Arizona Department of Child Safety

Presentation for Valley Leadership October 20th & 23rd, 2020



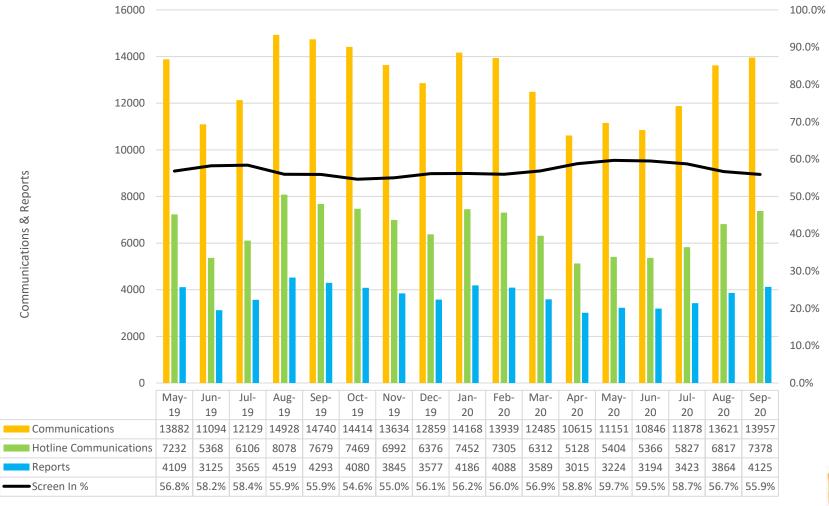
DCS Vision & Mission Statements

- Vision: Children thrive in family environments free from abuse and neglect.
- **Mission:** Successfully engage children and families to ensure safety, strengthen families, and achieve permanency.

Our Strategic Priorities

- All decisions are data informed, timely, mission-focused, built for sustainability, and considerate of system implications
- DCS culture that fosters and inspires mission-driven professionals who believe in and practice our shared values
- Design, implement and ensure fidelity of a service array that is individualized to strengthen families, cost efficient, and accessible by all who require support.
- 4. Every child is paired with a caregiver who receives necessary supports, and is able to meet the child's needs and support the child's permanency goal
- DCS data is complete, accurate, protected, governed, and used to inform decisions



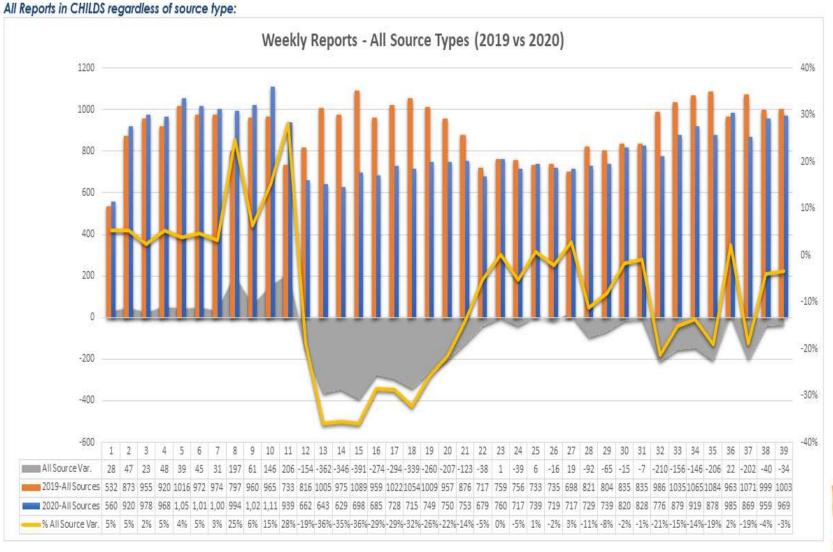


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Percent Screened

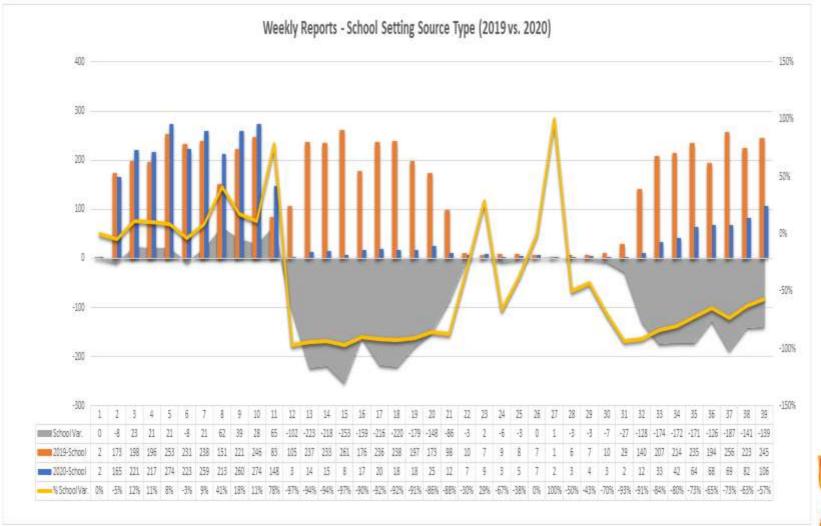
NOTE: Communications, Hotline Communications, and Reports include calls/reports that are no jurisdiction reports. Screen In % shows reports as a percentage of total Hotline Communications.

Data Source: DCS Tableau Dashboard, Communications Received by Weekday and Hour Reports, 10.3.2020

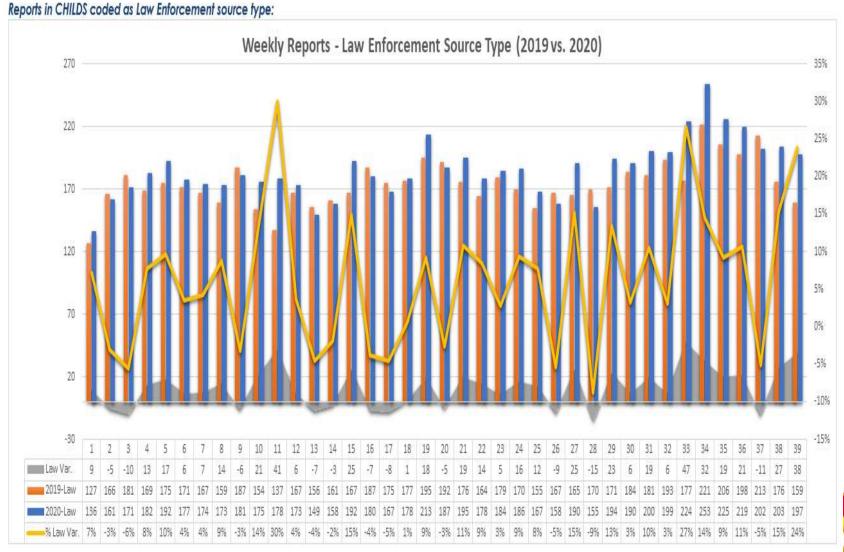




Reports in CHILDS coded as School Setting source type:

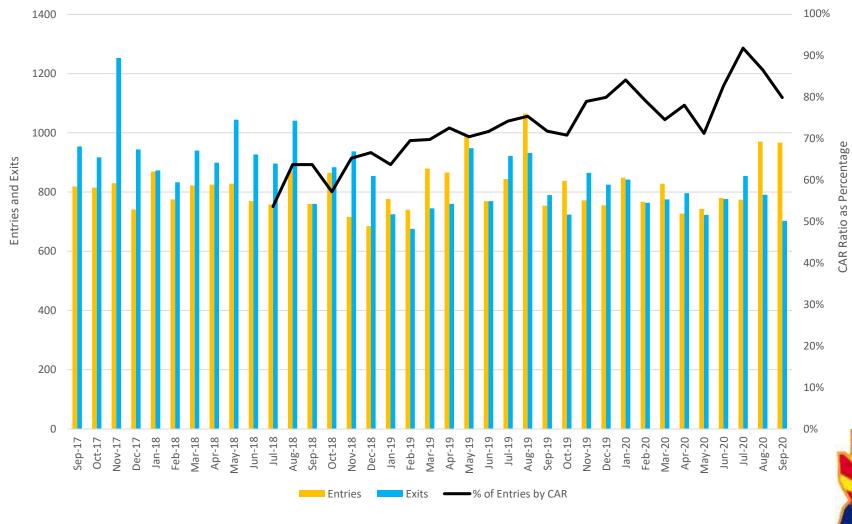








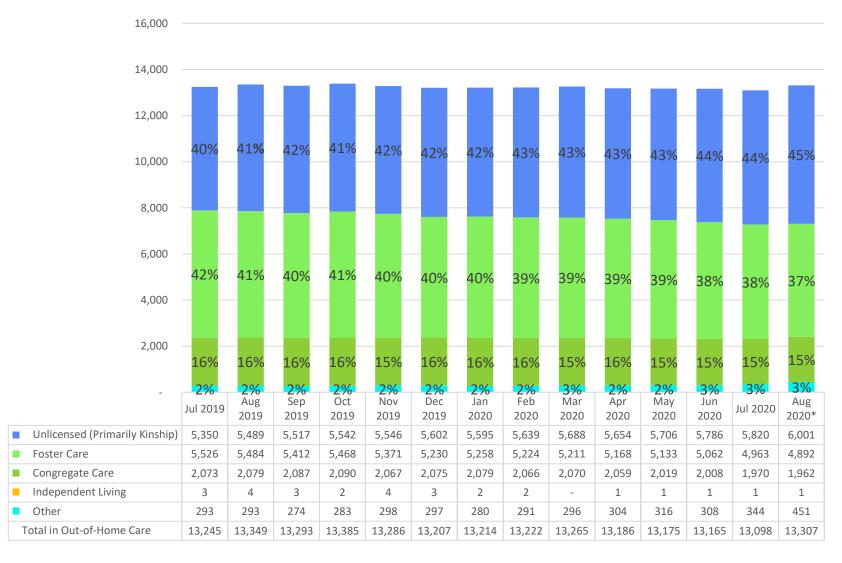
Ratio of Approved CAR Petitions vs. Child Entries





Children in Out-of-Home Care

(0-17 years old)



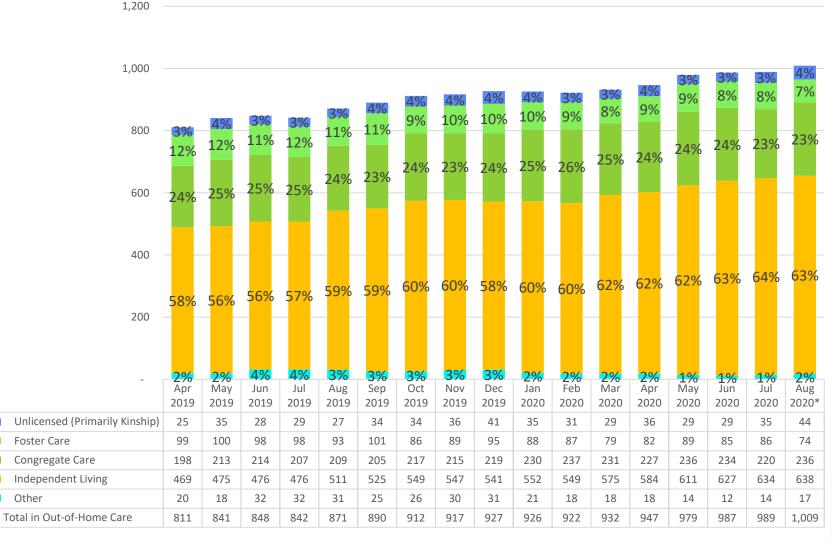


NOTE: August 2020 data is preliminary

Data Source: DCS Monthly Out-of-Home Care Report, 9.20.2020

Children in Out-of-Home Care

(18-21 years old)



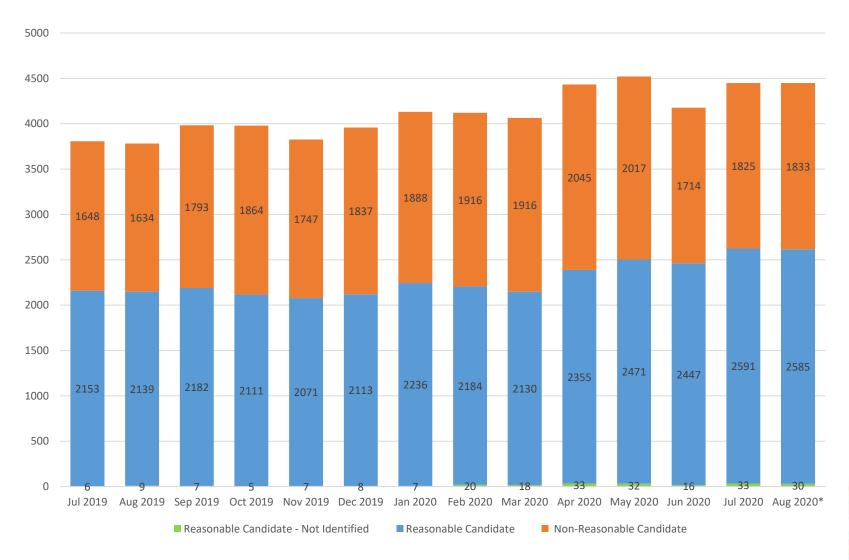


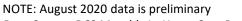
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Children Receiving In Home Services

Children with Case Plan Goal - Remain with Family



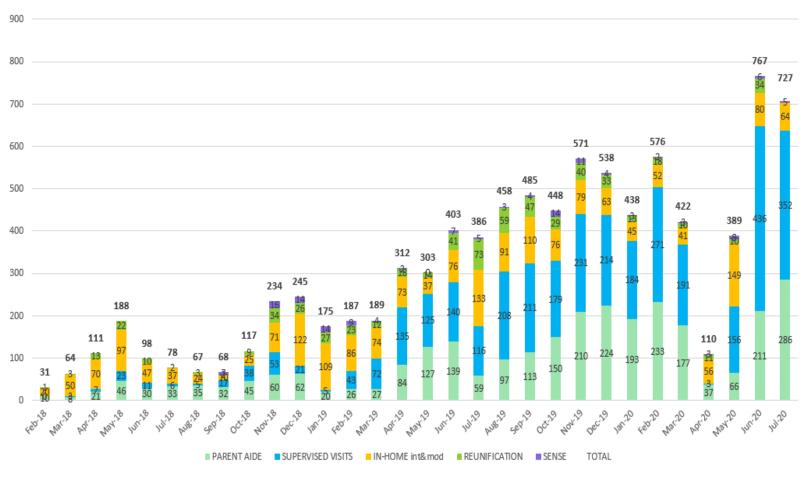


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Service Referral Waitlist

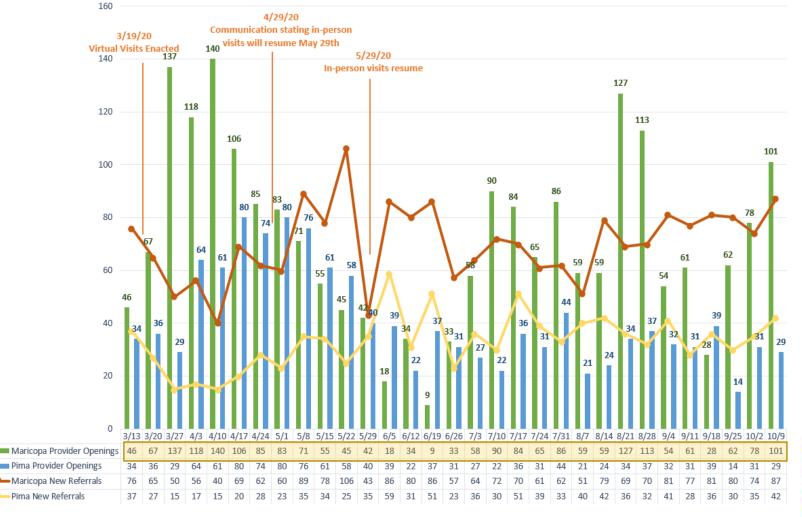
By Service Type





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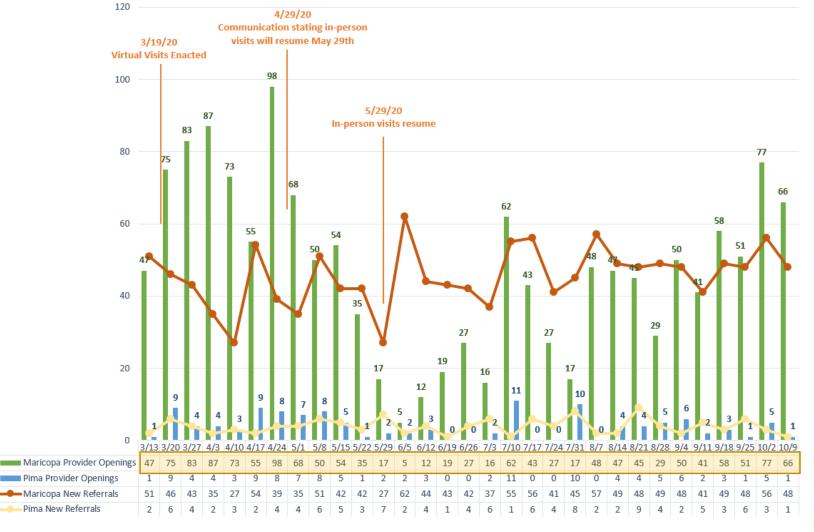
Maricopa & Pima SVO Data New Referrals and Openings 10/09/2020





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Shared Parenting

- Shared Parenting journal launched in March 2020
- Conversation log to facilitate communication between foster caregivers and birth families
- Specific pages for birth families which explain the roles of team members, the DCS process, and provides resources
- Shared parenting is especially important for families working through substance abuse and the stages of recovery.
 - Allows for caregivers to better understand the routines and traditions of the child so that the child can feel more comfortable
 - Creates a positive relationship between the parents and caregiver which may extend even after reunification
 - the Department has had 2,978 reunifications during the pandemic, March 1 to October 25.



Supporting Caregivers (Kinship, Foster and Group Home

- The current need that has been identified by the Department is for licensed foster homes, specifically for older youth, sibling groups, and youth with behavioral health or medical needs
 - As the pandemic continues, stressors mount in homes: general anxiety, lost jobs, financial concerns, etc.
 - Safe homes are needed for children while their birth parents work a case plan and travel the road to recovery
- Tangible resources are the immediate need for all caregiver settings
 - Beds/cribs, PPE, supplies, food, etc.
 - Foster caregivers are essential!
 - https://dcs.az.gov/change2lives



Adoption Recruitment



In June 2019, a redesign of the Children's Heart Gallery logo and website went live. The new logo and website were designed to bring awareness to the children in foster care in Arizona. www.childrensheartgallery.org

November is National Adoption Month the Department has had 1,727 adoptions during the pandemic, March 1 to October 25.



Questions? Comments?

Thank you!

