



**Office of Children
and Family Services**

Family First Prevention Services Act

December 18, 2018

AGENDA

- **Overview of Family First Prevention and Services Act**
- **OCFS Action Steps**
- **Data**
- **Questions**



Family First Prevention Act (FFPSA)

- Federal law enacted on February 9, 2018
- Reforms federal financing to prioritize family-based foster care and limit reimbursement for congregate care
- NYS status: in compliance with some; some state and local changes needed - awaiting federal guidance



Requirements: Congregate Care

After first two weeks, IV-E funding available for the following congregate care settings only:

- A qualified residential treatment program (QRTP)
- A specialized setting providing prenatal, post-partum or parenting supports
- A supervised setting where the child may live independently if 18 years or older
- A setting providing high-quality residential and supportive services to children who are survivors of or at risk of human trafficking, or
- A licensed residential family-based substance abuse treatment facility



Requirements: Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP)

- Trauma-Informed Treatment Model
- Licensed nursing and clinical staff on-site during business hours and on-call after hours
- Family participation in treatment and six months post discharge family support services
- Nationally accredited



Requirements: Assessments

- Assessment of child required within 30 days of placement by “qualified individual”
- Court assessment due within 60 days of placement
- Placement beyond one year (or non-consecutive of 18 months) requires approval by “head of state”



Title IV-E Prevention Services

Provides new Title IV-E reimbursement at state option, for:

- Mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services
- In-home parent skill-based program

Funding is limited based on the following conditions:

- child at imminent risk of foster care
- promising, supported or well-supported program with rigorous evaluation strategy
- 12 months maximum funding



OCFS Action Steps

- Requested the two-year delay permitted under law
- Established stakeholder group with goal of developing a “Family First Work Book”
- Three convenings conducted to date:
 - ✓ Reducing reliance on Congregate Care
 - ✓ Increasing use of Foster Boarding Homes
 - ✓ QRTP and Business Process Mapping
- INF in process/additional guidance as federal guidance received



OCFS Action Steps

Assisting counties and agencies to collaborate in implementation of the FFPSA by:

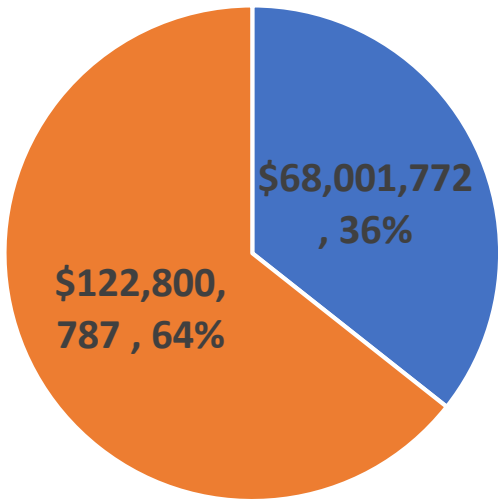
- Providing data and assistance in analysis
- Providing information about strategies for reducing reliance on congregate care and increasing the recruitment and retention of foster boarding homes
- Assessing the capacity of counties and agencies to comply with the Assessment and the QRTP requirements
- Analyzing the fiscal implications



DATA



How much Title IV-E reimbursement is at stake?



In RFY 2016, NYS received **\$190,802,559** in Title IV-E reimbursement.* **Non-home based care settings** accounted for 36%, or **\$68,001,772**, of those dollars.

■ Non-Home-Base Care ■ Home-Based Care

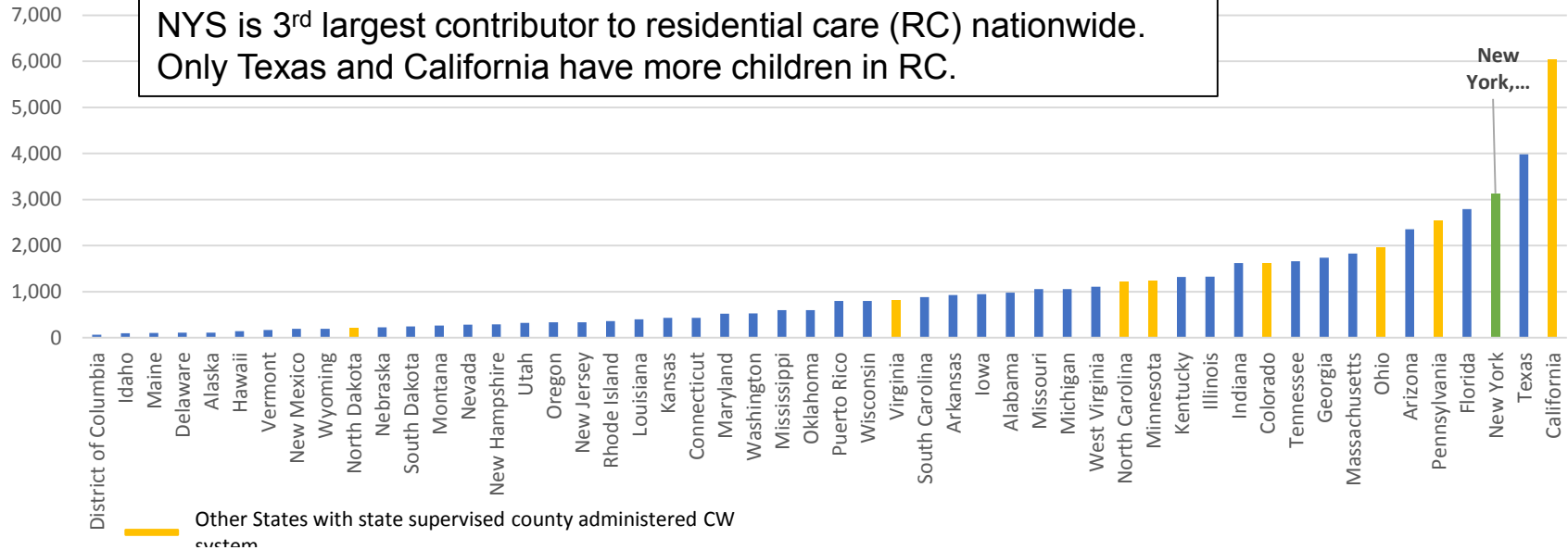
*Title IV-E eligible expenditures are reimbursed at 50%.



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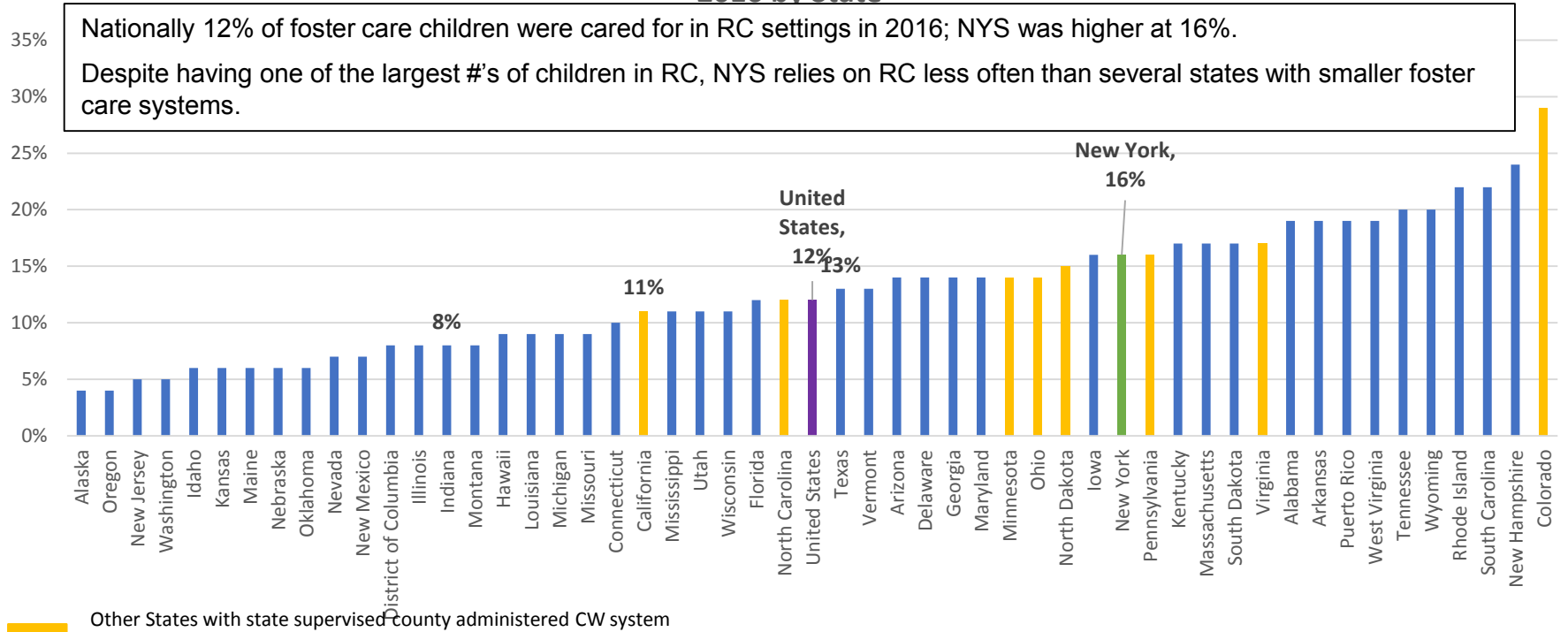
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Figure 1. Number of Children in Foster Care in Residential Care Settings on September 30th 2016 by State



How does NYS' use of RC compare to other states?

Figure 2: Percent Children in Foster Care in Residential Care Settings on September 30th 2016 by State



NYS use of Residential (Congregate) Care: 18%

	On 12/31/17
# Youth in Foster Care	17,400
# Youth in Residential Care	3,200
% in Residential Care	18% (NYS)

To Achieve National Average
17,400
2,100
12% (National)

**To achieve a 12% reliance on congregate care,
2,100 youth would be in residential care.**

That's about 1/3 fewer youth.



How many foster homes do we have?

On 12/31/17 there were:

12,000 Foster/Relative Homes

1,300 homes that have never fostered

10,700 Active Foster Homes

More than half (6,000) have never fostered a teen.

OCFS Chapin Hall *foster home and child placement data:*

- From each annual group of newly-certified, non-kin homes, about **20%** of homes never receive a placement.
 - Most of this group is identifiable within 6-months of certification.
- From each annual group of newly-certified, non-kin homes, about **25%** of homes will take at least 5 children during their service.
- About **a third** of non-kin foster homes will foster at least one teenager.

**Based on 8-year profile of use of foster homes through December 31, 2017.



QUESTIONS?

