

Arizona

Department of Child Safety

Therapeutic Foster Care

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DCS Vision & Mission Statements

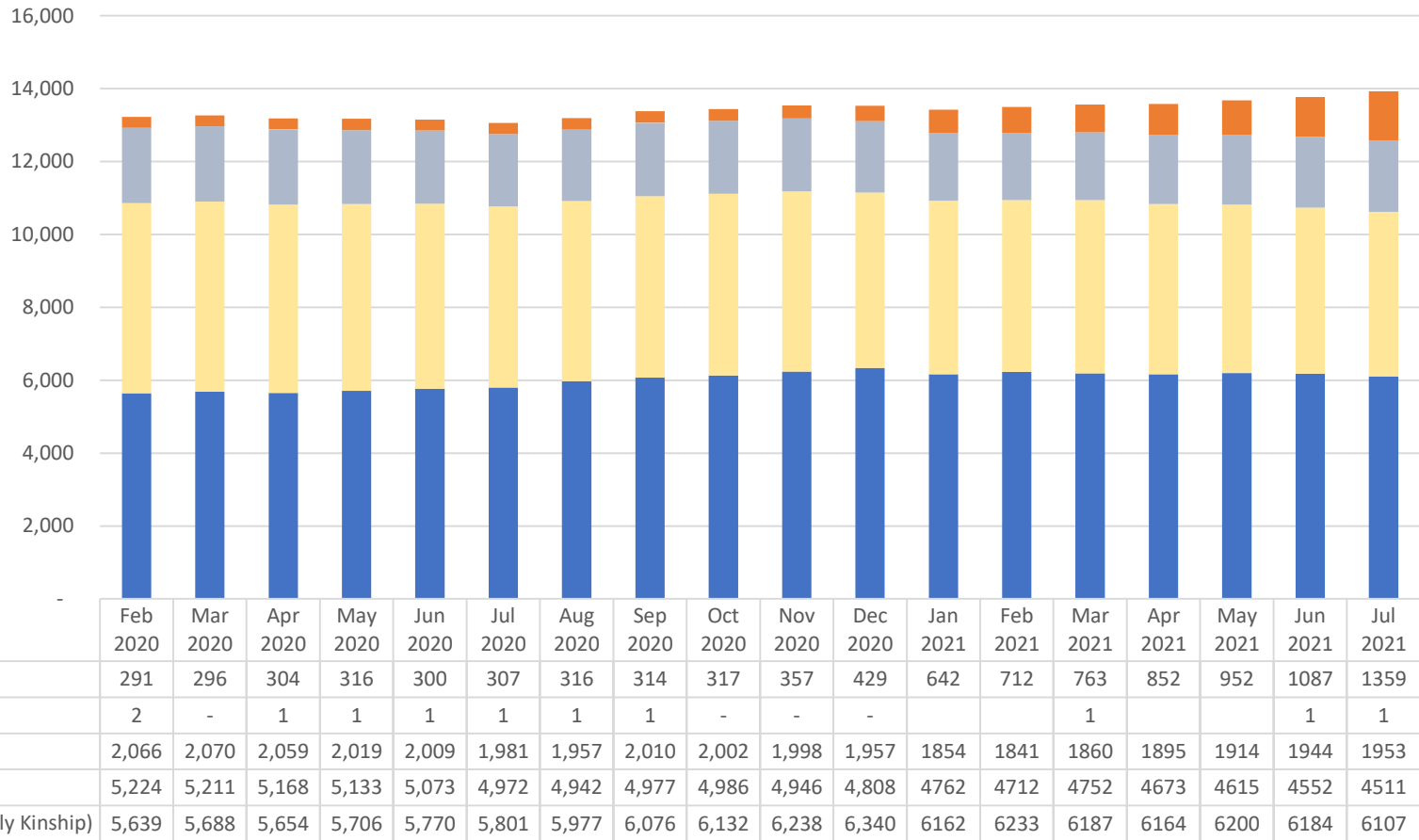
- **Vision:** Children thrive in family environments free from abuse and neglect.
- **Mission:** Successfully engage children and families to ensure safety, strengthen families, and achieve permanency.

Our Strategic Priorities

1. All decisions are data informed, timely, mission-focused, built for sustainability, and considerate of system implications
2. DCS culture that fosters and inspires mission-driven professionals who believe in and practice our shared values
3. Design, implement and ensure fidelity of a service array that is individualized to strengthen families, cost efficient, and accessible by all who require support.
4. Every child is paired with a caregiver who receives necessary supports, and is able to meet the child's needs and support the child's permanency goal
5. DCS data is complete, accurate, protected, governed, and used to inform decisions



Children in Out-of-Home Care (0-17 years old)



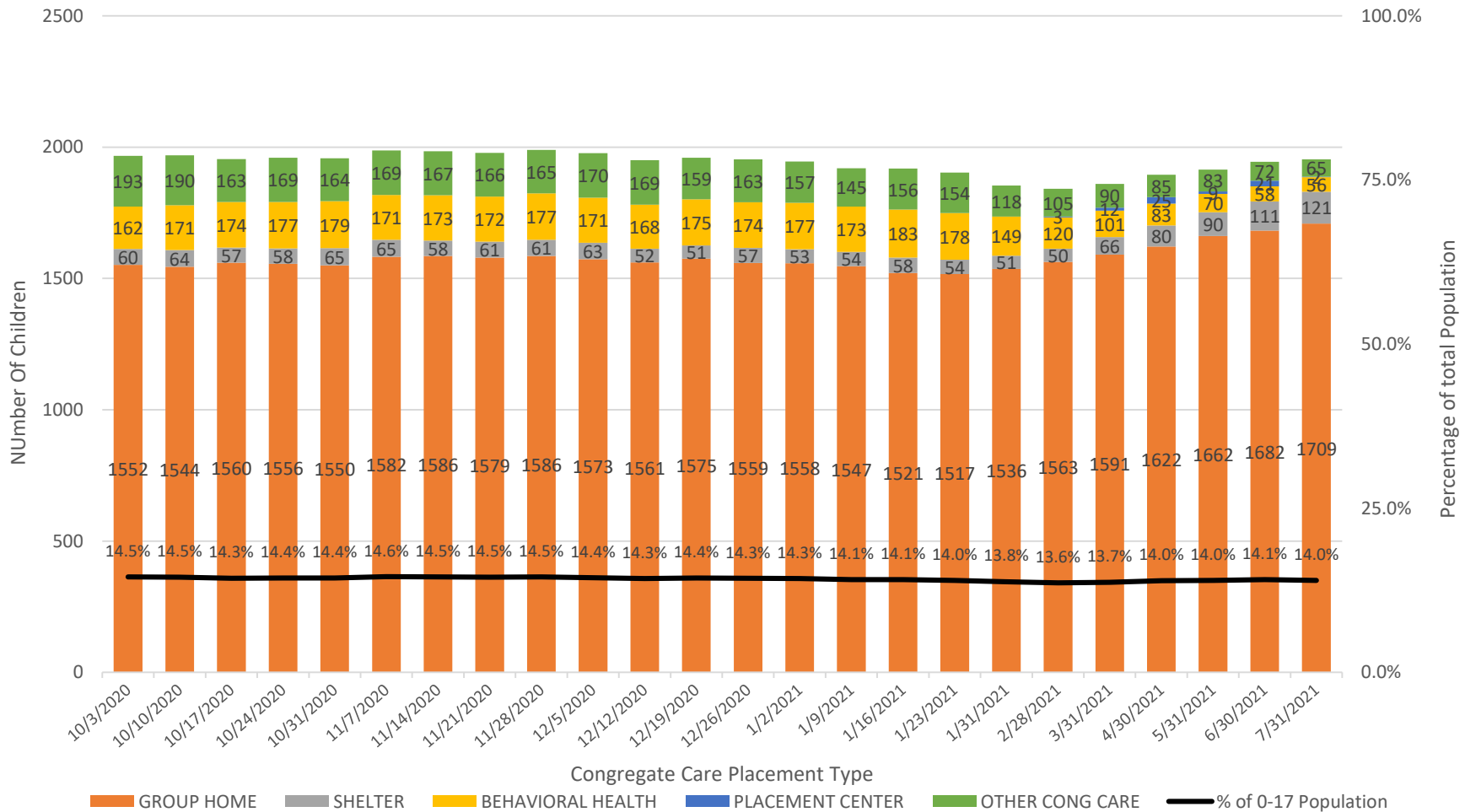
NOTE: Each month represents OOH Population on last day of month. Current month data is population on report run date. Other category includes Runaway, Absconded & No Placement Entry (placement not yet entered or date is misaligned). Data inclusions: Child removal date is <= report period end date, return date is null or > than report period end date, most recent caregiver date entered is >= removal date, caregiver end date is null or > report period end date. Estimated margins of error in distribution of caregiver categories: 7-9% Jun-Jul 2021, 3-5% Jan-May 2021.

Data Source 1/1/2021-8/2/2021: CE Advance Find exports

Data Source through 12/31/2020: DCS Monthly Out-of-Home Care Report



Children Age 0 -17 in Congregate Care



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Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)-Utilization and Changes

The Department is working on the below improvements to support caregivers and ensure children are placed in a family like setting whenever possible:

- Redesign of TFC training curriculum.
 - This is in the process of being completed there are 6 Domains that address the core components of being a TFC Provider
- New policy for use of DCS Funded Therapeutic Foster Care
 - Addresses children newly entering care that have significant trauma or a high profile
 - Children who are no longer approved for medically necessary TFC but should not step down to CC environment
 - 3 or more disruptions from a traditional family setting
 - During 90 day CC reviews unstable in environment
- Recruitment for TFC Families and working to growing skills of community foster care.



Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)-Utilization and Changes (cont.)

- Implementation of Tiered rate structure for Medically Necessary TFC
 - Continuous Co-occurring Conditions
 - BH and Cognitive Impairment
 - Psychotic Disorders
- Implementation of rate structure for DCS Funded TFC
 - Transition rate for children stepping down from medically necessary
 - DCS Funded Rate
 - Adoption Subsidy Rate for TFC/DDD level



Questions? Comments?

Thank you!

