



## PLACE MATTERS

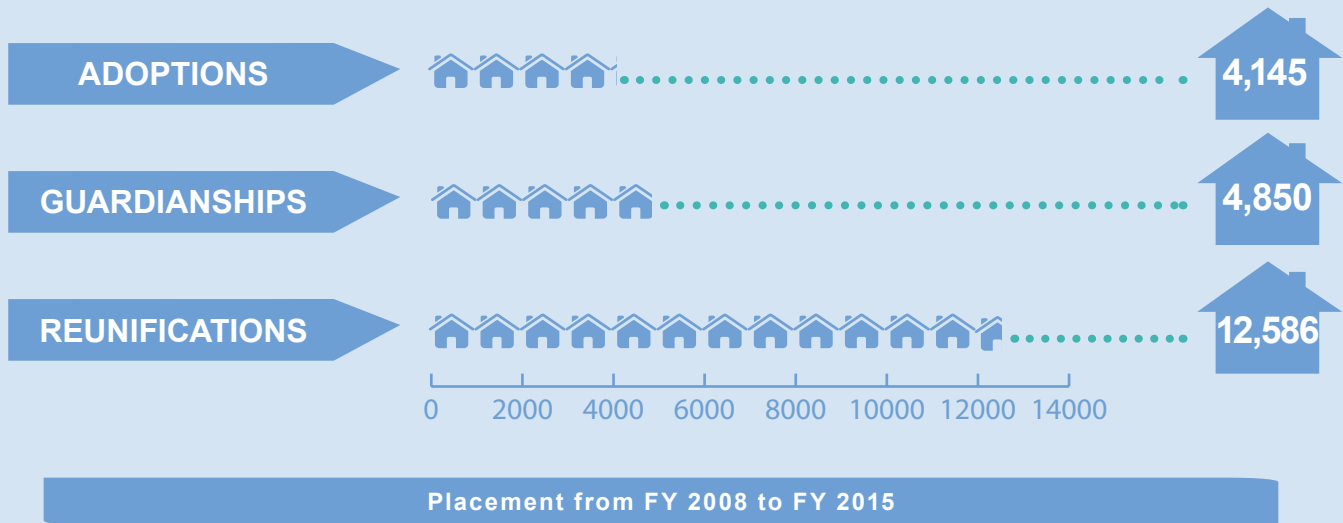
Every child deserves a place to call home. Place Matters is a strategy for strengthening families and keeping children at home when it's safe to do so. Parents receive in-home support and are connected with needed services.

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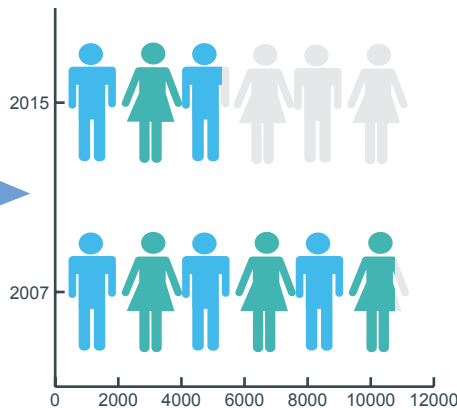


There are **fewer children in foster care than at any time in at least the last 27 years.\***

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



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



**41% decrease** Since 2008, the percentage of placements to group homes for children under 18 is down to 8%.<sup>1</sup>

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

\*Electronic records started in 1987

<sup>1</sup>Excludes children who entered care under a Child with Disabilities Voluntary Placement Agreement

