

Permanency Law Forum



Connecticut Panel

Building a Teaming Continuum



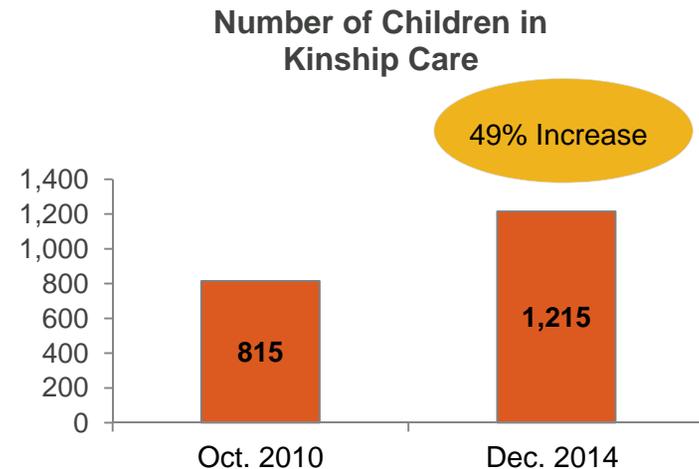
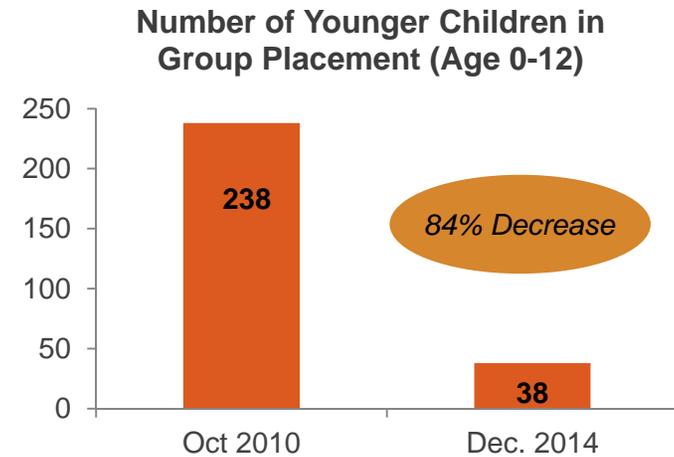
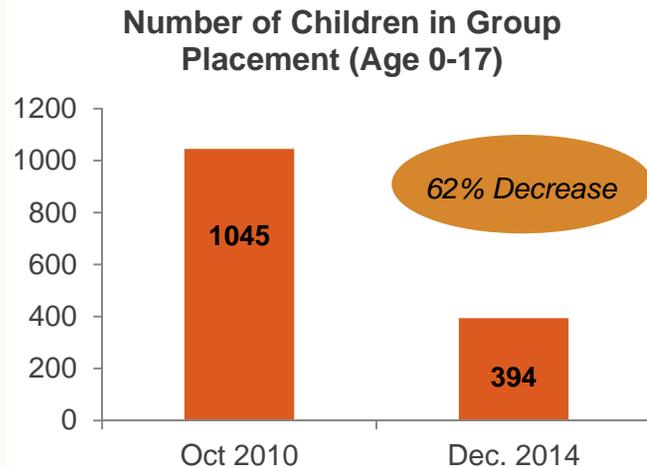
Step Down Team
Meetings for Youth

Considered
Removal Child and
Family Teaming
(CR-CFTM)

Permanency Child
and Family
Teaming

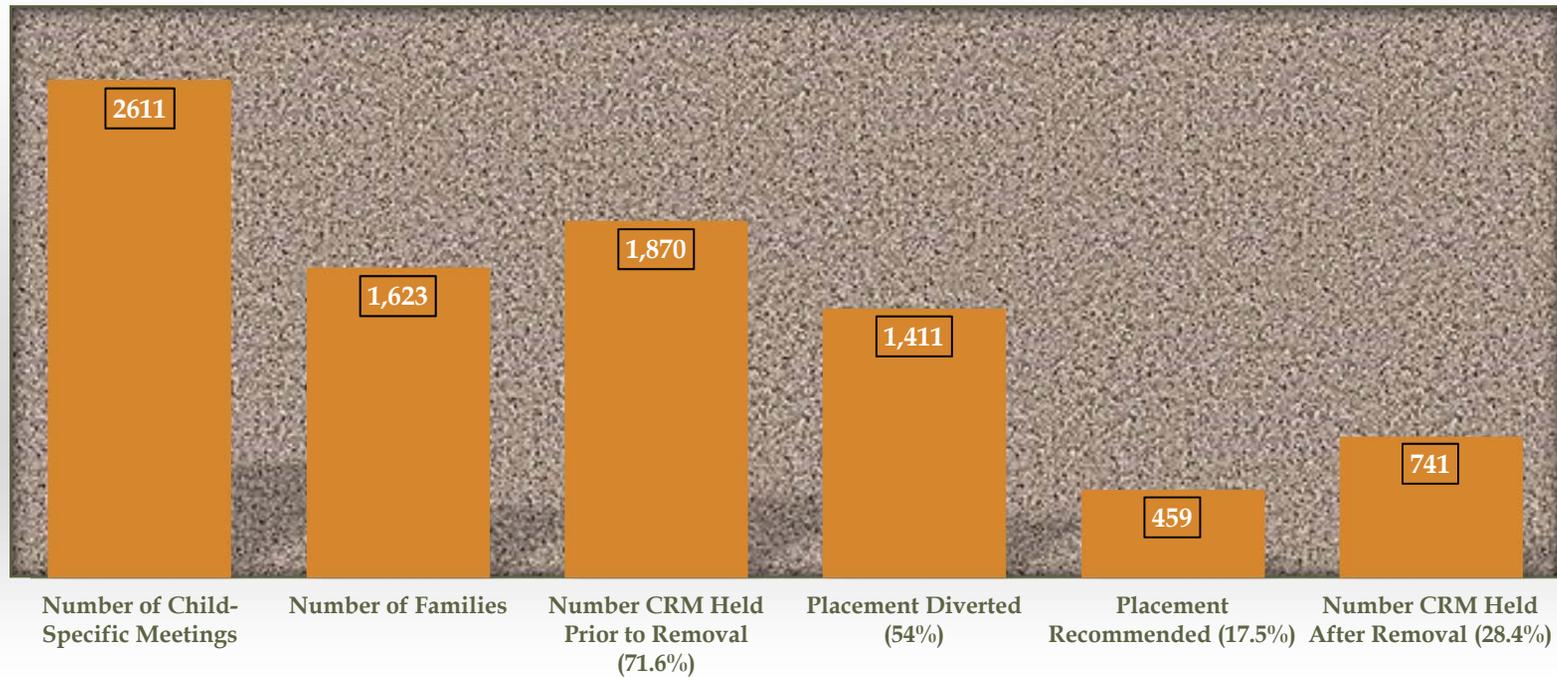
Team Decision Making

- ▶ The number of children in care declined by 16%, from 4074 in 2010 to 3423 in the 3rd quarter of 2014
- ▶ Spending on group placement decreased by \$70 million while an additional \$49 million was invested in community based services



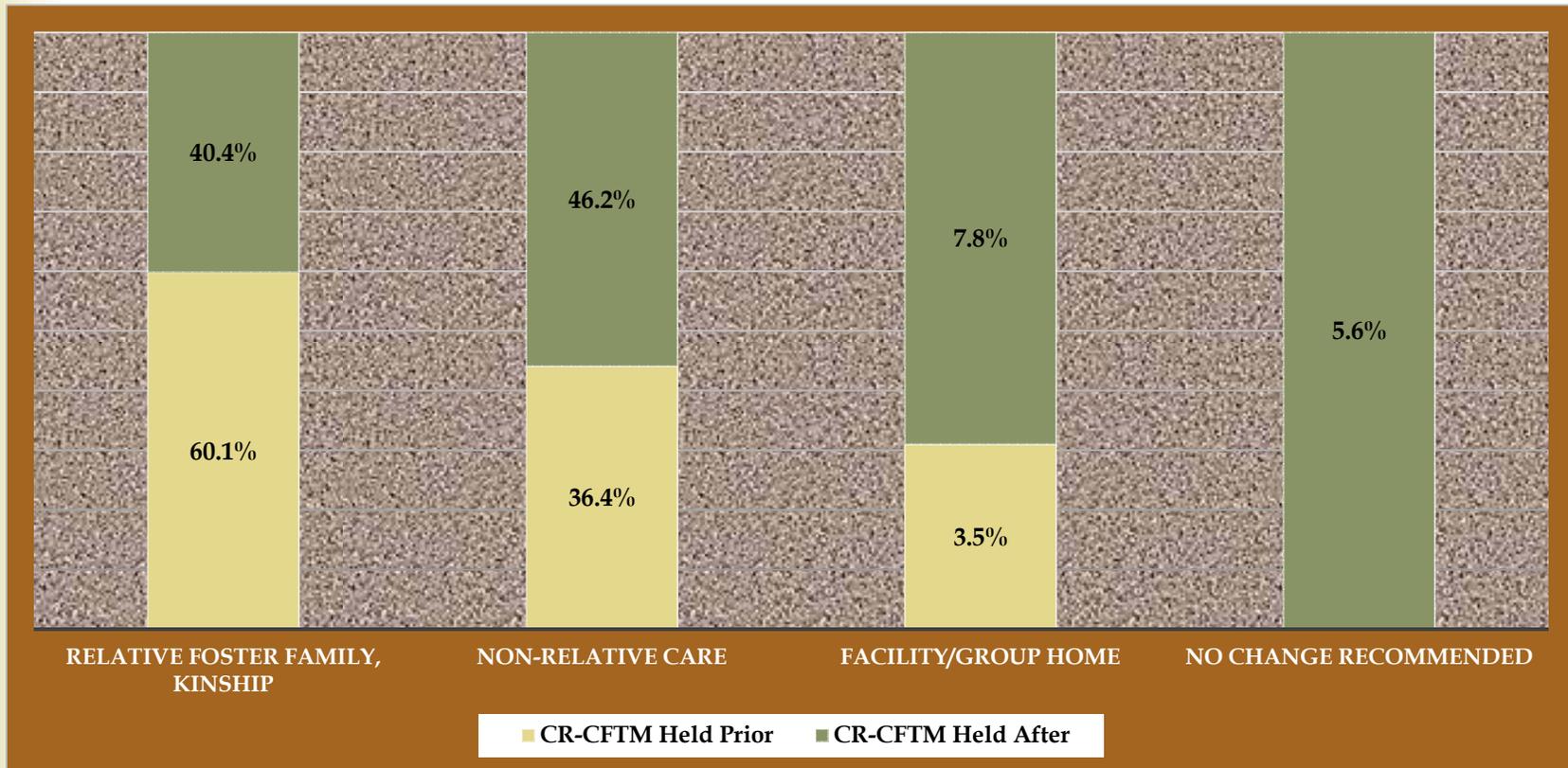
Considered Removal

Statewide CR-CFTM Data



2014 Statewide Data

Considered Removal Placement Recommendations



2014 Statewide CR-CFTM Data

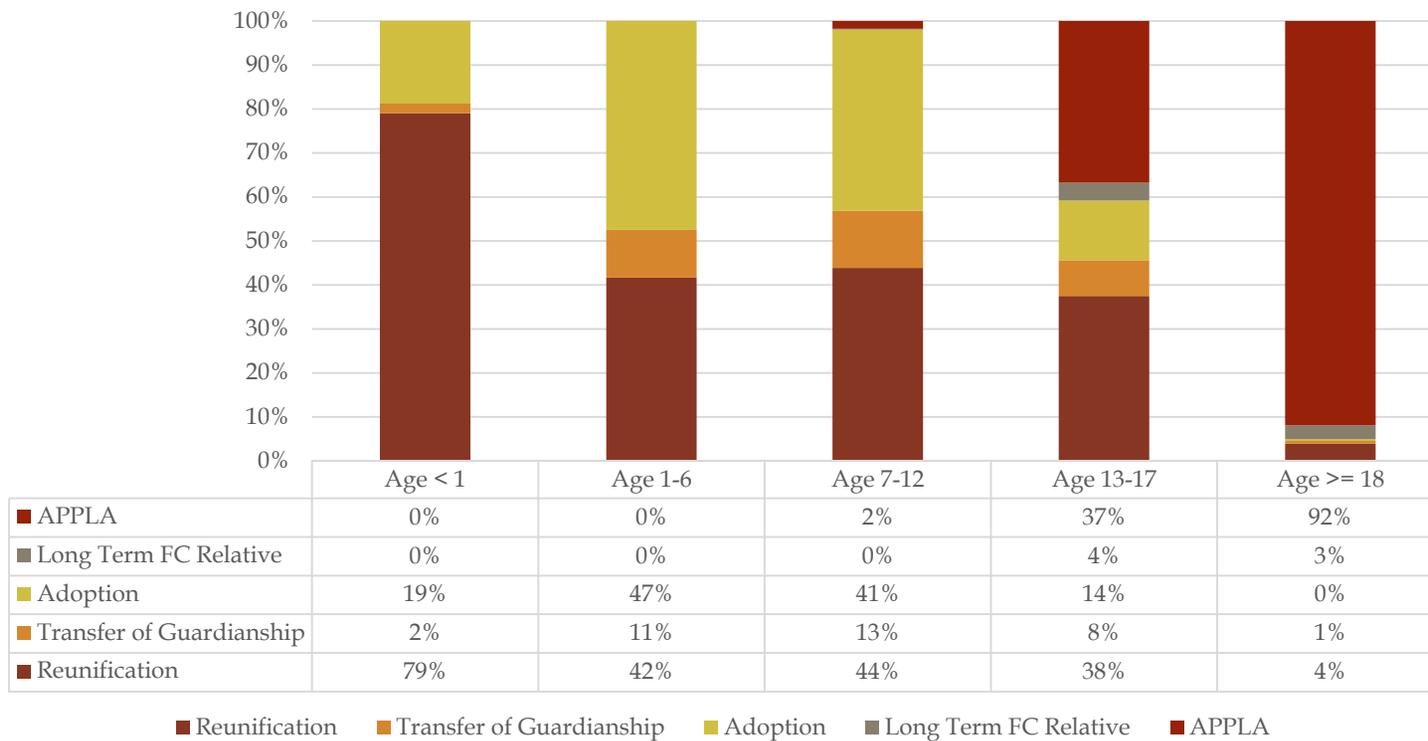
CR-CFTM Prior - Placement Recommended: 459

CR-CFTM After Removal: 741

Total: 1,200

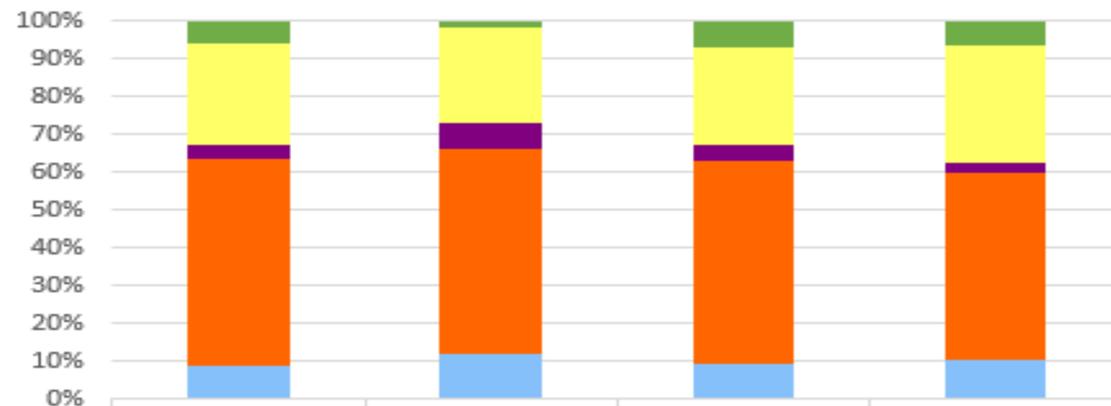
Permanency Data

Statewide Permanency Goals by Age
01.01.2015



Permanency Data

Statewide Permanency Goals by Race/Ethnicity (Ages 13+) 01.01.2015



■ TOG	6%	2%	7%	6%
■ Reunification	27%	25%	26%	31%
■ Long Term FC Relative	4%	7%	4%	3%
■ APPLA	55%	54%	54%	49%
■ Adoption	9%	12%	9%	11%

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Stay Home



- ❧ Considered Removal can be the launch for the teaming process
- ❧ Incorporating the principles of teaming for in-home cases
- ❧ Opportunity to empower
- ❧ Assuring all children's voices are represented even when not present at the meetings

Go Home



- ❧ Rule people in for what they can do, rather than ruling out for what they can't
- ❧ Shifting the risk not eliminating it
- ❧ Exiting the system as an older adolescent by “aging out” without a permanent family is correlated with a range of poor outcomes
- ❧ A 2011 Chapin Hall report of 26 year olds who had aged out of foster care noted that 81% of the youth reported having contact with a biological family member at least once a week

Find Home



- ❧ A service plan goal of “independent living” or “other planned permanent living arrangement” does not mean a youth no longer needs family permanency, but that the system has not succeeded in achieving it for or with them.
- ❧ The opportunities through Family Search and Engagement