

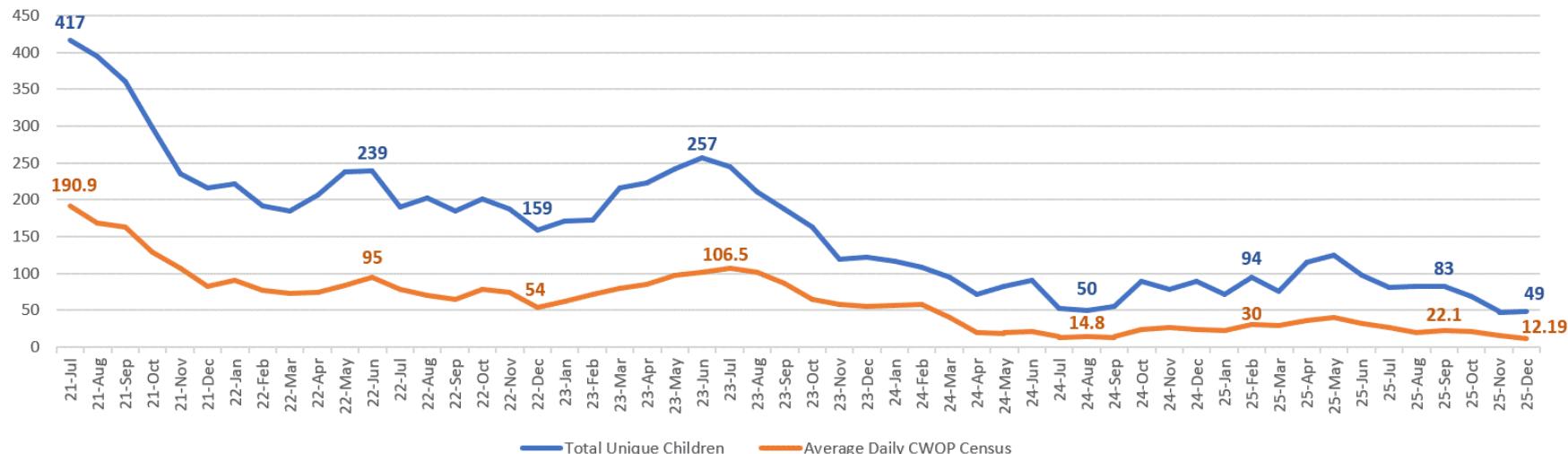


# CHILDREN WITHOUT PLACEMENT AGENCY EFFORTS

PRIORITY	GOAL	ACTIONS
	<b>CARE</b>  Augment the structure and staffing of DFPS Supervision sites, providing an environment that incentivizes positive youth behaviors while prioritizing the safety of both youth and caseworkers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>DFPS Temporary Emergency Care Pilot Site</b></li> <li>Additional training for dedicated emergency care site staff, including de-escalation techniques</li> <li>Hiring dedicated positions</li> <li>Increased <b>temporary staffing</b></li> <li><b>Expediting placement referrals</b> to Residential Treatment Placement Coordinators and for Child Specific Contract searches</li> <li>Law enforcement engagement</li> <li><b>Clinical coordinators</b> to support with caseworker tasks when a child/youth is in DFPS Supervision</li> <li>Placement Support Staffing</li> </ul>
	<b>CAPACITY</b>  Enhance the capacity and stability of kinship and licensed placements while streamlining DFPS placement processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluating Intensive Psychiatric Stabilization Program (<b>IPSP</b>) and Treatment Family Foster Care (<b>TFFC</b>)</li> <li>Temporary Emergency Placement (<b>TEP</b>) expansion</li> <li>Temporary Transitional Beds</li> <li>Emergency Shelter Partnership</li> <li>Placement process improvement and <b>additional staffing</b></li> </ul>
	<b>SERVICES</b>  Support programs and services to meet the specific needs of youth in DFPS Supervision, with a focus on preparing older youth for successful transitions to independence and self-sufficiency within appropriate placements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on services and support, such as preparation for adult living, housing, job opportunities, and other <b>basic life skills</b></li> <li>Partner with HHSC on <b>state operated residential treatment facility</b></li> <li><b>Utilize behavioral health funding for youth crisis outreach</b> and extended inpatient hospital support</li> <li>Partnering youth with <b>mentor support</b></li> </ul>
	<b>DIVERSION</b>  Implement actions to divert children and youth from entering state custody as appropriate through effective intervention strategies and alternative support systems, promoting family preservation and community-based solutions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collaborate with HHSC to support access to behavioral health resources and additional funding to prevent removals as a result of refusal to accept parental responsibility</li> <li>Increased use of <b>Alternative Response</b></li> <li>Increased use of Behavioral Health Resources</li> </ul>

# Children Without Placement Data

## Total Children Without Placement



Definition: A child without placement event refers to when a child or youth was without placement for at least two consecutive, uninterrupted nights. If a youth goes missing during a child without placement event, the youth will be in a missing status rather than a child without placement event to ensure protocols are followed to ensure the safe return of a youth. If the youth returns from the missing event, a new event starts after at least two consecutive, uninterrupted nights.

### Top 5 Child Characteristics/Needs

December 2025

N=56 Events

Children without placement have complex needs

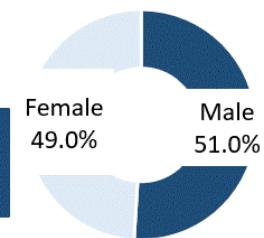


### Children Without Placement December 2025

Age N=49 Children



Gender



33%

Of all children who had a CWOP event in December 2025 (49 children) had been in conservatorship for less than one year

35%

Of all children who had a CWOP event in December 2025 (49 children) were removed due to Refusal to Accept Parental Responsibility