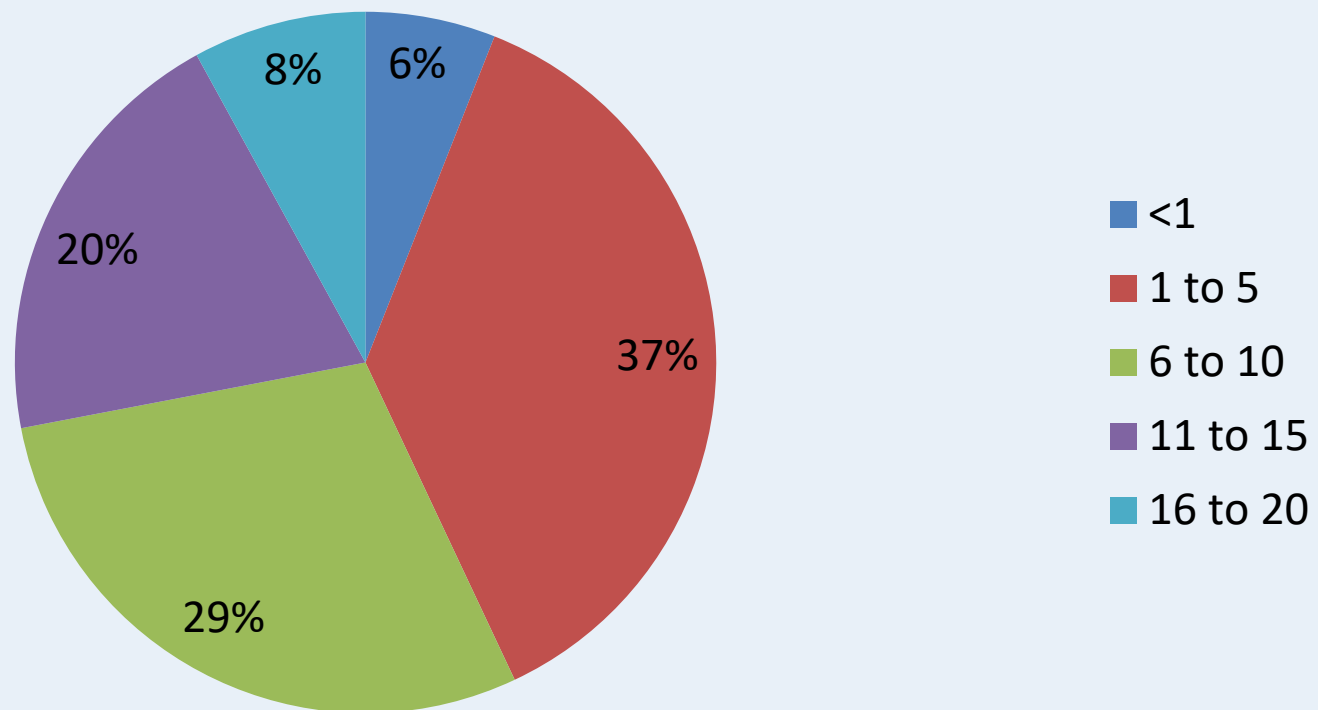


Palmer Families with Infants & Toddlers Court

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Infants and toddlers are the largest group of children entering foster care

Children in foster care by age group in Alaska



Rapid Pace of Brain Development in Earliest Years: Proliferation of Neural Connections in the First 6 Months



1 million new connections every minute

Newborn

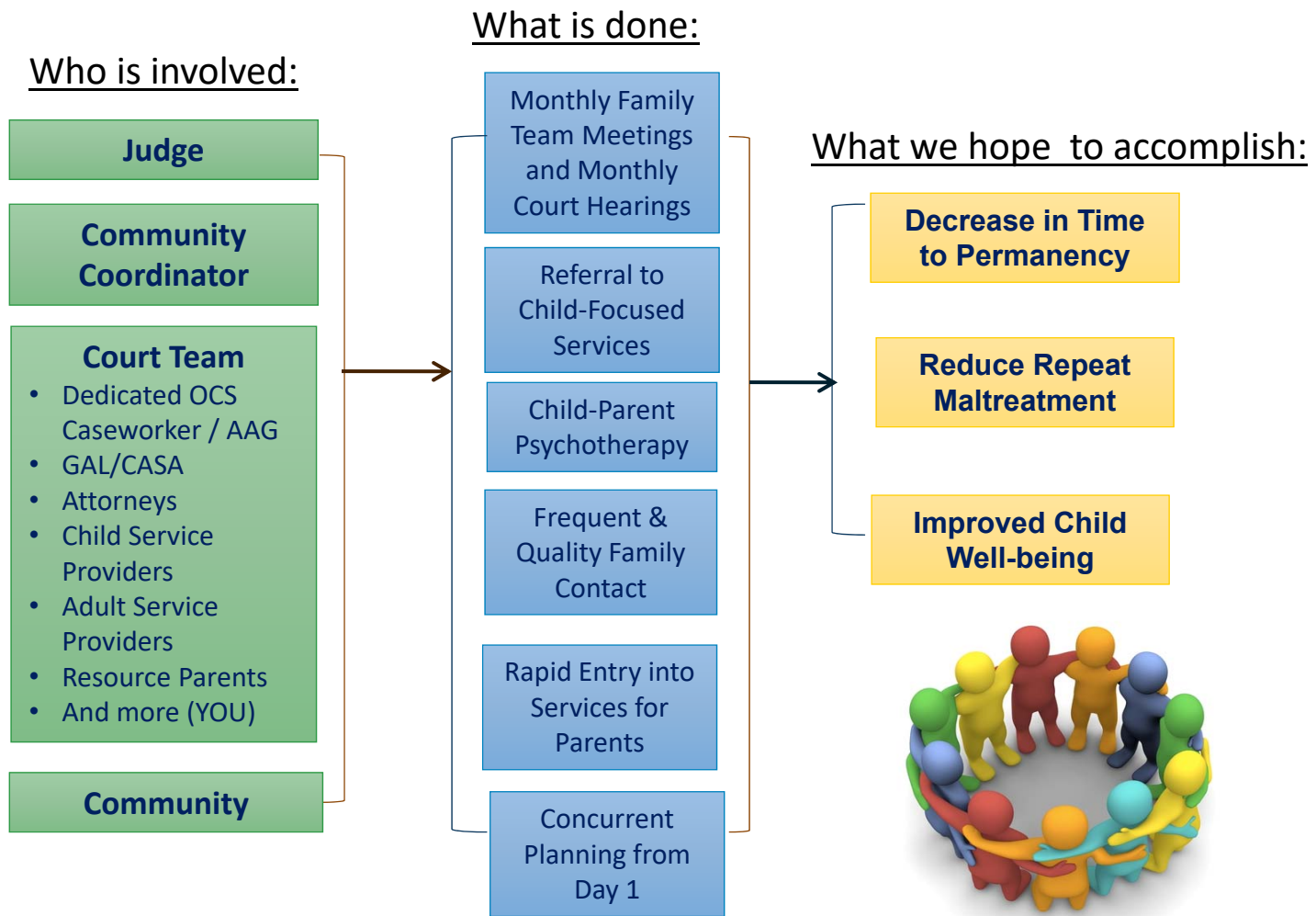
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6 months

Families with Infants and Toddlers Court

TARGET GROUP: CHILDREN ENTERING FOSTER CARE BEFORE AGE 36 MONTHS



What Are We Tracking?

Families
Enrolled

Types of living
arrangements

Number of
Placements

Length of Time
in Foster Care

Family
Participation in
Family Team
Meetings

Family
Participation in
Court
Involvement

Family
Participation in
their
Treatment Plan

Visitation Plan
Completion

Occurrence of
Court Hearings

Occurrence of
Family Team
Meetings

Developmental
Screenings

Length of Time
to Early
Intervention
Services

Length of Time
to Service
Initiation

Occurrence of
Community
Stakeholder
Meetings

Stakeholders
Represented
on the
Community
Team



Questions?



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. – Margaret Mead