



DCFS Advisory Board Dashboard Q4 2024

- 1. Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Qualitative Case Reviews:** All Ohio Counties participate in a Child Protection Oversight and Evaluation (CPOE) process. The state reviews a sample of cases and discusses findings with leadership through frontline staff. The state Technical Assistance Specialists assigned to Cuyahoga report back on the areas of the Federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) where CCDCFS is performing above or below national benchmarks, based on case reviews, interviews, and statewide system data.

A **Plan for Practice Advancement (PPA)** is developed through a collaborative process, prioritizing areas needing improvement and outlining strategies for the prioritized items. Once approved, the state evaluates progress on a quarterly basis and when we've achieved a goal, we work to maintain it and move to the next priority or modify strategies if more work is needed to meet the benchmark. During each review period, Cuyahoga and the State discuss progress with identified strategies, updated data, and ideas to modify strategies as needed. The chart below summarizes each federal standard, current goal, baseline data for the current CPOE process, and quarterly data:

Child Protection Oversight & Evaluation: Long Form Standards & Metrics												
Item/Standard Rate	Federal/State Avg./Benchmark	Goal: % Improvement & Timeframe	Starting Point (7/1/21 - 12/31/21)	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024
Rate of Reports Screened-in	41.3% (State Avg.)	10% decrease in 12 Mos.	65.00%	56.40%	55.50%	50.10%	47.90%	47.60%	45.10%	44.40%	47.10%	42.90%
Screen-in rate designated as emergencies	3.5% (Metro Avg.)	10% decrease in 12 Mos.	25.00%	12.00%	13.00%	13%	13.50%	12.60%	12.70%	11.00%	8.00%	9.60%
Dependency Reports Screening Designation: Accuracy & Consistency	N/A	2% decrease in 12 Mos.	6.60%	7.80%	6.70%	6.40%	6.70%	5.13%	5.00%	6.00%	5.00%	5.00%
Initiate Assessment & Investigations Timely	≥95% (Federal Benchmark)	≥95%	81.20%	88.30%	85.50%	84.50%	88.50%	92.30%	95.50%	94.80%	95.50%	95.00%
Complete Assessment & Investigations Timely	68.10% (State Avg.)	10% Increase in 12 Mos.	59.90%	54.10%	55.80%	59.30%	61.60%	60.00%	68.50%	69.60%	61.50%	67.60%
Child Safety for 6 Mos. Following an Indicated or Substantiated Report of Abuse/Neglect	92.20% (State Avg.)	Achieved - Maintain	93.10%	93.80%	94.30%	93.70%	93.50%	93.00%	96.50%	93.10%	94.40%	93.20%
Child Safety: Active In-Home Services	99.4% (State Avg.)	99.40%	99.10%	99.00%	98.90%	99.30%	99.30%	99.20%	98.7%*	98.80%*	98.70%*	98.8%*
Face to Face Contact with Children	≥95% (Federal Benchmark)	≥95%	87.34%	73.11%	76.66%	73.76%	79.35%	78.18%	82.68%	84.47%	86.25%	84.54%
Face to Face Contact with Adults	≥95% (Federal Benchmark)	10% Increase in 12 Mos.	56.19%	52.98%	56.71%	53.45%	57.76%	58.20%	59.49%	60.54%	72.94%	77.97%
Child Maltreatment in Out-of-Care Setting	≤9.07% (Federal Benchmark)	≤9.07%	13.50%	18.40%	11.52%	9.40%	7.25%	9.10%*	7.68%	9.60%	10.02%	16.4%*
Initial Kinship Placements	29.5% (State Avg.)	Achieved - Maintain	36.90%	37.50%	32.70%	34.80%	35.10%	33.30%	26.70%	22.00%	27.60%	38.00%

Green = Met Goal/Benchmark; Yellow = Within 10% of Goal/Benchmark; Red = Over 10% Above/Below Goal/Benchmark

Note: Q4: State Screening avg. = 33.7%; State Investigations Timely = 80.9%; State Initial Kinship Placements = 27.9%.

2. Child Protection Teams (CPT) Data

CPT Data	Q1 2024	Q2 2024	Q3 2024	Q4 2024
Number of Cases Referred	49	47	70	37
Number of Children Referred	77	69	113	95

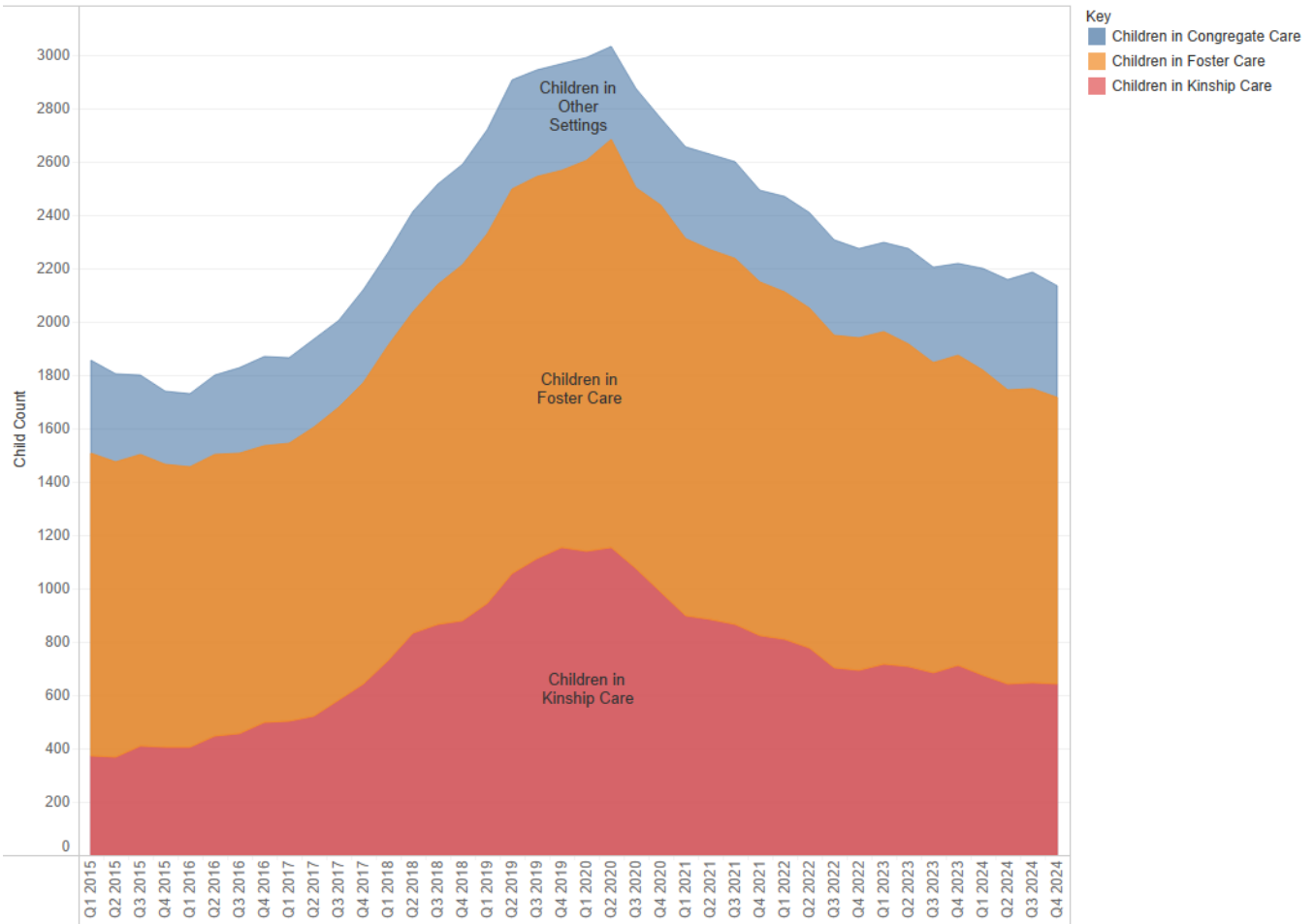
*Cases that met criteria fell by more than 26% in Q4; 50% of families that met criteria agreed to be referred to

3. Foster Parent Recruitment

DCFS – Licensed Foster Parents				
Year	Total # of FC Applications	# Applications from Non-relative Potential FPS	# Applications from Kinship Caregivers	% Applications from Kinship Caregivers
2020	105	58	47	45%
2021	132	62	70	53%
2022	114	72	42	37%
2023	101	42	59	58%
Q1 2024	22	8	14	66%
Q2 2024	25	9	16	64%
Q3 2024	17	4	13	76%
Q4 2024	17	0	17	100%
2024	81	21	60	74%

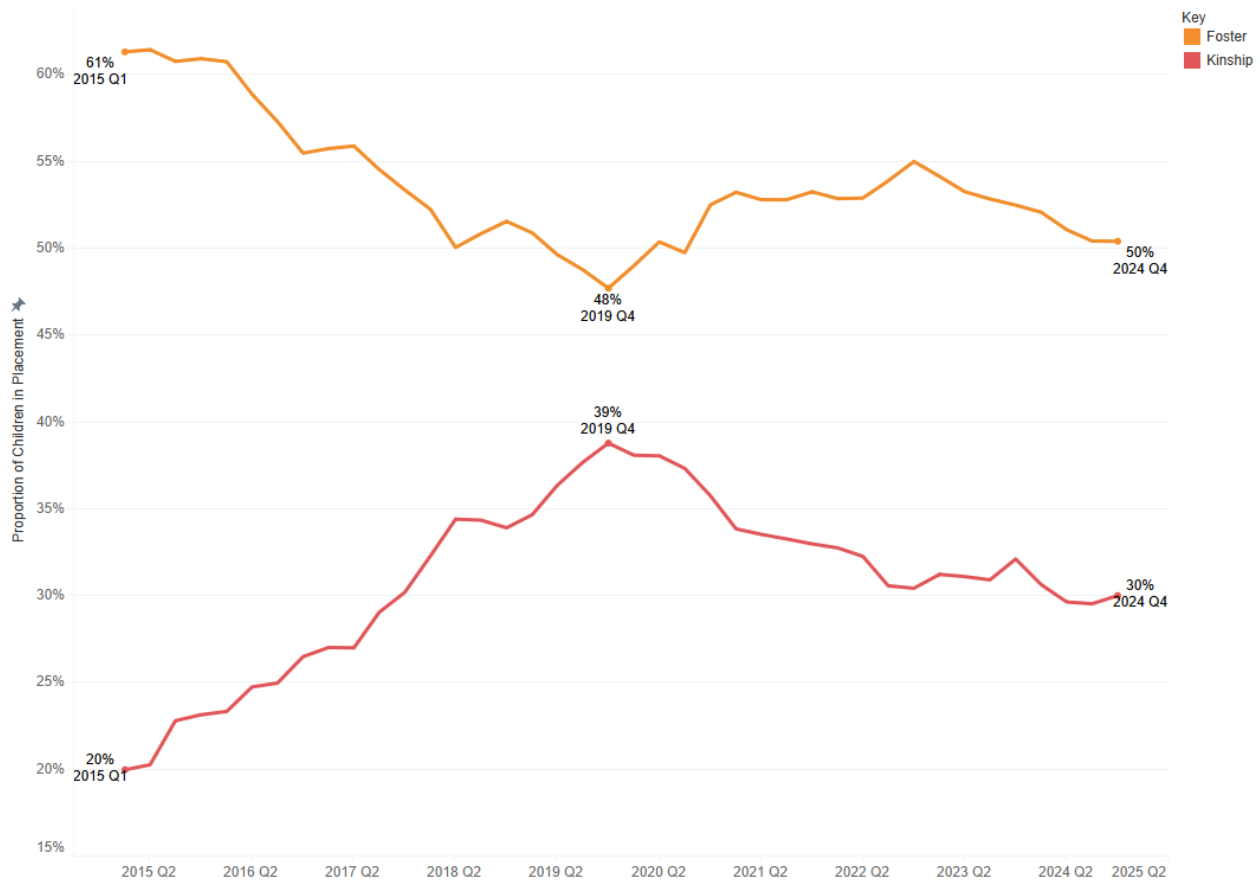
4. Children in Family-Like Settings

Children by Placement Type



- In the time period represented above (2015 to 2024), the number of children in placement peaked at 3,036 children in Q2 2020. At this time, there were 1,529 children in foster care, 1,155 children in kinship care, and 352 children in other settings (congregate care).
- In Q4 2024, there were 2,137 children in placement. 1,077 were in Foster Care, 641 were in Kinship Care, and 419 were in other settings (congregate care).

Proportion of Kids in Family-Like Placements Over Time



The proportion of kids in placement who are in foster or kinship care has declined since 2019 and 2020.

5. Details about Kinship and Foster Providers

- a. Early data shows that the number of active kinship and foster homes has been declining since 2019. We are working to validate the data and will present it to you as we learn more.