

Child Welfare Overview: Policy to Outcomes

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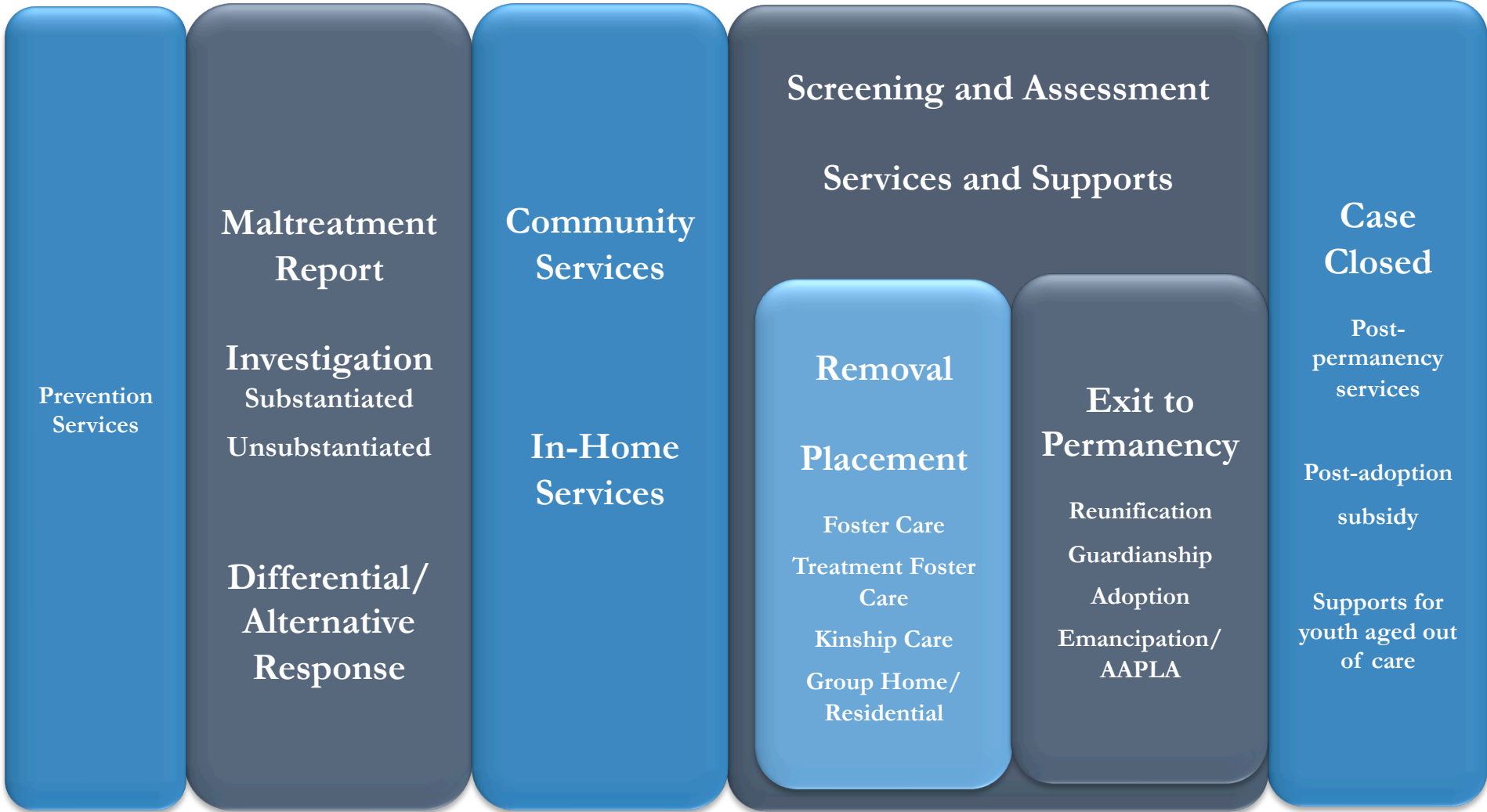
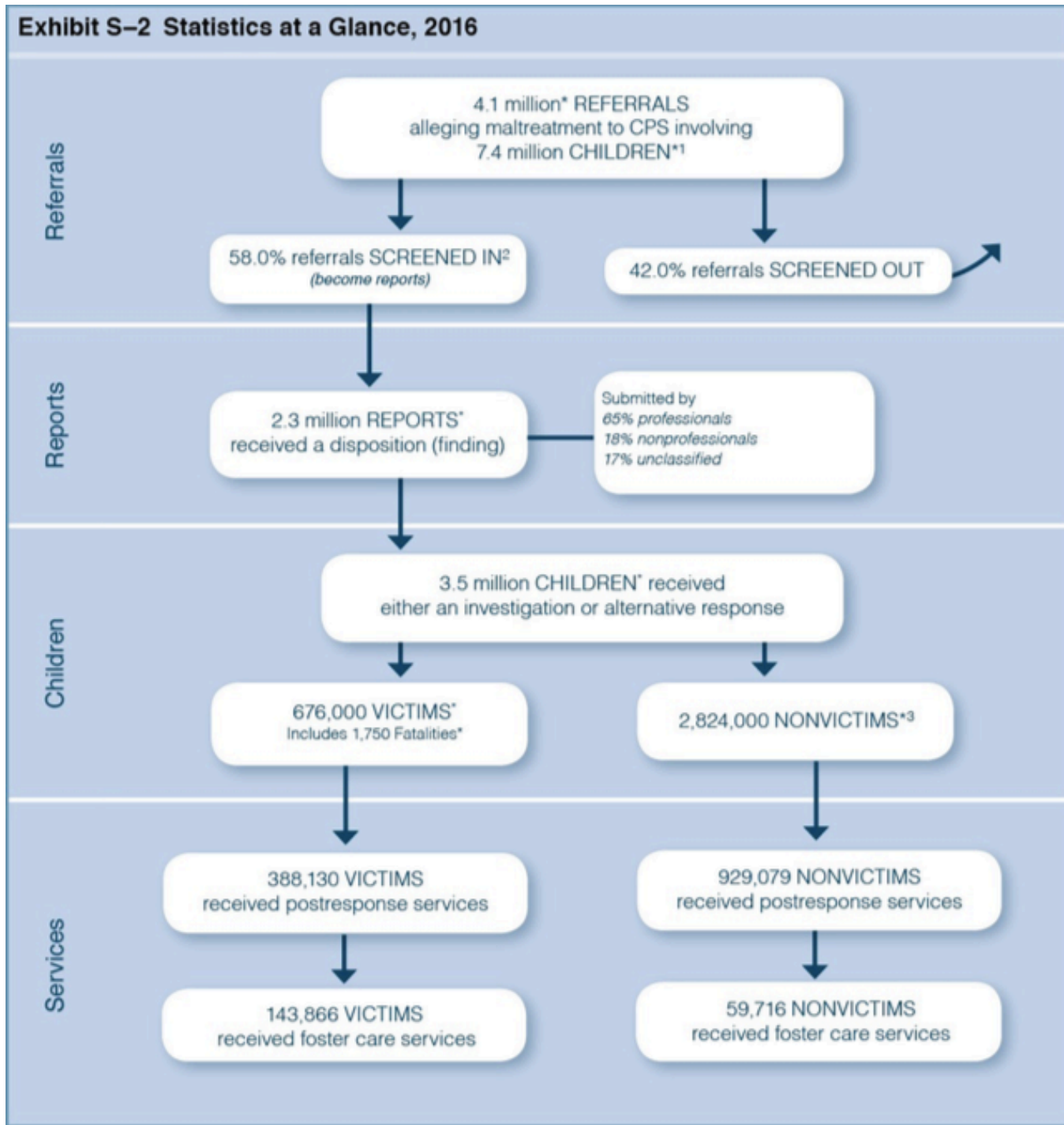


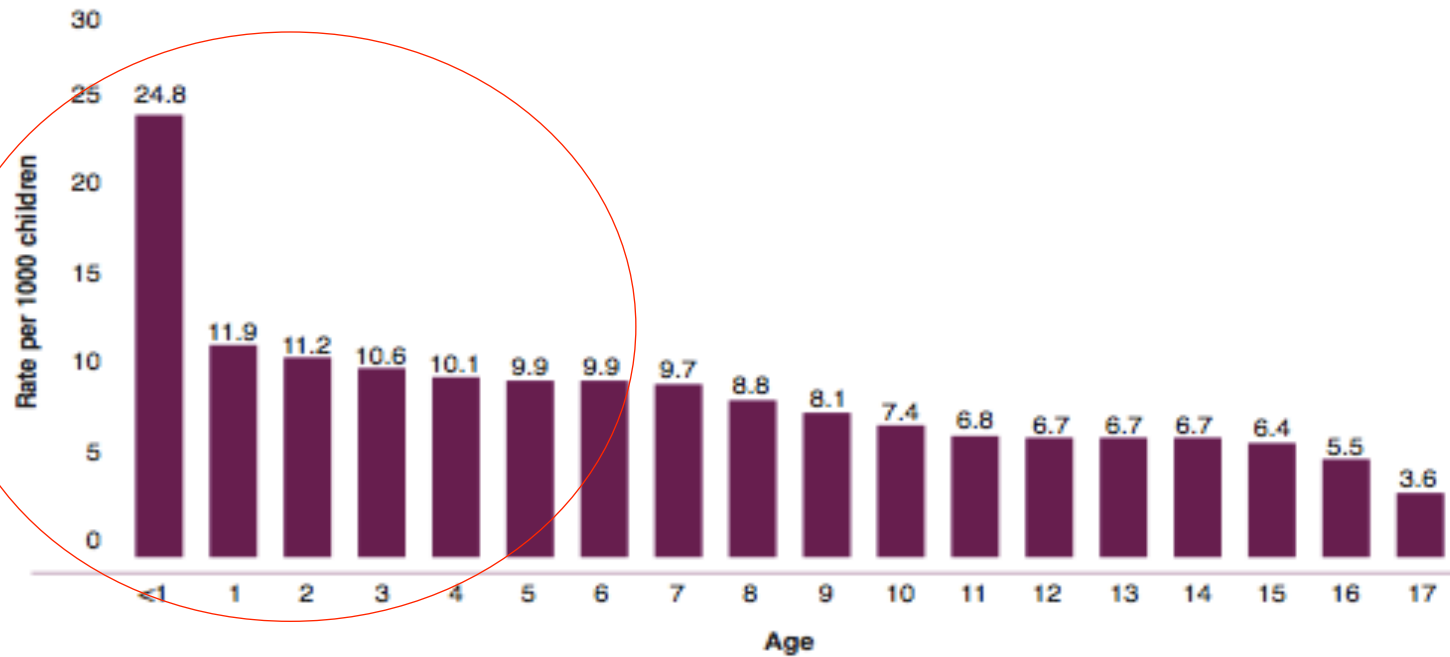
Exhibit S-2 Statistics at a Glance, 2016



Rate of Maltreatment by Age

Exhibit 3–D Victims by Age, 2016

The youngest children were the most vulnerable to maltreatment

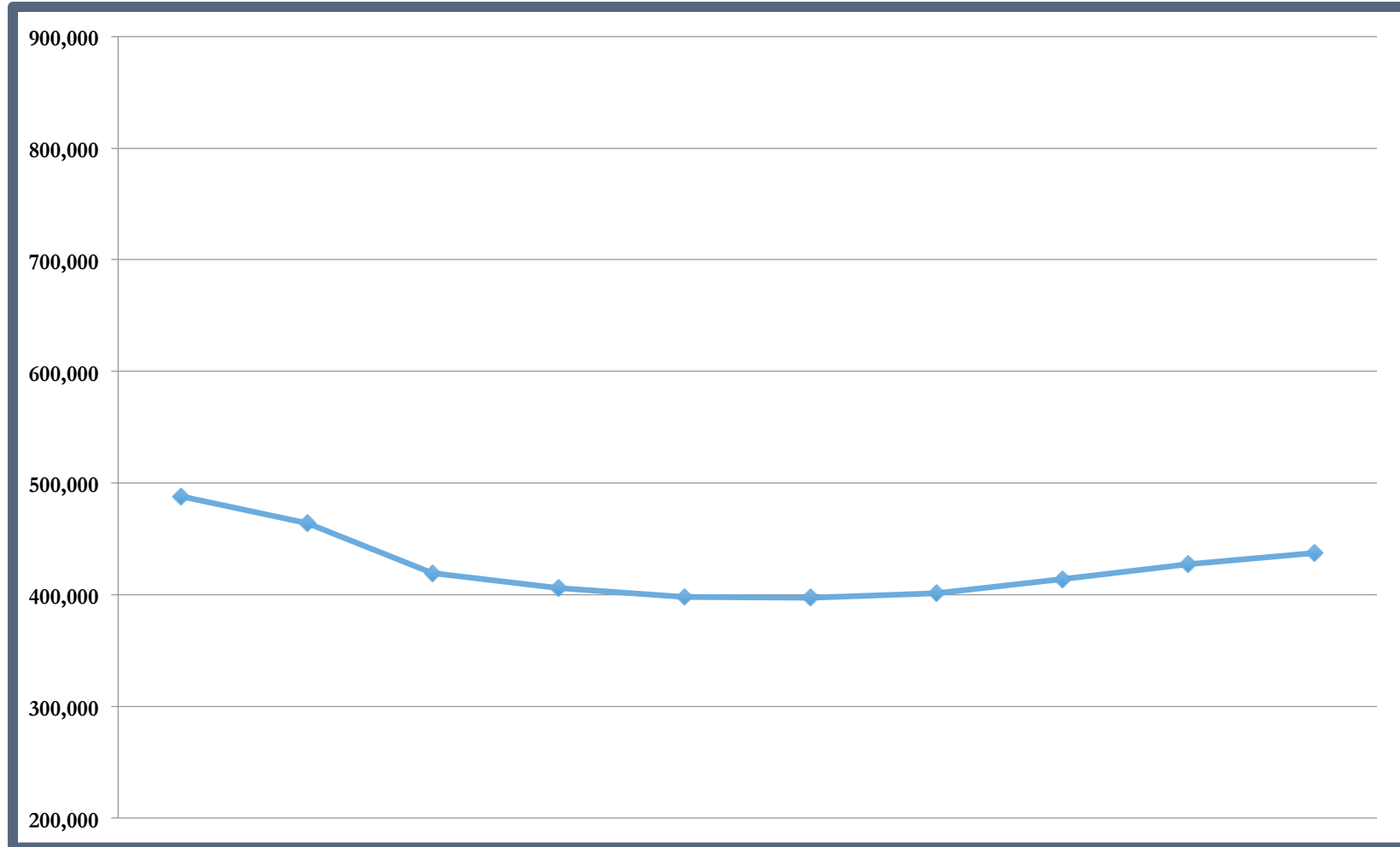


Removal Circumstances

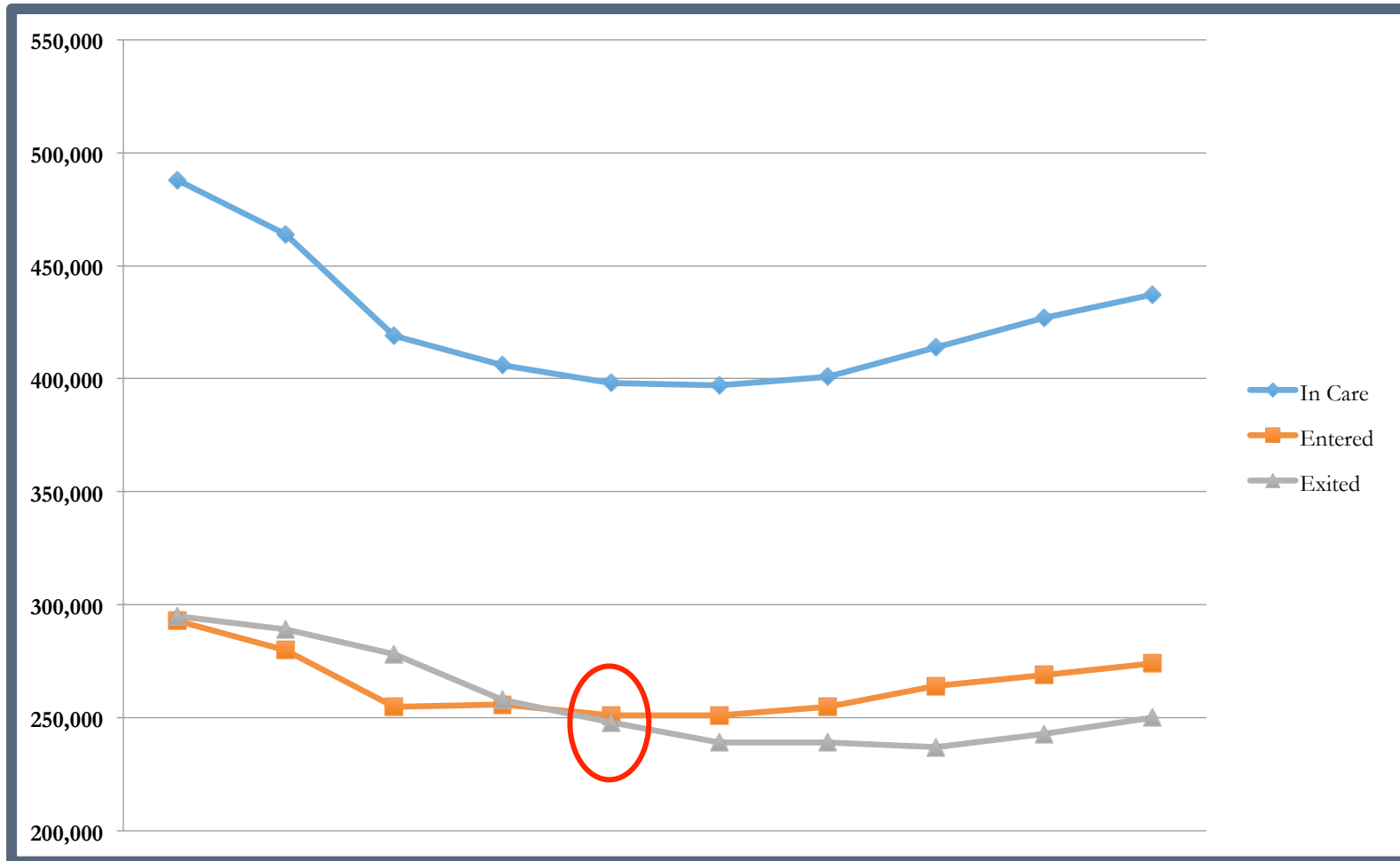
Circumstances Associated With Child's Removal	Percent	Number
Neglect	61%	166,679
Drug Abuse (Parent)	34%	92,107
Caretaker Inability To Cope	14%	37,857
Physical Abuse	12%	33,671
Child Behavior Problem	11%	28,829
Housing	10%	27,871
Parent Incarceration	8%	20,939
Alcohol Abuse (Parent)	6%	15,143
Abandonment	5%	12,889
Sexual Abuse	4%	9,904
Drug Abuse (Child)	2%	6,273
Child Disability	2%	4,554
Relinquishment	1%	2,694
Parent Death	1%	2,212
Alcohol Abuse (Child)	0%	1,242



Children in Foster Care (2007-2016)



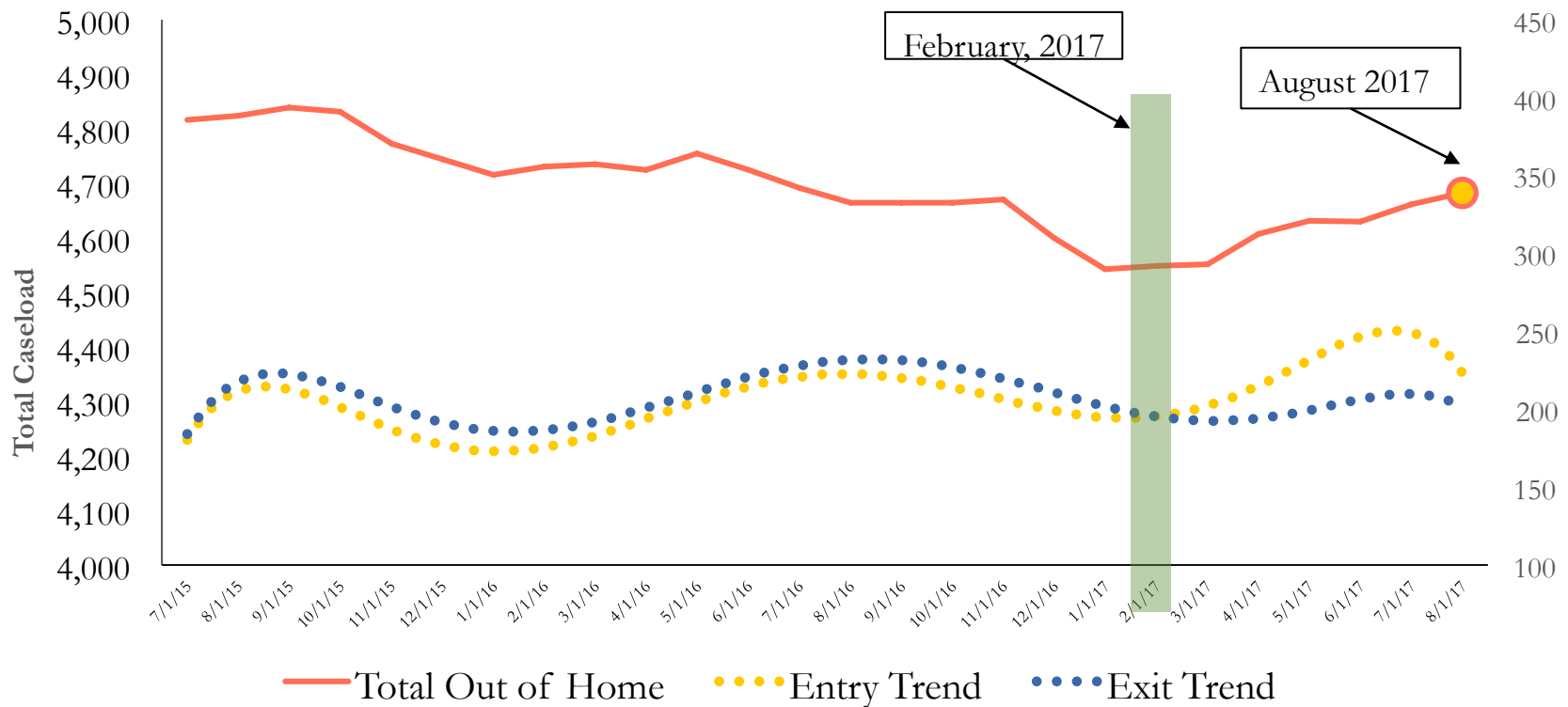
Entries, Exits & Children in Care (2007-2016)



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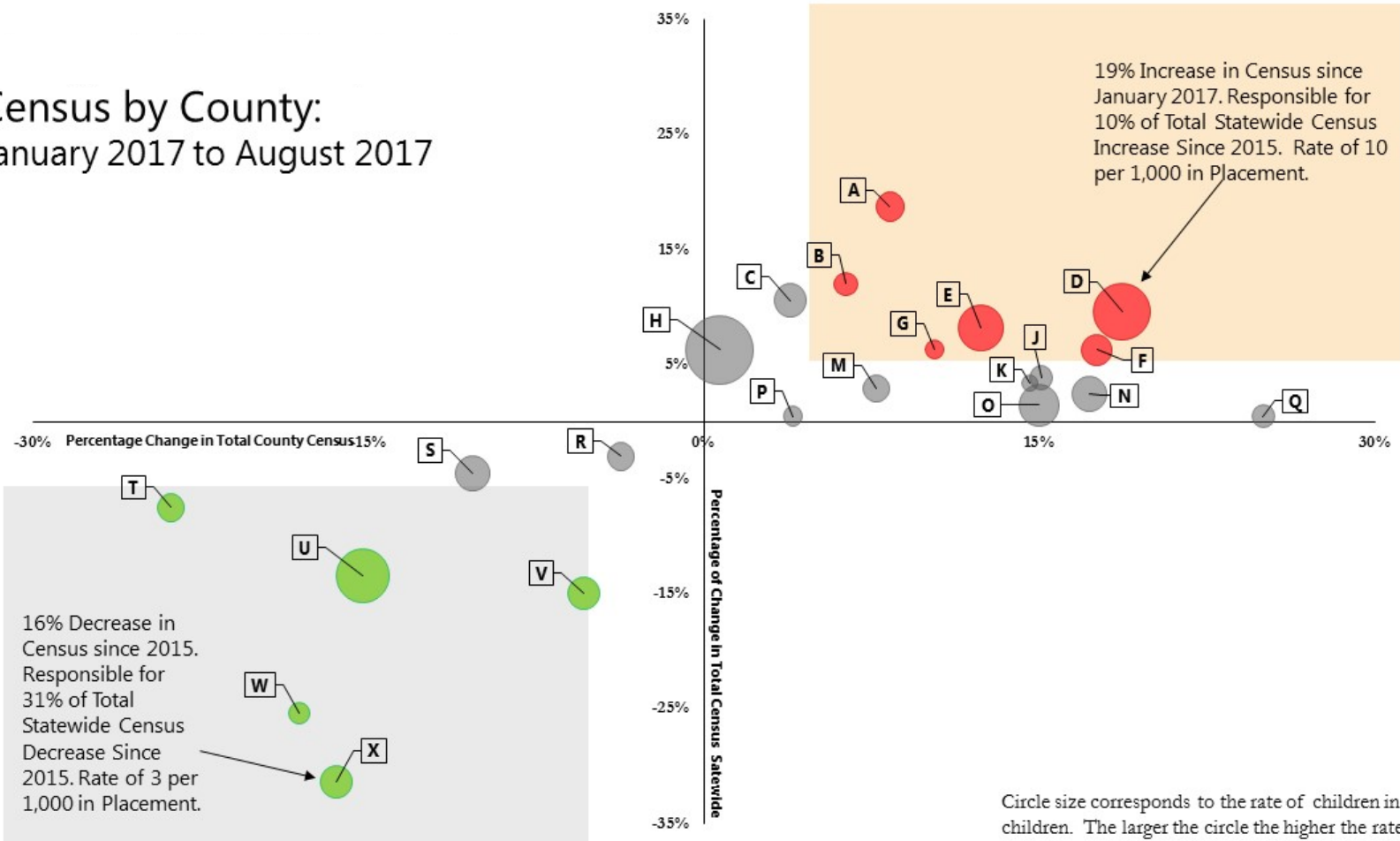
A State Example

A State Example: Total Entry, Exit & Statewide Census
July 2015 to August 2017






Entries, Exits & Children in Care A State Example

Census by County:
January 2017 to August 2017



Placements

Type of Placement	Percent 2007 2017
Foster Home	46% 45% 
Kinship	26% 33% 
Congregate	16% 11% 



Permanency Outcomes

Permanency Outcome	Percent 2007	Percent 2016
Reunification	53%	51%
Adoption	18%	23%
Living with Relative	9%	7%
Guardianship	6%	10%
Emancipation	10%	8%
Other	4%	2%



Big Ideas, The Testing Ground & What's Next (Family First)

- Prevention
- Integrating Safety, Permanency & Well-being
- Reduction in Congregate Care
- Use of Evidence-based Interventions

Title IV-E Waivers

(what we're learning and the transition to Family First)



Strategic Direction, Priority Outcomes & Policy Alignment

Deliberative inquiry and outcomes-oriented action

- What do the data tell us about strengths and challenges?
(where, for whom, how much)
- What discrete set of priority outcomes can be accomplished?
- What is the strategic direction to get there?
- What leveraging & alignment of policies, practices, and resources are necessary for success?



Action Planning

- Encourage a data and evidence driven understanding of the strengths and needs
- Promote the use of priority outcomes with time-specific targets (and CQI to get there)
- Clarify the vision, strategic direction & the theory of change
- Define and implement the policies needed to be successful – promote use of policies as tools to achieve vision
- Encourage leverage & alignment of policies, practices, & resources
- Stay focused



Resources / References

- NCANDS/Child Maltreatment Report
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2016>
- AFCARS
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/afcarsreport15.pdf>
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/afcars-report-24>
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/trends-in-foster-care-and-adoption>
- Casey Family Programs analysis of AFCARS data (placement trends)



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