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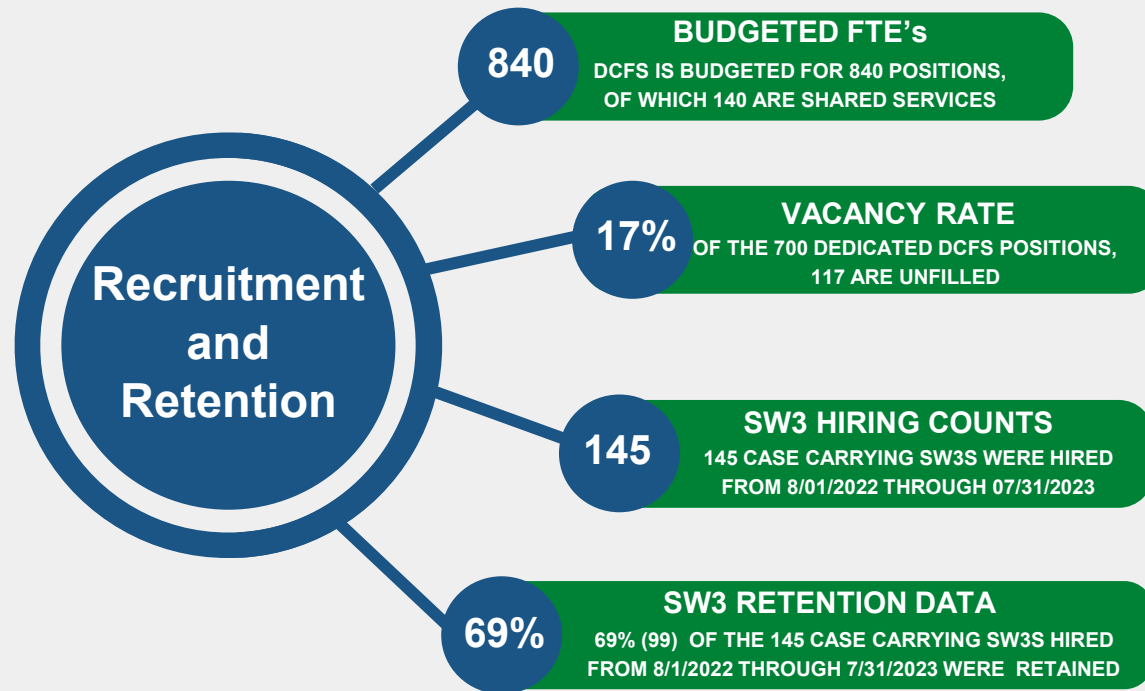
Division of Children and Family Services

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BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

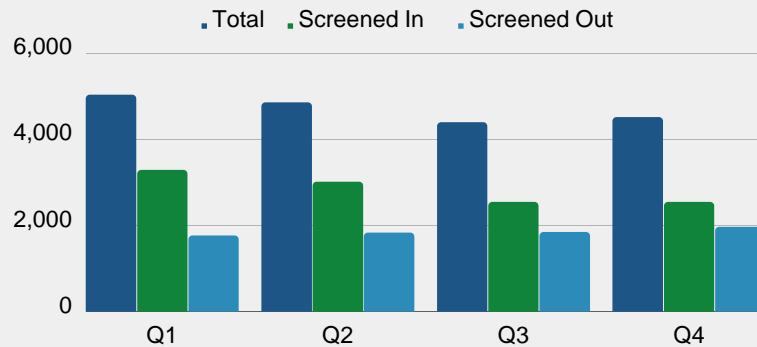
DCFS STAFFING LEVELS



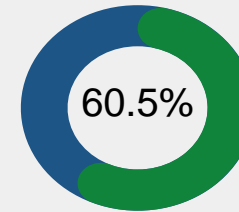
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AGENCY STATS

INVESTIGATION TRENDS

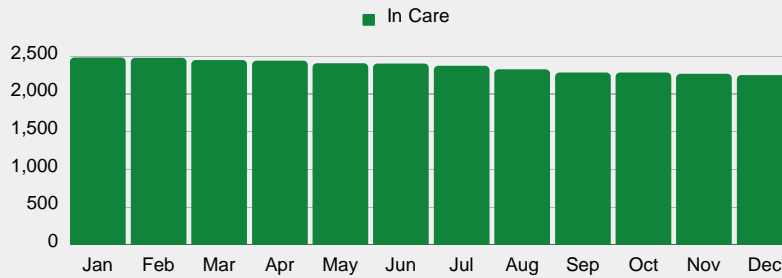


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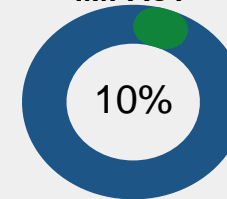


DCFS received 18,365 reports for screening consideration on the Hotline which operates 24 hours/7 days a week. 11,365 of those reports, or 60.5%, were screened in for investigation.

CUSTODY TRENDS



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DCFS had 2,482 children in care on January 1st, 2022. This number decreased every month in 2022 and resulted in 2,250 children in care on December 31st, 2022. This represents a decrease of nearly 10%.



2024 – 2025 IMPLICATIONS

Key Challenges

- Provider Rates
- Capacity Building
- Employee Morale

Targeted Investments

- Focus on prevention and early intervention services as well as increased kinship supports
- Expanded opportunities for community engagement
- Workforce enhancements

Conclusions

- Build upon improvements in practice
- Reduce the number of kids separated from family
- Increase number of kids placed with kin
- Strengthen families and build resilient communities to protect kids from maltreatment





Thank You