



Presentation to the 2025 Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services

Child Welfare In-Home and Out-of-Home Budget Review

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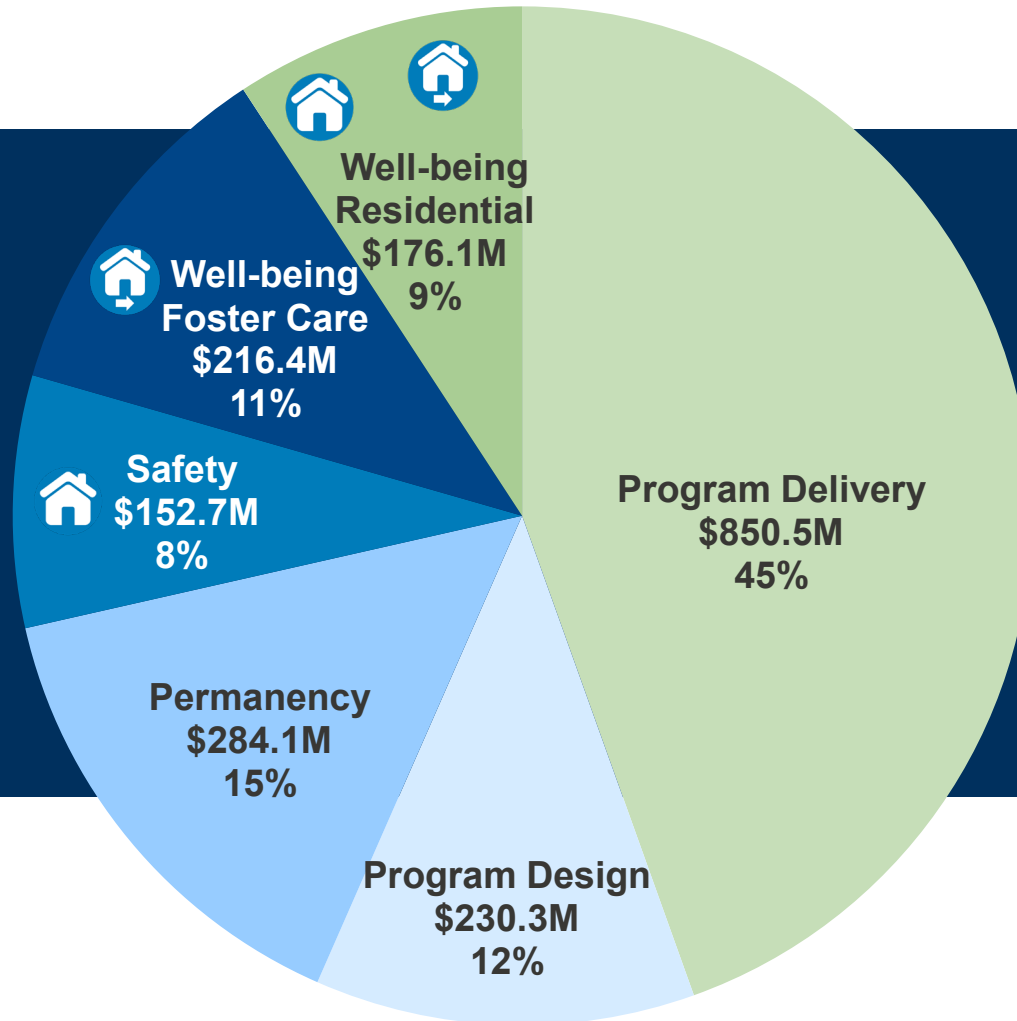
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- Safety
- Well-being Residential



Out-of-Home

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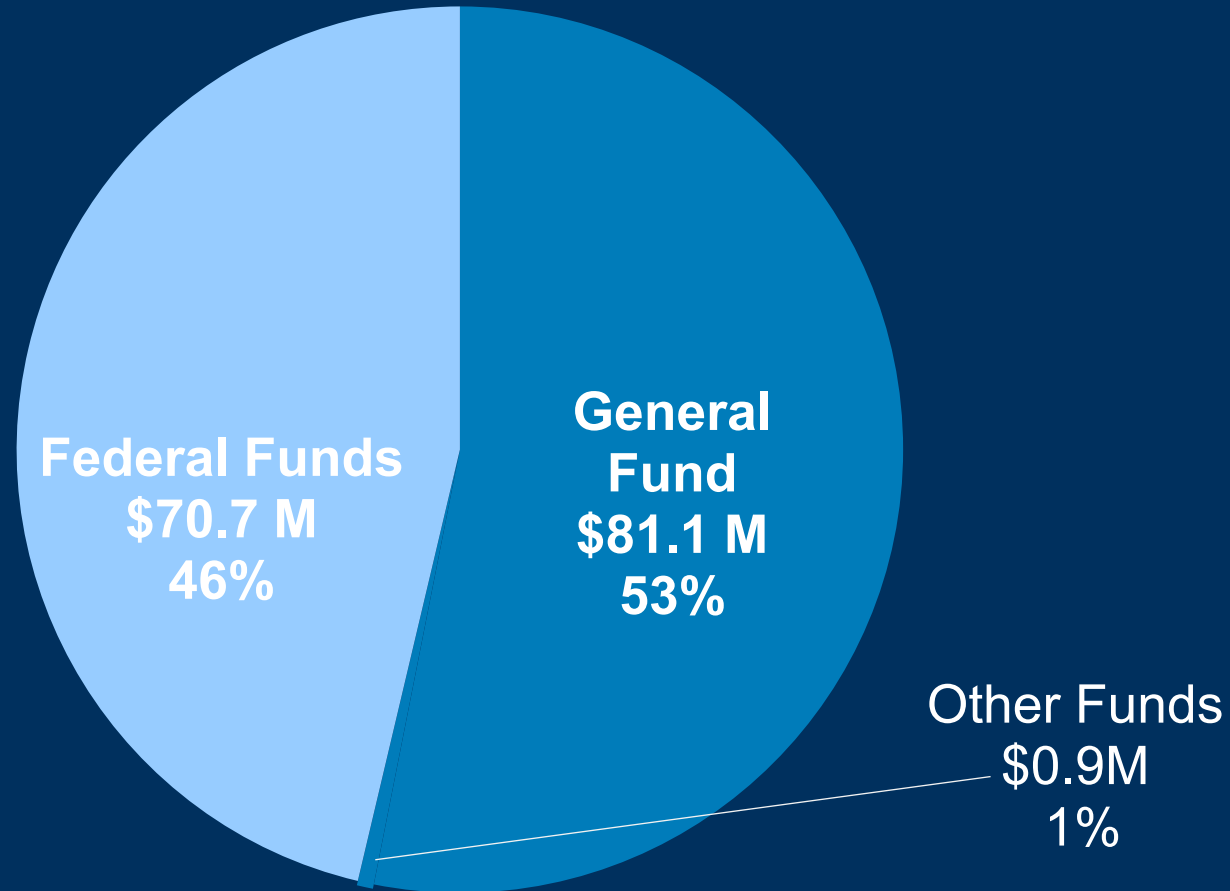
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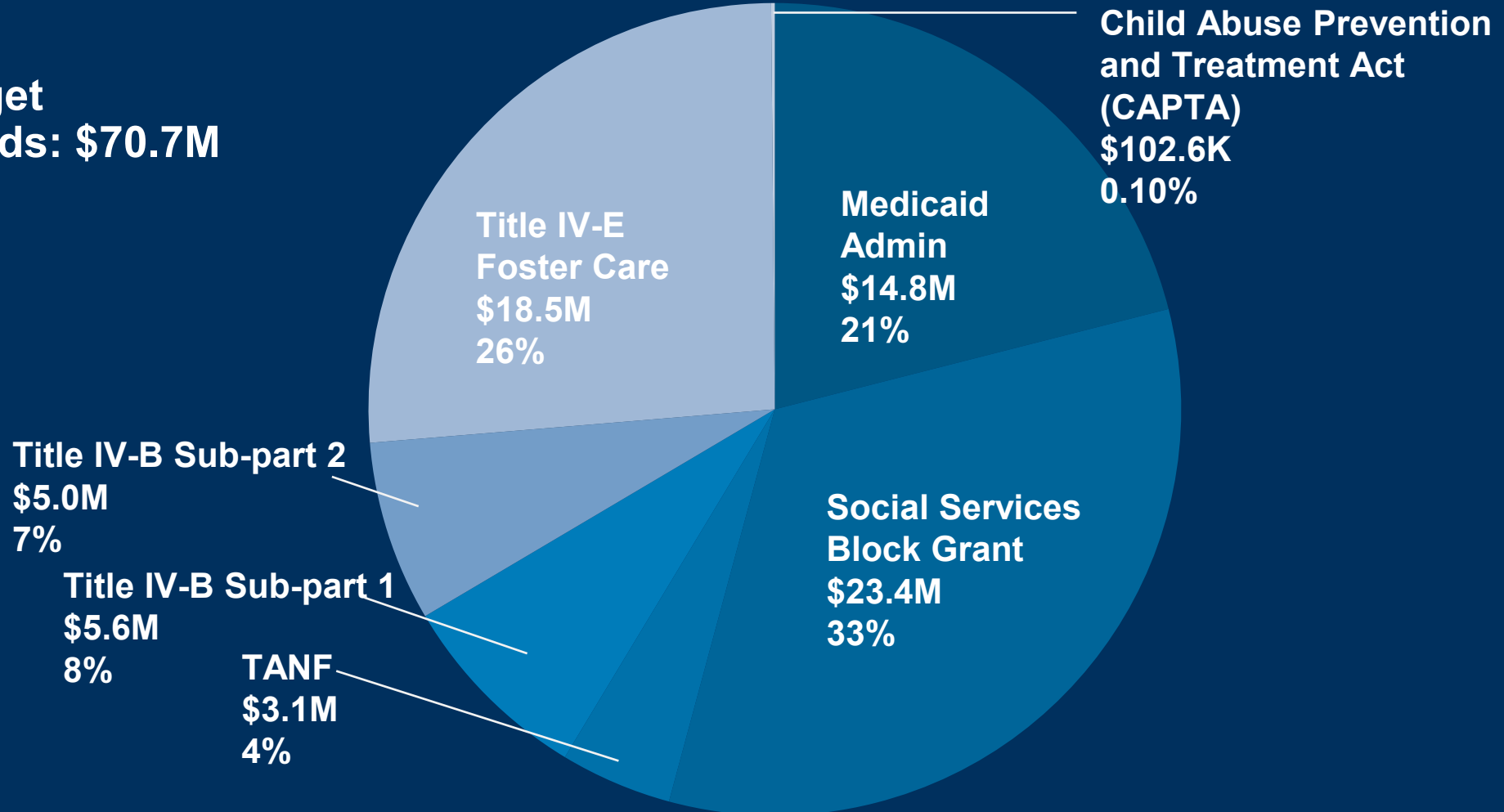
In-Home Services: Child Welfare Safety Budget Funding split

**Safety total GB
funds: \$152.7M**



In-Home Services: Child Welfare Safety Budget Federal Funds

**Safety Budget
Federal Funds: \$70.7M**



Child Welfare Safety DCRs



**Family Safety
Services**
\$54.7M

**Child and Family
Supports**
\$44.5M

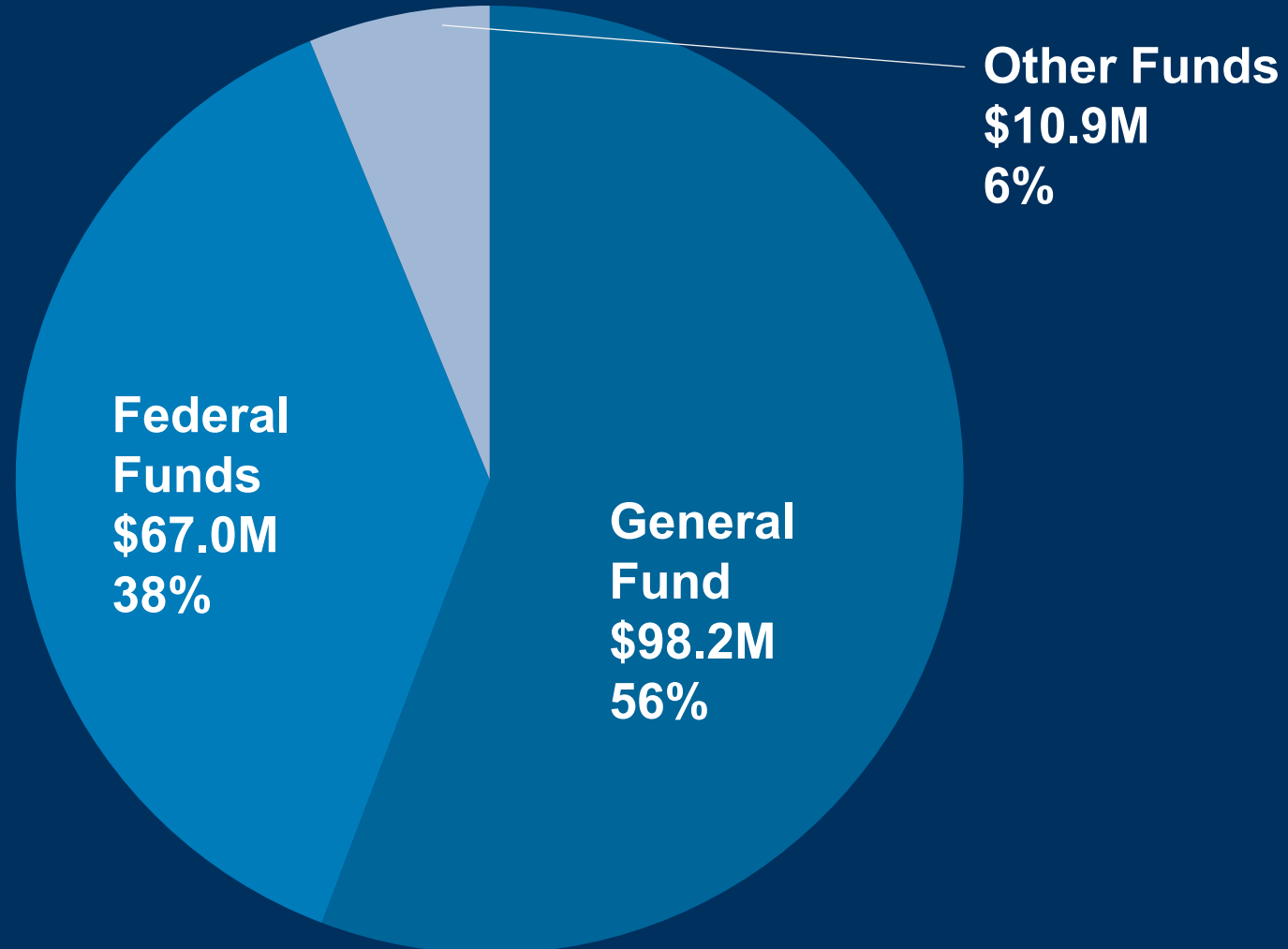
**Prevention and
Preservation**
\$32.8M

**Addiction and
Recovery Services**
\$10.4M

**Family First
Prevention
Services**
\$10.3M

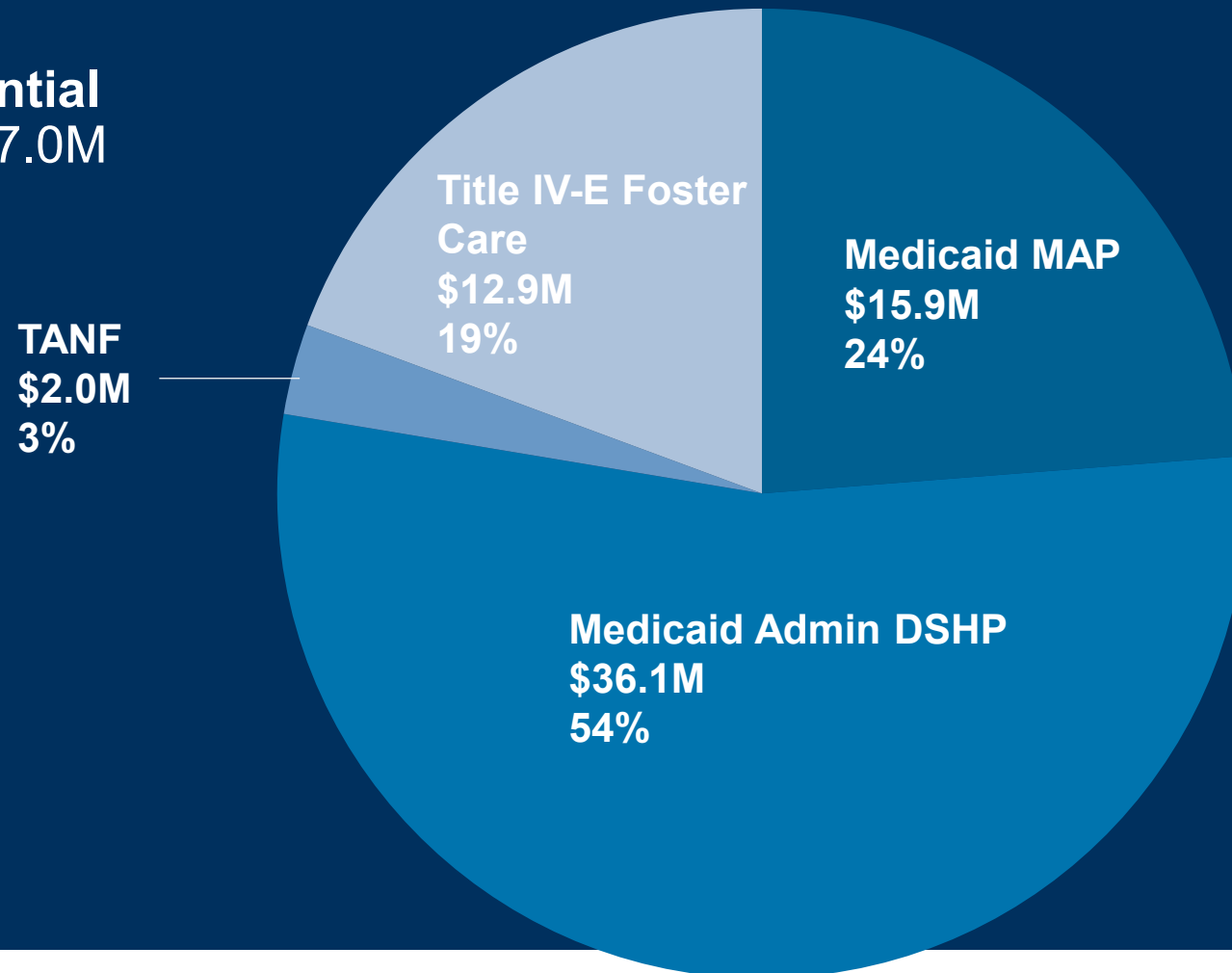
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**Well-being Residential
total GB funds: \$176.1M**



In-Home Services: Child Welfare Well-being Residential Federal Funds

**Well-being Residential
Federal Funds: \$67.0M**



Child Welfare Well-being Residential DCRs

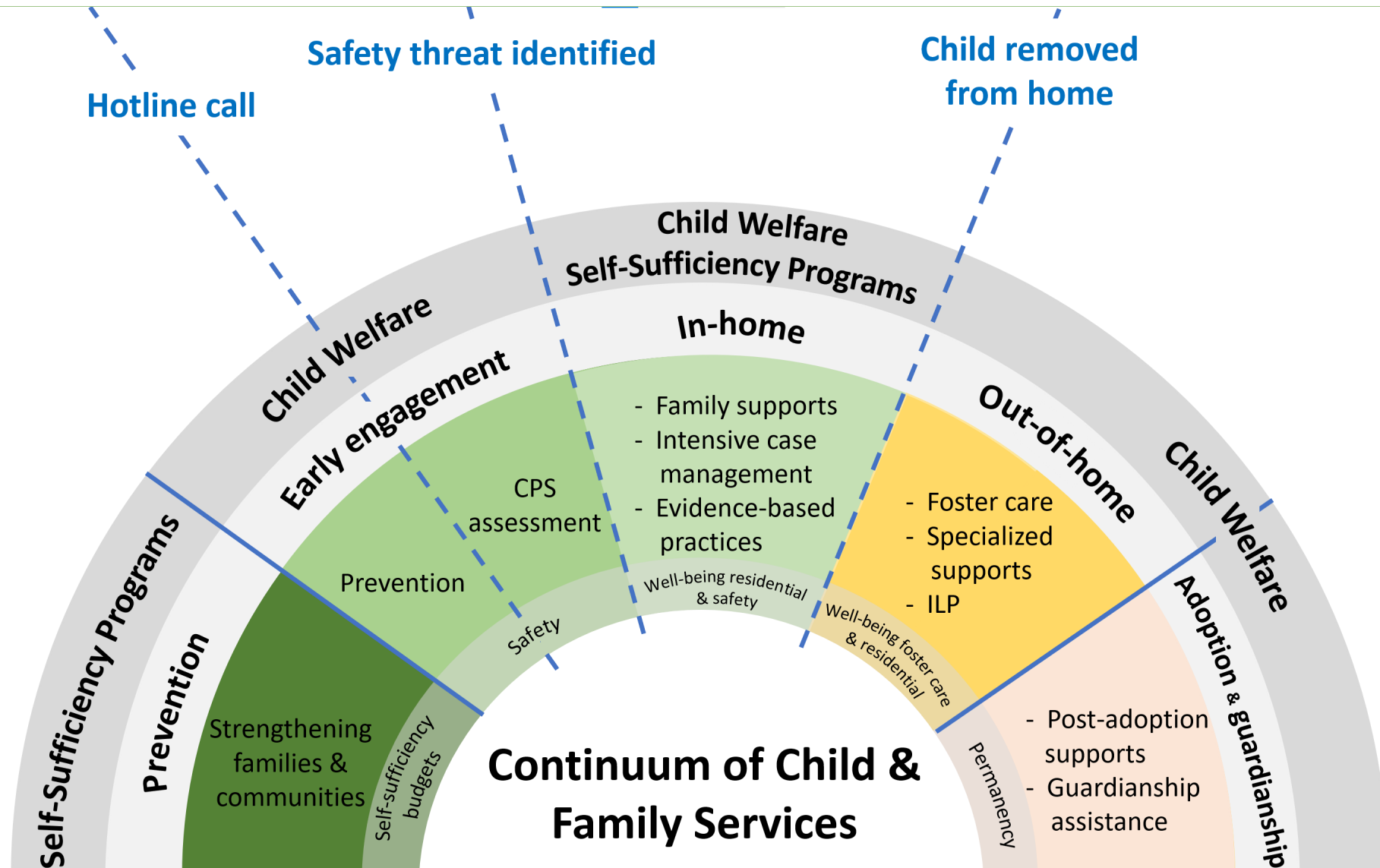


Residential Treatment
\$135.5M

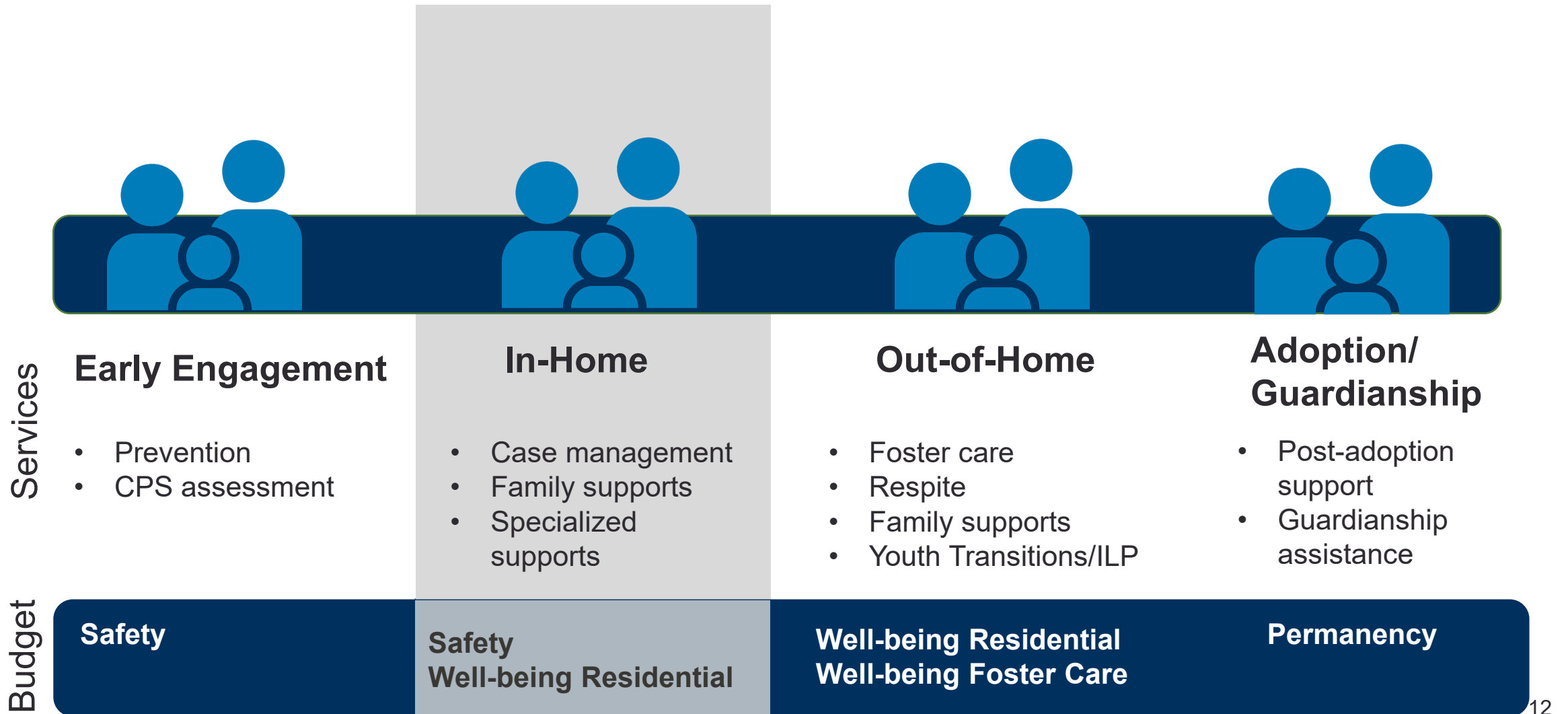
Focus Children
\$29.4M

**IV-E Foster Care and
Admin Reimbursement**
\$11.2M (all FF)

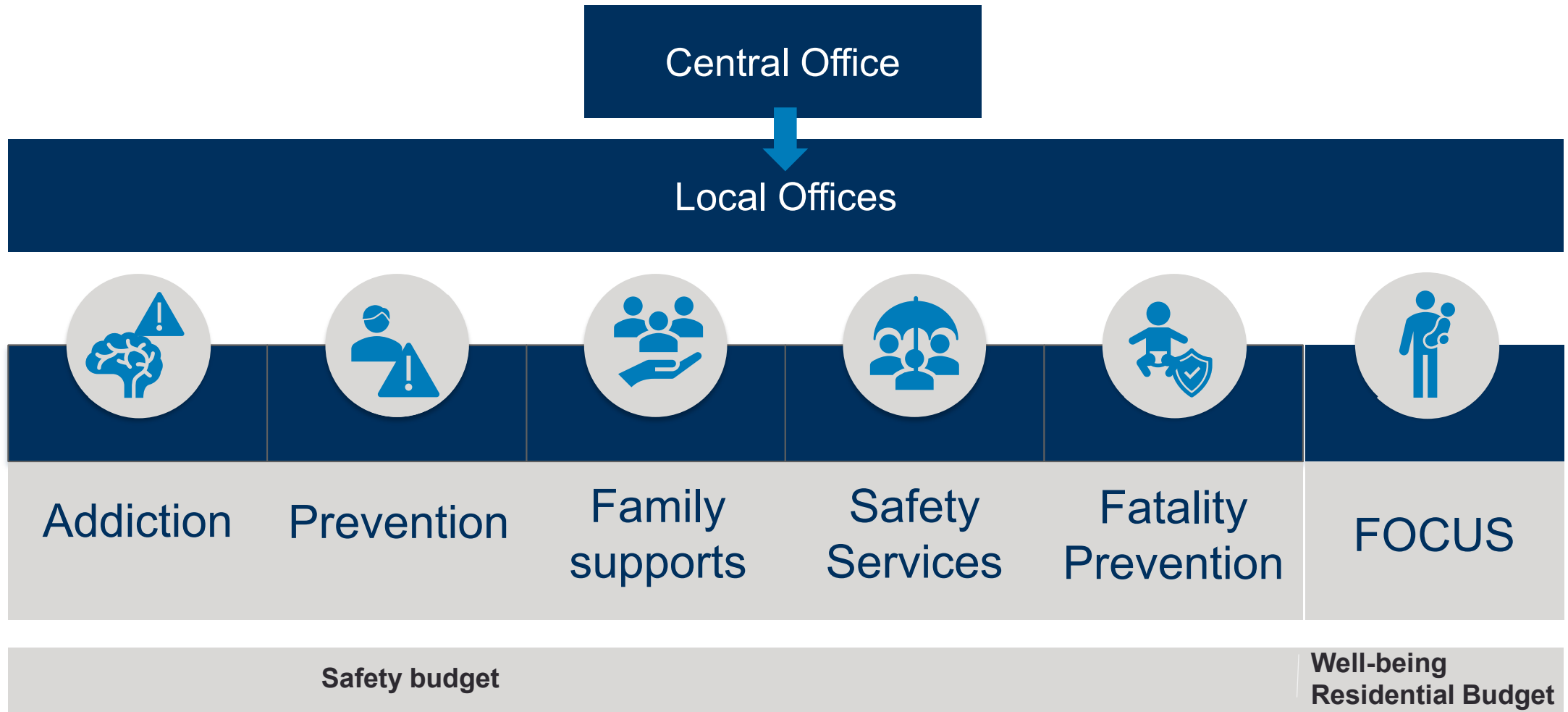
Child Welfare: How we work









In-Home Continuum of Services



Child Welfare In-Home: Safety and Well-being Residential Budget Services



Child Welfare In-home Services

					
Addiction	Prevention	Family supports	Safety Services	Fatality Prevention	FOCUS
Recovery Support Teams	Contracts for community prevention services	Economic supports	In-Home Safety and Reunification Services (ISRS)	Child Fatality Review	Child-Specific Caregiver Supports
Supportive Housing	Statewide parent mentor contract	Transportation	Strengthening, Preserving and Reunifying Families (SPRF)	CAPTA (Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act)	Resource Support Network
		Child-specific contracts	Domestic Violence Services	CARA (Comprehensive Addiction & Recovery Act) Plans of Care	

In-home Outcomes

817

children
served in-
home*



80/92%
of children in
Family
Preservation
remained safely
with families**



In-Home
Cases
increased
by 10%

*Family Preservation demonstration sites only.

**Data from eight 2024 Family Preservation demonstration sites.

In-home Focus

Key priorities

- Supporting child safety in-home
- Keeping families together
- Specialized services to support caregivers and children with complex needs

Key challenges

- Need for more family coaches to support co-case management with Self-Sufficiency Programs
- Growing need for intensive caregiver supports to keep families together
- Access to community-based and economic supports



2025-27 Governor's Recommended Budget **Policy Option Package (POP) 112**

Evidence-Based Services for Community Pathways to Prevention

PROBLEM

- State investment is required to continue implementing the federal Family First Prevention Services Act.
- Families would lose services to help them stabilize and remain together.

SOLUTION

- Secure funding to 50% federal match
- Covers buildout of the behavioral health and parenting service array to prevent foster care.

RESOURCES

- **GF:** \$7,041,752
- **OF:** \$0
- **FF:** \$7,041,752
- **Positions:** 2
- **FTE:** 1.5



ODHS priority: Customer Service

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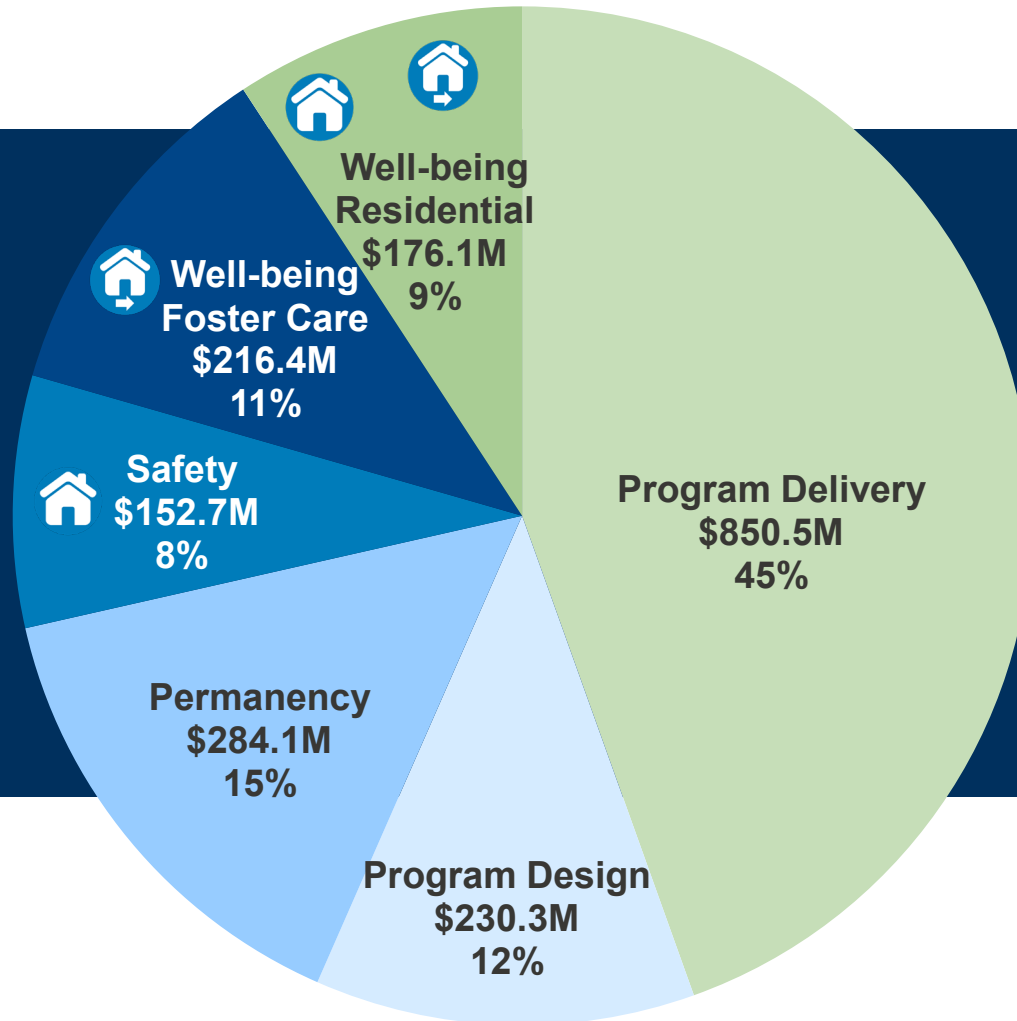
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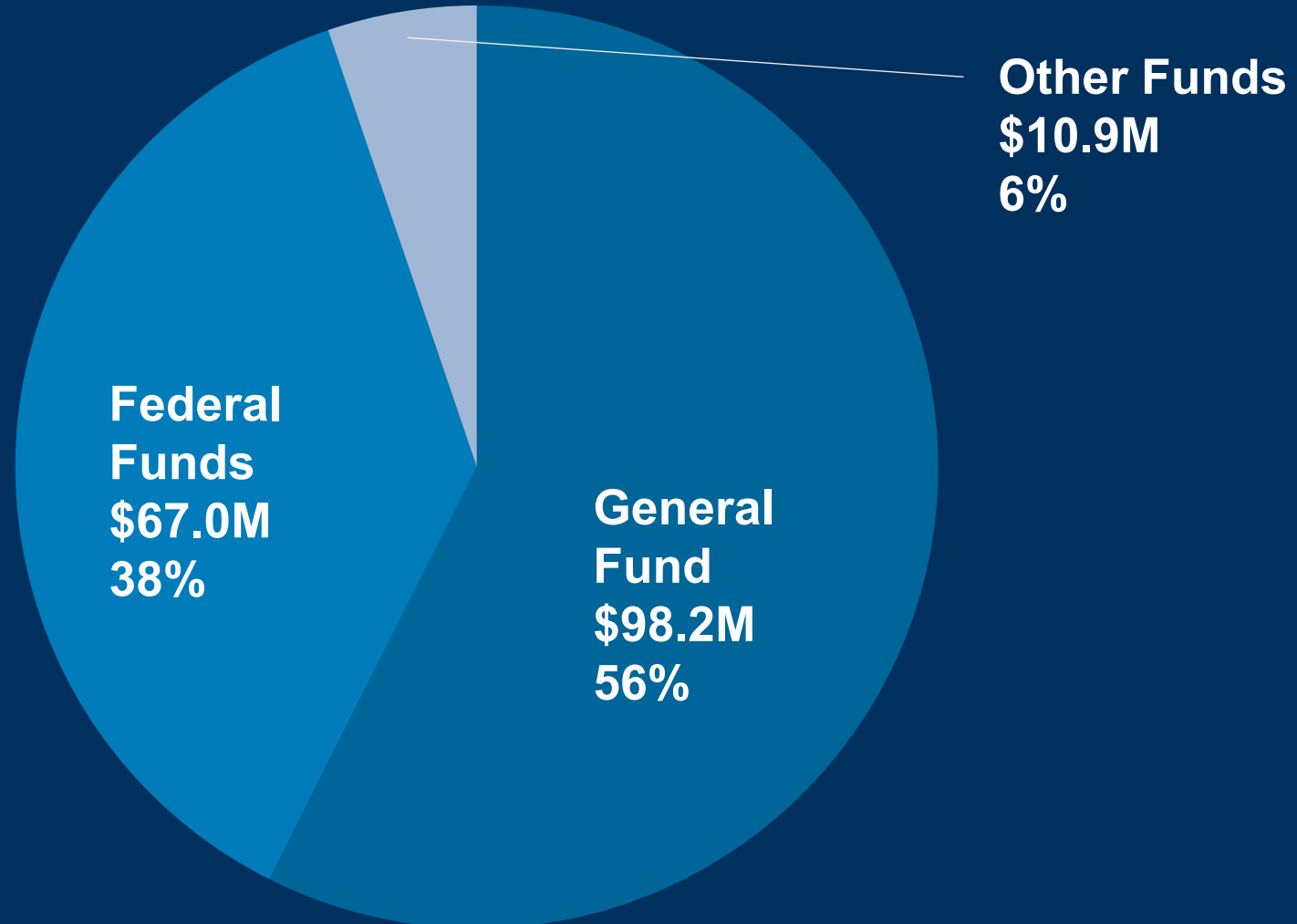
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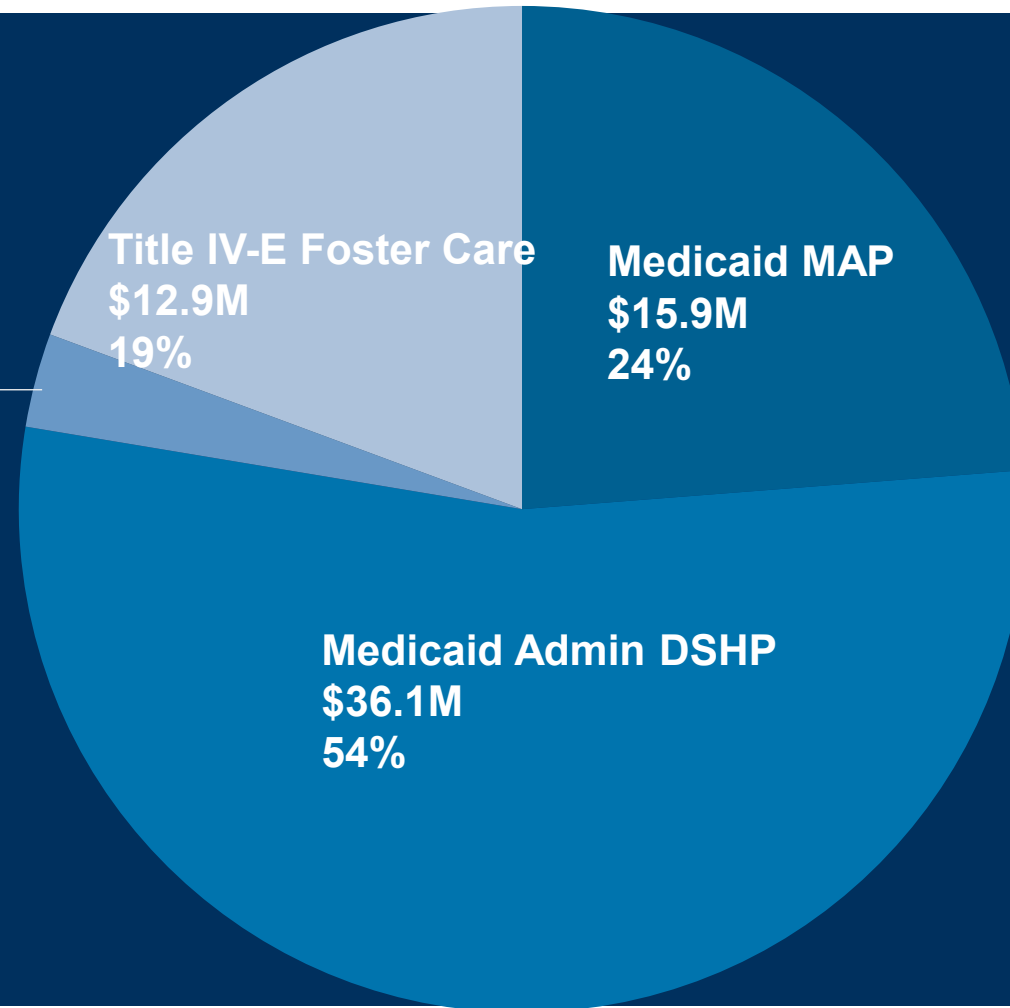
**Well-being Residential
Federal Funds: \$67.0M**

**TANF
\$2.0M
3%**

**Title IV-E Foster Care
\$12.9M
19%**

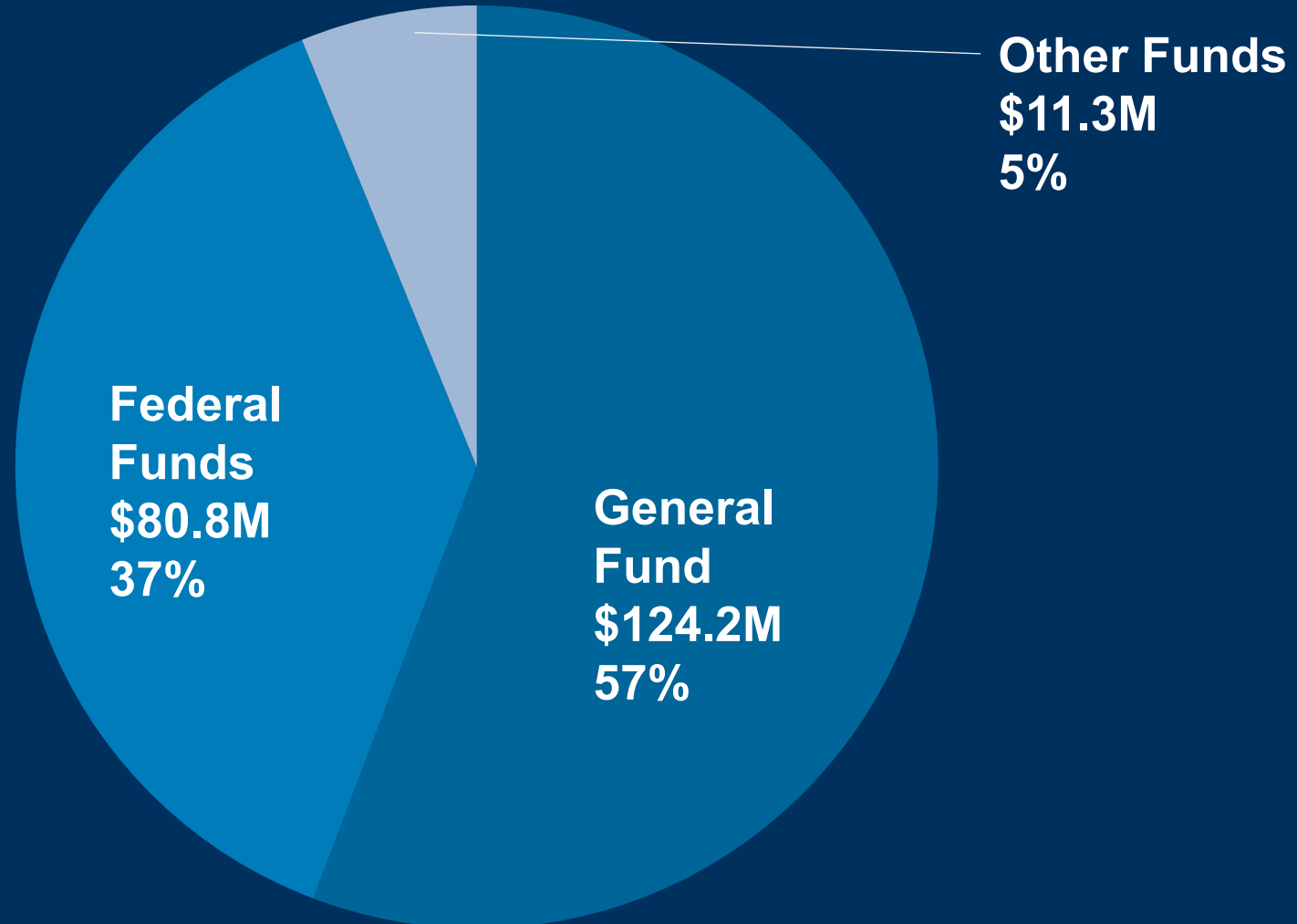
**Medicaid MAP
\$15.9M
24%**

**Medicaid Admin DSHP
\$36.1M
54%**



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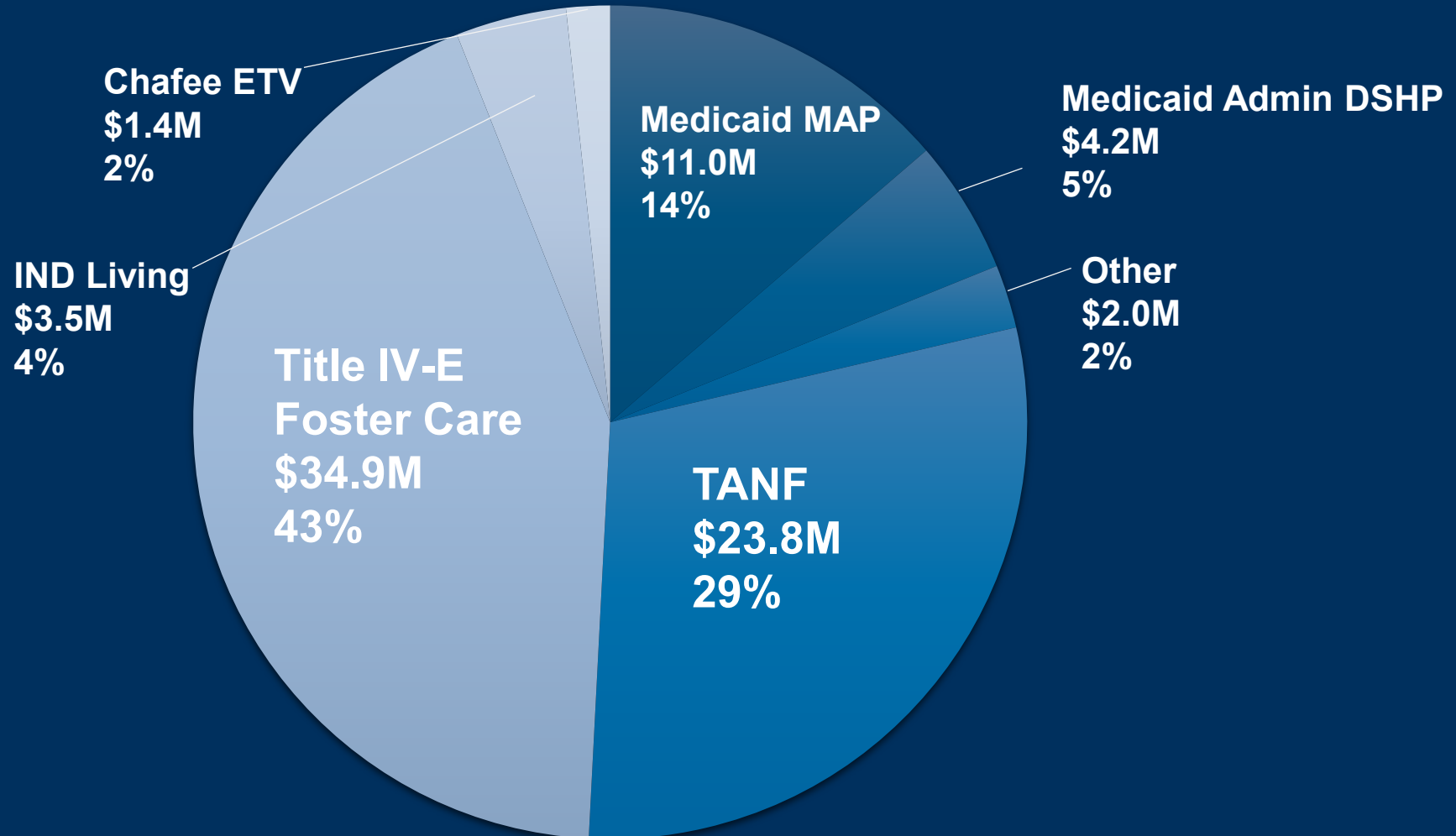
Well-being Foster Care
total GB funds:
\$216.4M



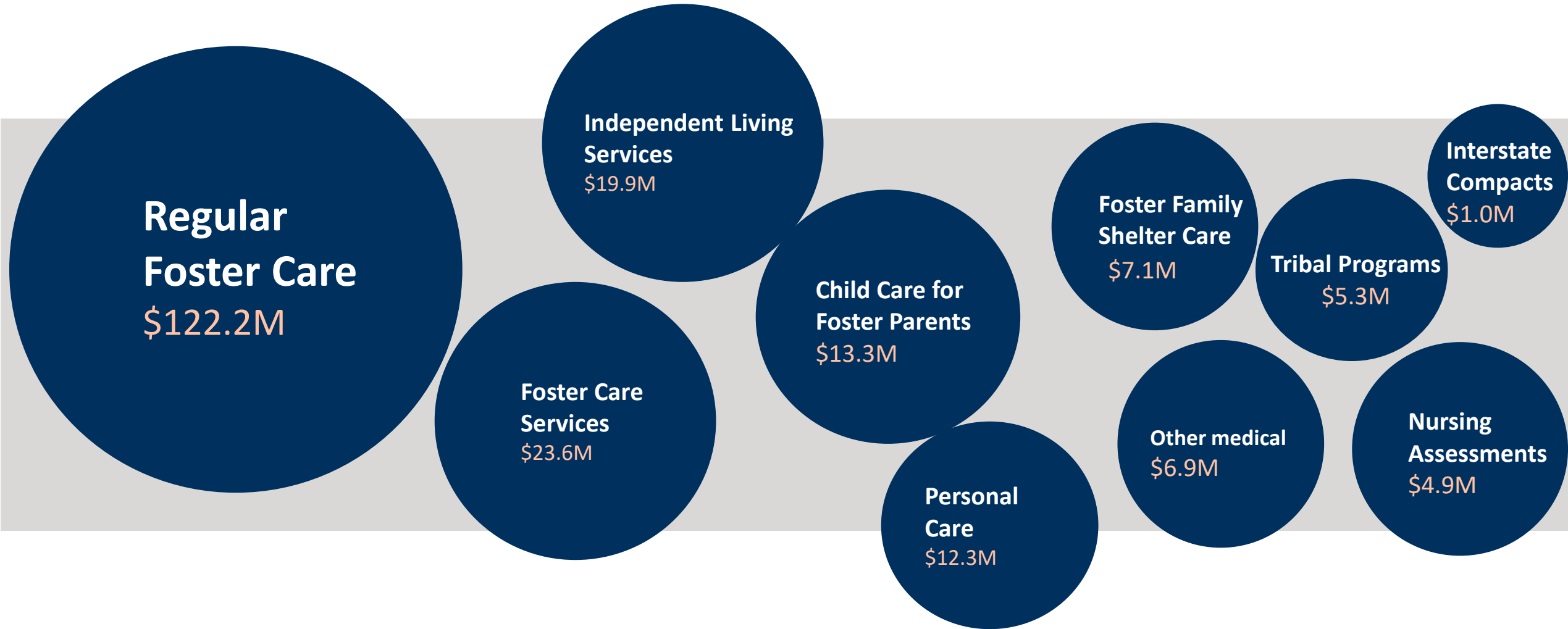
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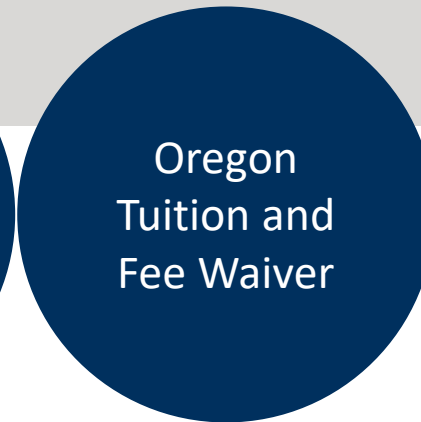
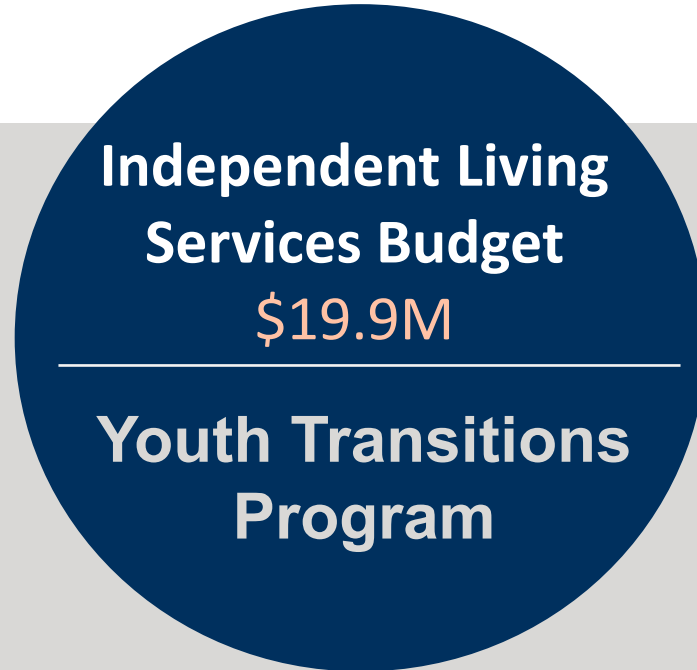
**Well-being
Foster Care
Federal Funds:
\$80.8M**



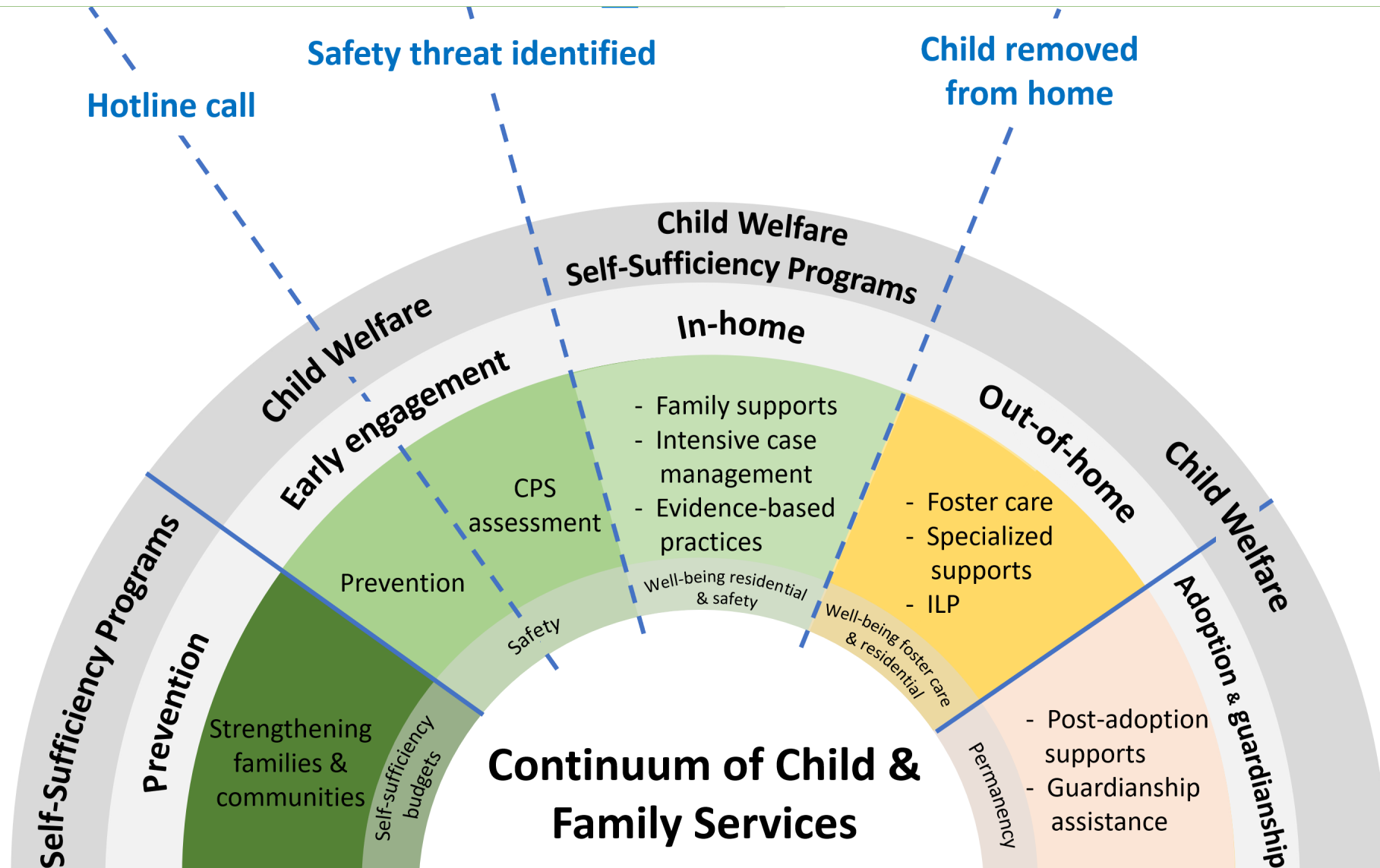
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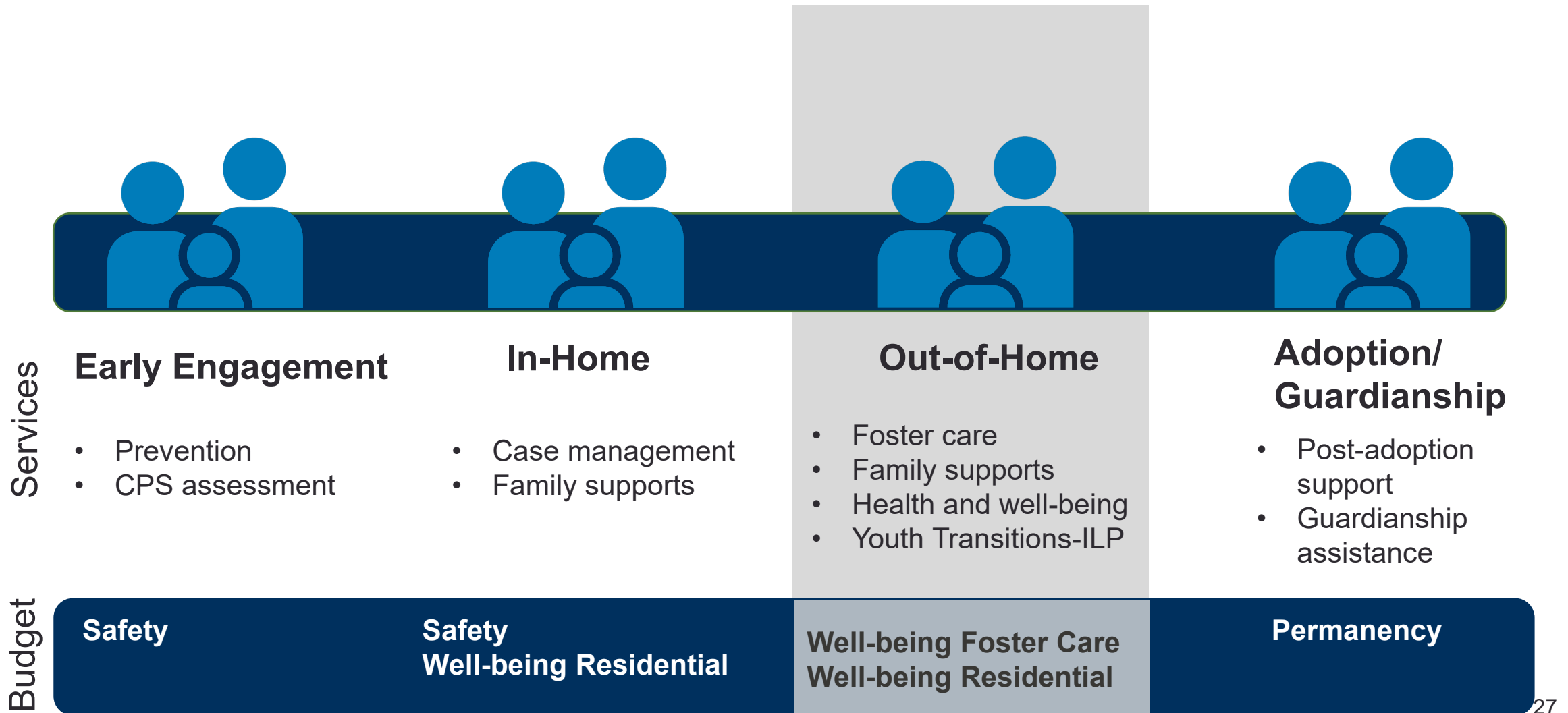
Child Welfare Well-being Foster Care DCRs Independent Living Services



Child Welfare: How we work



Child Welfare Continuum of Services: Out-of-Home

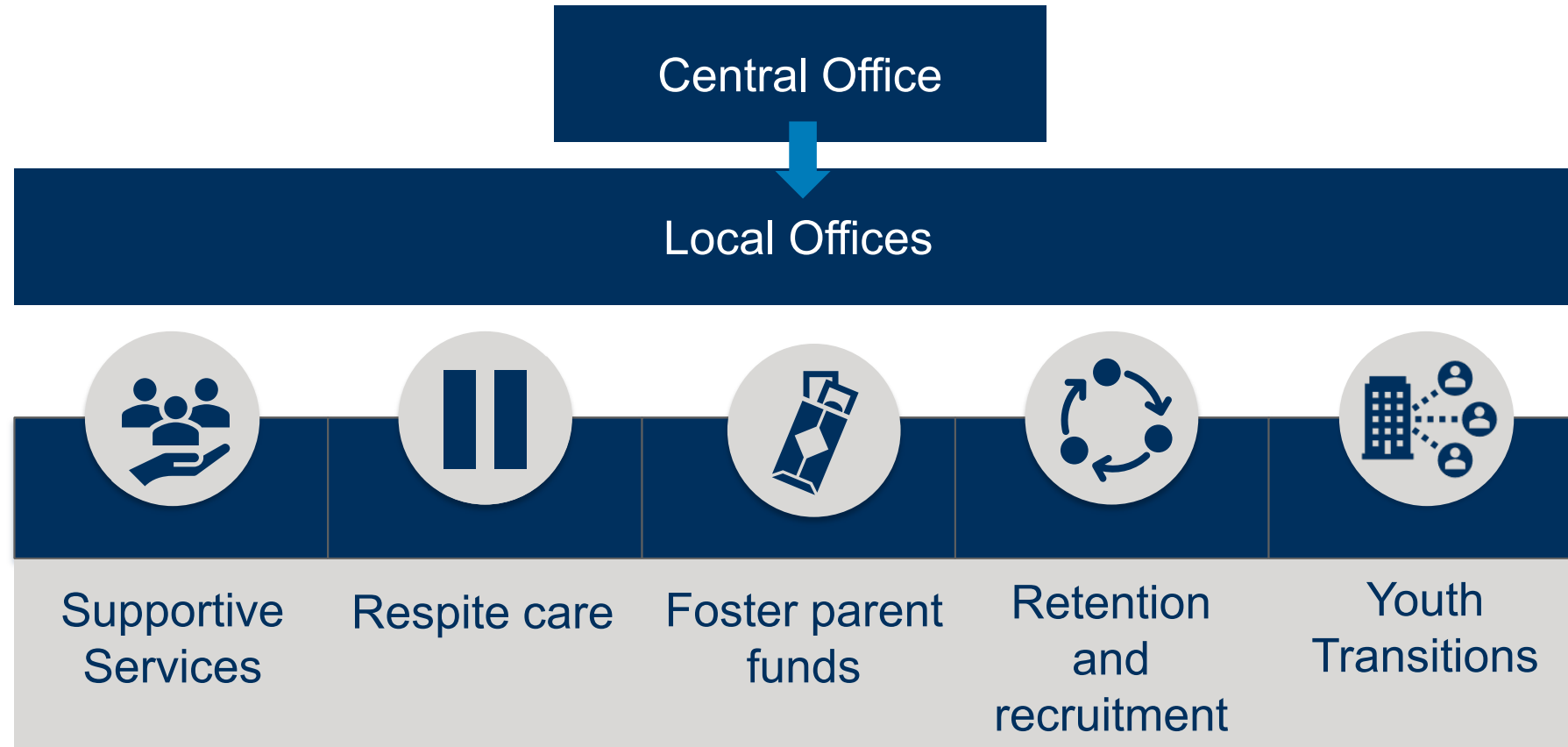


Out-of-Home Services: Well-Being Residential Budget



* Focused Opportunities for Children Utilizing Services

Child Welfare Out-of-home Services: Well-being Foster Care Budget



Child Welfare Out-of-home Services



Supportive Services

Contracted support services

Parenting supports and training opportunities



Respite care

Formal Respite care program

Respite funds to tribes

Respite during reunification



Foster parent funds

Funds for basic safety items upon certification

Tangible needs and goods

Transportation reimbursement



Retention and recruitment

Retention and recruitment plans in each district.

Foster Parent night outs

Contracted services for recruitment marketing and events



Youth Transitions

ILP Services

Chafee Housing

Education and Training Vouchers

Oregon Tuition and Fee Waiver

Youth Transitions Program Focus

Key priorities

- Support all youth experienced foster care at age 14 or older in their transition to adulthood through transitional services such as:
 - assistance in completing high school and post-secondary education,
 - career exploration, vocational training, job placement and retention,
 - support in accessing housing programming,
 - skills training and opportunities to practice daily living skills.

Key challenges

- Design staffing workload
- Relational permanence challenges and long-term impacts
- Contracted Independent Living Program (ILP) provider capacity and stability
- Antiquated youth engagement approaches
- Expanding Transitional Living Program options statewide



Youth Transitions Program Outcomes



Foster Care Outcomes



ILP services
increased by
11.68%



5.8% increase
in reunifications

83%
of children
were placed
with siblings



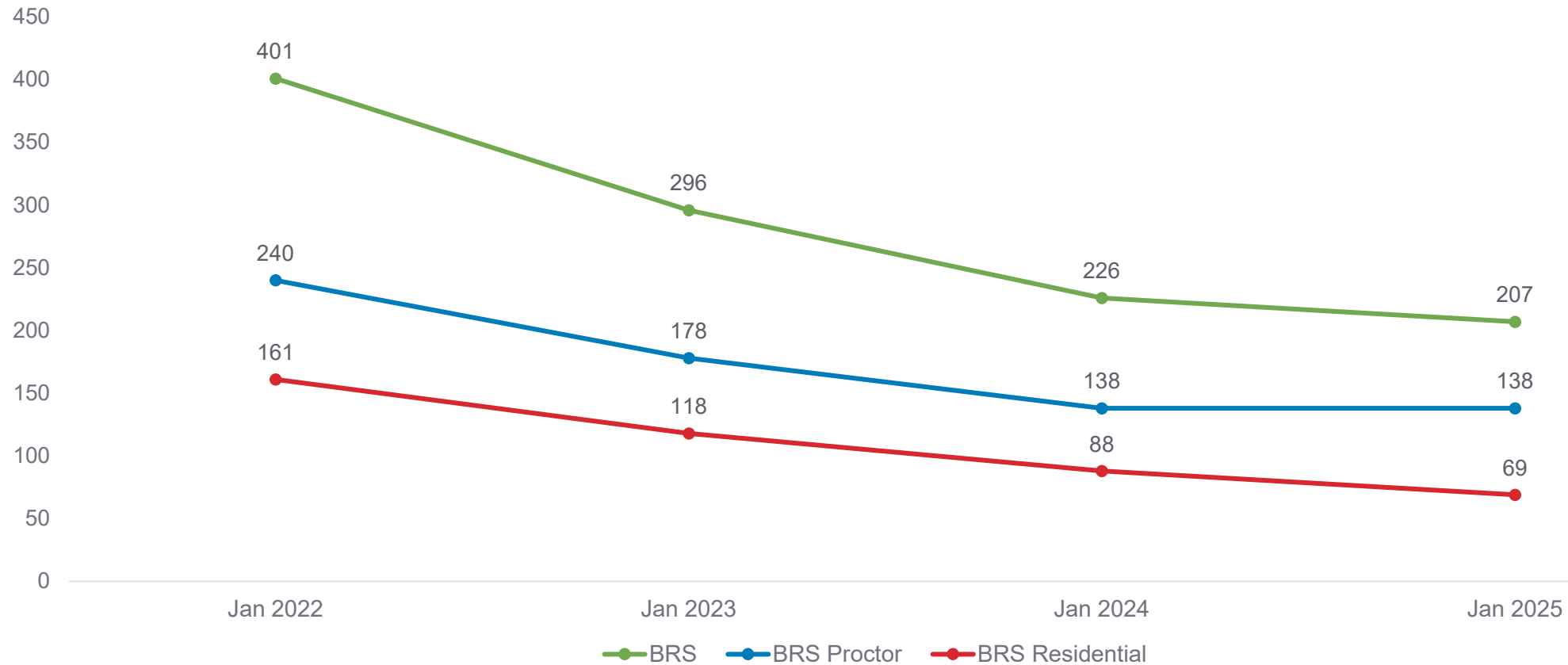
16.67%
increase in
initial relative
placement



7,282
children
spent a night
in foster care

Behavioral Rehabilitation Services

Behavior Rehabilitation Services and Contracted Beds



Out-of-home: Foster care

Key priorities

- Support child safety wherever placed
- Quality family and parent engagement
- Kith/Kin placements
- Retention and support resource families

Key challenges

- Lack of clarity what is a training issue and what is abuse-resource families
- Inadequate services where and when families need them
- Placement array with appropriate service availability



2025-27 Governor's Recommended Budget **Policy Option Package (POP) 111**

Expanding FOCUS* Programs

PROBLEM

- Children with intensive needs are often placed outside of their homes and communities due to lack of local resources to serve them and support their caregivers in meeting their complex needs.

SOLUTION

- Expand FOCUS programs into underserved areas so that more caregivers have the training and coaching they need to support and maintain children in their homes and communities.

RESOURCES

- **GF:** \$383,562
- **OF:** \$0
- **FF:** \$164,381
- **Positions:** 3
- **FTE:** 2.25



ODHS priority: Customer Service

*Focused Opportunities for Children Utilizing Services

2025-27 Governor's Recommended Budget Policy Option Package (POP) 501

Improving Access to the Independent Living Program (ILP) and SSI benefits

PROBLEM

- Youth in foster care face many challenges as they transition into adulthood and prepare to live on their own.

SOLUTION

- Expand access to existing successful interventions by improving eligible youths' financial stability.
- Maximize their access to federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits

RESOURCES

- **GF:** \$4,307,390
- **OF:** \$122,214
- **FF:** \$138,441
- **Positions 3**
- **FTE:** 1.89



ODHS priority: Customer Service

2025-27 Governor's Recommended Budget Policy Option Package (POP) 106

Child Welfare Division Contract Administration Program

PROBLEM

- The Child Welfare division presently lacks sufficient resources to ensure effective and oversight across its many active contracts, creating risks related to client safety and resource stewardship.

SOLUTION

- Dedicated staff and a centralized, standardized contract oversight framework.
- Stronger training, clear performance standards for contract administrators.

RESOURCES

- **GF:** \$1,902,083
- **OF:** \$0
- **FF:** \$815,174
- **Positions:** 15
- **FTE:** 10.85



Child Welfare priority: Accountability





Questions?

Thank you.

