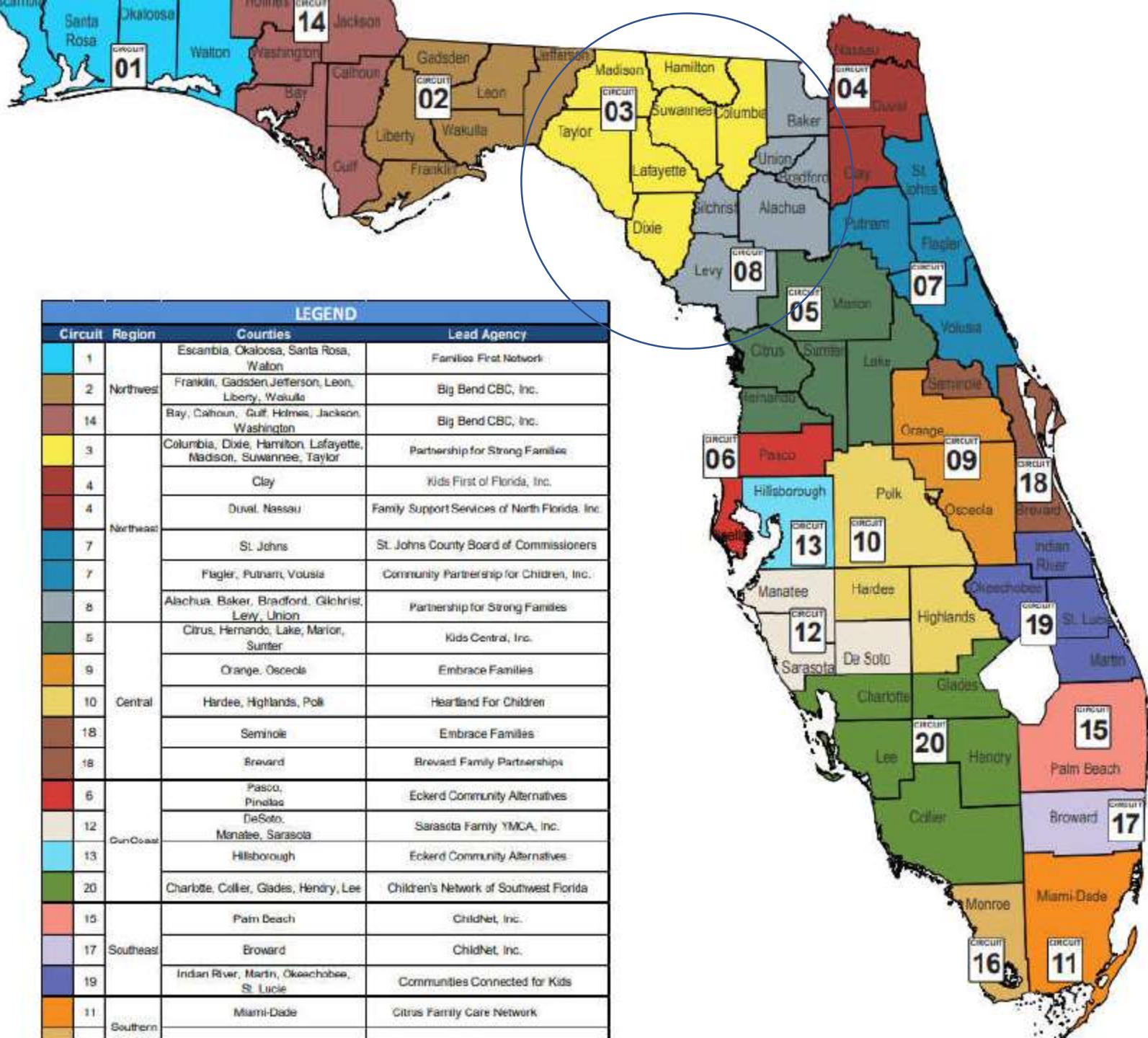




# Overview of Service Delivery for Children's Trust of Alachua County

Stephen Pennypacker, CEO





# Responsibility of Lead Agency

Florida Statute 409.986(3)(a)

**“Care”** means services designed to keep child safely in his/her home, returning safely home, or if removed, obtaining an alternative permanent home. Includes:

Prevention

Diversion

Related services

# Child Protection and Child Welfare Outcomes

## **Florida Statute 409.986(2)**

Children are protected from abuse and neglect

Children are maintained safely in their homes, if possible/appropriate

Services are provided to protect children and prevent removal

Children have permanency and stability

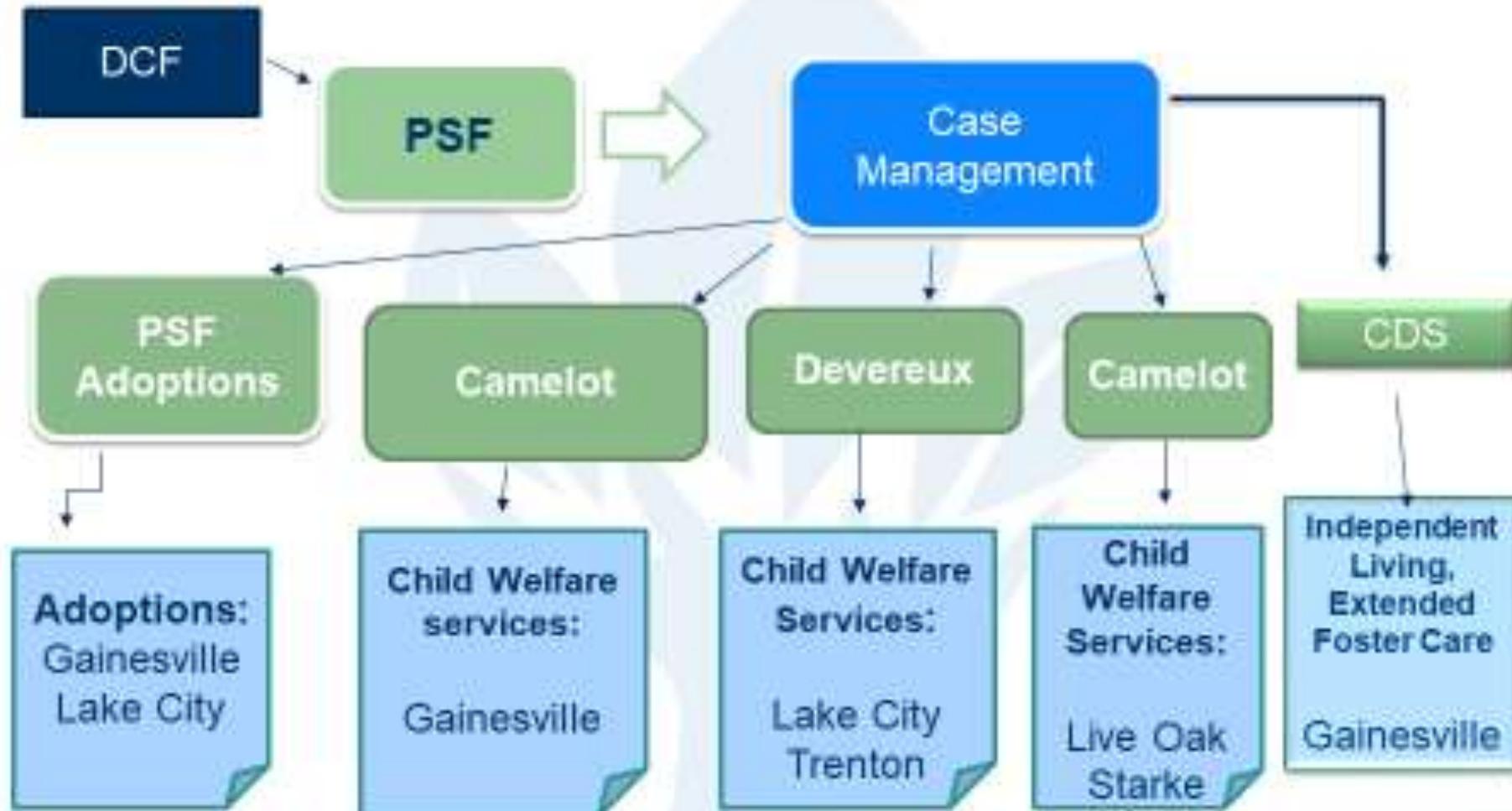
Families have enhanced capacity to provide for children's needs

Children receive services to meet their educational, physical and mental health needs

Children develop capacity for independent living and competence as an adult



## Network of Partner Service Centers



# Number of Children Currently Under PSF Supervision (All Counties)

- In Home – 484
- Out of Home – 870
- Total – 1,354

# Number of Children Under Supervision (Alachua County)

- In Home – 188
- Out of Home – 292
- Total - 480

# Funding for Lead Agencies

## Florida Statute 409.990

- Funded by a grant of general revenue
- Other applicable state funds
- Federal funding sources
- Includes reasonable administrative costs
- PSF current contract for five years (2019-2024)

# Diversion and Prevention

## Resource Centers

- Gainesville
  - Library Partnership (2009)
  - SW Advocacy Group (SWAG) (2012)
  - Cone Park (2013)
- Chiefland
  - Tri-County Resource Center (2015)
- Lake City
  - NorthStar (2021)



# Primary Prevention Services

## Resource Center Network

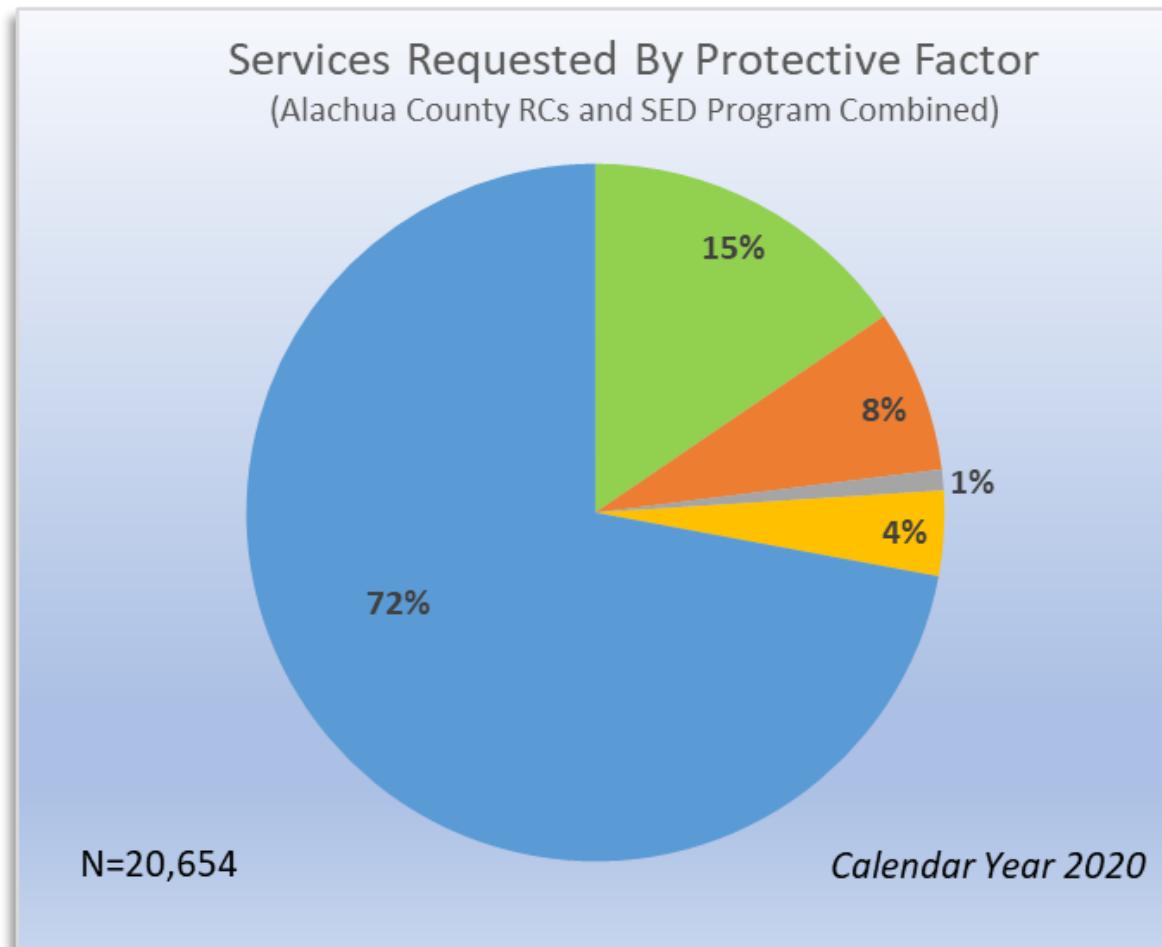
PSF's Resource Centers offer a wide-range of services and supports designed to improve family outcomes and build stronger communities. Each of PSF's five Resource Centers are strategically located within historically underserved communities, providing a safe and non-stigmatizing place for families to seek assistance.



## Healthy Social & Emotional Development Program

In partnership with Meridian Behavioral Healthcare and the Child Advocacy Center and with the support of the Children's Trust of Alachua County, PSF also offers family support services to the parents/caregivers of children attending one of six, carefully selected Alachua County early learning centers.

# Protective Factors Framework



## Concrete Supports

Food Pantries  
Clothing Closets  
Hygiene Products

## Social Connections

Community Events  
Resource Fairs  
Special Interest Activities

## Parenting & Child Development

Homework Help  
After-School Enrichment Programs  
Resource Sharing

## Nurturing & Attachment

Parent-Child Activities  
ABC Diaper Program

## Parental Resilience

Financial Literacy Workshops  
Employment Skills Training  
Referrals to outside agencies

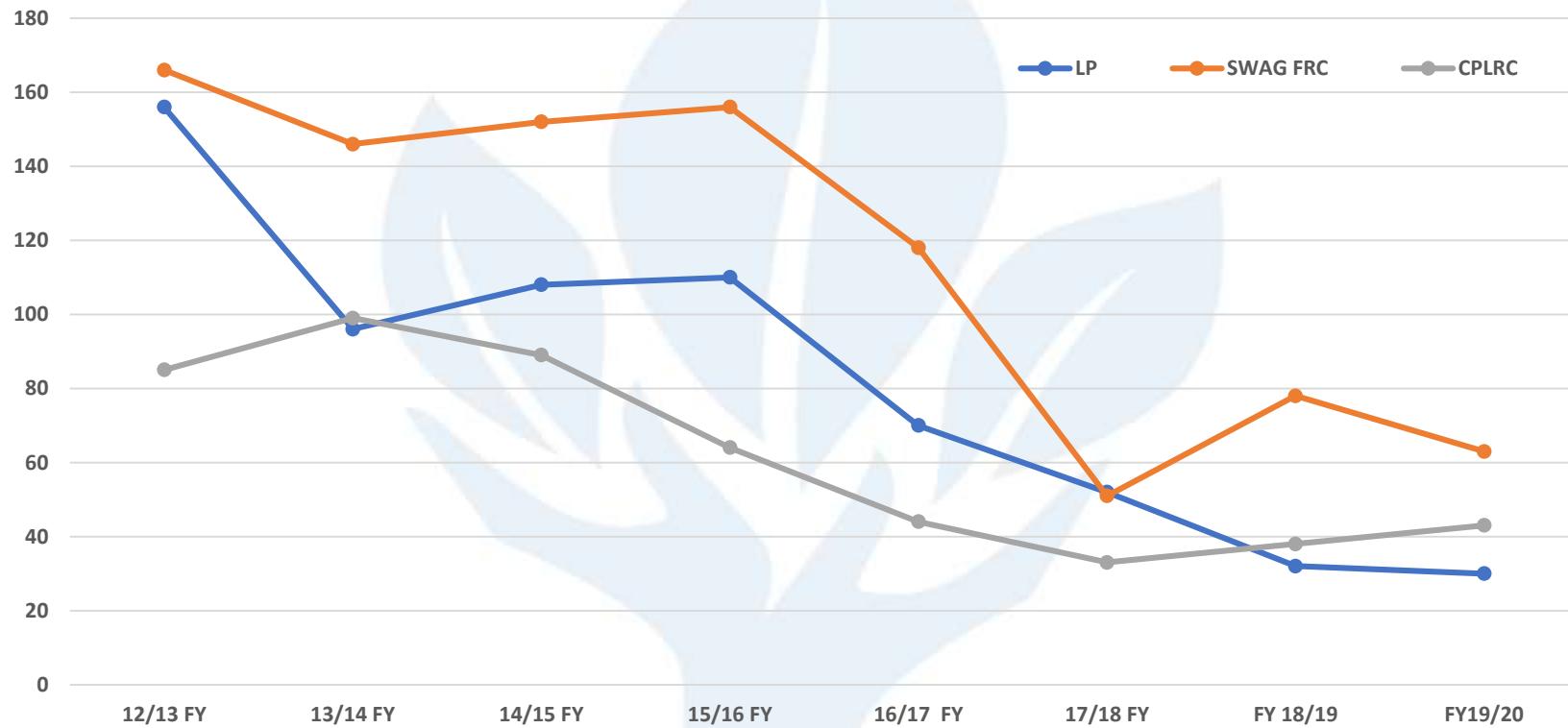


# Maltreatment Data

## Gainesville Resource Center Maltreatment Data

Zip Codes: 32601, 32607, 32608, 32609, 32641

FY 12/13 through FY 19/20



# 2020 Prevention Highlights



Of the **20,442 visits** to the Alachua County Resource Centers, **25%** directly involved services for **children** between the ages of **0-17**. **34%** involved **parents/caregivers** between the ages of **18-45**.

Amid the COVID pandemic, more than **20,000 concrete supports** were provided, including **more than 3,000 lunches and family-style meals**, financial assistance, family activities, and more.



**82%** of **SED** program participants, completing pre and post Protective Factor Surveys, **improved one or more caregiver protective factors** with **50%** improving in **two or more areas**.

# Resource Center Evaluation

PSF is 1 of 9 awardees of a multi-year, federal grant through the Children's Bureau. Funds are being used to more rigorously evaluate, refine and expand our Model to Lake City. **Grant funds do not support daily operations of the Gainesville Resource Centers.**

## Process and Outcome Evaluation Tools

- Strengthening Families Self-Assessment Tool for Community-Based Programs (Process)
  - Collaboration Assessment Tool (Process)
    - Family Resources Scale (Outcome)
    - Perceived Stress Scale (Outcome)
  - Strengths and Difficulties Survey (Outcome)
    - Protective Factors Survey (Outcome)



# Resource Center Annual Budgets

- |                     | Salaries       | Rent          | Utilities    | Other         | Total          |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Library Partnership | 121,720        | 42,380        |              | 3,432         | 167,532        |
| Cone Park           | 118,126        | 12,348        |              | 3,170         | 133,644        |
| SWAG                | 46,842         | 100           | 5,626        | 22,076        | 74,644         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>286,688</b> | <b>54,828</b> | <b>5,626</b> | <b>28,678</b> | <b>375,820</b> |
|                     |                |               |              |               |                |
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# Possible Programs for Creation and Funding in Alachua County

- **Attorneys for children in dependency and delinquency cases**

Children with disabilities or receiving SSI

Children being placed into residential treatment

Educational rights

Social workers for children and families  
to assist with full representation

- **Evidence based programs for community patrons**  
Motivational interviewing  
Trust based relational intervention



# Overview of Partnership for Strong Families



Thank You!