

2016 Program Report Card: Connecticut Alliance of Foster and Adoptive Families (CAFAP)

Quality of Life Result: Connecticut children grow up in safe, stable environments, ready to lead successful lives.

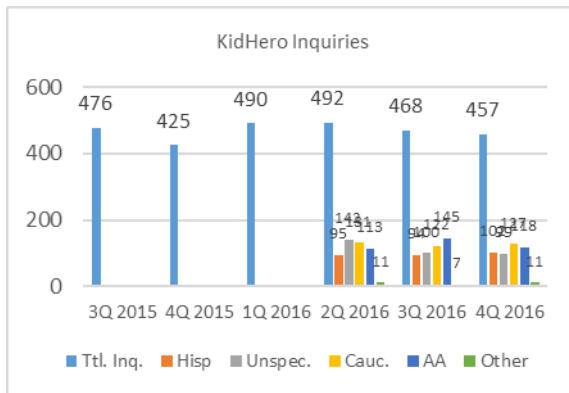
Contribution to the Result: This service provides a range of support, education, training, and advocacy services to foster and adoptive families, so that foster children can live in safe and stable home settings.

Program Expenditures	State Funding	Federal Funding	Other Funding	Total Funding
Actual SFY '15	2,022,270	0	0	2,022,270
Estimated SFY '16	2,022,270	0	0	2,022,270

Partners: DCF, Foster parents, Private Foster Care Agencies, Community Partners.

How Much Did We Do?

Unique calls handled by the KidHero line



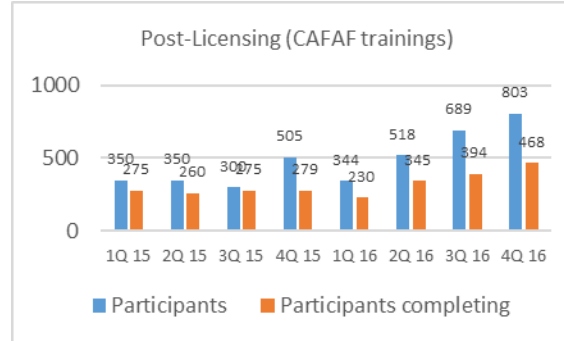
Story behind the baseline:

Total number of Inquiries to the KidHero line have decreased from the start of SFY 16 to the current. There were 487 calls in Q1 16, 492 calls in Q2, 468 calls in Q3, and 457 in Q4 16. Race and Ethnicity data is highlighted in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter with 127 inquiries coded as Caucasian, 118 as African American, 102 as Hispanic, and 11 as other. 99 calls were coded as unspecified (grey bar) which shows improvement in the efforts to identify race as noted in the prior two quarters where 142 callers did not have an identified race. CAFAP reports that many callers choose not to identify their race/ethnicity.

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How Well Did We Do It?

Foster parents participating and completing Post- Licensing CAFAP training



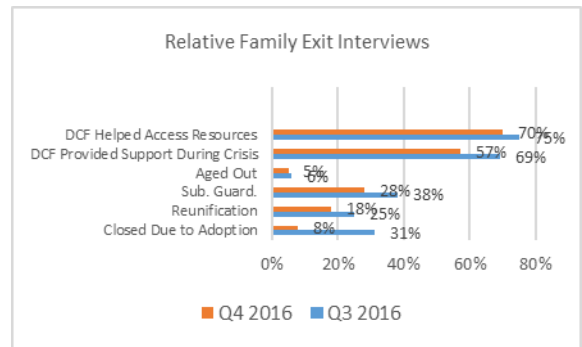
Story behind the baseline:

The expansion of the CAFAP Post-Licensing training database has led to an improved ability to capture Post-Licensing training participation and completion. Data shows an increase in participants completing post-licensing training in Q4 2016. This quarter, CAFAP offered 73 courses (an increase of 8 classes, however 23 were cancelled due to lack of participants). Effective Feb. 1st, 2016, Post-licensing training is being entered and tracked using a DCF SharePoint site.

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How Well Did We Do It?

Relative Family Exit Interviews



Story behind the baseline:

The above chart highlights the five most common topics on the Relative Family Exit Interview. 32/109 (29%) relatives who were eligible for an exit interview, completed one during Q4 16. Reasons for closing included adoption (8%), reunification (18%), Subsidized Guardianship (28%), and aged out (5%). Areas of noted improvement continue to be: DCF providing support during crisis, with 57% responding in the affirmative (12% decrease from Q3), and 70% reporting DCF helping them to access resources after placement (5% decrease from Q3).

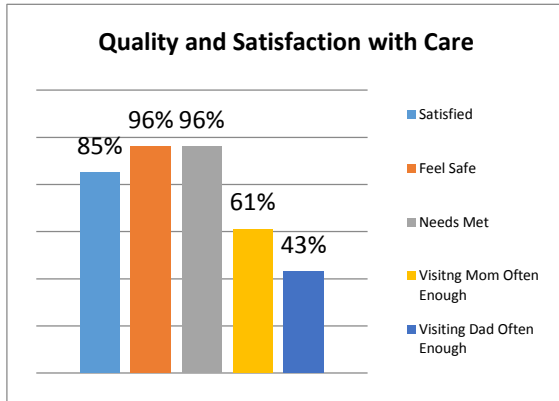
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Is Anyone Better Off?

Quality and Satisfaction with Care



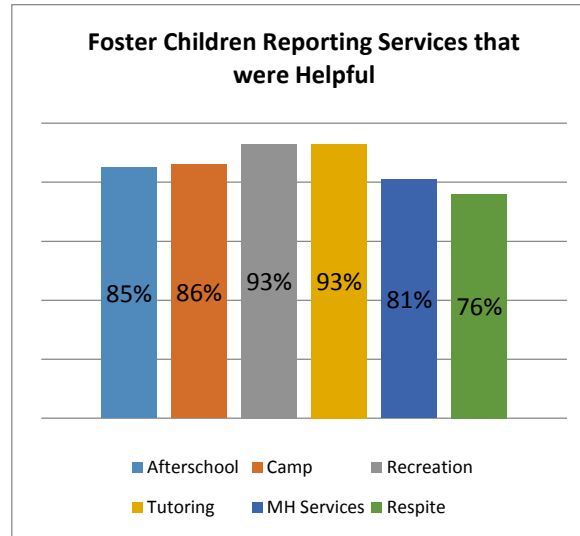
Story behind the baseline:

The foster parent and foster child satisfaction survey conducted by the Office for Research and Evaluation/CAFAF has been completed. The above chart was developed from a survey of 221 foster children (13.7% of all foster children) and highlights areas in which the child reports being satisfied in the foster home (84%), feeling safe (96%), having their basic needs met (97%), visiting often enough with mom (61%) and visiting often enough with dad (43%). While CAFAF is not solely responsible for these measures, the support they provide to foster parents correlates with the stability and satisfaction of children served.

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Is Anyone Better Off?

Foster children live in a stable environment



Story behind the baseline:

The above chart was created from the recently completed foster parent and foster child satisfaction survey conducted by the Office for Research and Evaluation and CAFAF in which 225 caregivers and 221 foster children were interviewed. The chart notes the six areas in which foster children reported the services that they found were most helpful to them in maintaining placement in a safe, stable environment. While CAFAF is not solely responsible for the high percentage of children reporting that these services are helpful, they have a significant role in helping foster children get their needs met in a safe and stable environment, by providing ongoing support to families.

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Proposed Actions to Turn the Curve:

Ongoing initiatives to turn the curve include, but are not limited to: Efforts to increase utilization of post-licensing training by continued conversion of online trainings, maintaining contact with prospective foster families from the time they call KidHero to attendance at an Open House, and increasing kinship/foster family engagement. Efforts also include sharing data with regional FASU units to better help families during times of crisis and when services are needed. ORE is currently preparing for their next round of satisfaction surveys in the Fall 2016.

Data Development Agenda:

CAFAF has partnered with DCF Information Systems to bring CAFAF post-licensing trainings online via the ProProfs Web-based system. The first online module (Cultural Competency) went live in April 2016. The ProProfs system enables foster parents to complete post-licensing trainings from home including pre and post-testing, and will enable CAFAF to track participation and completion rates. This will help DCF and CAFAF gain a better understanding of what training modules provide the best value. CAFAF provides each regional FASU unit with a quarterly summary of inquiries, post-licensing trainings and liaison activities, and there are plans to increase the data elements being reported to include better off measures such as family engagement and skills building for foster parents and foster children. All post-licensing trainings, regardless of the source, are currently entered into a SharePoint location where they can be aggregated and reviewed for post-licensing training improvement. Two new training modules have been added to the CAFAF post-licensing offerings: Adoption and Attachment Disorder.