



In FY20 Adoption and Guardianship Preservation served **413** children from **218** families, across **46** counties

of the 218 families served, **181** adopted their children from the child welfare system. **37** adopted their children privately or internationally

17,613 hours of service were provided over the fiscal year

96%
of the families we worked with remained intact

100%
of families had their immediate needs met through services

92%
of families had increased their level of functioning

Keeping families together

Building a family through adoption or subsidized guardianship can present many unique challenges. Adoptive families - created through private, international or adoption or guardianship through the child welfare system may experience issues that differ from biologically created families in significant ways. Children served through the Adoption Support & Preservation program often experience significant emotional or behavioral issues. Children may also be experiencing loss, grief, separation or adjustment issues related to adjusting to their adoption or guardianship. Families who turn to this program are in need of intensive therapeutic services to increase the stability of their family and to greatly reduce the risk of placement in foster care. Services may include intensive family or individual therapy, attachment therapy, art or play therapy, respite, support groups, case management, advocacy, and crisis intervention.

Why these results matter

Children in adoptive or guardianship families do better when their families are fully prepared and supported to address needs and issues as they arise, rather than waiting for challenges to reach a crisis level. Adoption and Guardianship Preservation services are important preventative services. By preventing instability, disruption, or dissolutions through intensive services, families are helped by maintaining their long term stability, keeping them intact and increasing their overall functioning and well-being. ¹

(1) https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/f_postadoption.pdf