

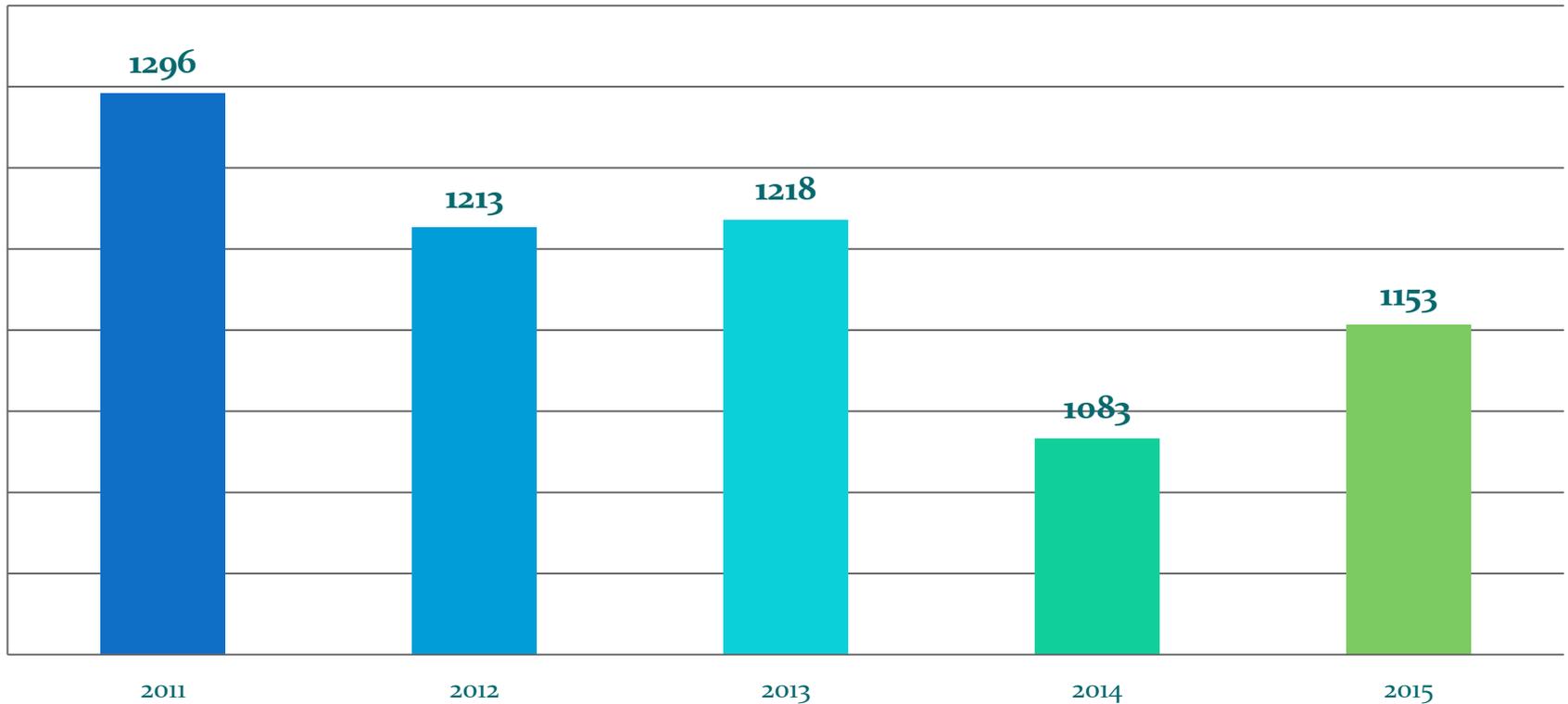


Child Protective Services Update & Continuum of Care Reform

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Number of Maltreatment Allegations by Year



Nevada County CPS Cases by Type

CPS has 84 open cases

(down from 128 in March 2015)

- **Permanent Placement**
 - 34 Permanent Placement cases
- **Family Reunification**
 - 30 Family Reunification cases
- **Family Maintenance**
 - 3 Family Maintenance cases
- **Voluntary Family Maintenance**
 - 7 Voluntary Family Maintenance cases
- **Supportive Transition (AB 12)**
 - 10 Supportive Transition cases

Nevada County Allegations and Care Rates Compared to State-Wide Rates 2015

Allegation Rates:

- Nevada County - 61 children out of 1,000
- California - 53 children out of 1,000

Out-of-Home Care Rates:

- Nevada County - 2 children out of 1,000
- California - 3 children out of 1,000

Placement

Nevada County Child Protective Services currently has **69** children placed in out-of-home care (down from 85 in March 2015). These children are in the following placements:

- **Foster Family Homes:** 32 children (down from 40 in 2015)
- **Relatives/Non-Relatives Extended Family Members (NREFM):** 25 children (down from 33 in 2015)
- **Group Homes:** 3 youth (down from 6 in 2015)
- **Supervised Independent Living:** 9 youth (up from 6 in 2015)

Federal Outcome Measures

Nevada County exceeded the National Standard for all Outcomes

- S1: Maltreatment in Foster Care
- S2: Recurrence of Maltreatment
- P1: Permanency in 12 Months for Children Entering Foster Care
- P2: Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Foster Care 12-23 Months
- P3: Permanency in 12 Months for Children in Foster Care 24+ Months
- P4: Reentry to Foster Care
- P5: Placement Stability

AB 403-Continuum of Care Reform (CCR)

- CCR seeks to reduce reliance on group homes by making them into Short-Term Residential Treatment Centers (STRTC)
- Establishes a new schedule of payment for groups homes and foster family associations (FFAs) based on the level and type of services provided
- Evaluates provider performance
- Seeks to reduce group home placements by recruiting and specially training resource families to meet the needs of foster youth
- Changes the process by which Foster Families and Kinship Caregivers become certified to provide foster care, known as Resource Family Approval (RFA)
 - Standardizes training requirements for all resource families, including relatives
 - Every family is approved for adoption and guardianship up front to allow easier transitions to permanency
 - Includes a comprehensive psychosocial assessment, home environment check and background/DMV check

Successes and Challenges

Successes

- Implementation of R.E.D. Team
- Safety Organized Practice
- Over 142 years of Child Welfare Experience
- Community members would like to open cases with the Department
- Ongoing training with UC, Davis
- Met All 7 Federal Outcome Measures

Challenges

- Nevada County Recruitment of local foster homes, particularly for teenagers
- Complex family needs
- Implementation of the Continuum Care Reform/Resource Family Approval Act