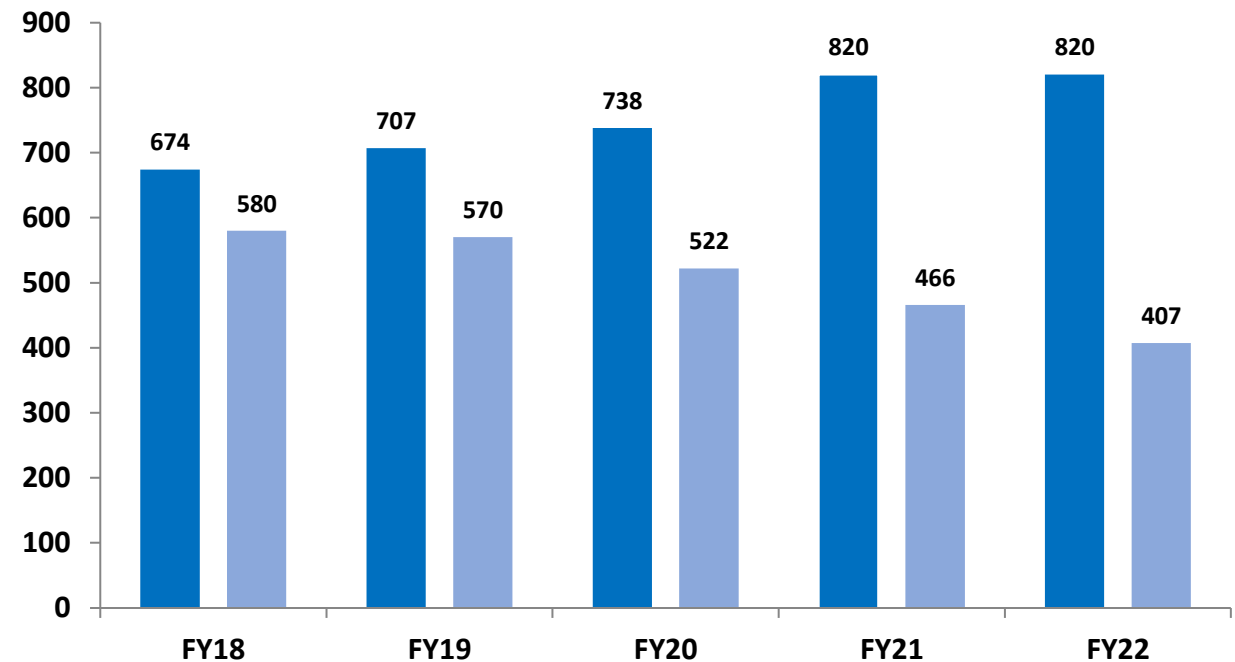
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 - Healthy Families Fairfax (HFF)
 - Neighborhood Networks (NN)
 - Parenting Education Programs (PEP)
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- **Child Protective Services (CPS)**
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- **Foster Care & Adoption (FC&A)**
- **Foster Care & Adoption- Resource and Support (FC&A- R&S)**
- **Family Engagement Programs**
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 - Family Partnership Unit
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Prevention- Healthy Families Fairfax (HFF)

Evidence-based home visiting program offering parents at risk of maltreating their child(ren) home-based parenting education, health information, and referrals to community support.

- **In FY22, HFF served 820 families and 407 children with home visiting services and/or receiving an assessment for program eligibility.**
- **HFF staff completed over 5,000 home visits.**
- **90% of target children were screened for developmental delays.**
- **96% were up-to-date with their immunizations while in the program.**

Number of Families/Children Served



Prevention- Neighborhood Networks

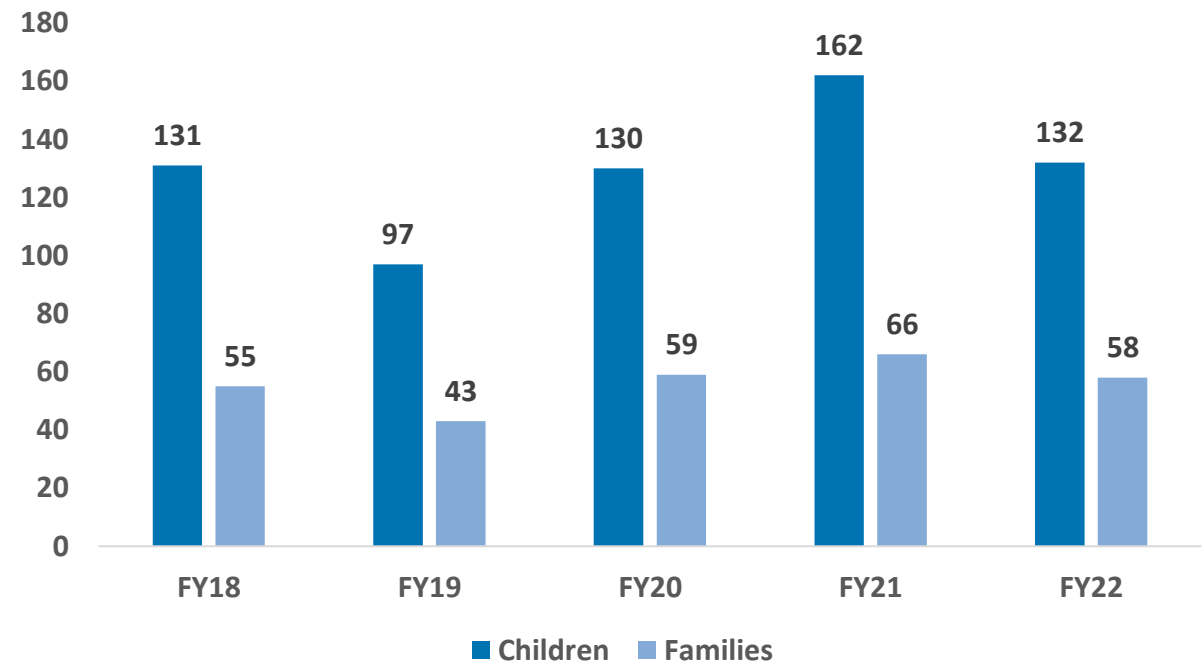
Reduces risk factors related to child abuse and neglect by enhancing families' networks of support and helping them become leaders in their own community.

In FY22, NN served 132 children and 58 families.

NN uses the North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAS) tool to capture family strengths and areas of need.

- In FY22, 85% percent of families rated as baseline or above at closing on the Social/Community Life, Parental Capabilities, and Child Well-Being domains of the NCFAS tool

Number of Children/Families Served



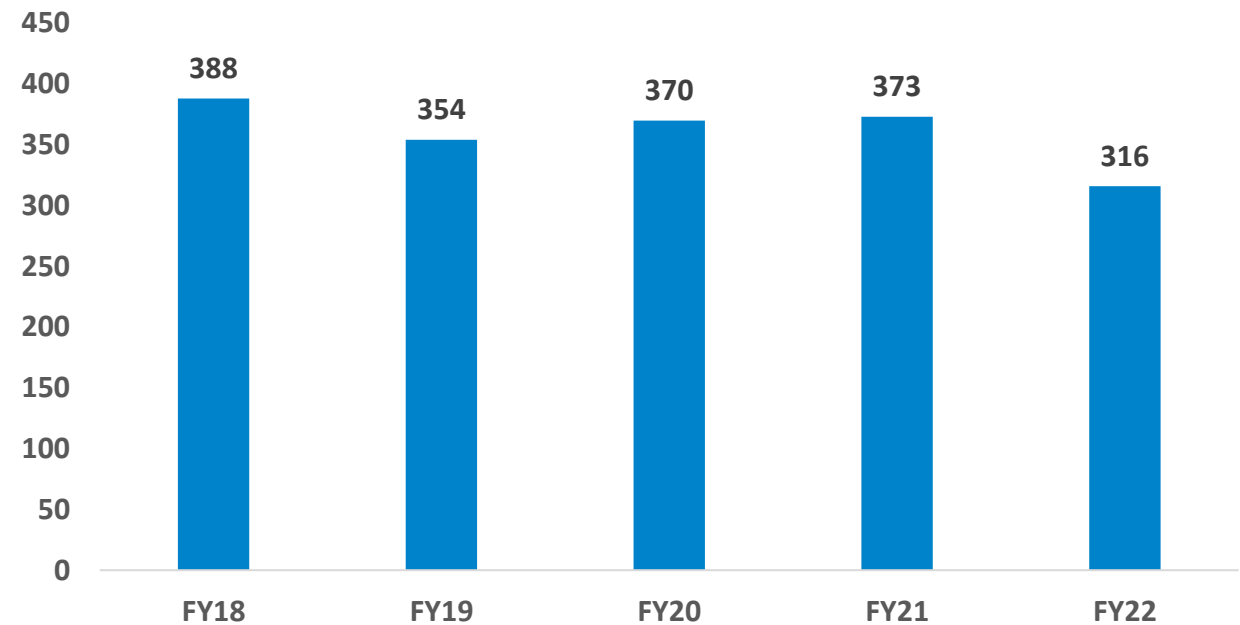
Prevention- Parenting Education Programs (PEP)

Offers group-based comprehensive classes using evidence-based curricula to families in Fairfax County, especially those at risk of child abuse and neglect.

In FY22,

- PEP served 316 families (including 376) in groups.
- 78% of parents completing a group demonstrated improved parenting and childrearing attitudes.

Number of Families Served in Groups



Prevention- Volunteer & Partner Services (VPS)

Engages volunteers and builds partnerships to support families with children who are at risk of abuse or neglect, or who are placed in foster care or with relatives. Volunteers served in a variety of roles including office administrative support, mentors for BeFriend-A-Child and facilitators for PEP, the Dad's Parenting Groups, the Body Safety program and the Study Buddy Tutoring program.

- In FY 22, VPS had 134 active volunteers who completed 5,036 hours with an estimated value of \$155,119.
- VPS received a total of \$526,256 in donations from partners and donors.



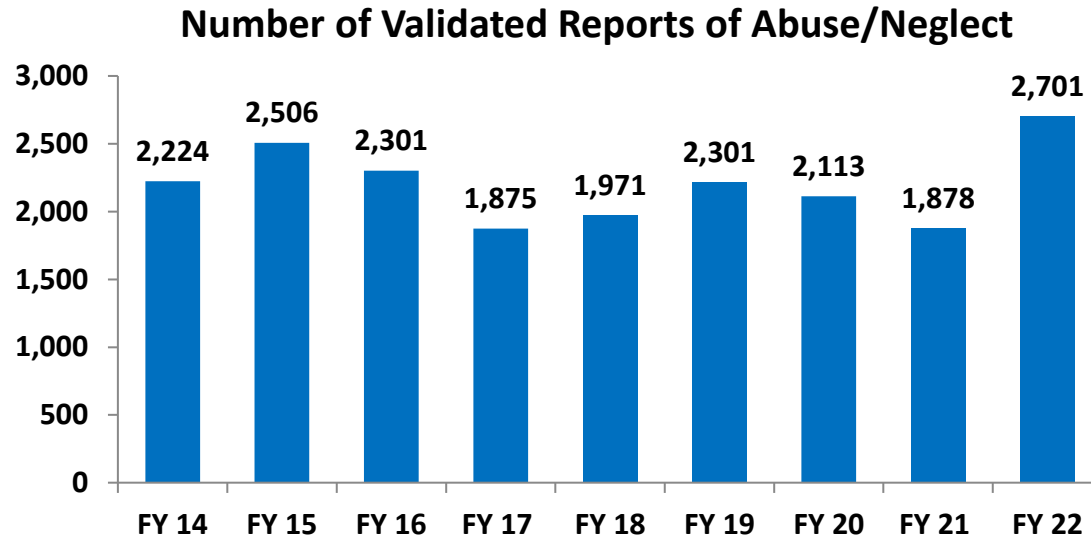
Adopt-A-Family
**Nearly
\$386,000**
worth of gifts
given in FY 22



\$23,642
FY 22 Gift Cards
Given to Families

Child Protective Services (CPS)

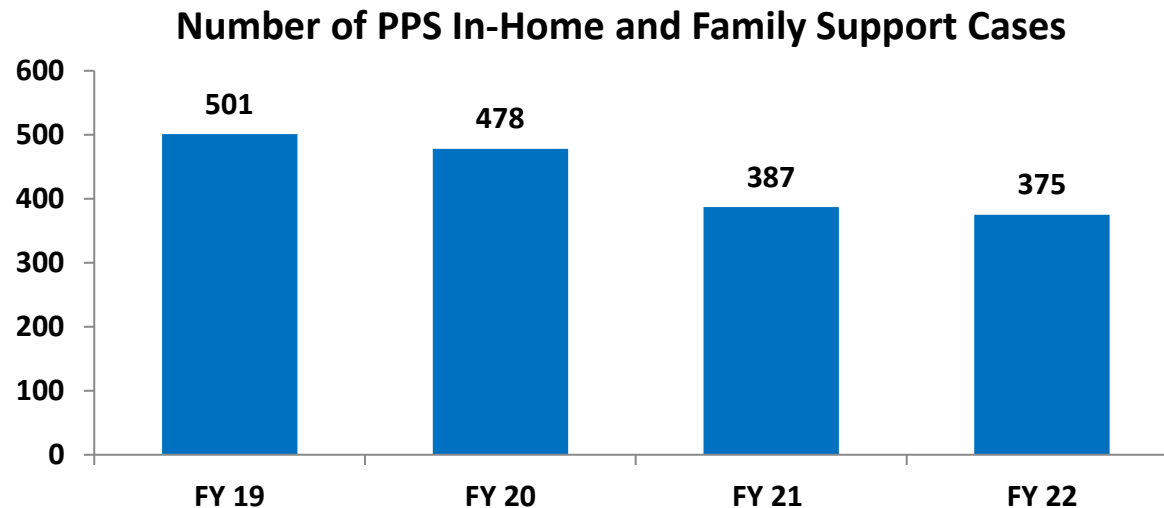
Staff receives and responds to reports of abused and neglected children and provides services to strengthen families by enhancing parents' capacity to nurture their children in a safe environment



- The number of validated reports of abuse or neglect increased by 44% from FY 21 to FY 22.

Protection and Preservation Services (PPS)

Purpose is to prevent child abuse and neglect and preserve families by enhancing families' ability to provide safe, stable, and nurturing environments for their children.

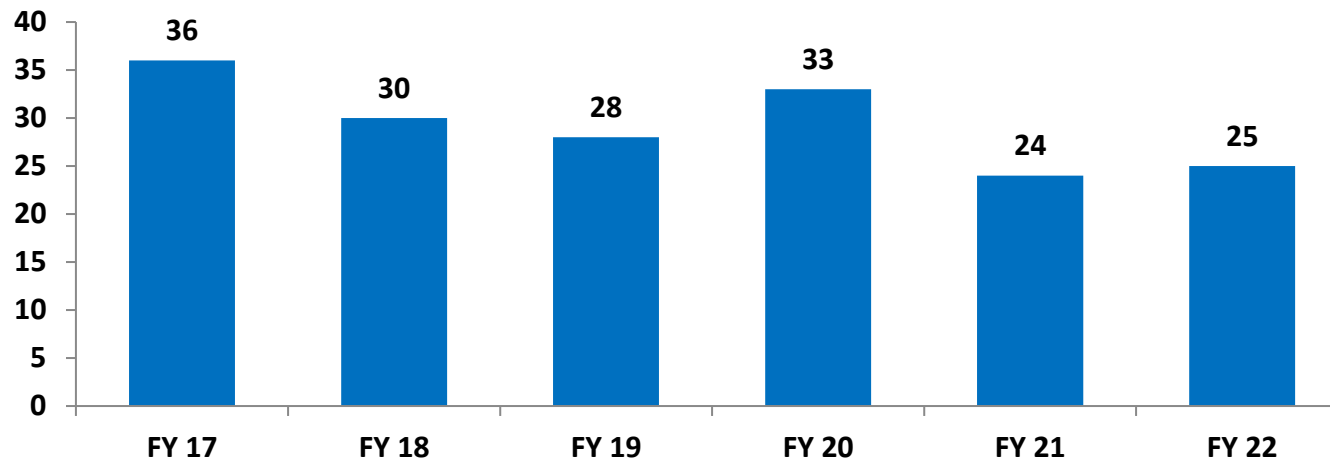


- In FY 22, 99% of the families served had their child remain safely in the home during services.

Family Engagement Programs- Kinship Care Unit

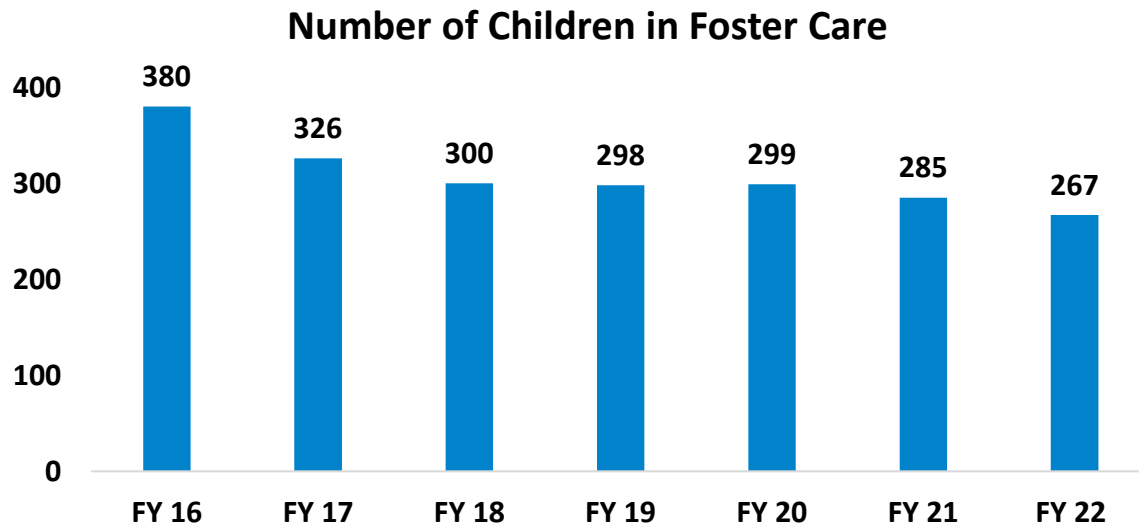
Supports relatives or fictive family as they provide care, nurturance, and safety to children placed in their homes. Staff provides ongoing case management services to the kinship triad (caregiver, prior caregivers, and child) to support the family in achieving safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

Kinship Care Unit- Number of Families Served



Foster Care & Adoption

Ensures the safety, permanency and well-being for children by providing a safe, temporary living arrangement for children and helps children leave foster care to a permanent legal family through reunification, adoption or transfer of custody to a relative.



- 64% of the children who exited care in FY 22 exited to permanency:
 - 30% adoption
 - 24% reunification
 - 10% relative placement

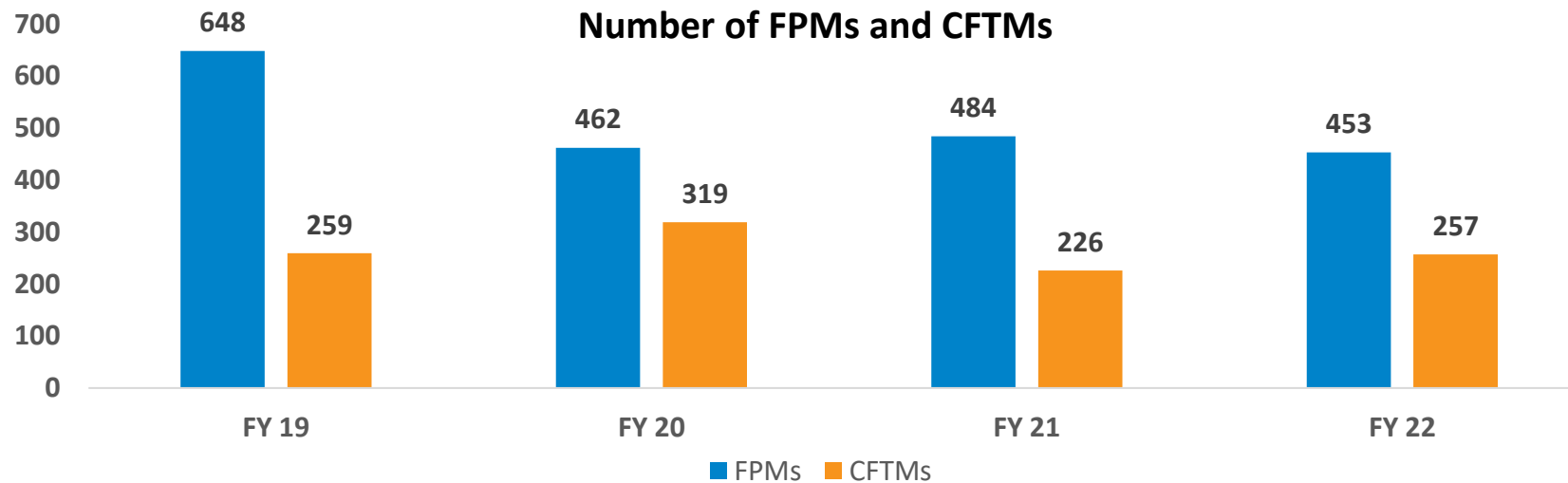
Foster Care & Adoption- Resource & Support

The programs within FC&A Resource & Support, with an example of their work, include:

- Adoption & Kinship Assistance
 - 393 Adoption Assistance and 17 Kinship Assistance cases on last day of October 2022
- Permanency & Life Skills
 - 63% of youth aged over 18 years and under 21 years exited foster care with a high school diploma or GED
- Training & Home Studies
 - 290 attendees at information meetings in FY 22
 - 23 potential resource families completed required pre-service trainings
- Placement & Resource
 - Supported 127 resource homes, 56% had placements in FY 22
 - 20% of children were in a relative foster placement at end of FY 22

Family Engagement Programs- Family Partnership Unit

These are required at, but not limited to, five decision points. Staff facilitate structured meetings that include family members, DFS staff and other service providers. The meetings focus on family strengths and provide a safe venue to discuss safety concerns for children and other family members.



FPMs: Family Partnership Meetings

CFTMs: Child and Family Team Meetings

Family Engagement Programs- Father Engagement Unit

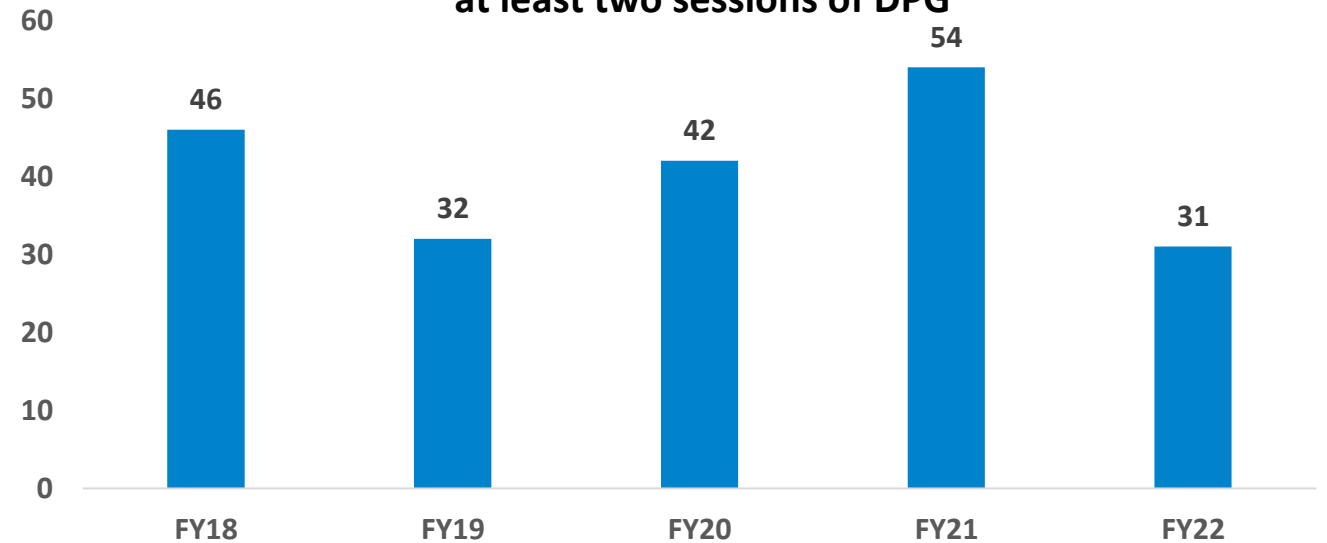
Leads the division's efforts to strengthen work with fathers by providing ongoing staff training and implementing policies, strategies and services to meet the needs of fathers and their families.

In FY22, FEU served 31 families through Dads Parenting Groups (DPG).

FEU uses the Protective Factors survey (PFS) tool to measure the protective factors of fathers.

- 100% of DPG graduates disagreed with the statement – *When I discipline my child, I lose control.*

Number of fathers who attended at least two sessions of DPG



Quality Programs

Quality Programs consists of 3 main teams- Quality Assurance (QA), Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) and Staff Development:

- **The QA unit assists program staff in producing data, outcome measures and reports that lead to actionable insights to help inform and improve all programs across the division.**
- **The CQI team contributes to improving practices in CYF through strategic and collaborative efforts that result in developing capacity in the organization.**
- **The Staff Development team ensures high quality experiential learning is provided to staff to ensure a professional, competent and stable child welfare workforce.**