

CHILD WELFARE

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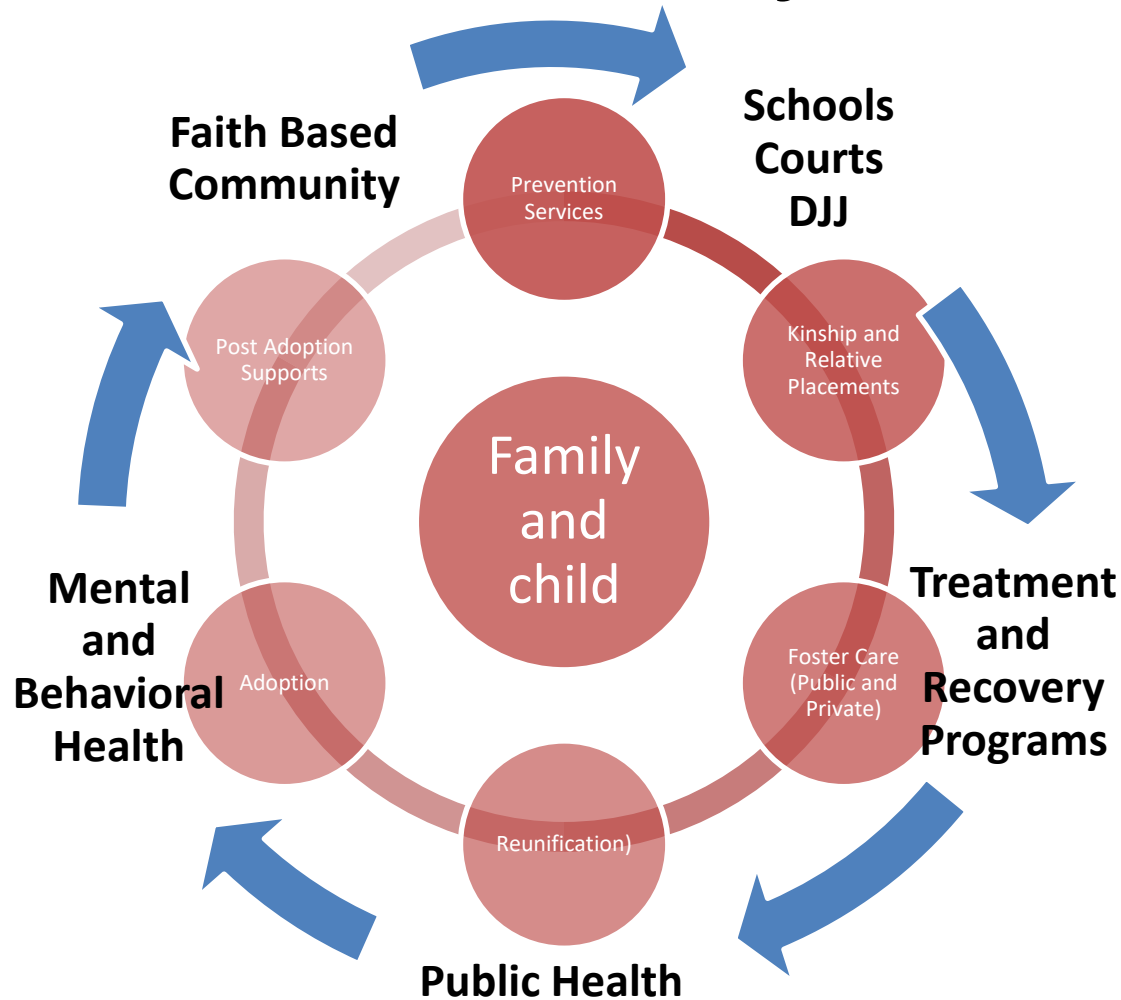
Kids Are Worth It

Eric T. Clark, DCBS Commissioner

September 10, 2019

Redefining the System:

What is Child Welfare?



KENTUCKY LEADS THE NATION IN CHILD ABUSEAND WE HAVE TO DO BETTER

***“WE’VE GOT REAL CHALLENGES.
IF YOU’RE NOT CONCERNED AND
BOTHERED BY WHAT YOU’RE
SEEING, I’M CONCERNED THAT
YOU’RE NOT CONCERNED. WE’VE
GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO...”***

~ ERIC T. CLARK, DCBS COMMISSIONER



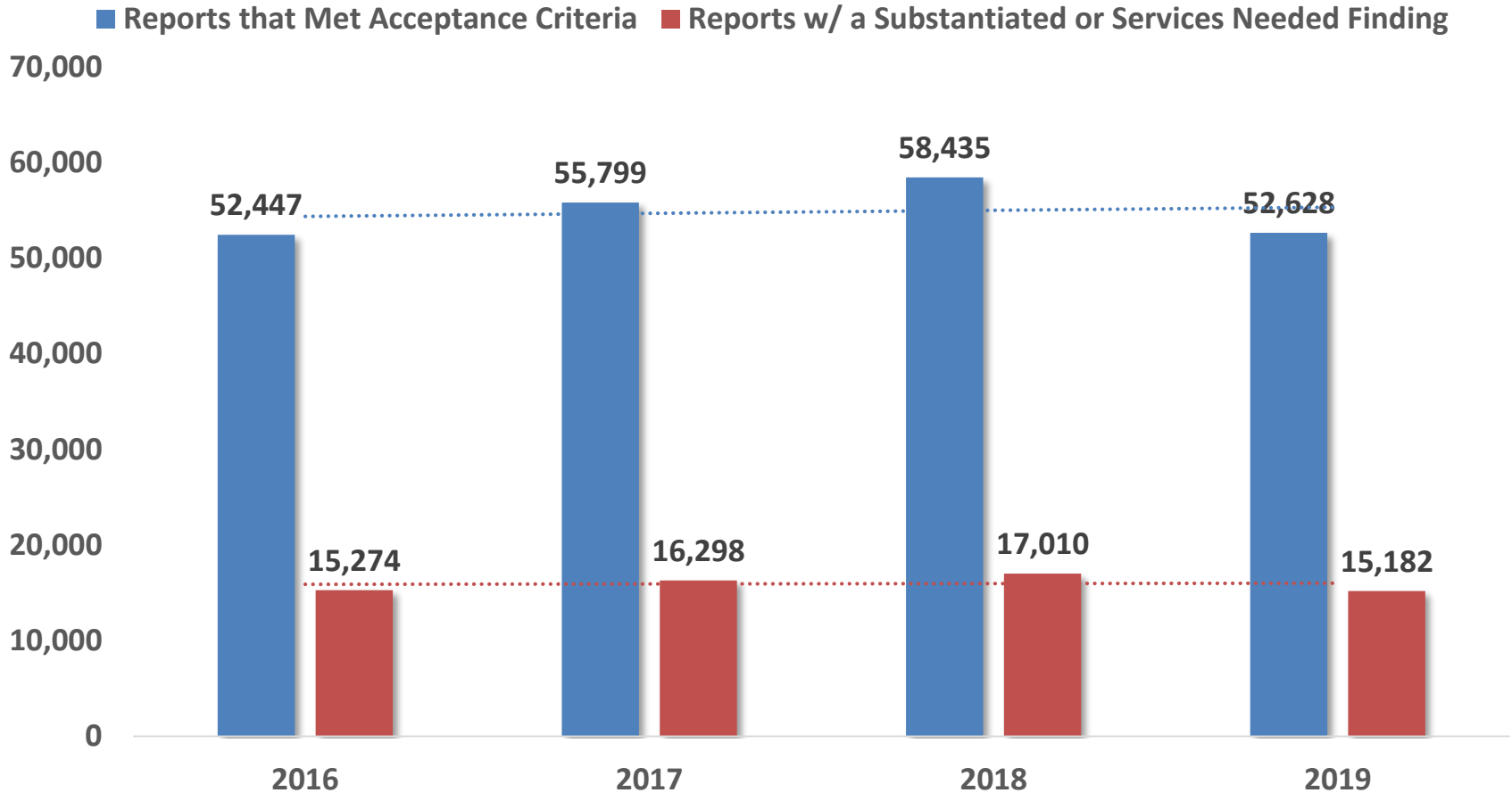
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"The greatest value of a picture is when it forces us to notice what we never expected to see." ~ John W. Tukey



Child Abuse Data

SFY2016 – SFY2019

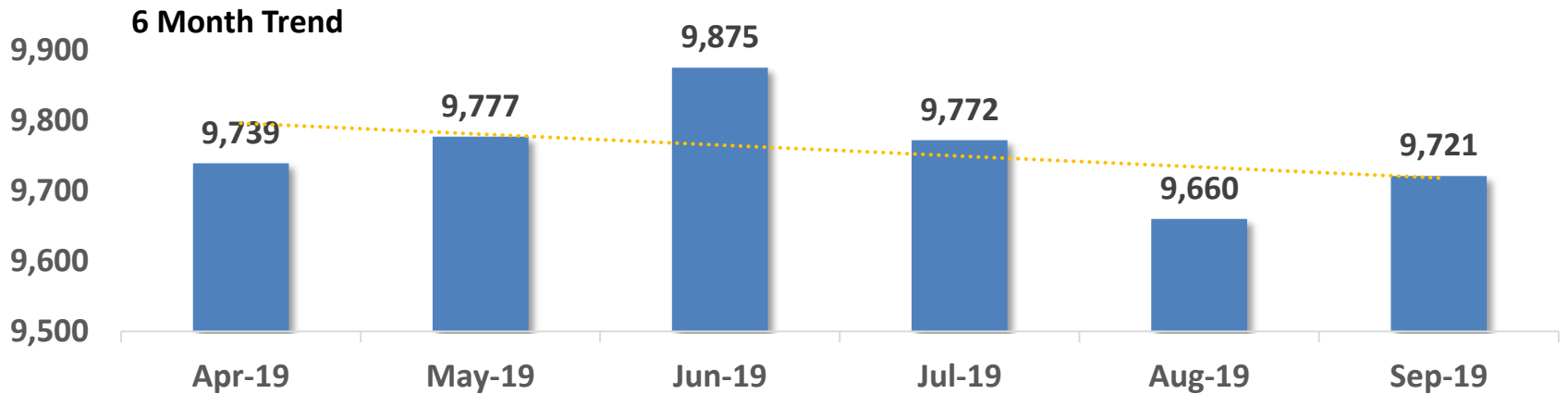
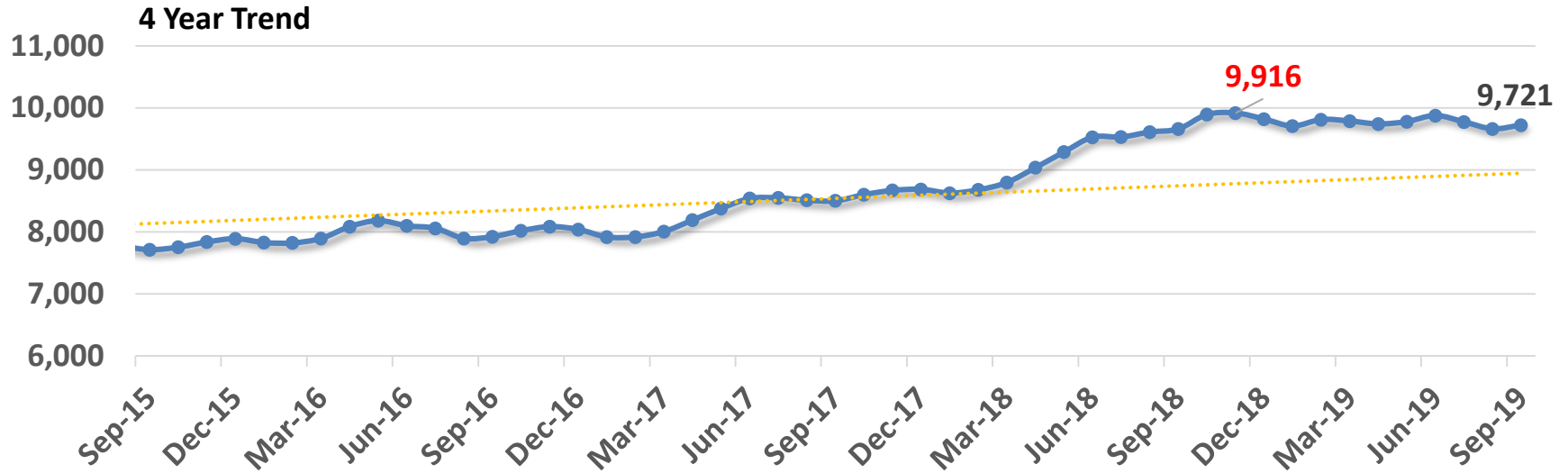


Child Abuse Data: Types of Maltreatment

Reports with a Substantiated or Services Needed Finding of Child Abuse and/or Neglect by SFY by Type of Maltreatment	State Fiscal Year				Total
	2016	2017	2018	2019	
Risk of Harm Neglect	30.9%	34.2%	37.6%	35.0%	34.5%
Basic Neglect	27.0%	28.1%	23.6%	19.1%	24.5%
Physical - Assault/Injury	16.4%	15.5%	14.6%	14.6%	15.3%
Environment	6.7%	7.0%	8.0%	7.7%	7.3%
Supervision	9.3%	5.9%	4.9%	6.9%	6.7%
Sexual Abuse	6.0%	6.0%	6.1%	6.4%	6.1%
Medical Neglect	2.9%	2.5%	2.9%	2.9%	2.8%
Risk of Harm Neg.-Substance Affected Infant*			1.7%	6.7%	2.0%
Emotional Injury	.8%	.5%	.6%	.5%	.6%
Exploitation	.2%	.2%	.1%	.2%	.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

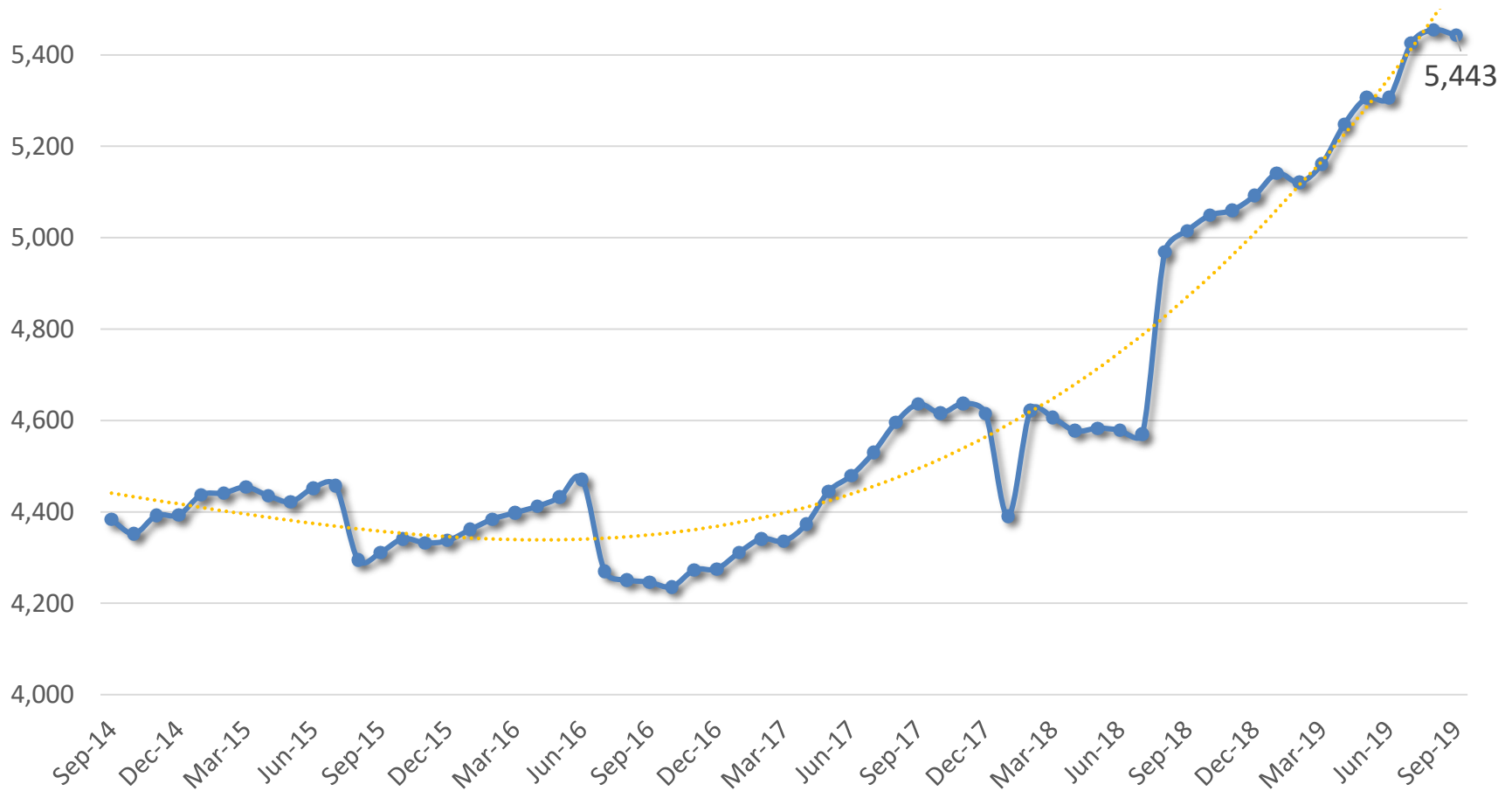
*ROH Neg. Substance Affected Infant added during SFY 2018

Number of Youth in Out of Home Care

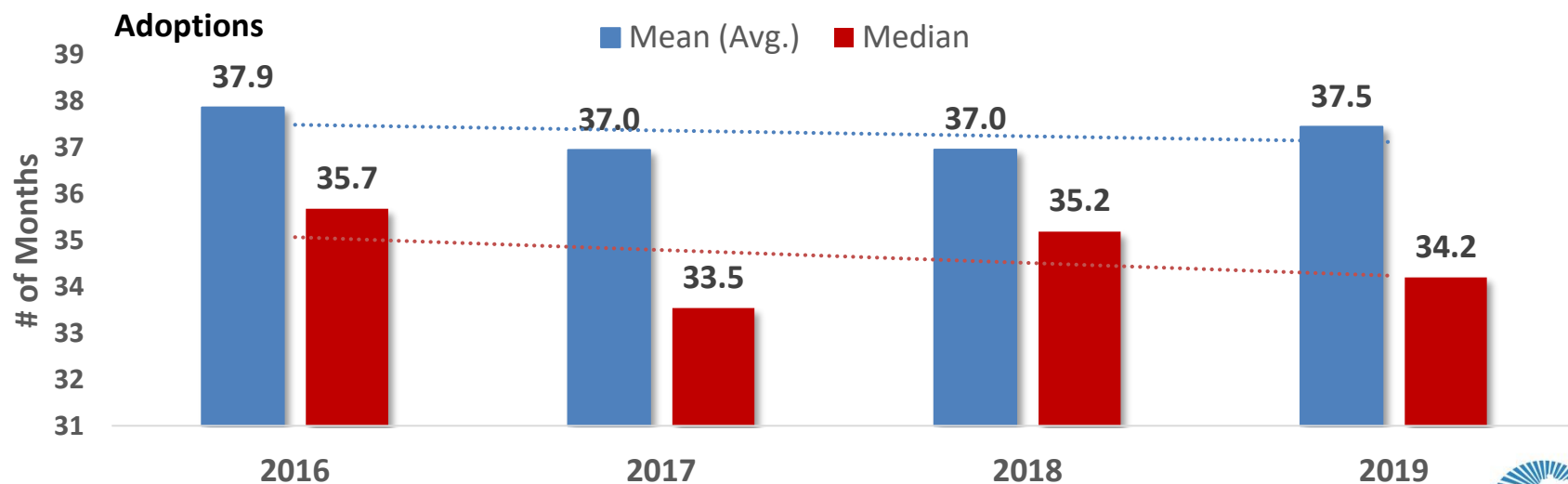
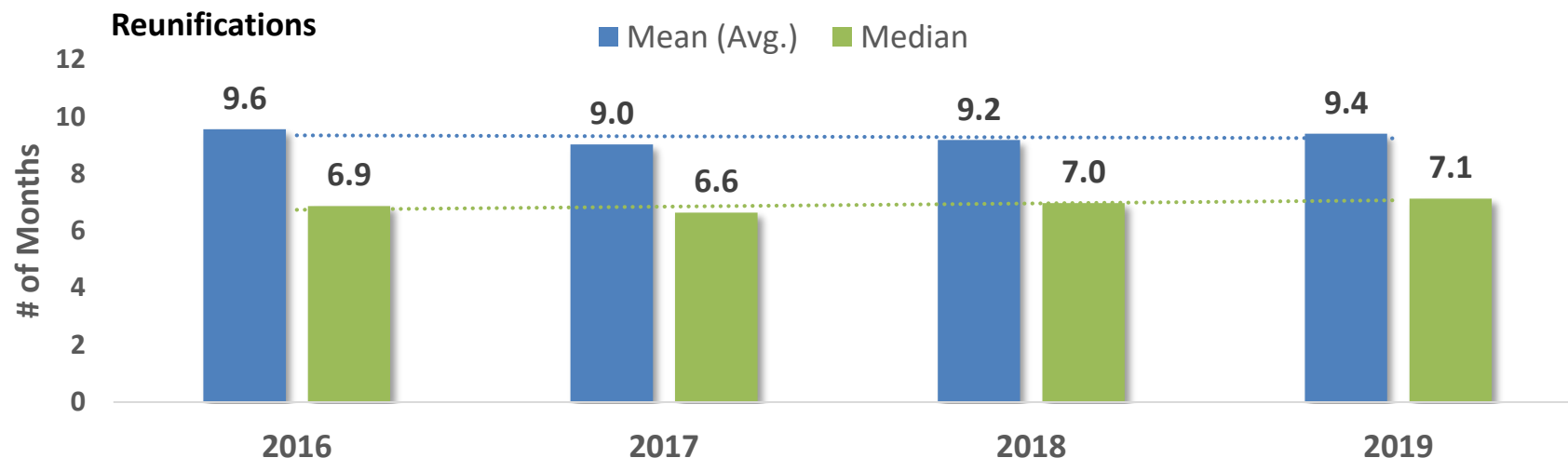


Total DCBS and PCP Foster Homes

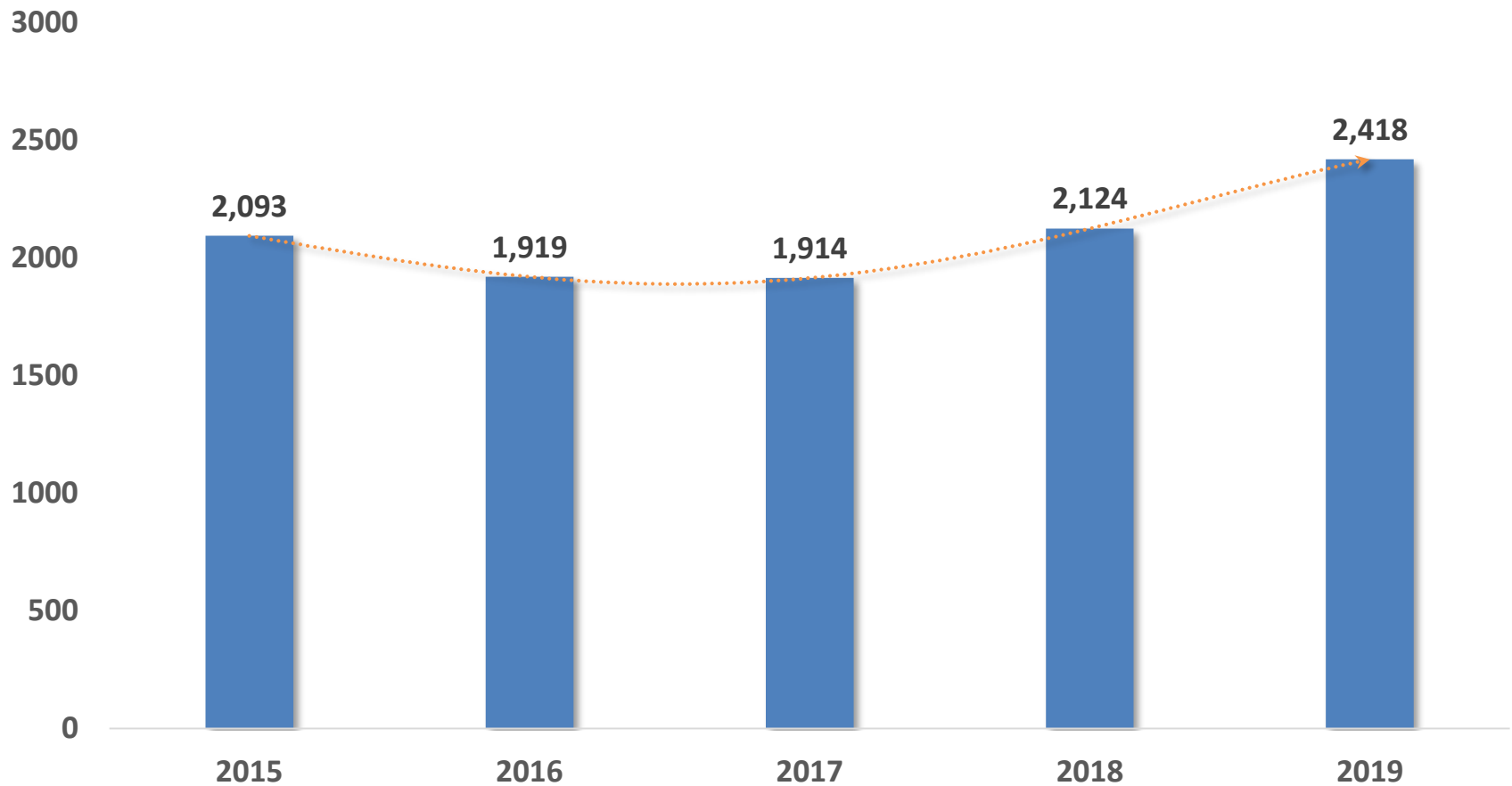
September 2014 – September 2019



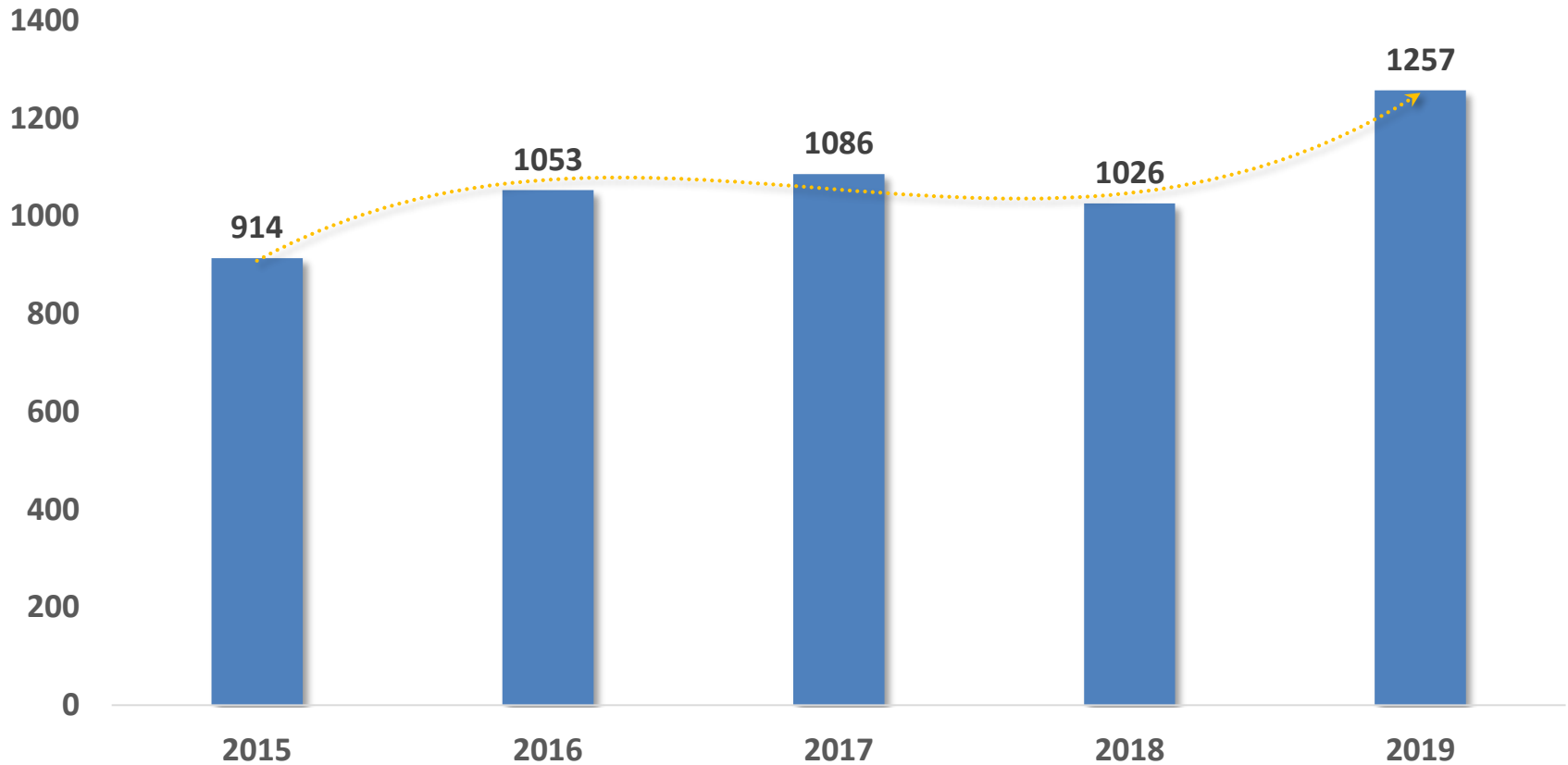
Months to Permanency by SFY



Number of Children Reunified by SFY

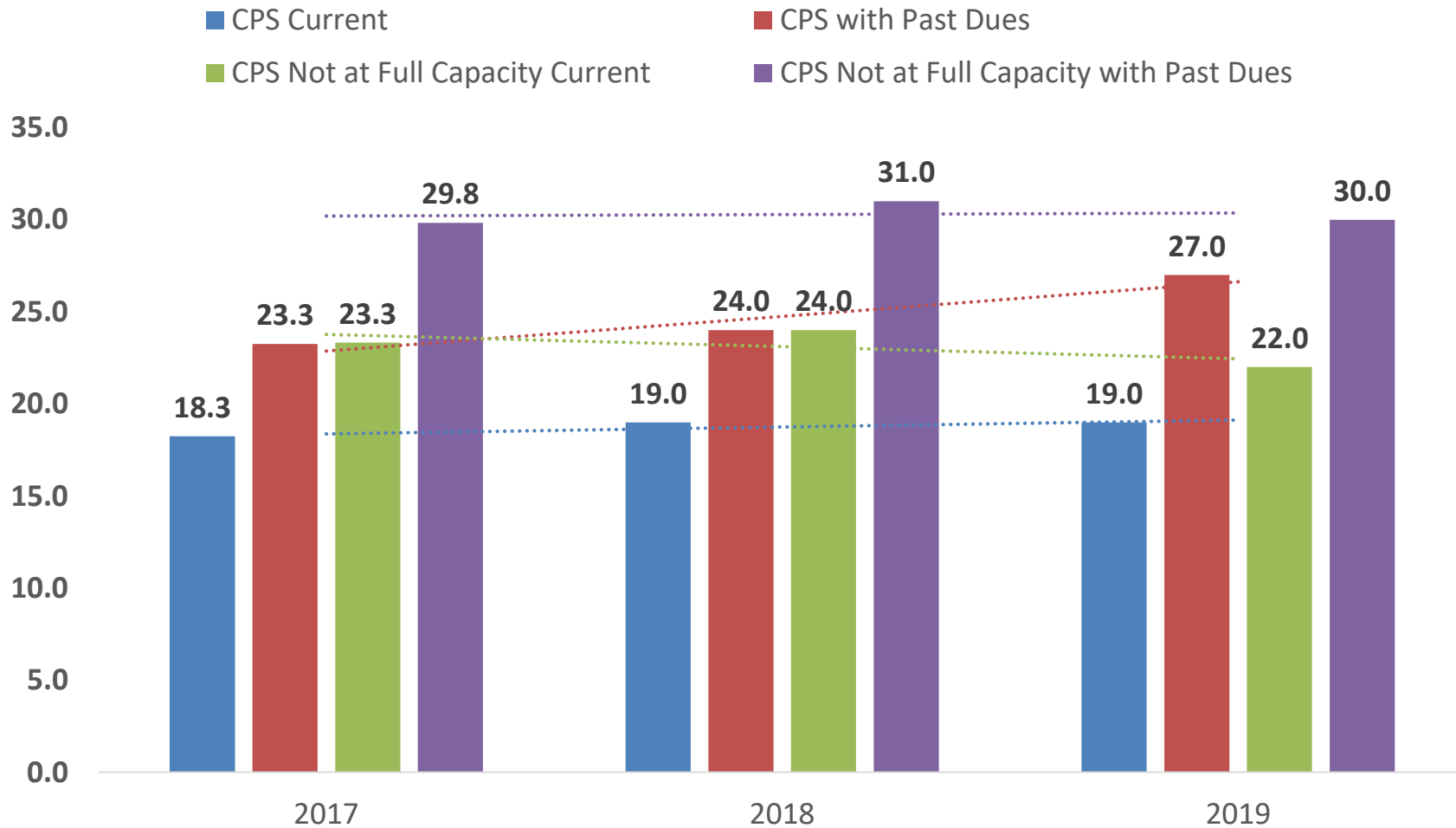


Number of Children Adopted by SFY



Average CPS Caseloads

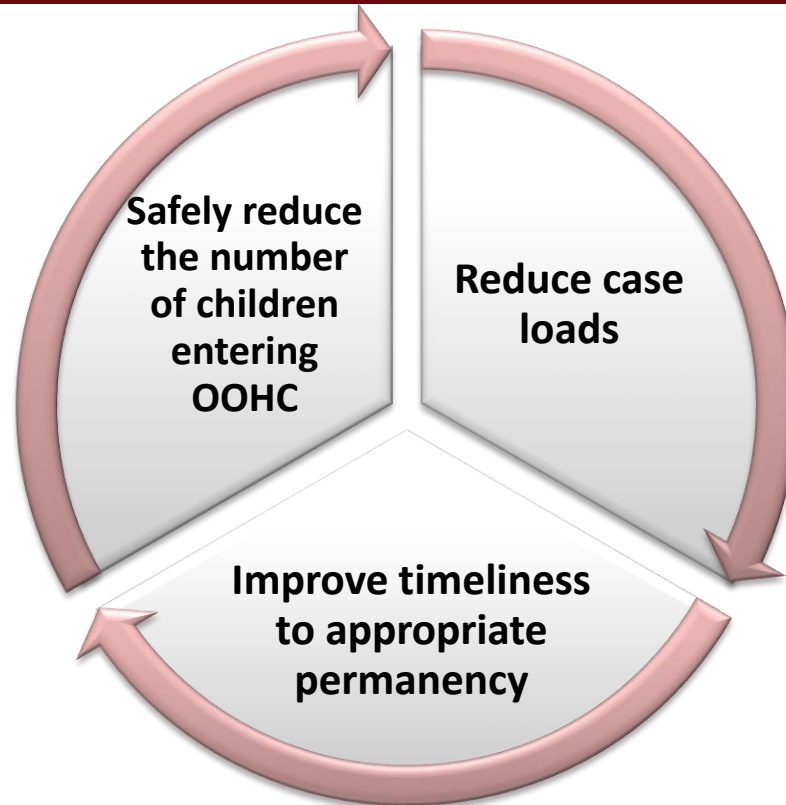
CY2017 – CY2019*



Child Welfare Transformation

Outcomes Driven

3 Primary Goals



Being Good Stewards of an Unprecedented Opportunity

**The Family First Prevention Services Act:
A Key Lever in Kentucky's Child Welfare Transformation**

You can tell a lot about people, businesses, organizations, etc in how they spend their money. Where are our priorities?

\$476M on OOHC



\$18M on prevention services



Of the \$18M spent on family preservation and prevention services, 96% of those families remained together and did not result in a child being removed from the home.

Why does it take a traumatic event that leads to the child being removed from their home in order for us to respond?

We're Listening to the Voices:

- *"I share my story to reach people like you so we can make life better for other kids. My family needed more support, people who cared to fix potential problems like the neglect in my family. There wasn't a day in care that I didn't miss my mother...each day I lost a little more of myself. My time in the system is over. I am who I am because of what I've been through. I am just like you, here today to build a new system."* ~**Chris Hagan, former foster youth and member of the Voices of the Commonwealth**
- *"I can still see the fear in her eyes. I wonder about the effects on her. There is a significant impact when we remove a child....on them and on the worker. No one ever talks about the trauma of being a worker charged with making the decision whether a child is safe or not, and being onsite to witness the trauma of separating a child from their parent."* ~**Jessica Brown, FFPSA Lead for DCBS speaking on behalf of social workers**
- Relatives who need supports as they step up and take care of a children within their own family.
- Foster parents, providers, and community leaders who desperately want to be part of the solution, and just want us to allow them to be at the table.

**And now, we're responding..
The narrative is changing..
Government alone isn't child welfare..**

We are all child welfare.

#ChildWelfareBelongsToAllOfUs

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