Every child deserves a place to call home. Place Matters is a strategy for strengthening families and keeping children at home when it’s safe to do so. Parents receive in-home support and are connected with needed services.

**Place Matters**

There are fewer children in foster care than at any time in at least the last 27 years.*

Over 21,000 children have found permanent homes through adoption, guardianship or reunification with families since 2007.

- **ADOPTIONS**: 4,145
- **GUARDIANSHIPS**: 4,850
- **REUNIFICATIONS**: 12,586

Placement from FY 2008 to FY 2015

We’ve reduced the number of children in foster care by 53% from 10,330 in July 2007 to 4,837 in June 2015.

Since 2008, the percentage of placements to group homes for children under 18 is down to 8%.*

84% of youth under 18 in care are placed with families.

*Electronic records started in 1987
*Excludes children who entered care under a Child with Disabilities Voluntary Placement Agreement

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