



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

Child Welfare Permanency Budget Review

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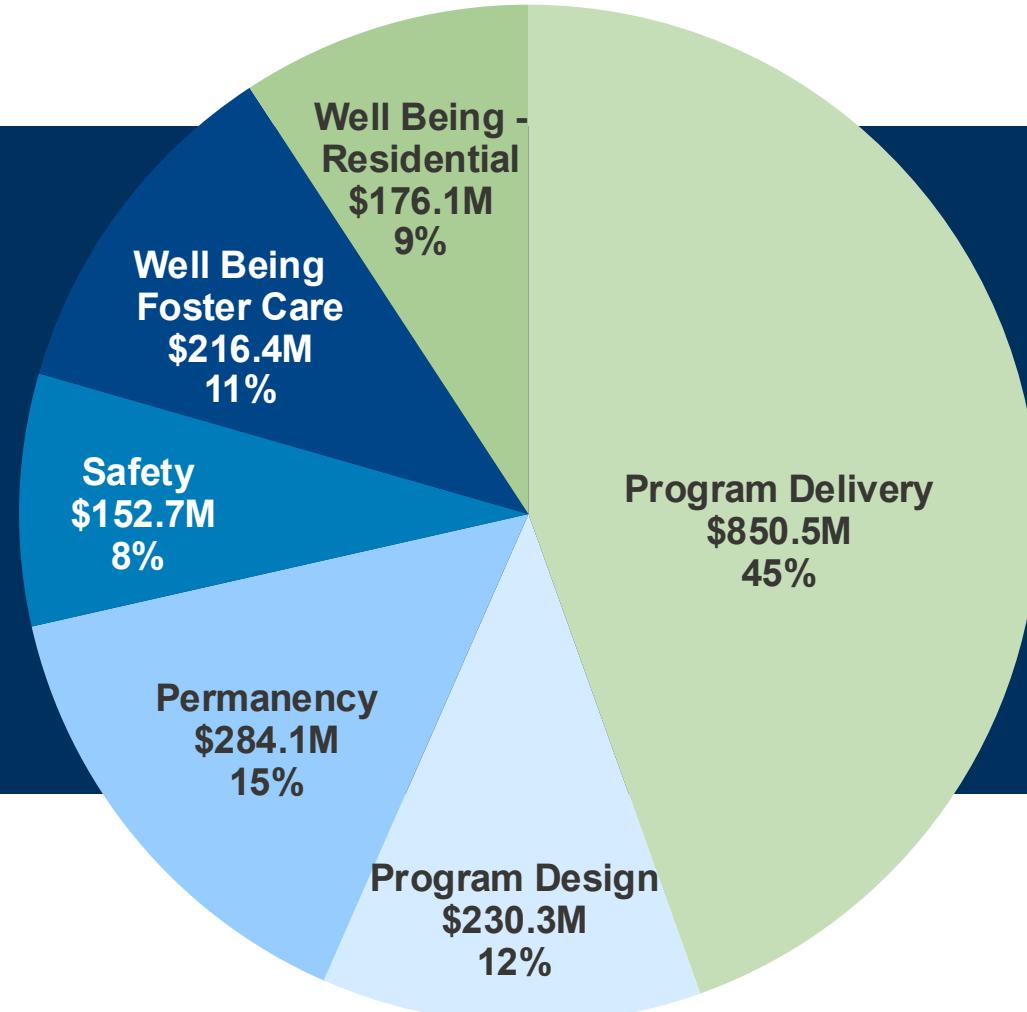
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2025-27 Governor's Budget: Total Child Welfare budget by Adoption/Guardianship

**Child Welfare
total budget
\$1.9 billion**

**Permanency
budget: \$284.1M y**



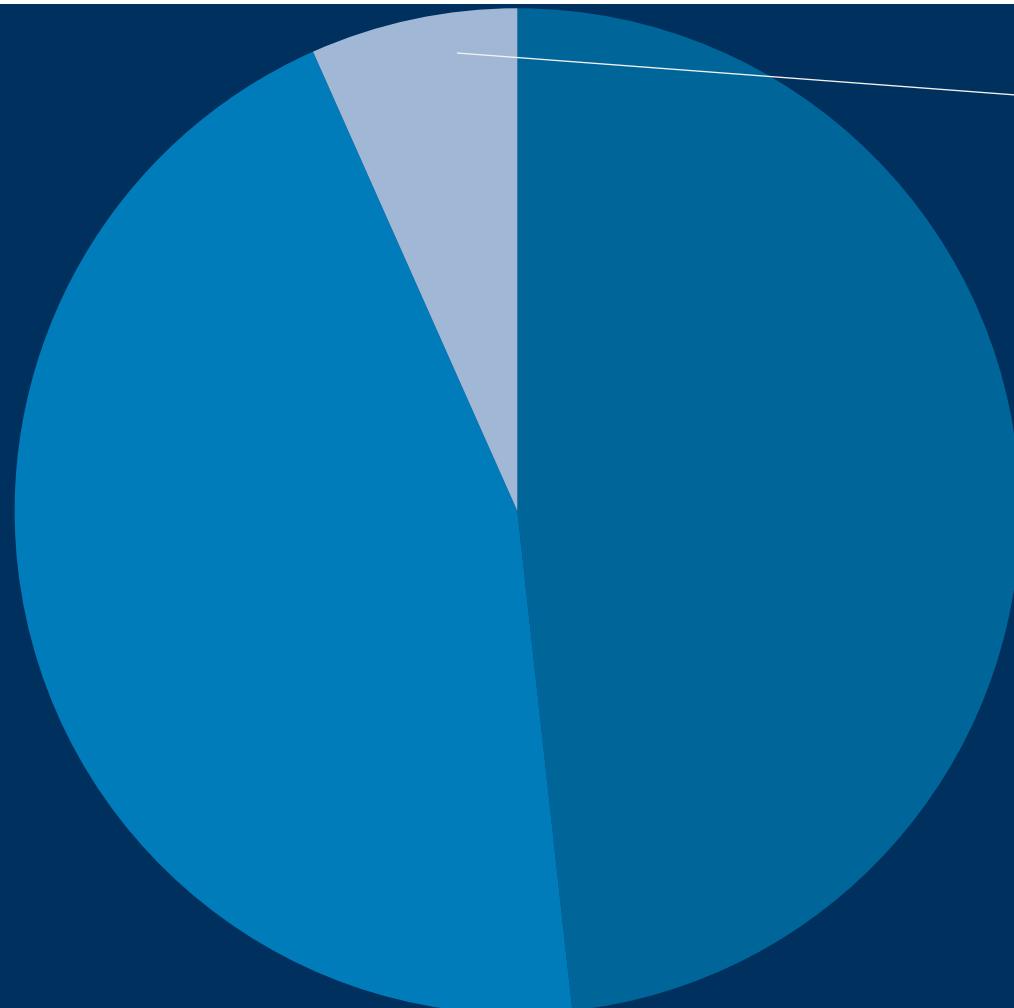
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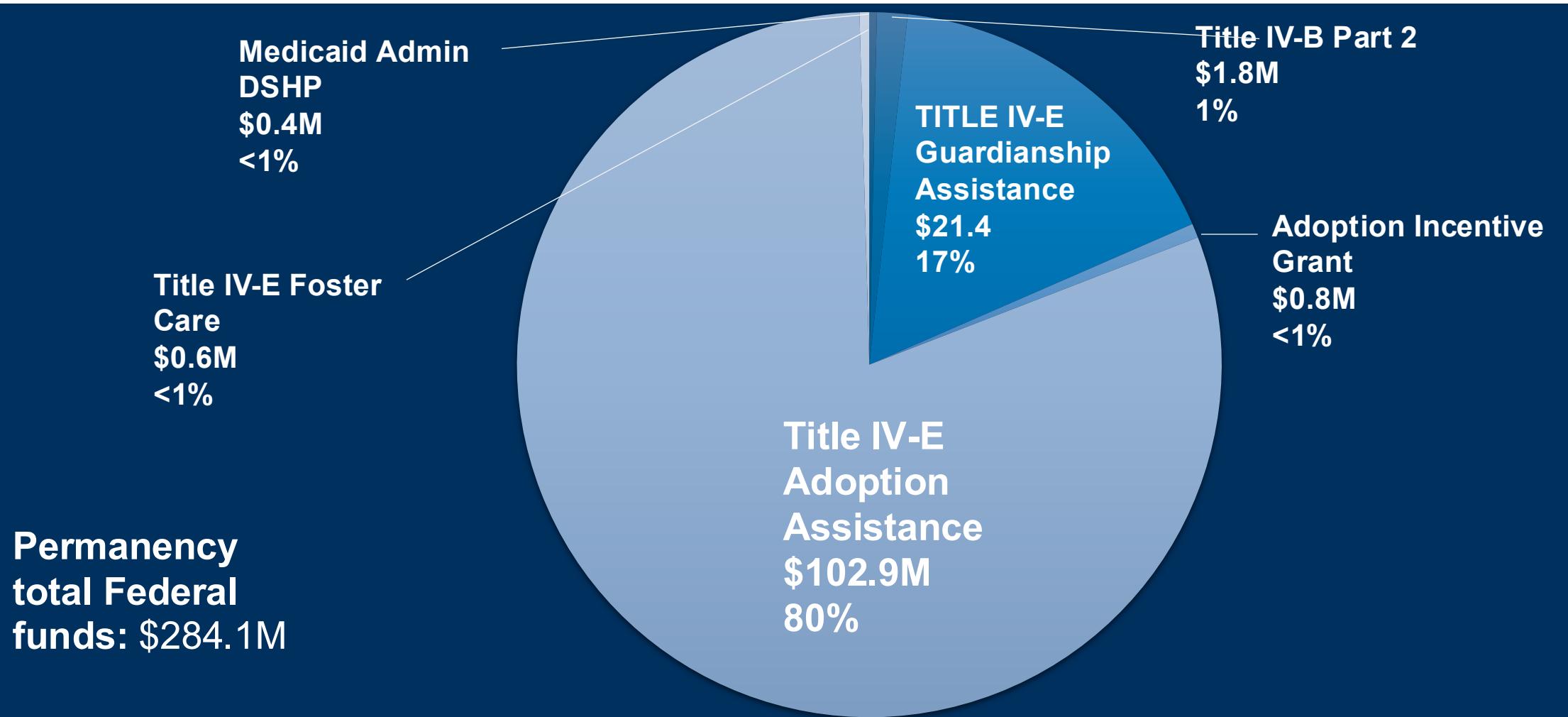
Adoption/Guardianship: Permanency Budget Funding split

Permanency total
GB funds: \$284.1M

Other Funds
\$19.0M
6%



Adoption Guardianship Services Permanency Budget Federal Funds



Child Welfare Permanency DCRs

Adoption Assistance
\$204.8M

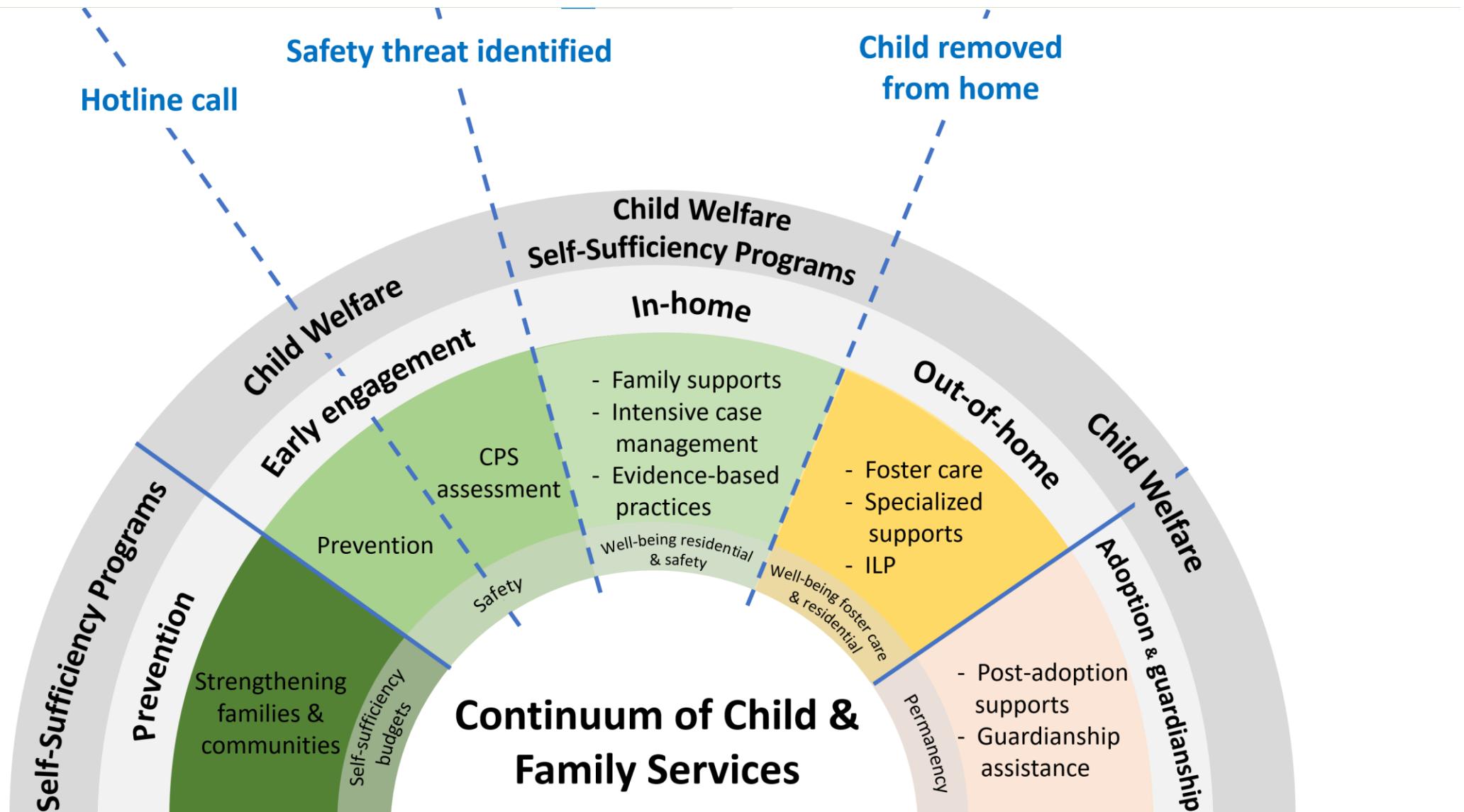
Guardianship Assistance
\$53.2M

Post Adoption Services
\$19.8M

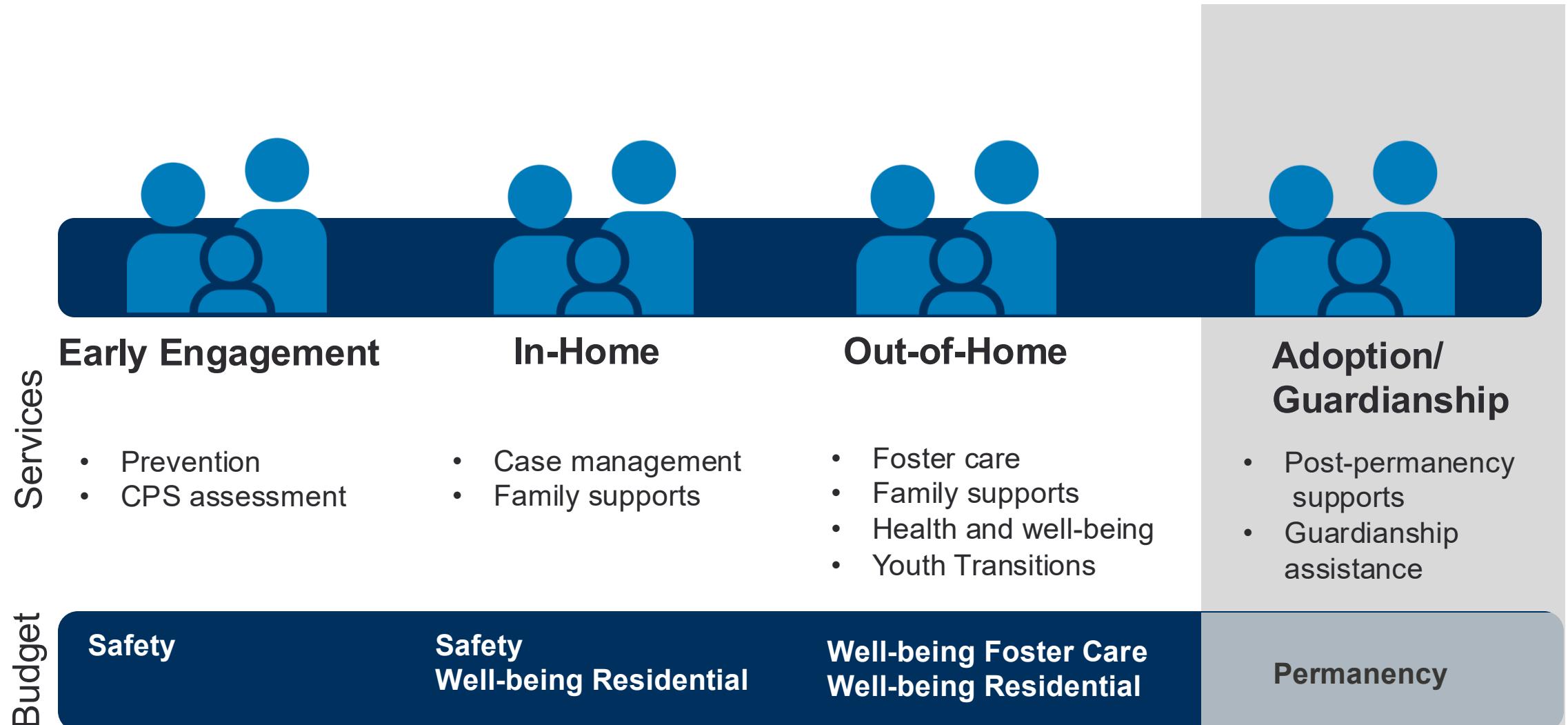
Contracted Adoption Services
\$4.2M

Adoption Supports
\$1.9M

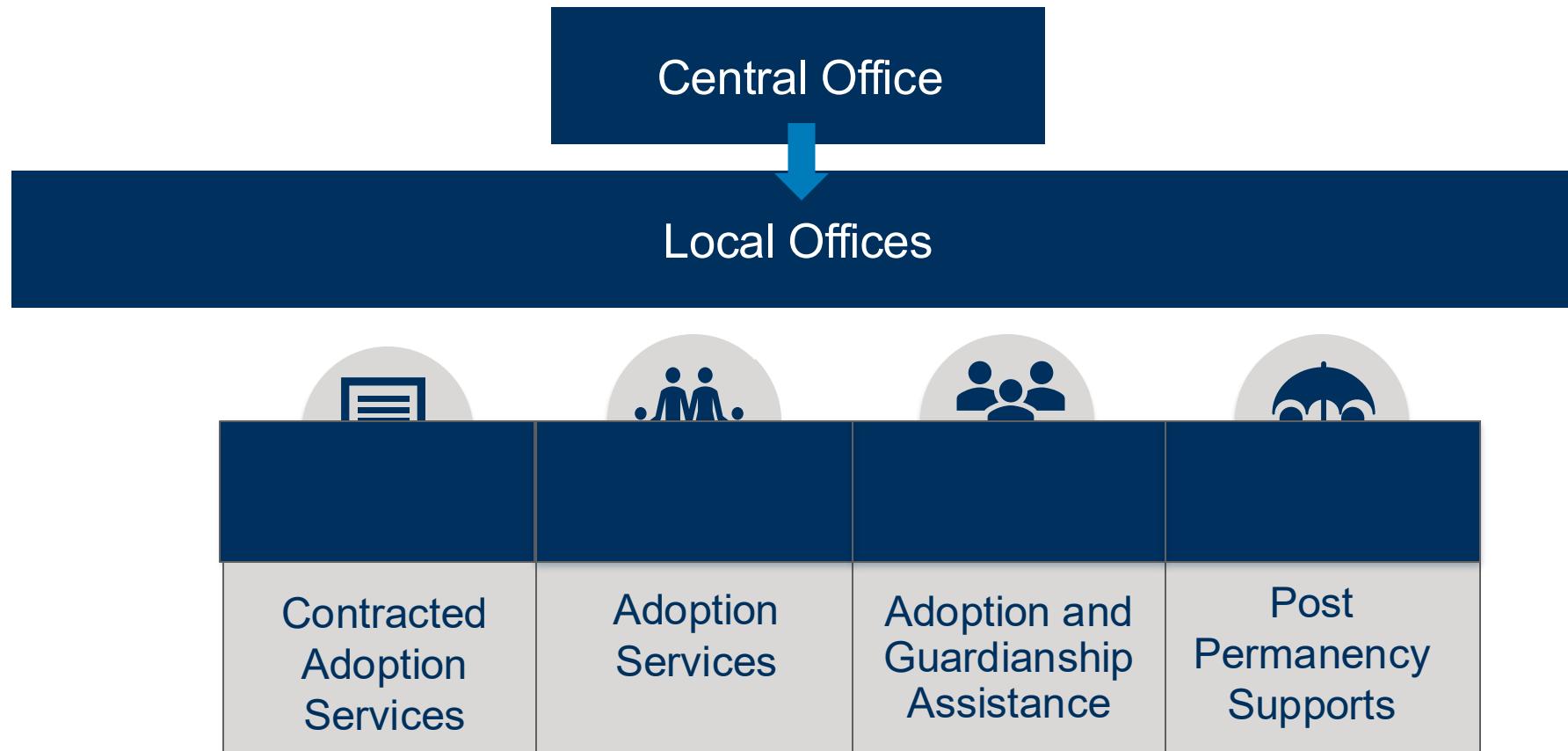
Child Welfare: How we work



Child Welfare Continuum of Services: Adoption/Guardianship



Child Welfare Permanency Services



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Adoption placement and supervision services

Mediation services



Consultation, training and collaboration to support completion of quality and timely adoptions (see KPM)



Financial and medical assistance to families post finalization



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Family & Individual services

Education & Training programs and equipment

Adoption Search and Registry

Adoption/Guardianship priorities

Key priorities

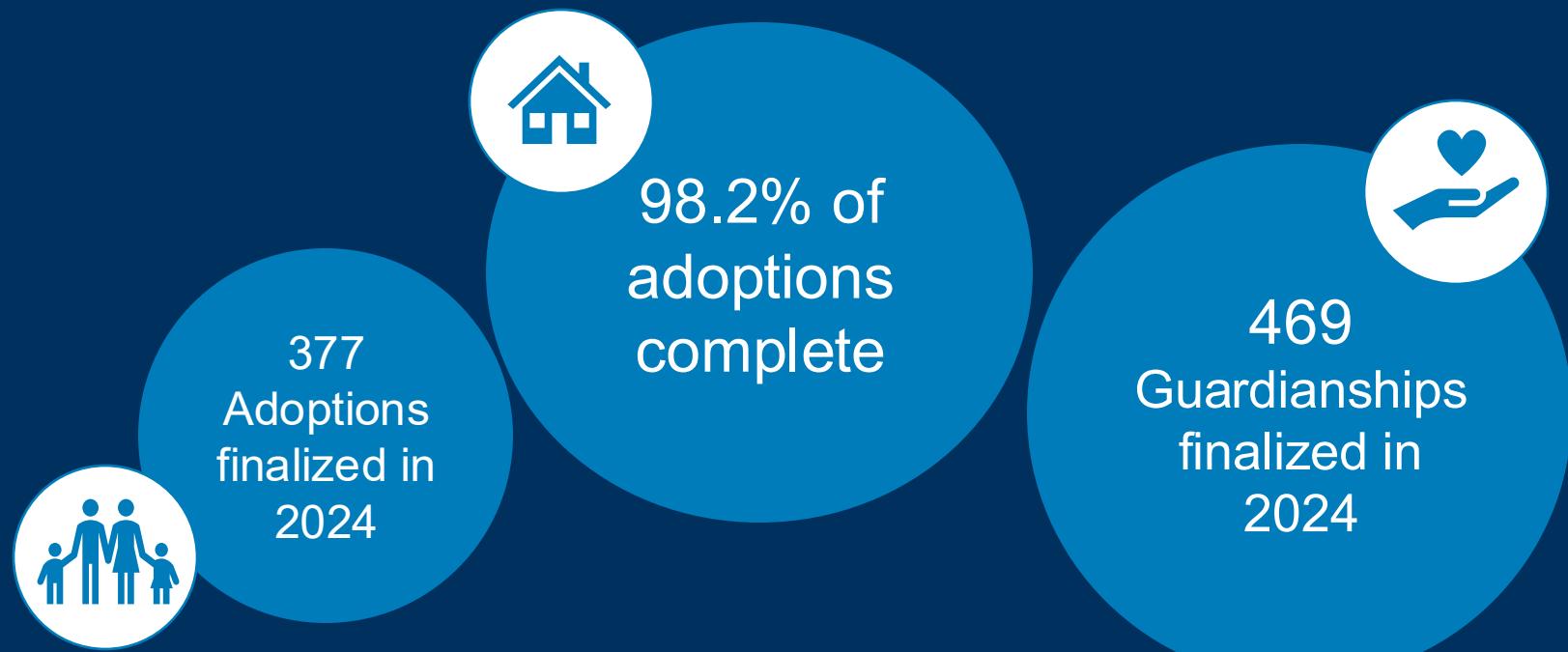
- Legal and relational permanence for all
- Quality placement capacity and services
- Capacity-building for youth with complex needs

Key challenges

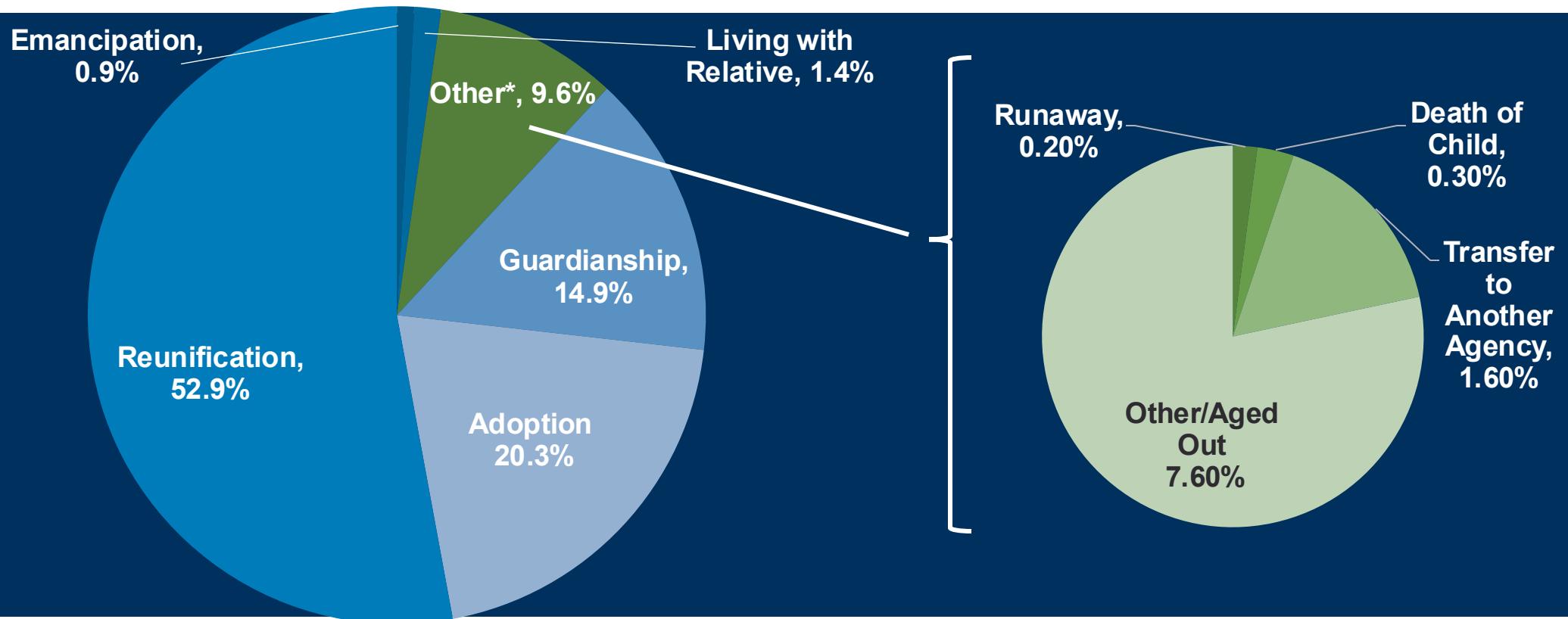
- Competing values family vs. stranger care
- Service array and lack of shared accountability across child serving partnerships
- Complexity of dependency court process



Adoption/Guardianship Outcomes



Exits from foster care FFY 2023









Questions?



Thank you.

