

**C.A.R.E.S.**

# **Prevention & Diversion Program Model**

*A National Solution to Strengthen Families*



*A Replicable Evidence Based Practice Program*



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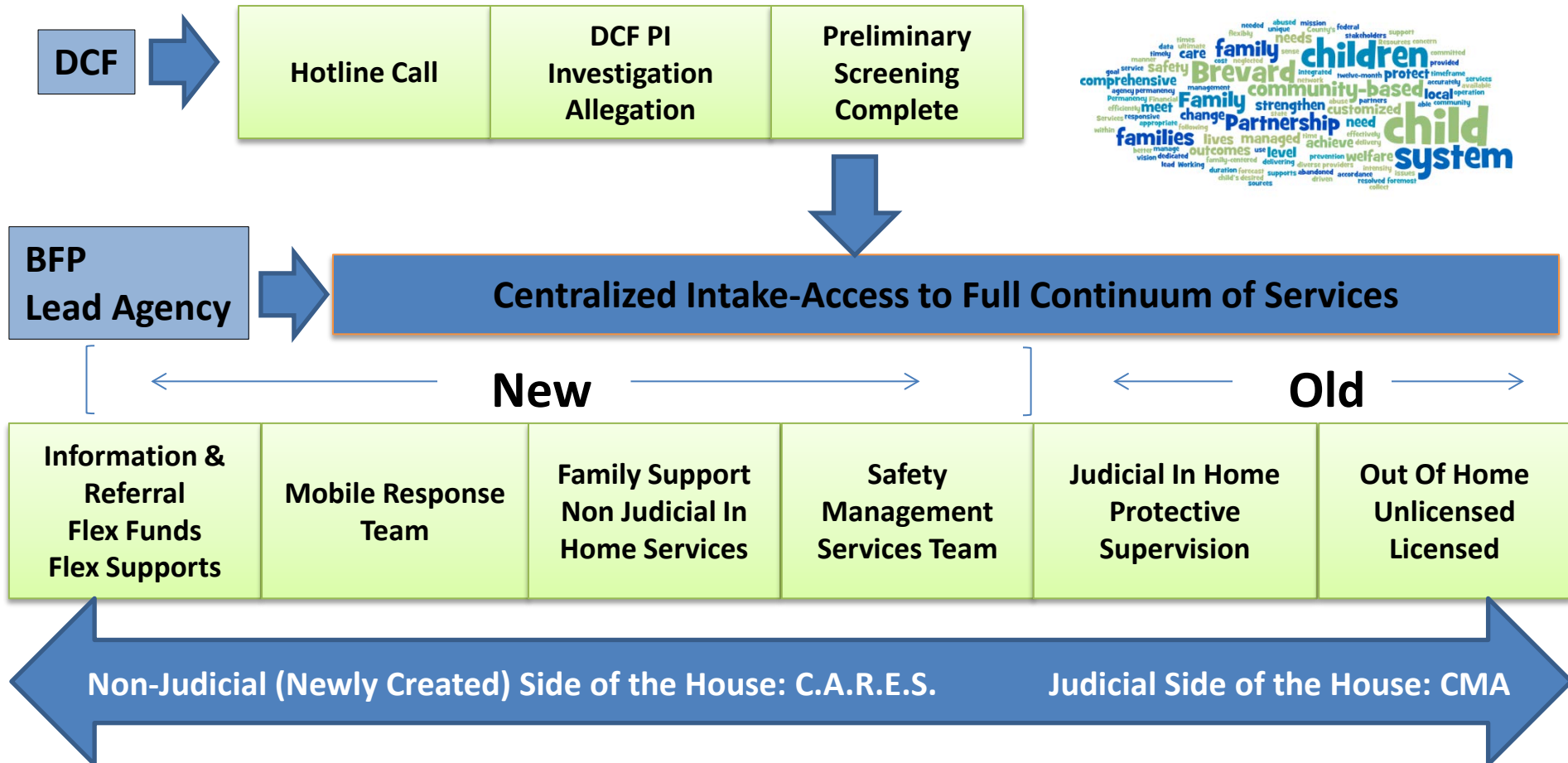
# What is Brevard C.A.R.E.S?

- An evidence based family centered, strength based Wraparound program designed as a new level on the child welfare continuum of care.
- Safely diverts entry into the child welfare judicial system by offering:
  - Intensive care coordination as an alternative to traditional case management and
  - The same array of services as dependency families



# System Of Care Model Design

## A New Level on the Continuum



# Situation Analysis

- Over the past 10 years BFP has designed, piloted, implemented and perfected the C.A.R.E.S. program model in an effort to safely divert children and their families from entry into the child welfare system.
- The C.A.R.E.S. model has documented evidence of substantial cost reductions while keeping at-risk children safely at home, in their schools and communities with better outcomes.



# Situation Analysis

- C.A.R.E.S. has achieved Evidence Based Practice status with the California Evidence Based Clearinghouse. <http://www.cebc4cw.org/program/c-a-r-e-s-coordination-advocacy-resources-education-and-support/>
- In 2010, C.A.R.E.S. procured an independent research evaluation proving it's effectiveness and was highlighted in the:
- Peer Review Research Publication, The Journal of Families and Society, April 2015: *Reducing Risk: Families in Wraparound Intervention.*



# C.A.R.E.S. Model

- C.A.R.E.S. addresses a gap that exists on the state and national child welfare continuum, one that Brevard identified in 2005.
- C.A.R.E.S. is manualized with a toolkit and has a national replication team to assist communities with implementation of the model.



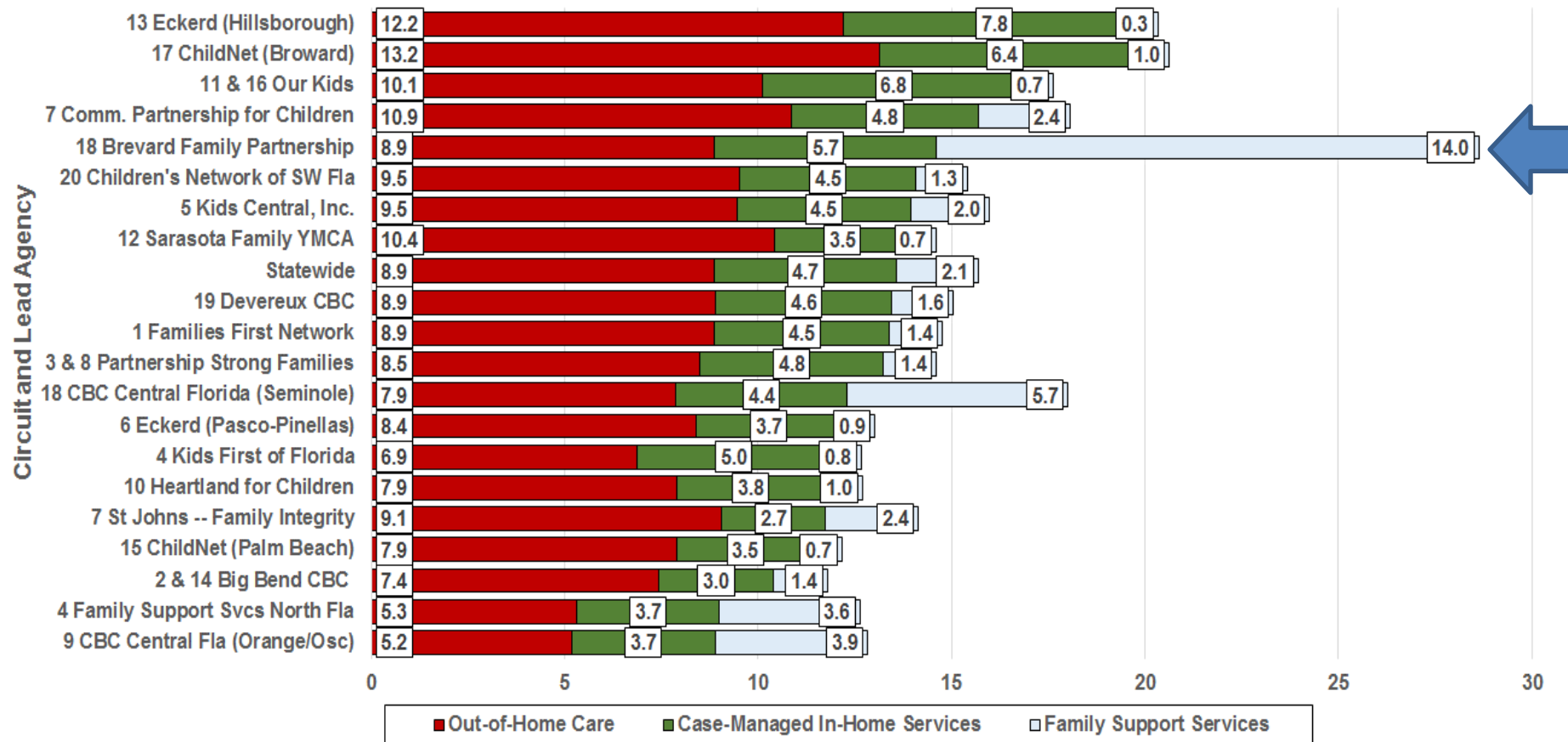
# C.A.R.E.S. Model

- The model shifts the high costs associated with placement in out of home care and in home protective services by diverting families from entry into the child welfare system.
- Cost savings from the reduction in the number of children entering care are reinvested in the front end of the system.
- Enabling communities to serve more children and families for less with better outcomes.



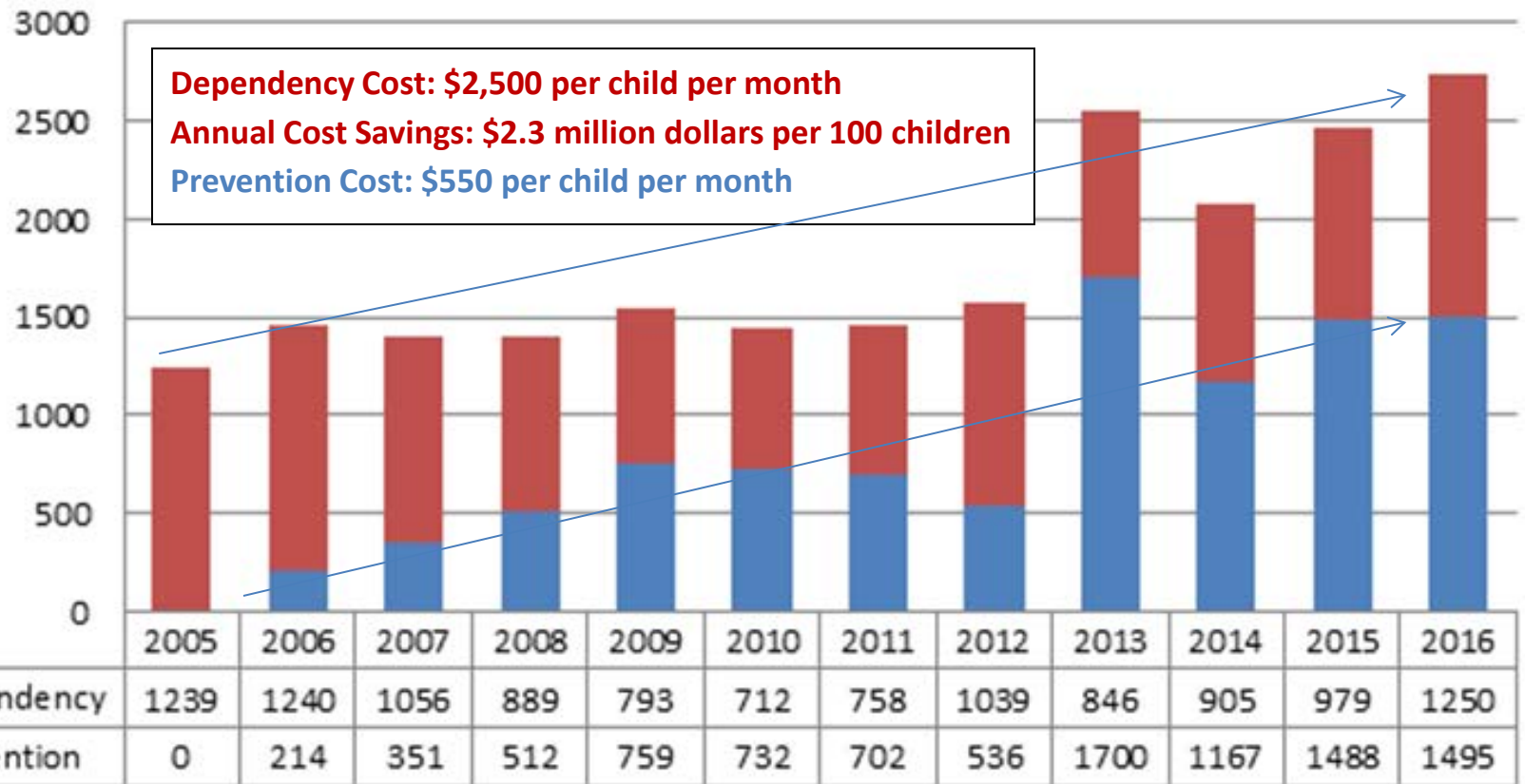
# Brevard Outperforms in Numbers Served in Family Support

Children Receiving Services by Type on 6/30/2016 -- Rates per 100 Children Investigated in CY 2015



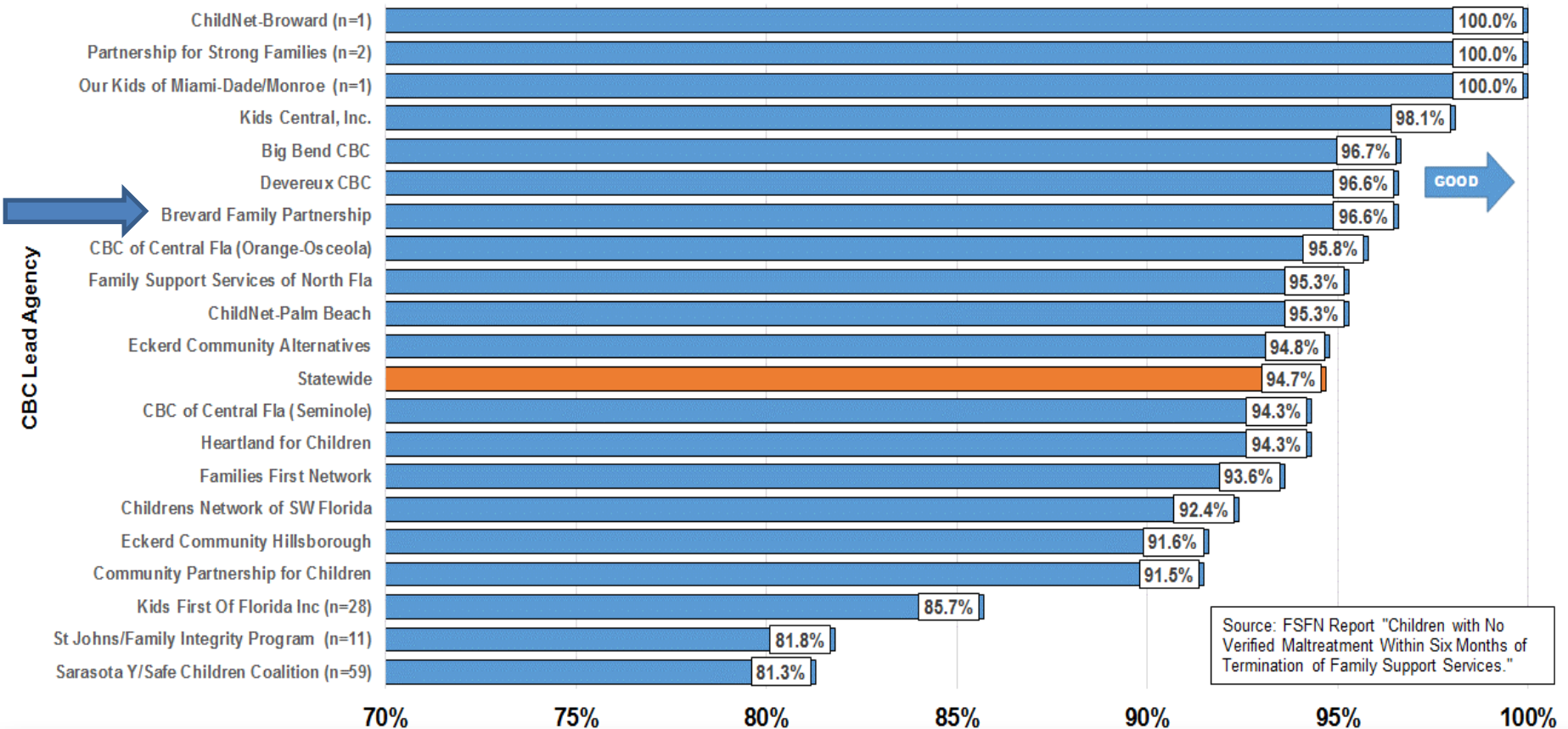


# Brevard Prevention and Diversion Census: 2005-2016



# Child Safety After Termination of Family Support –Still Safe After Termination

Percent of Children Terminated from Family Support Services in Quarter Who Were Not Maltreated within Six Months, for Children with Services Terminated October-December 2015



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# Brevard Recidivism Data FY: 2015-2016

## Families Remaining Together!

- 6 month follow up=94%
- 12 month follow up=92%
- 18 month follow up=94%
- 24 month follow up=92%



# C.A.R.E.S. Cost Comparison

- In addition to the improved outcomes families experience, the Brevard System of Care has experienced a significant cost savings by reducing the average cost from \$2,500 per child per month to \$550 per child per month in C.A.R.E.S. This translates into an annual savings of \$2.34 million dollars per 100 children over 12 months. This has enabled BFP to serve substantially more children and families at no increased cost to the SOC while building capacity of needed and evidence based practice programs.



# Cost Comparison:

## Prevention Vs. Dependency

### *A Minimal Investment to Keep Families Together*

- 100 children  
\$550 per month= \$660,000
- 500 children  
\$550 per month= \$3.3 million
- 1000 children  
\$550 per month= \$ 6.6 million

- 100 children  
\$2,500 per month= \$3 million
- 500 children  
\$2,500 per month= \$15 million
- 1000 children  
\$2,500 per month= \$30 million







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