



FAIRFAX COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
FAMILY SERVICES

Children, Youth and Families Division: Promoting Resilience in Families

Presentation to ASSB

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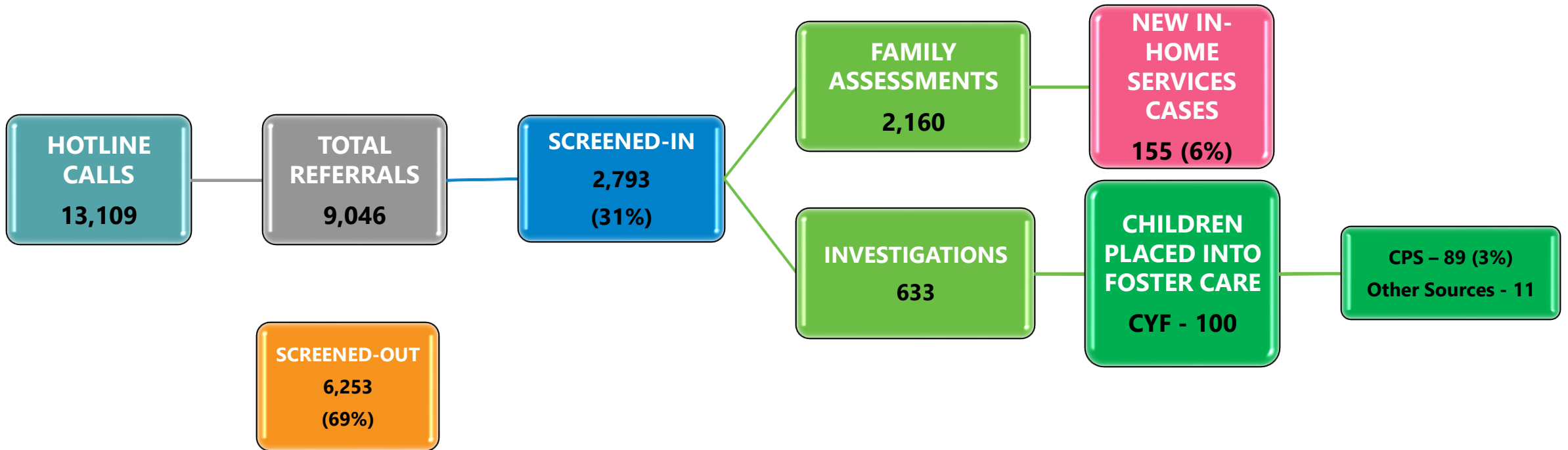
CYF Services - FY 2023 Data

- Prevention Services
 - Parenting Education: 250 families served
 - Healthy Families Fairfax: 799 families served
 - Neighborhood Networks: 52 families served
 - Body Safety: 8,663 children served
- Child Protective Services
 - Number of referrals screened: 9,045
 - Number of referrals assigned to CPS: 2,791
- In-Home Services
 - Number of families served: 270 families served
- Foster Care
 - Number of children in care at end of FY22: 211 children
 - Number of youth served in Fostering Futures at end of FY22: 38 youth



Flow Through CPS, In-Home Services, and Entries Into Foster Care

FY 2023



Foster Care Placement Rate National, State, Local FY 2021



CYF Prevention Services

Philosophy

Supporting children is one of the most important jobs of any caregiver. All caregivers need their own support - regardless of their culture, income, location or how they identify. In Fairfax County, we want to normalize that it is okay for all caregivers to seek support; ensure they know where to find that support; and when they request support, ensure it meets their unique needs in a timely manner.

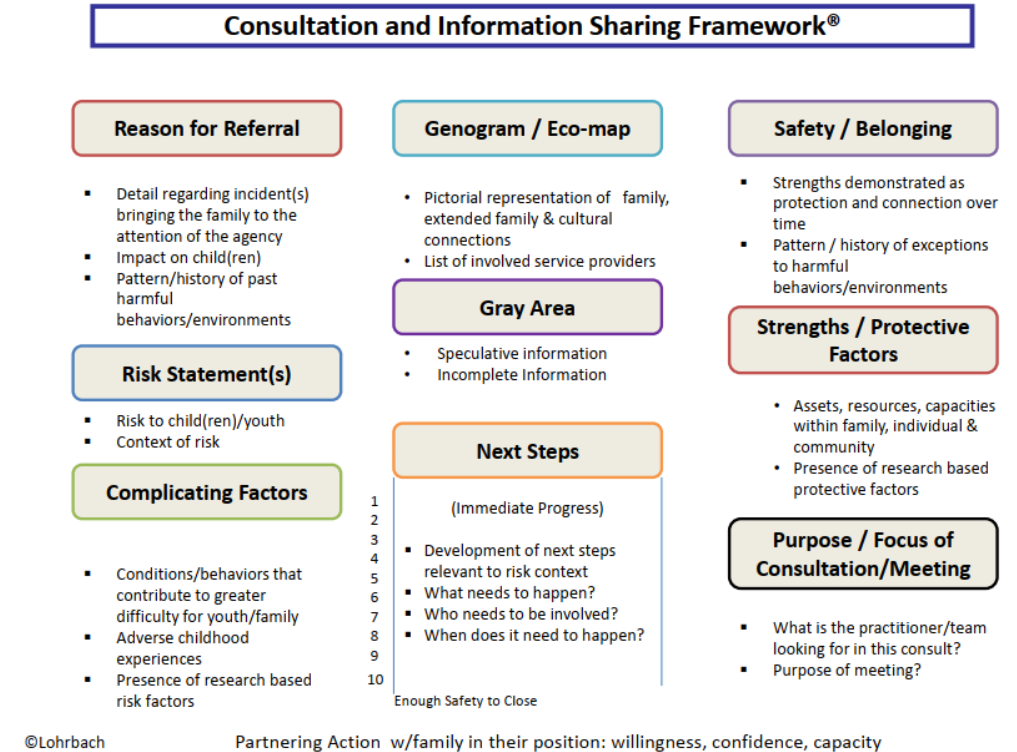


Fairfax County has over 1 million residents and it is important that caregivers have many options for resources that appropriately supports their families. The Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Services (Prevention Program) offers various options to try and reflect Fairfax County's diverse population.

We seek to strengthen families, promote healthy family functioning, and encourage families to become self-reliant.

The Safe & Connected™ Model

- Includes a research informed framework, engaged assessments based on strengths, needs and risks, and analytical decision making in partnership with families.
- Created by Sue Lohrbach, PhD, LICSW, Executive Director of the KVC Institute for Health Systems Innovation (<https://www.kvc.org/the-safe-connected-model/>)
- Practice Tenets:
 - Partnership
 - Collaboration
 - Culture is Always Present
 - Language Impacts Practice
 - Critical Thinking Leads to Improved Practice
 - Use of Research and Applied Evidence



Child Welfare Institute Onboarding Academy Goals

Ground new hires in CYF Guiding Principles (vision, mission, values, beliefs) and promote consistent practice across CYF programs

Promote practitioners' physical, psychological, and social well-being

Support the development of practitioners' skills to confidently practice in alignment with the Safe & Connected™ Practice Model

