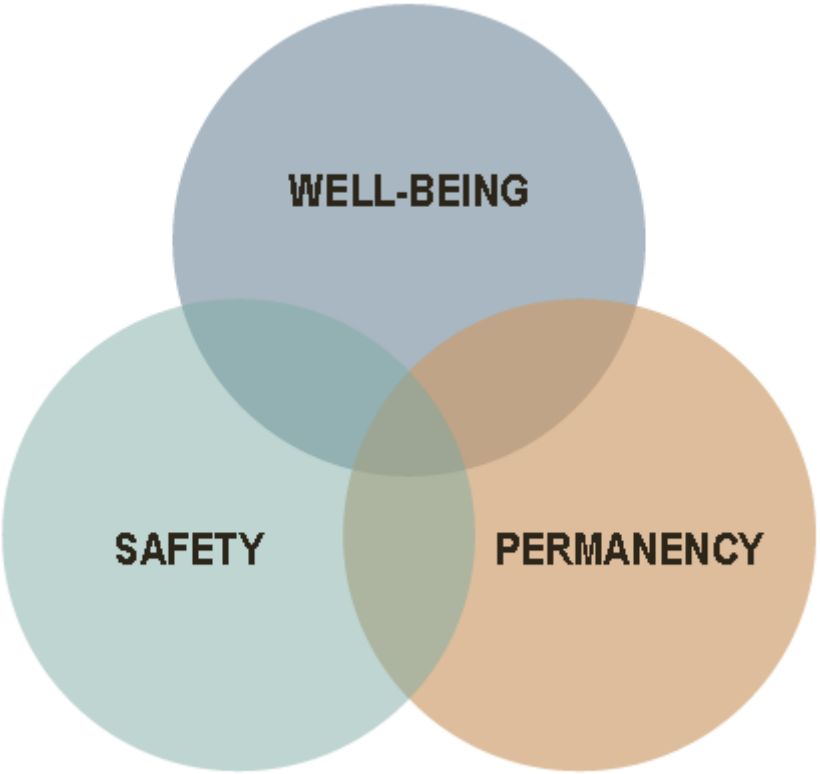
Three Branch Institute on Child Social and Emotional Well-Being

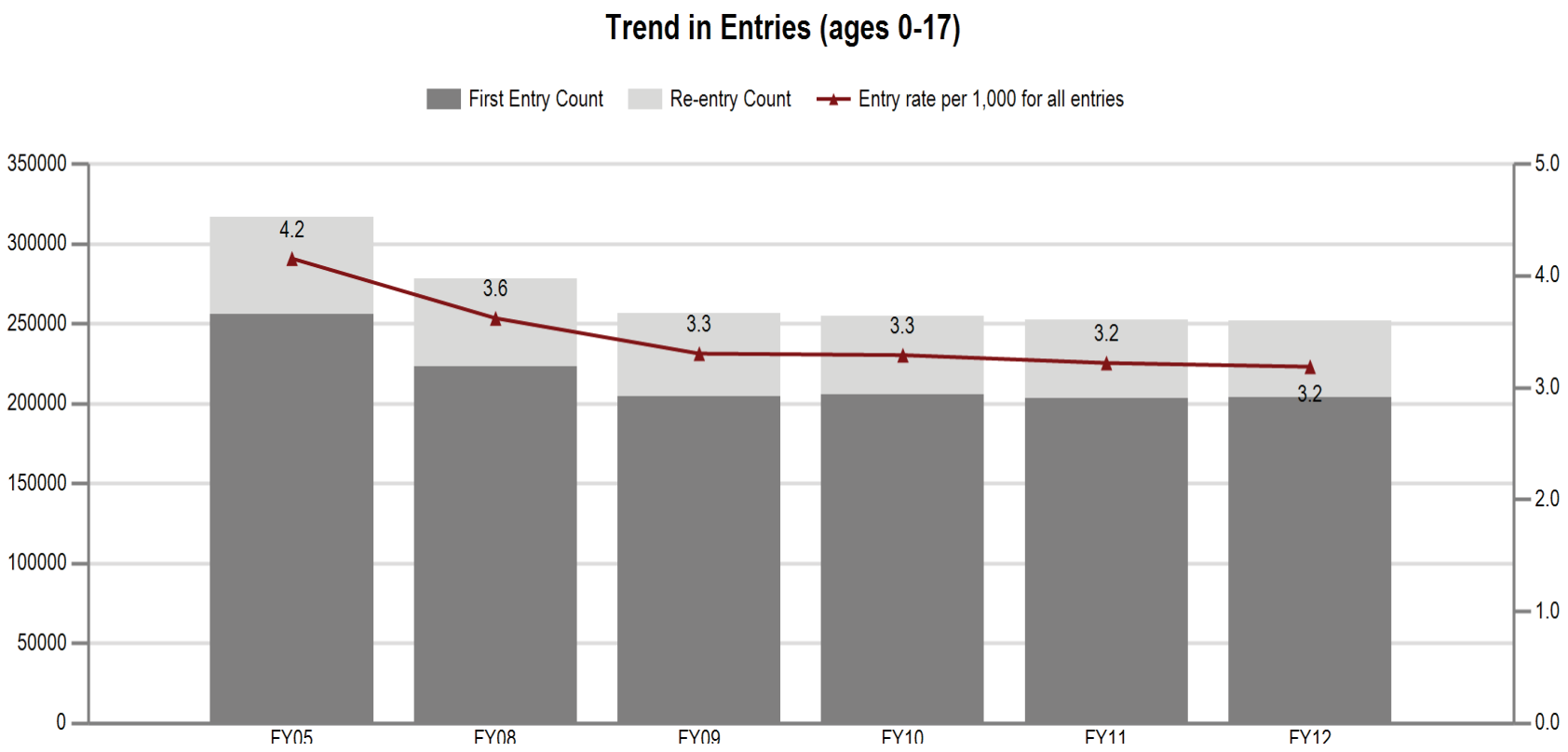
Connecticut's Three Branch Leadership Team Meeting

January 6, 2014

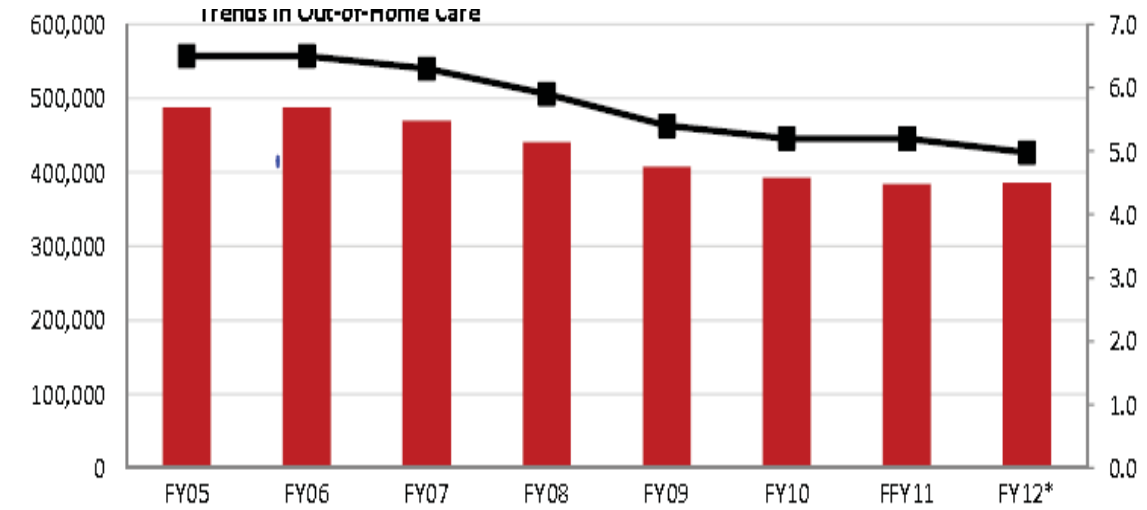
Child Welfare Priorities



National Entries into Care

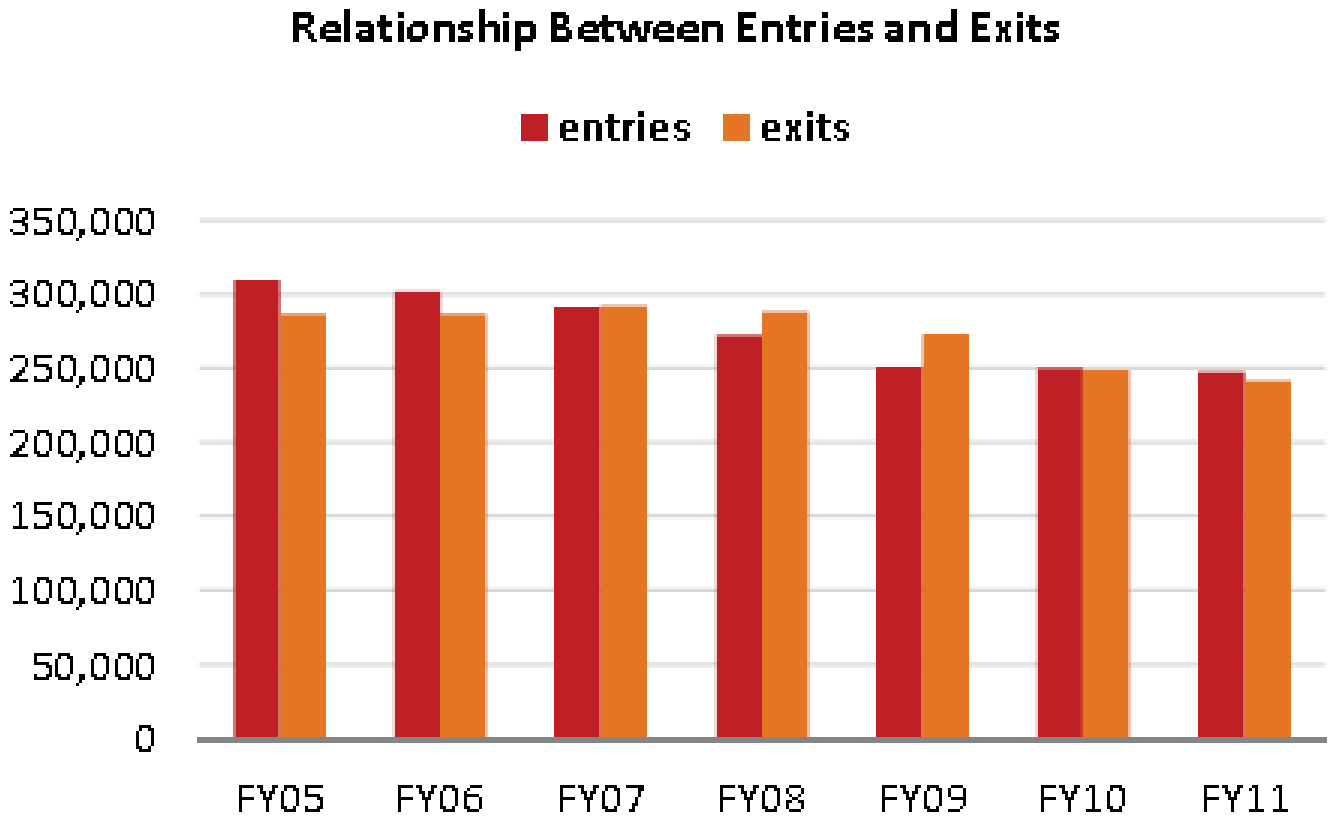


Nat'l Trends in Out-of-Home Care

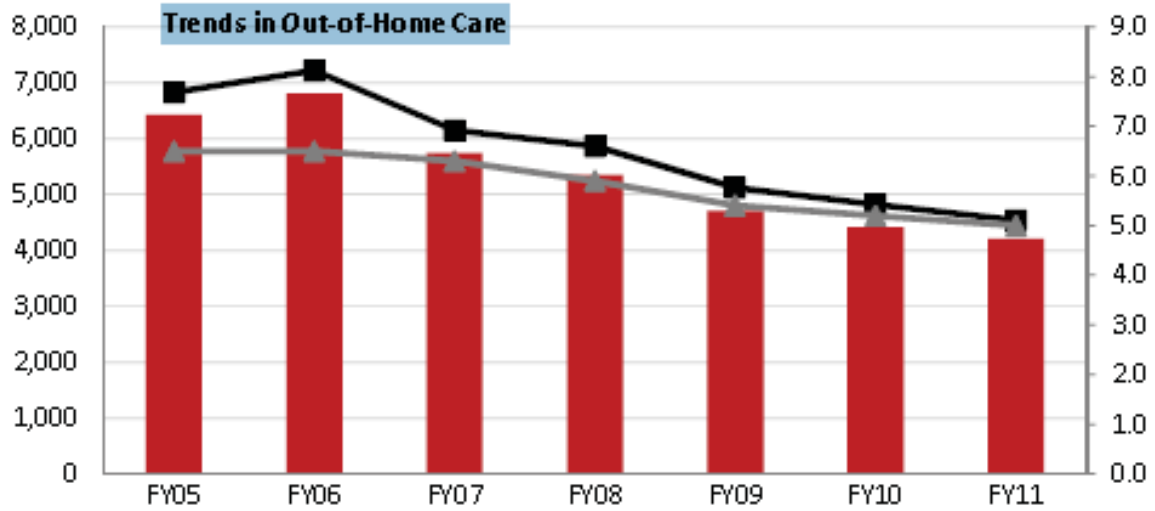


	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FFY11	FY12*
In Care Under 18 (net change: -20.8%)	487,589	487,675	469,915	440,782	407,229	393,128	384,058	386,060
National Rate In Care (per 1,000) (net change: -1.5)	6.5	6.5	6.3	5.9	5.4	5.2	5.2	5.0

National Entries and Exits



Connecticut Data

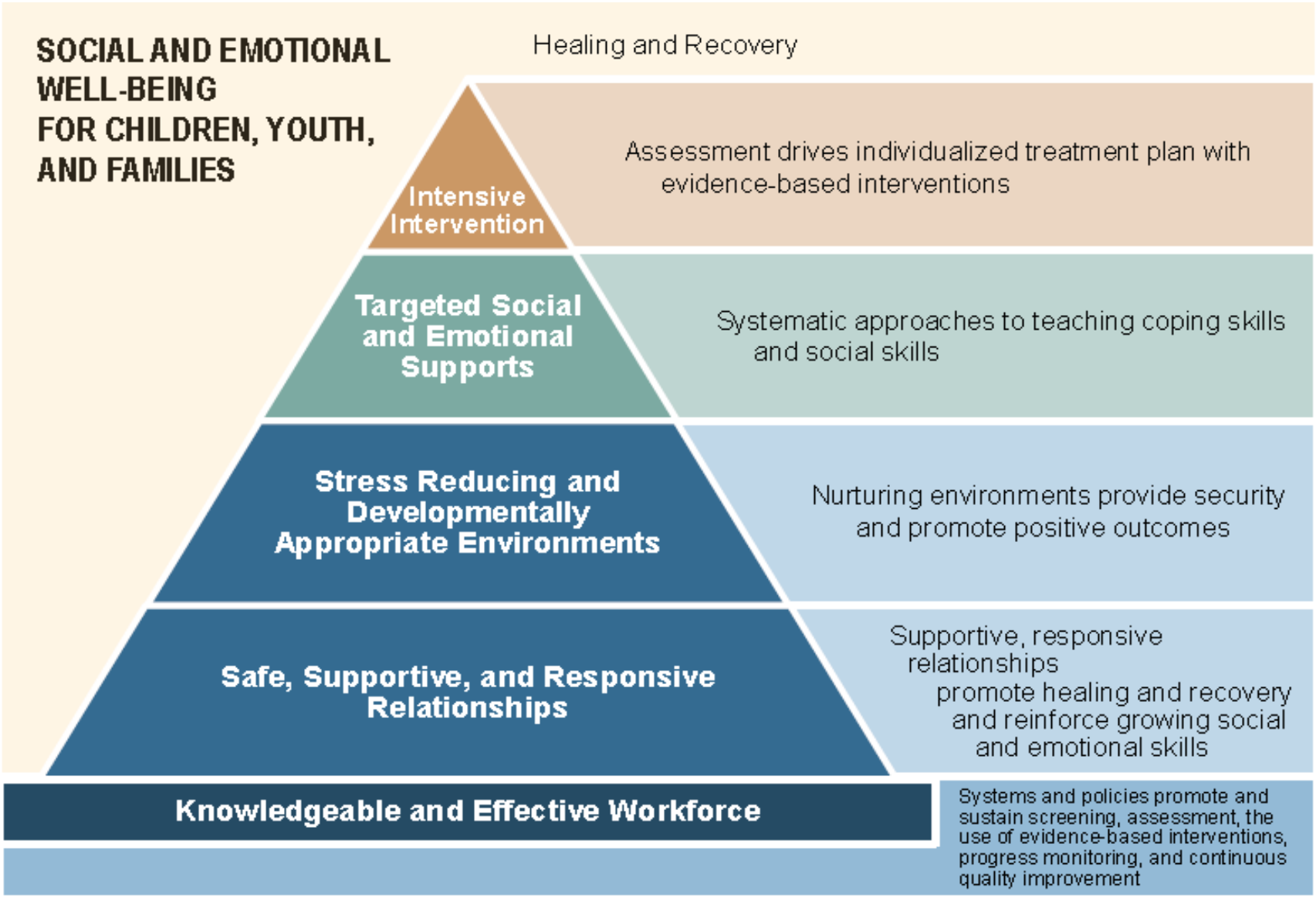


	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11
Number In Care Under 18 (-34.4%)	6,423	6,807	5,747	5,354	4,709	4,409	4,215
Rate In Care (per 1,000) (-1.9)	7.7	8.1	6.9	6.6	5.8	5.4	5.1
National Rate In Care (per 1,000) (-1.3)	6.5	6.5	6.3	5.9	5.4	5.2	5.0

A New Narrative to Support Social and Emotional Well-Being

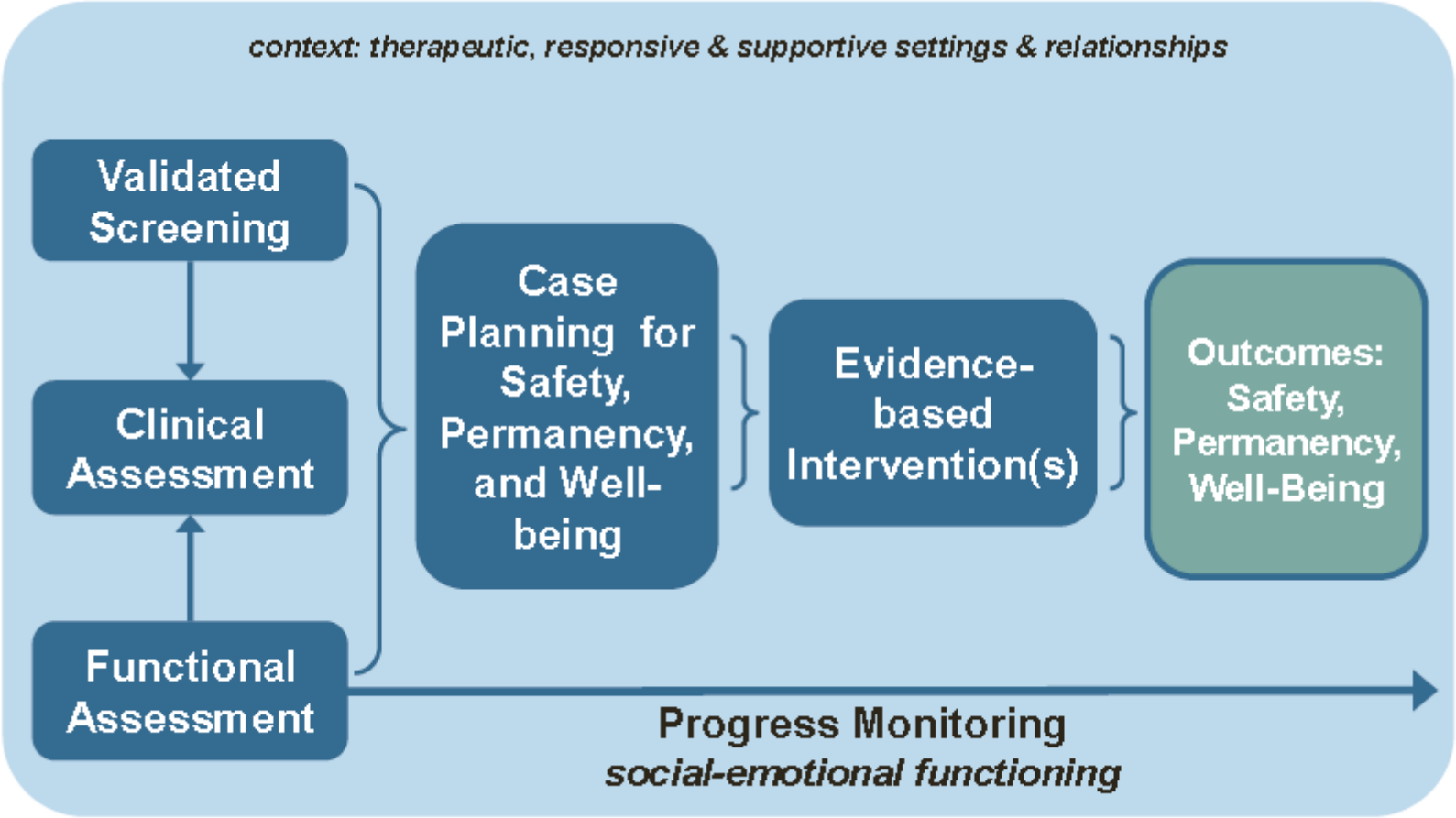
"Traditional child welfare approaches to maltreatment focus largely on physical injury, the relative risk of recurrent harm, and questions of child custody, in conjunction with a criminal justice orientation. In contrast, when viewed through a child development lens, the abuse or neglect of young children should be ***evaluated and treated as a matter of child health and development within the context of a family relationship crisis****, which requires sophisticated expertise in both early childhood and adult mental health."*

National Scientific Council on the Developing Child (2004). *Young Children Develop in an Environment of Relationships: Working Paper No. 1*. Retrieved from www.developingchild.harvard.edu (emphasis added)

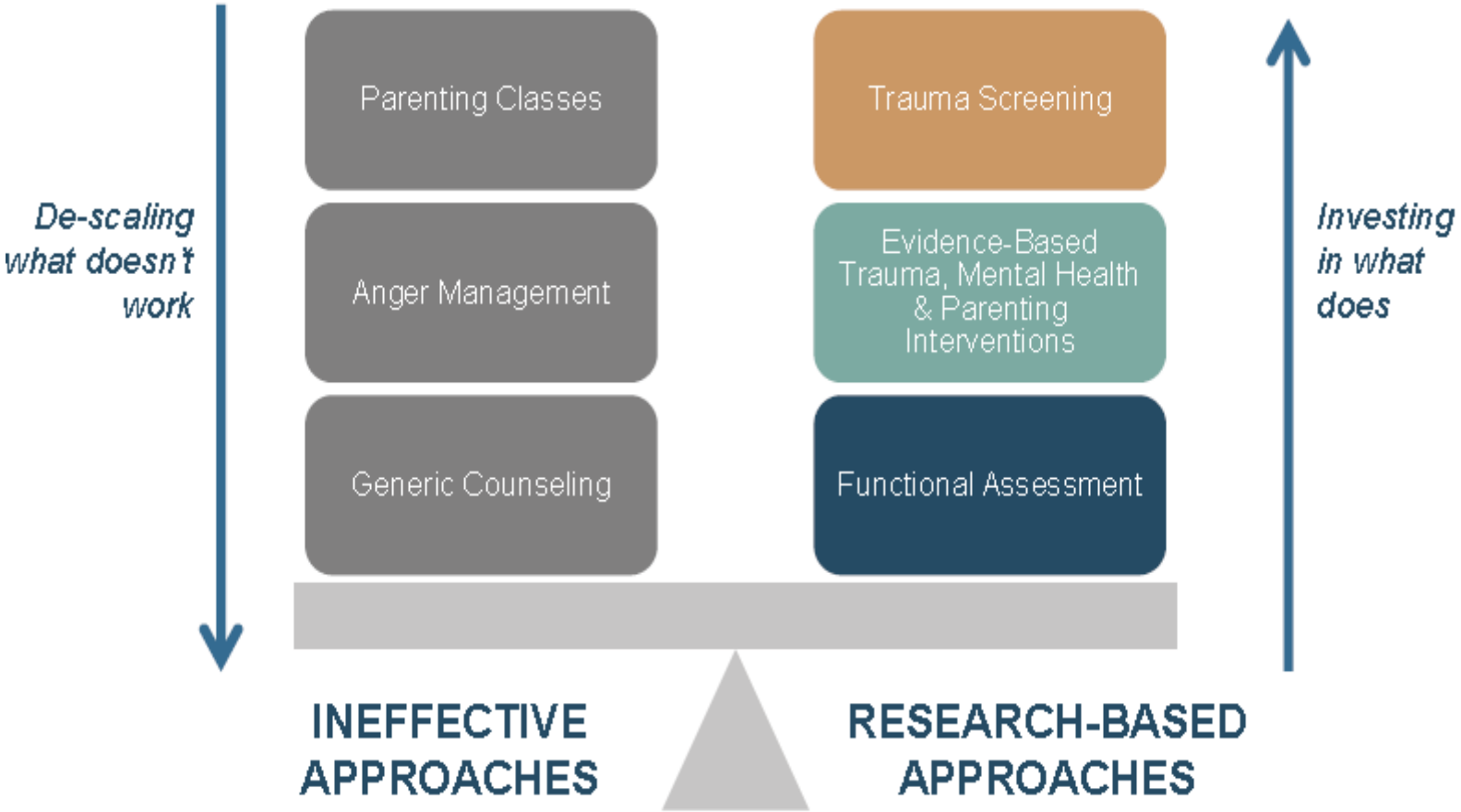


Adapted from the Technical Assistance Center on Social Emotional Intervention for Children and the Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning

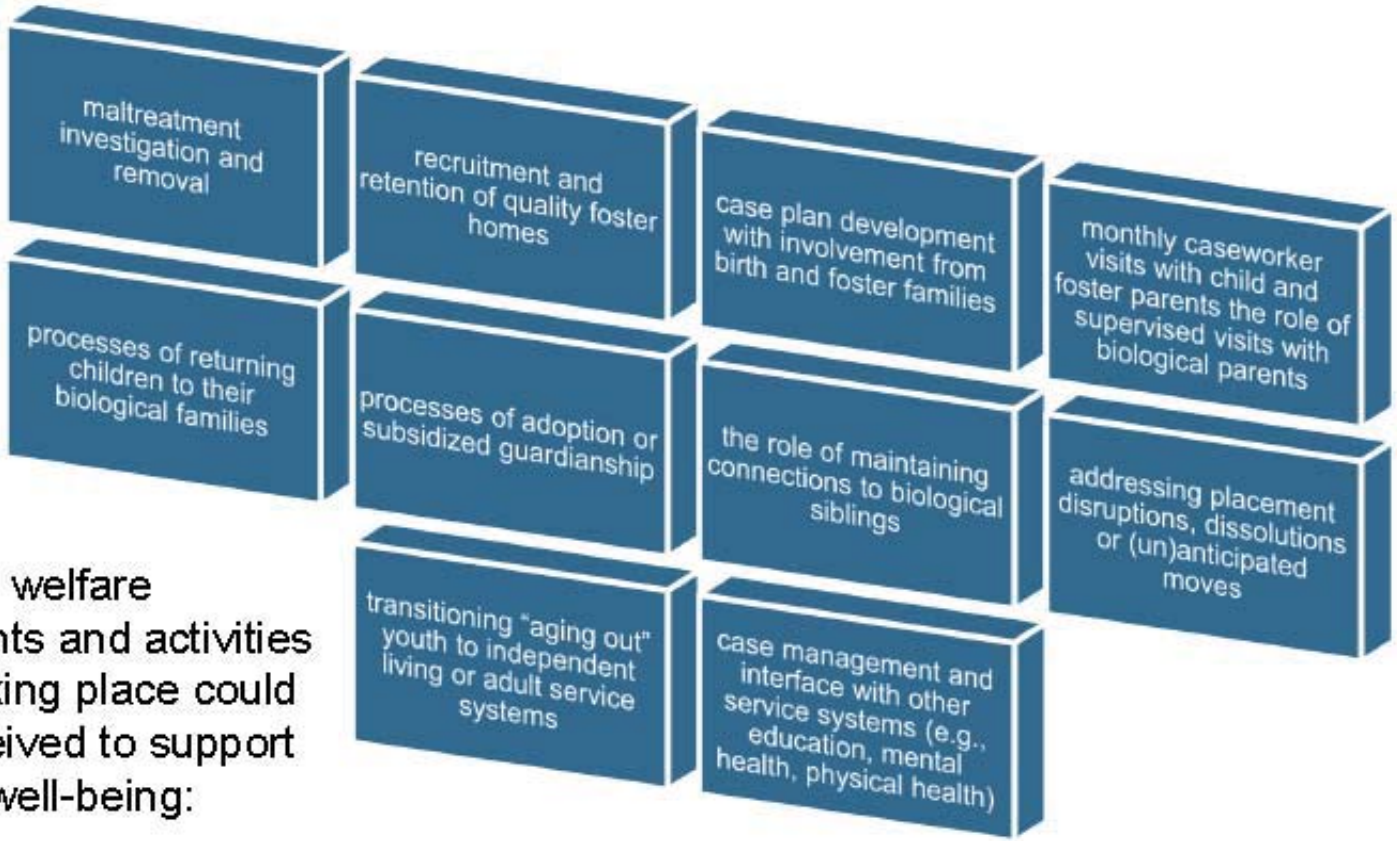
Achieving Better Outcomes



De-Scaling What Doesn't Work; Scaling Up What Does



Integrating a Focus on Well-Being Throughout Child Welfare



Many child welfare requirements and activities already taking place could be reconceived to support children's well-being:

Three Branch Institute on Child Social and Emotional Well-Being

Connecticut's Three Branch Leadership Team Meeting

January 6, 2014