



Colorado's Child Welfare System Interim Study Committee

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**Office of Children,
Youth & Families**

Division of Child Welfare

OUR MISSION

Together, we empower Coloradans to thrive.

OUR VISION

To serve Coloradans through bold and innovative health and human services.

OUR VALUES

A People-First Approach
Balance Creates Quality of Life
We Hold Ourselves Accountable
Transparency Matters
We Are Ethical
Collaboration Helps Us Rise Together



Office of Children Youth and Families

Our vision is to ensure children, youth, and families across Colorado are safe and thriving.

Child Welfare

Over **34,000** maltreatment assessments. **8,598** children currently with open cases.

Foster Care: 3,643 in out-of-home placement.

Adoption: 399 children awaiting adoption.

Pay for Success

Over 500 individuals and families served to date.

Youth Services

553 youth served each day in detention, commitment or parole.

Implementation Science Unit

Increasing capacity to engage in program implementation, scaling, replication, and evaluation. And leveraging research findings to aid decision making and process improvement efforts.

Community Programs

Domestic Violence Program funds served **18,174** individuals in FFY 21.

3,075 youth and **1,180** adults were served by the **Colorado Sexual Health Initiative** in FFY 22.

212 youth parole hearings plus **37** violation hearings from Dec. 2021 to Dec. 2022.

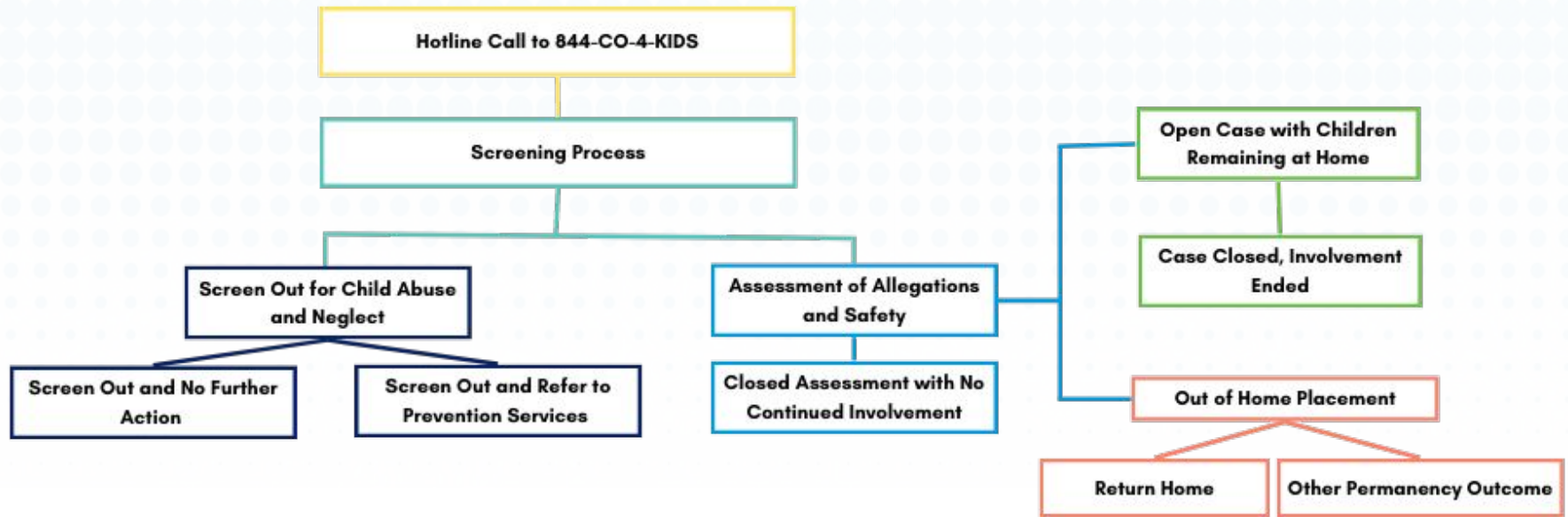
Tony Gramsas Youth Services current grant funding of ~\$10.5 million provides funding to 97 programs serving 48 counties, the Southern Ute Tribe, and Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.



Overview of Colorado's Child Welfare System



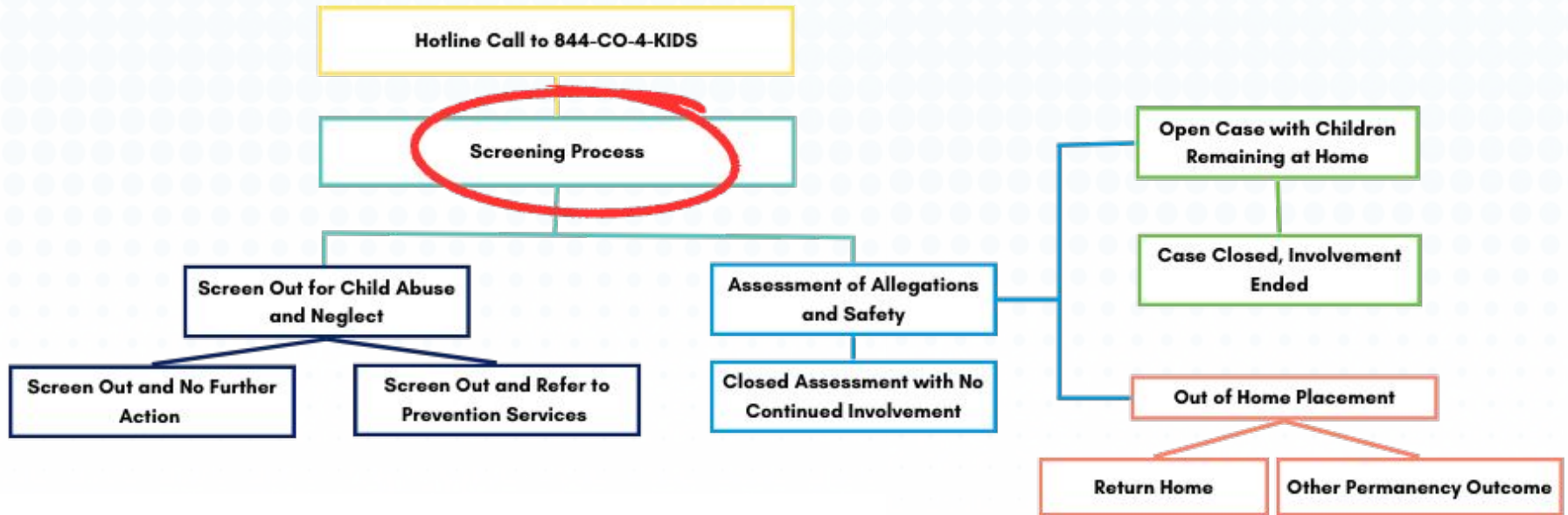
Colorado's Child Welfare System Snapshot



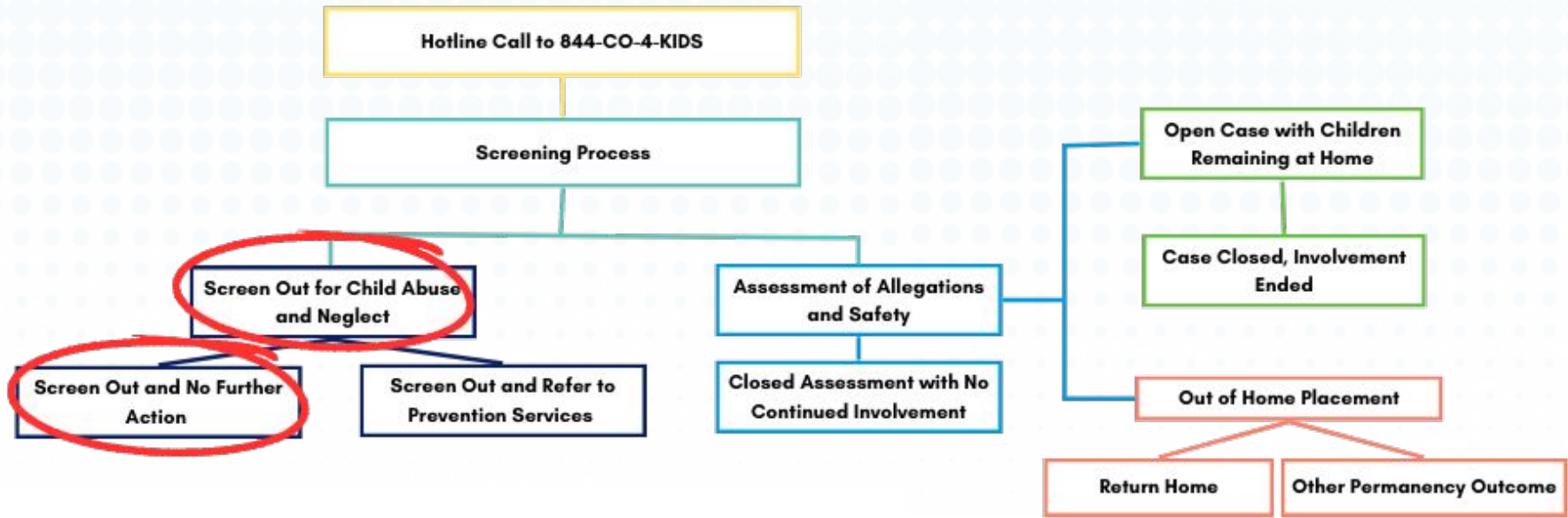
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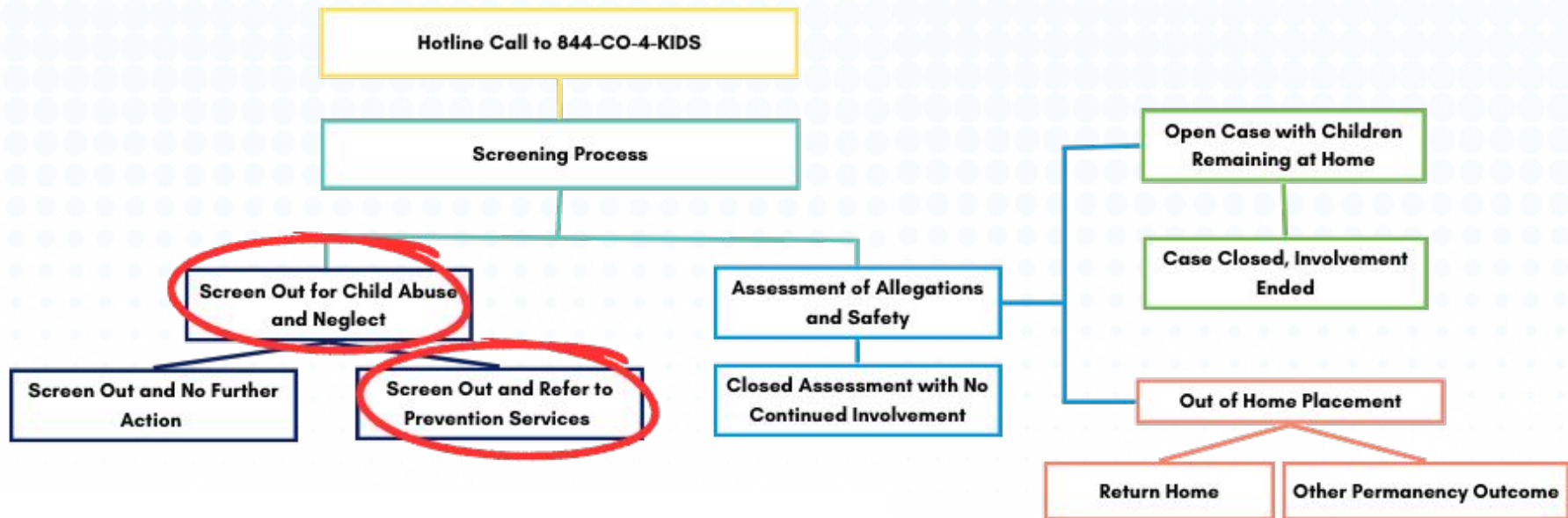
Referrals and Screening



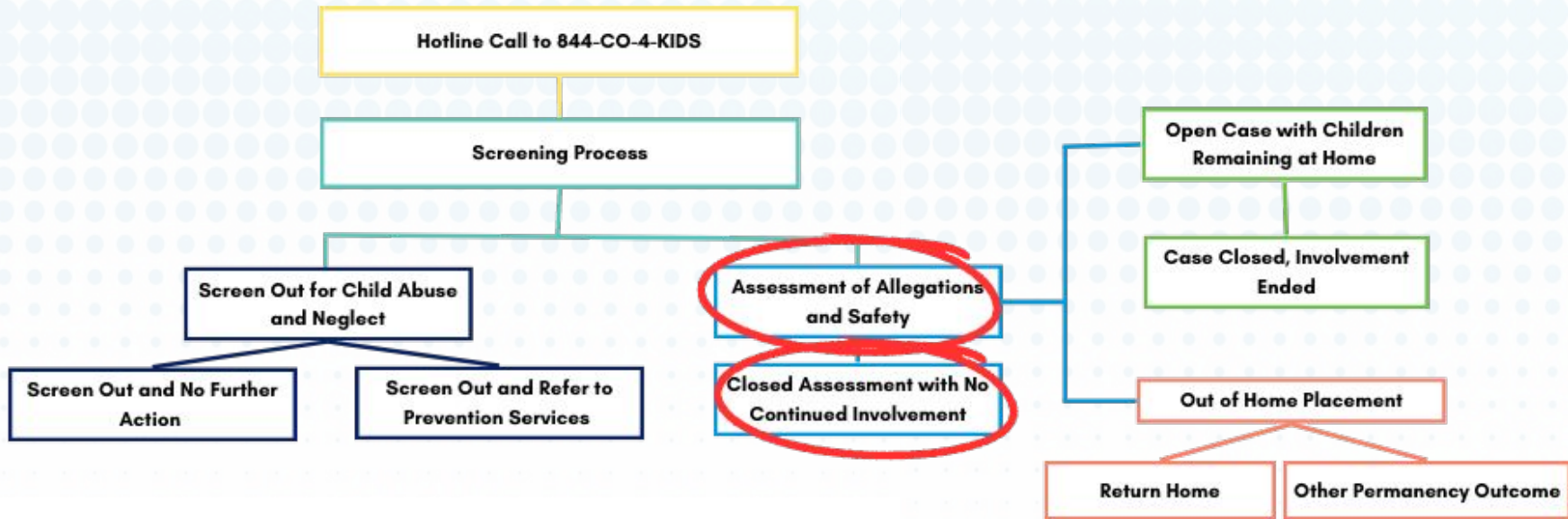
Screen Out for Child Abuse and Neglect



Prevention Services



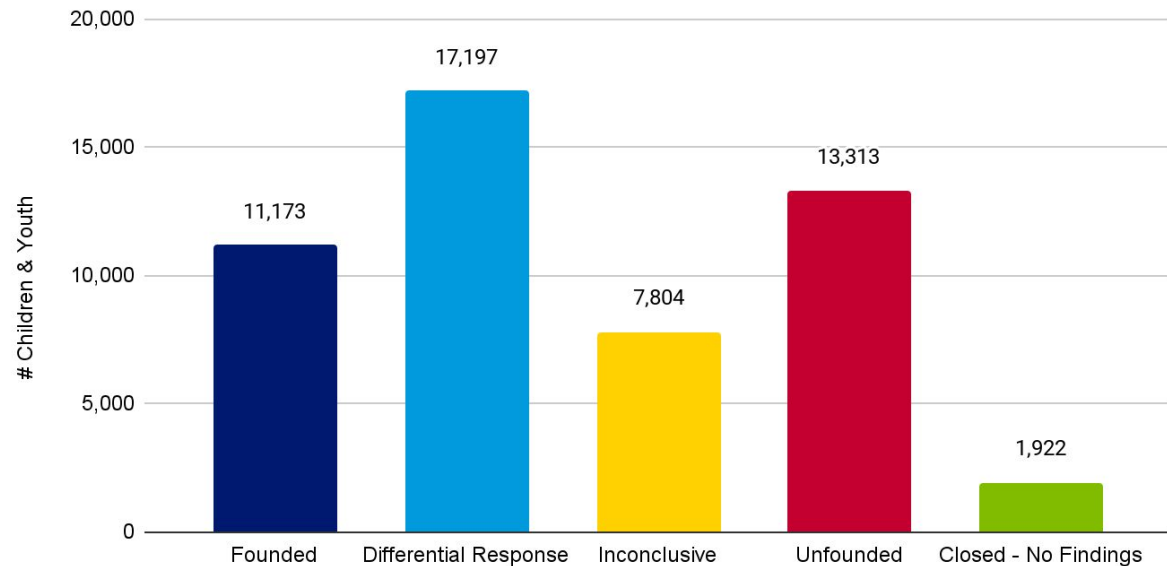
Assessments



Deep Dive: Finding Numbers By volume and type

Total Children & Youth with Findings

01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

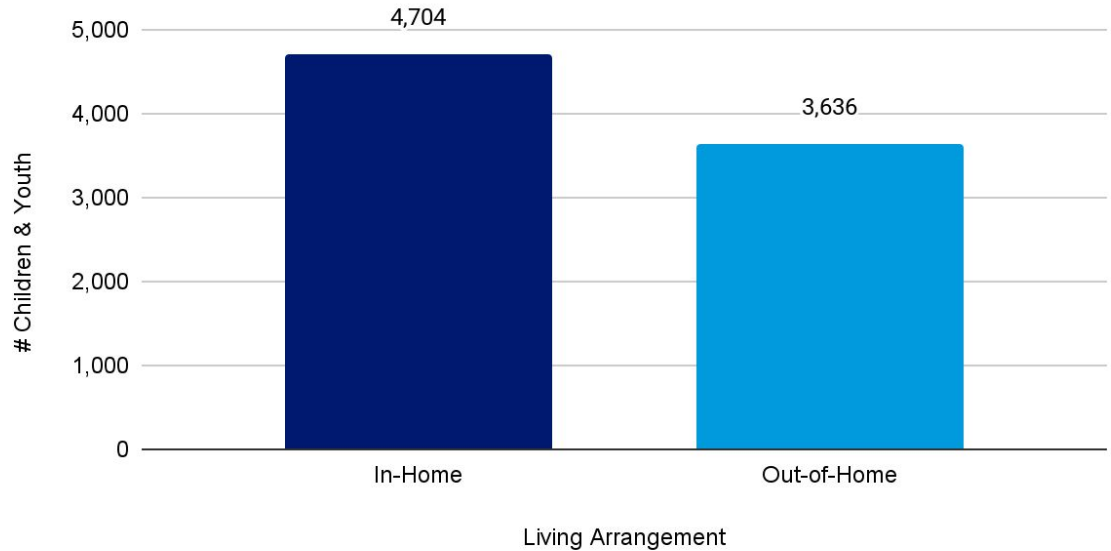




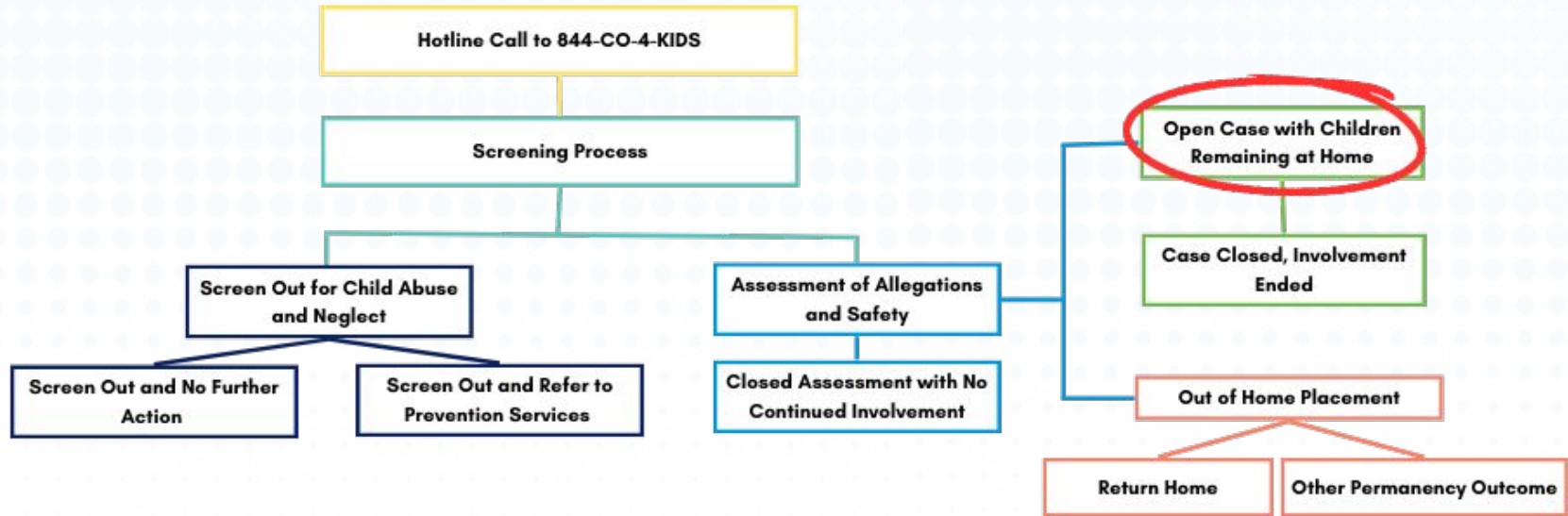
Deep Dive: Open Case

Total Children & Youth in Cases

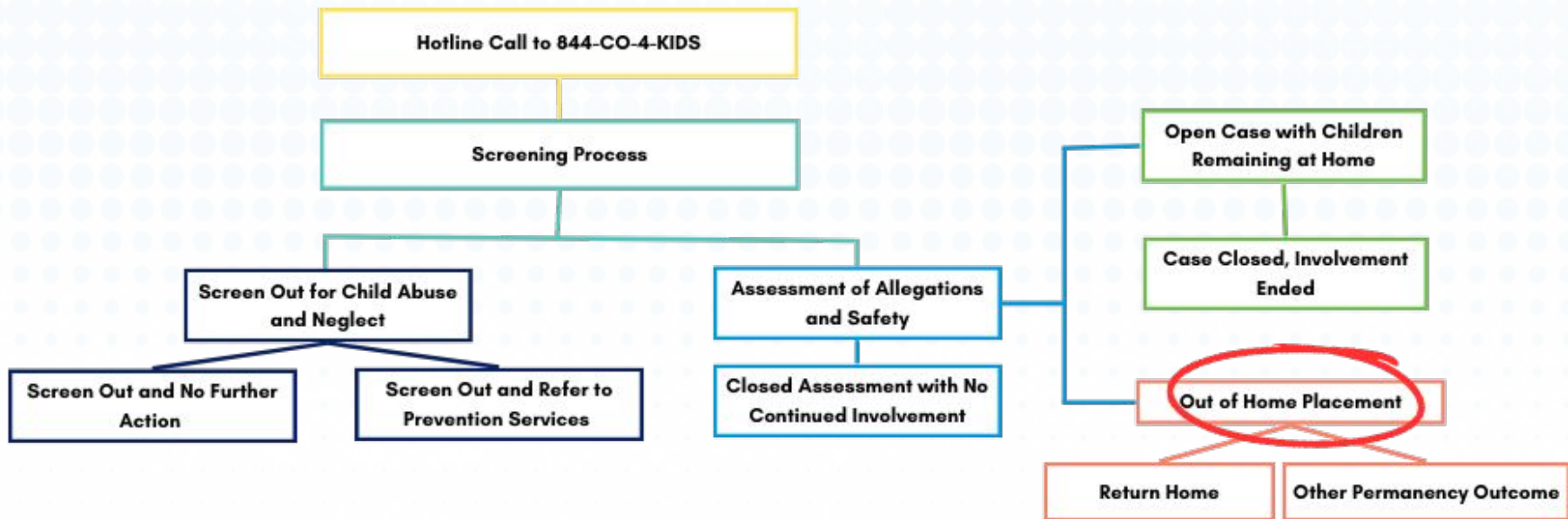
Current as of 06/16/2023



Open Cases & Continued Involvement



Court-Involved Open Cases



Placement Types

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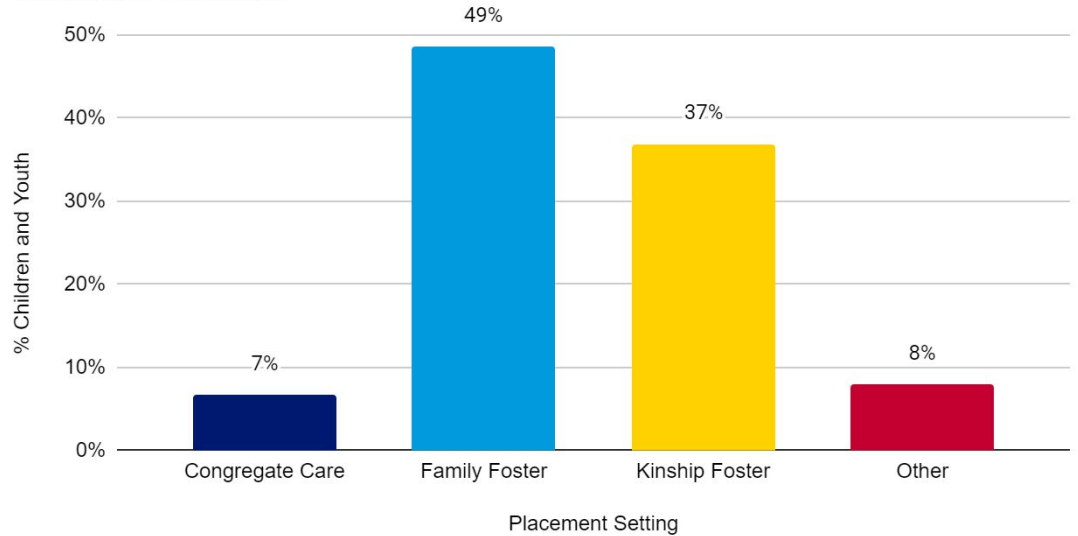
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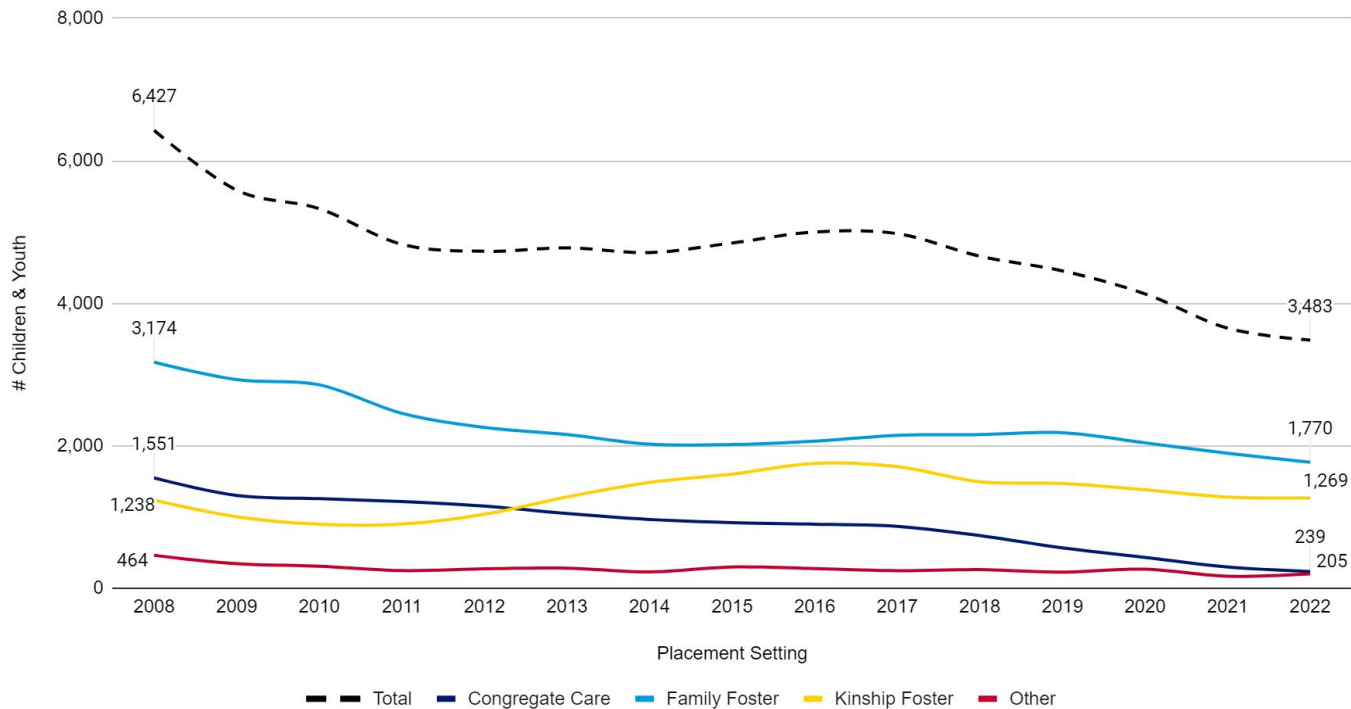
Deep Dive: Out of Home Numbers

% Children and Youth by Placement Setting

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Historical Out of Home reduction



Colorado reduced the Out of Home population by 45% from 2008 to 2022.

This includes an 85% reduction in congregate care.



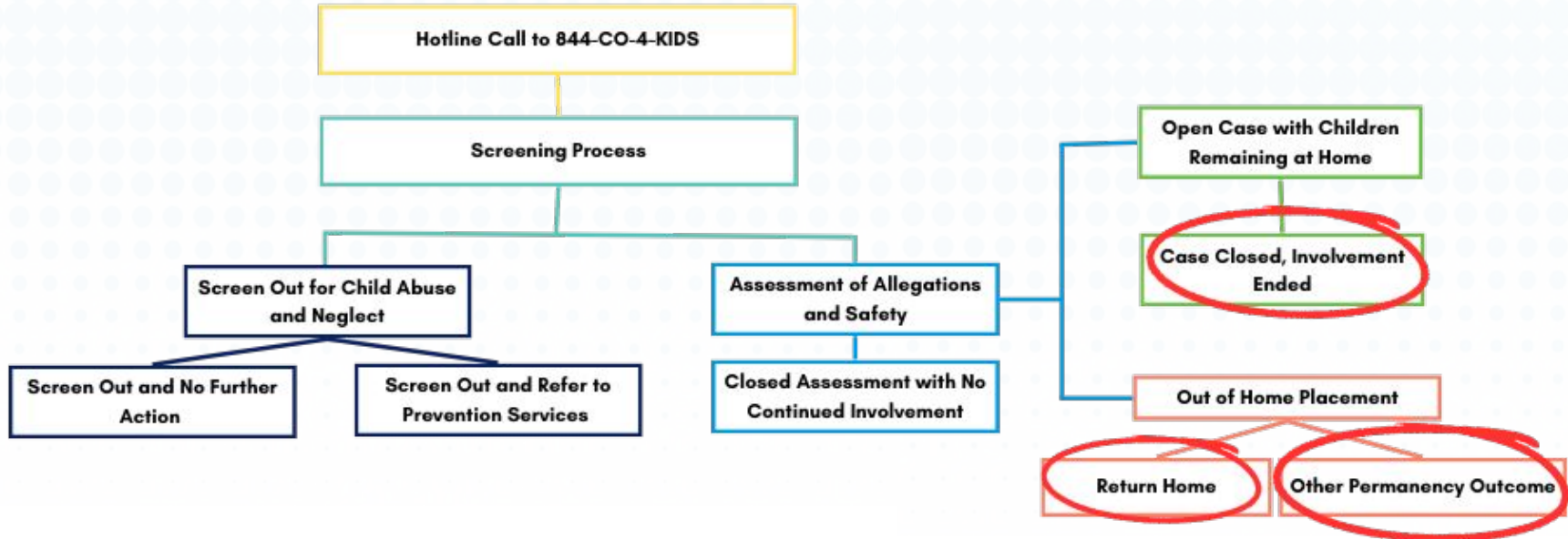
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Reunification and Average Daily Population





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Questions?



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