



Department of Human Services
Division of Child & Adult Protection

2014
Garfield County Annual
Evaluation Report



Garfield County Division of Child Welfare & Adult Protection is organizationally seated in the Department of Human Services. There are 13 front line caseworkers, six support staff, two therapists, two foster care coordinators, five supervisors and one administrator in the division. The division strives to cooperatively engage with families and adults in need of protection in the least restrictive manner possible. There are multiple services offered and delivered that assist with the goal of maintaining children and adults in their own homes. The goal is to achieve safety, permanency, and well-being for children while valuing and recognizing the strengths of the family. Safety is paramount and under some circumstances must be achieved through the removal of the child/children.

The Child Welfare & Adult Protection Annual Report is presented to provide a snapshot of the work that has been completed during this calendar year. To offer a longitudinal perspective previous years data are included in the charts. Data is collected and examined on a monthly basis and the division strives to align practice in an effort to improve outcomes.

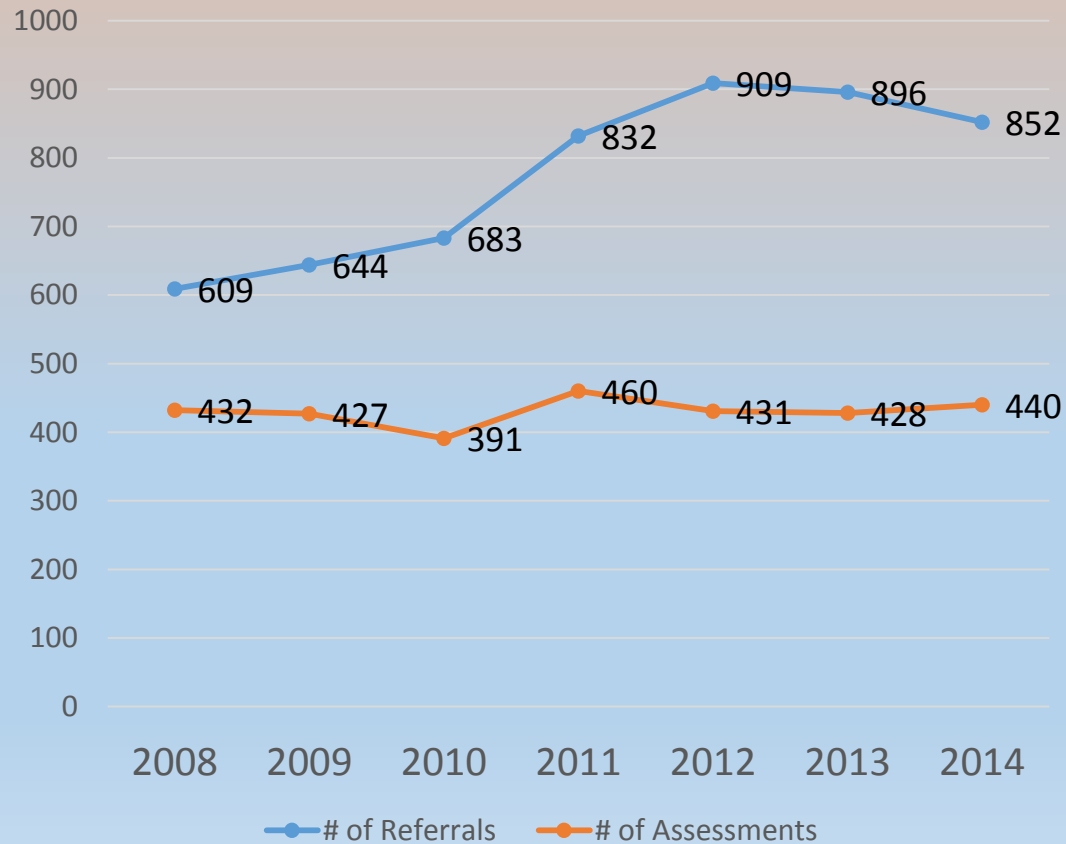
Prevention services continue to grow as an area of concentration for the Child Welfare population. Through these prevention efforts such programs as Preserving Safe and Stable Families, Program Area 3, Differential Response and Family Engagement are being practiced in Garfield County. In 2015, Colorado Community Response will be added to preventive programming. These programs are offered in a cooperative effort with other county partners.

Referral & Assessments

Garfield County received 852 referrals in 2014 .

A referral can be made to a county for several reasons.

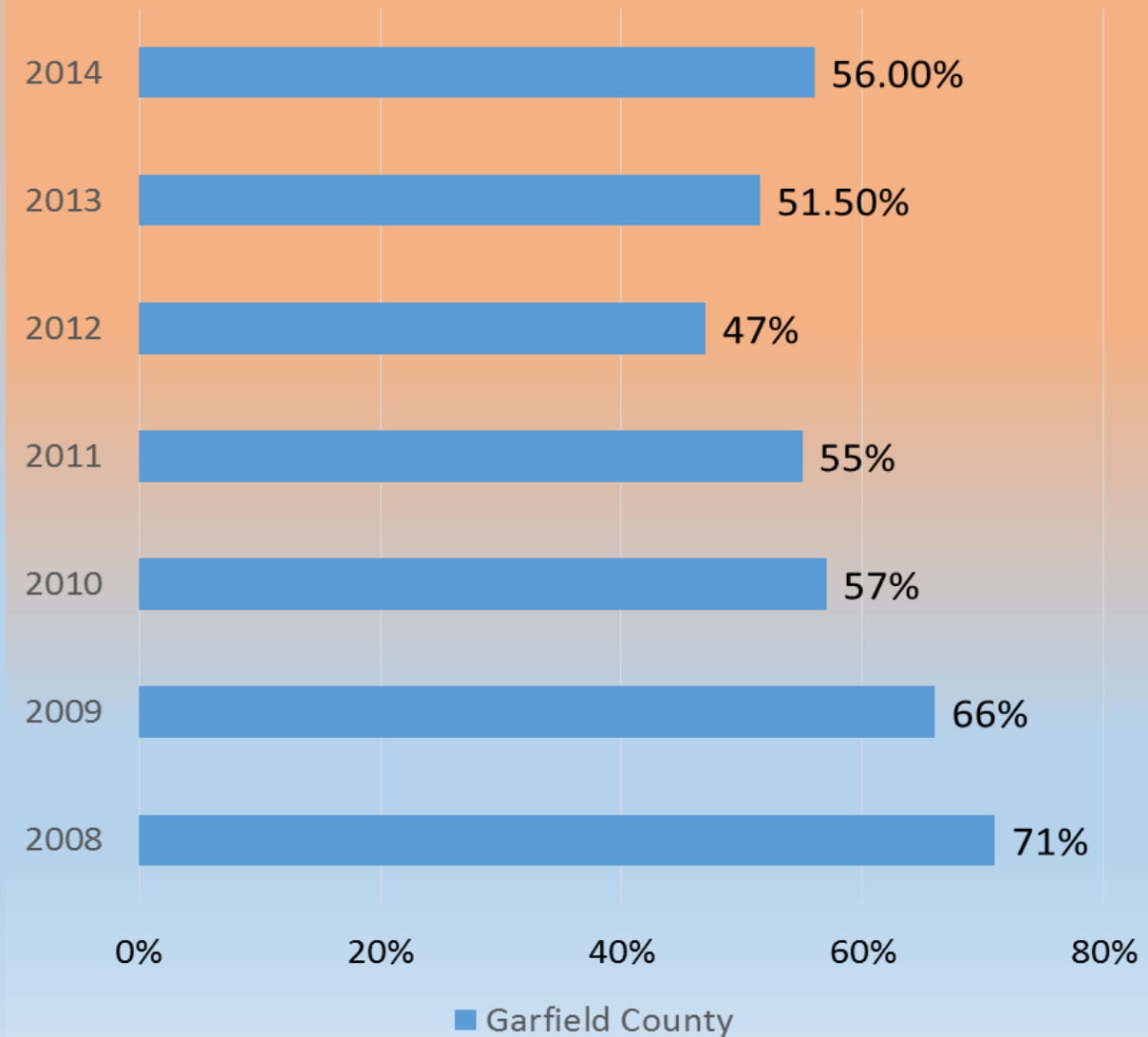
- (a) A report of possible abuse or neglect,
- (b) A report that a child is beyond the control of their parent,
- (c) A report that a child is in danger to self or others, and/or
- (d) A report that an adopted child needs services.



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Response Percentage by Year

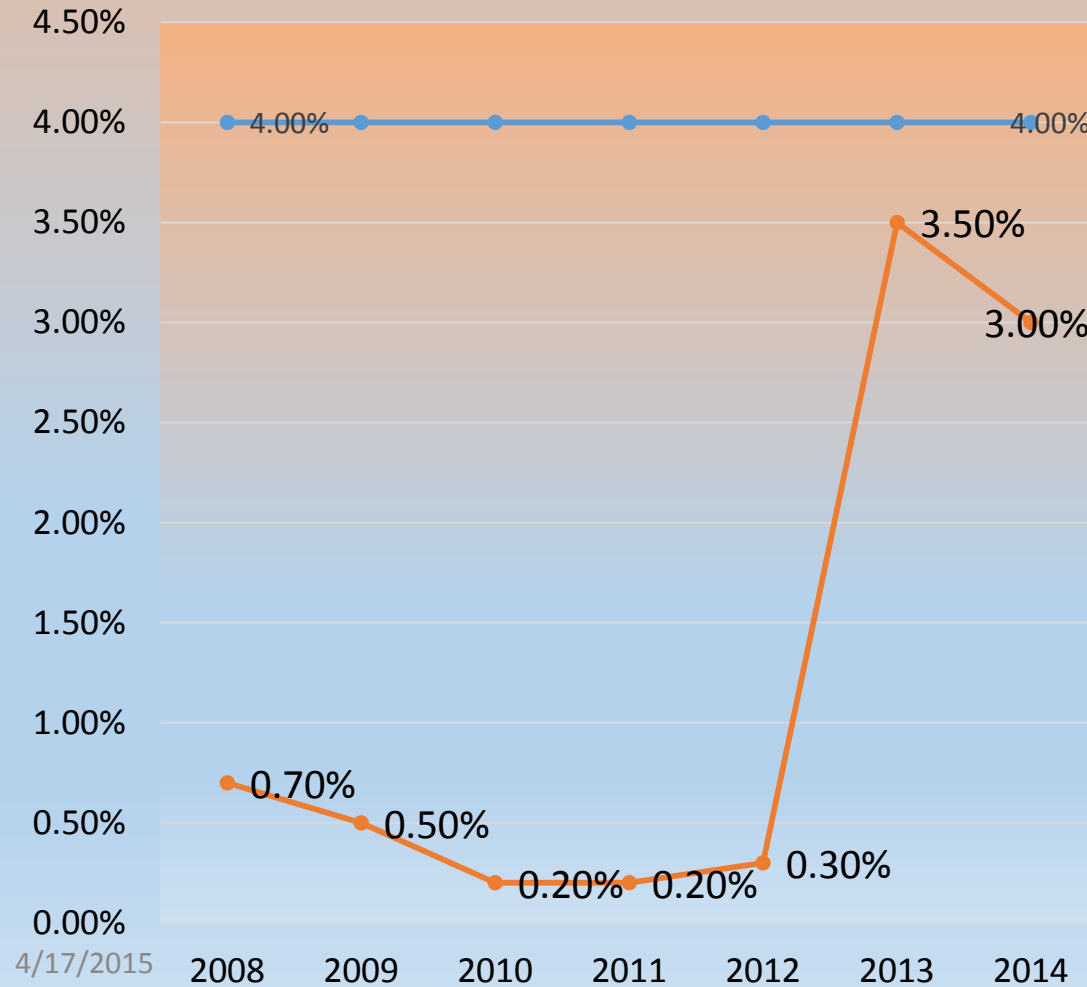
Referrals represent a count of reports and not the number children referred.



Placements per Children Assessed

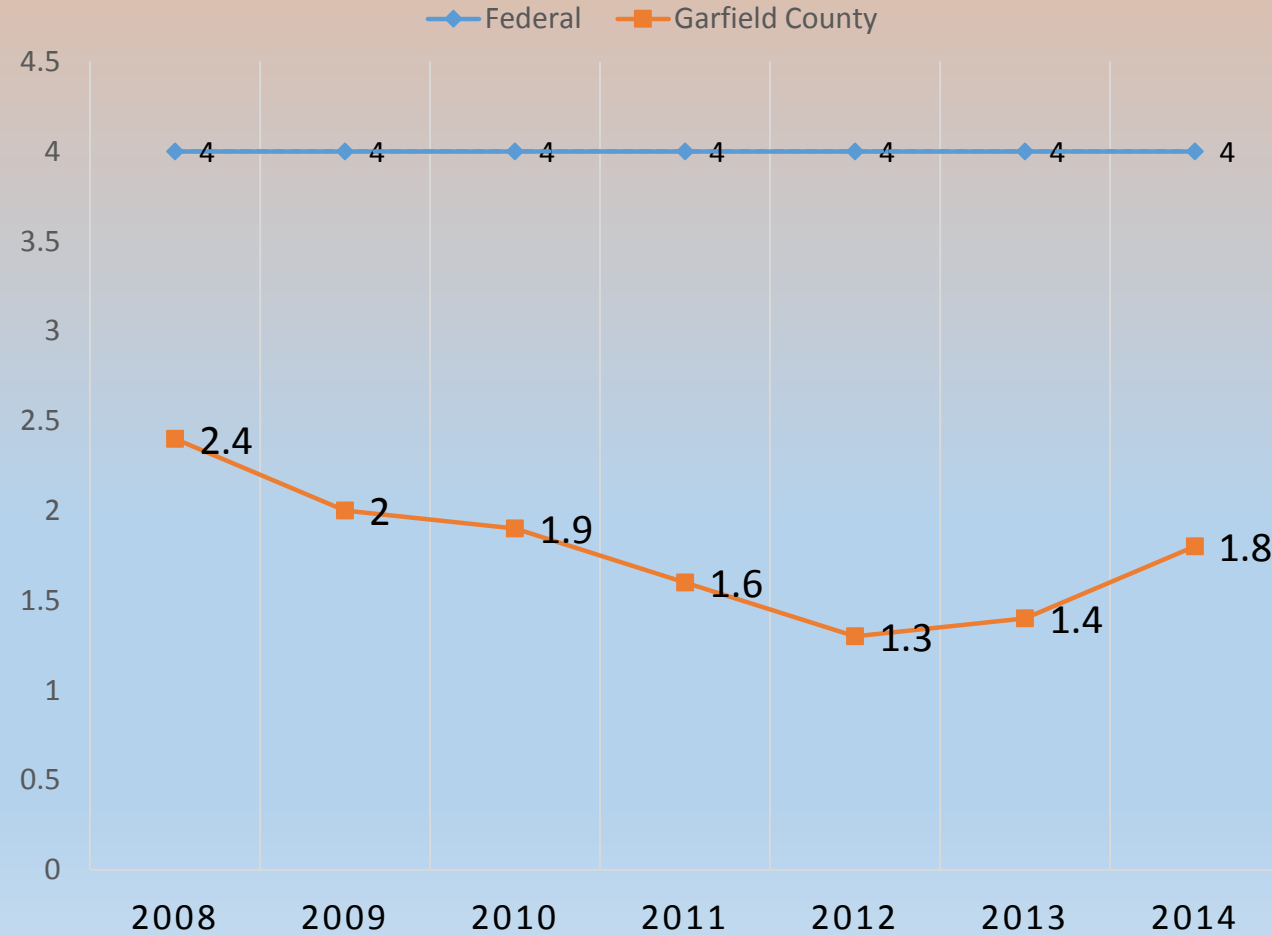
Placements per 100 Children Assessed < 4%

Rate of Children placed into Out-Of-Home care per 100 children assessed during this period



Average Placements per 1,000 Children- <4%

Average population of children placed in Out-of-Home care during this period per 1,000 general child population



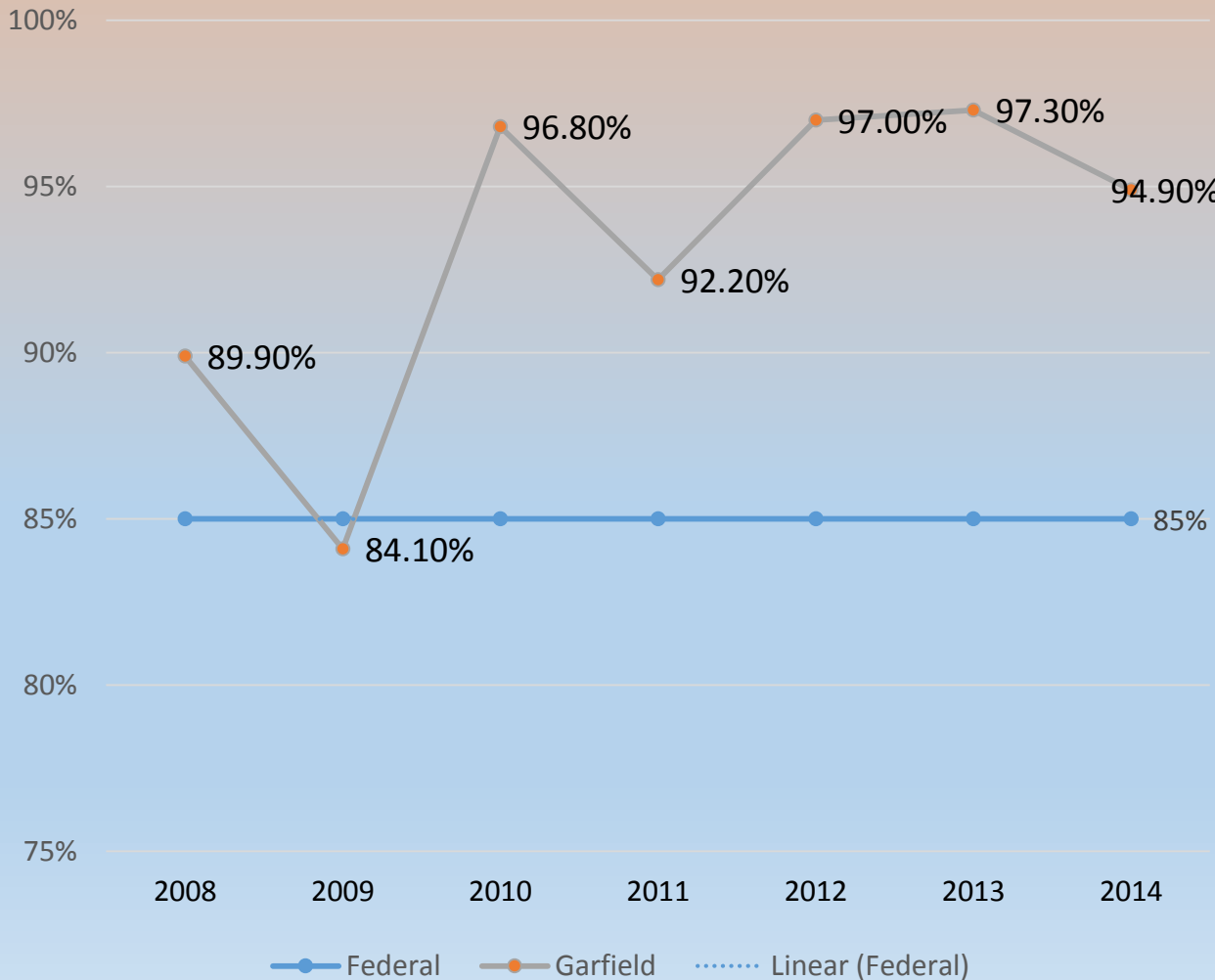
Children Who Achieve Permanency >95%

The percent of permanency Achieved for a traditional closed case on children during This period



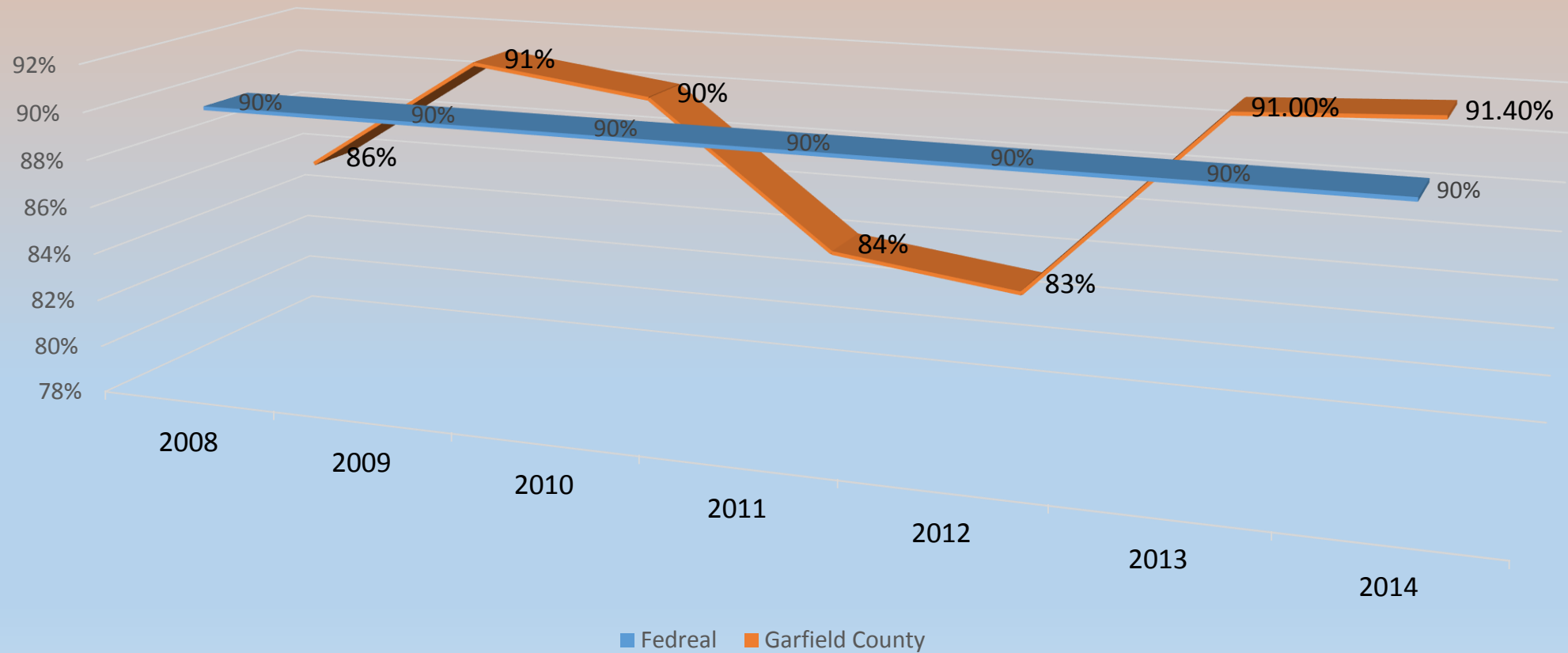
Remain Home >85%

Children who were not initially (first 30 days) in Out-of-Home placement and did not enter OOH placement during open involvement

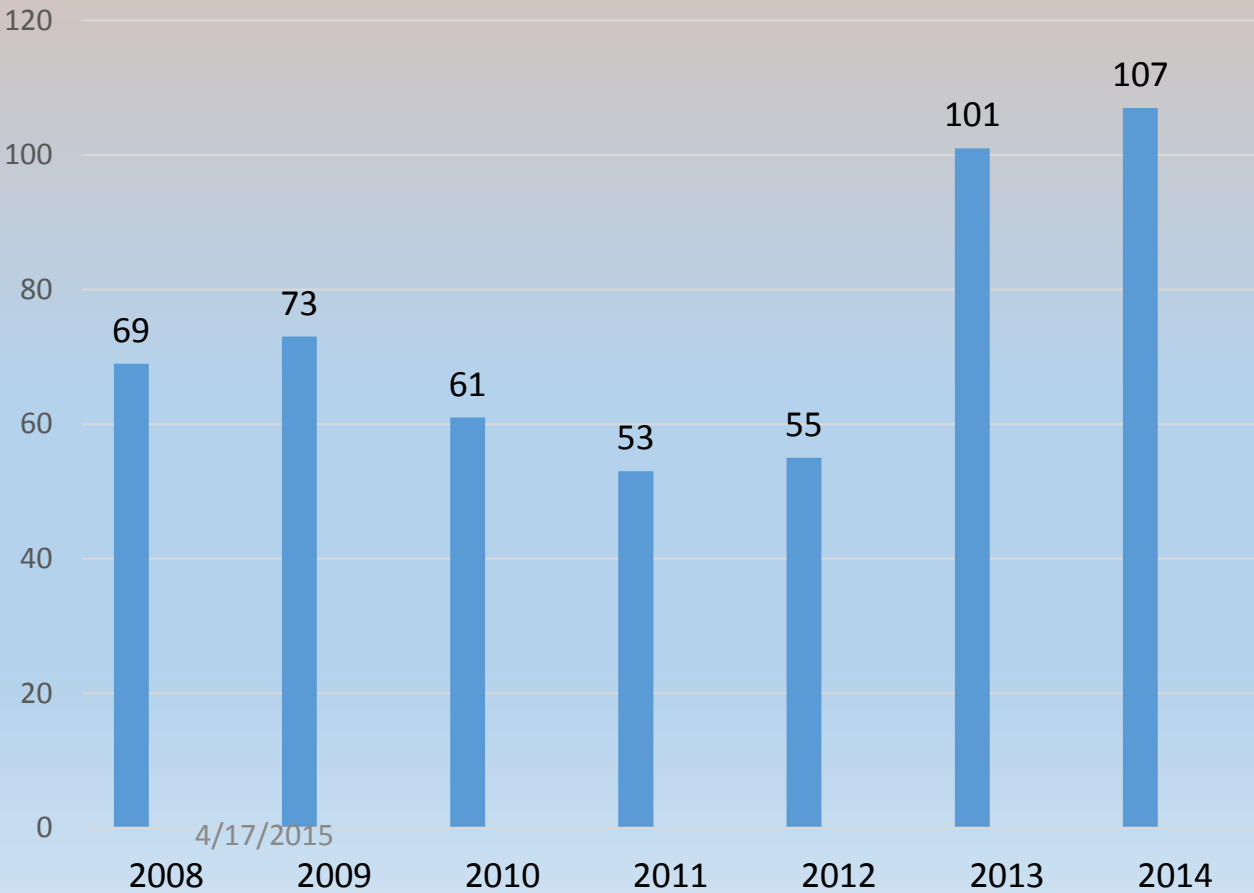


Timeliness of Initial Response- >90%

Percent of assessments that were seen within the indicated response time.



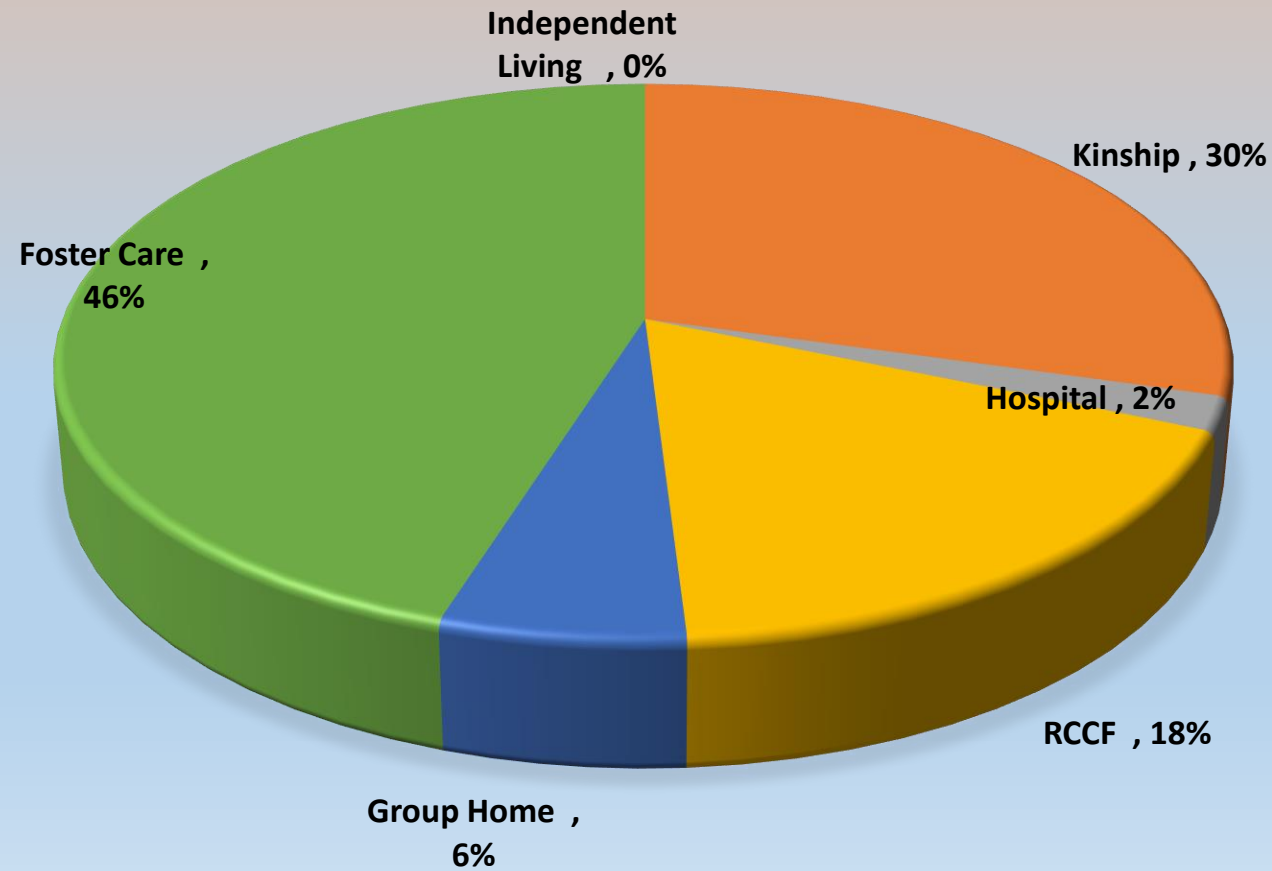
Total Children in Care by Year



2014 Placement Settings

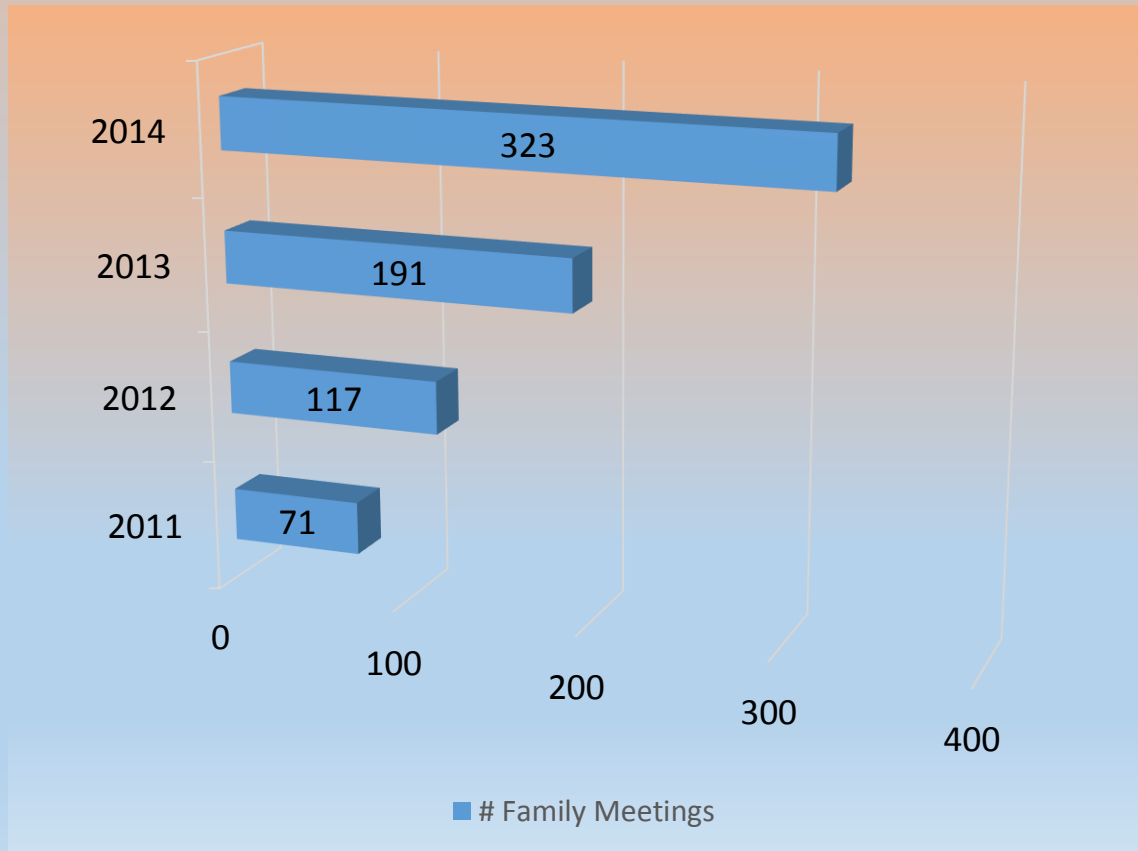
72 Children Total

*Duplicate Count –some children in more then one placement setting



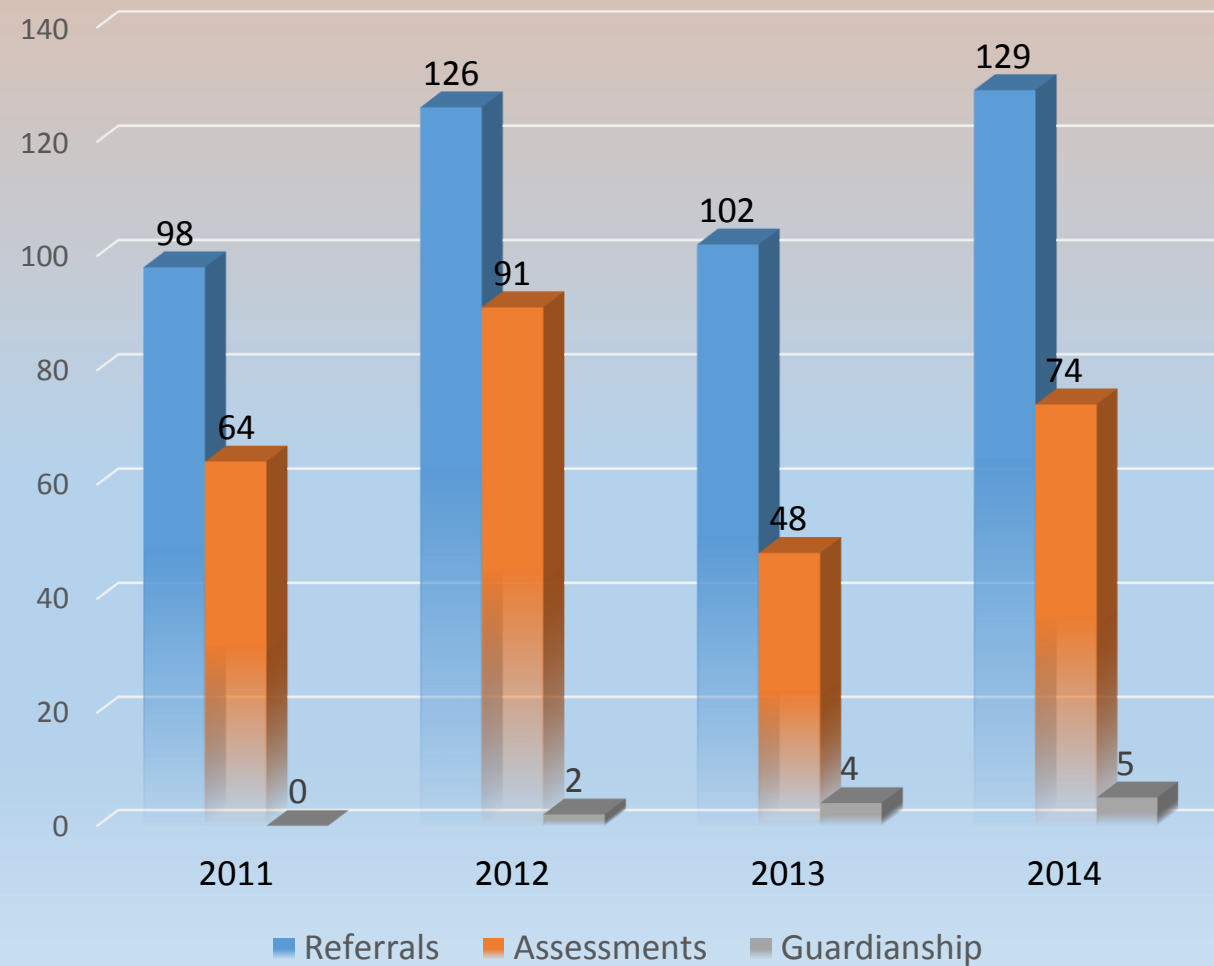
Family Meetings

Family Centered Meetings conducted by trained facilitator



Adult Protection

Referrals, Assessments and Guardianship



**Garfield County
Department of Human Services
Mary Baydarian, Director**

VISION

To increase the quality of life in the community by taking a proactive and innovative leadership role. Our work embodies the professional values and best practices of the human services field.

MISSION

Garfield County Department of Human Services staff is committed to developing and providing collaborative services to assist and promote the safety, well-being and self-sufficiency of individuals and families

CHILD WELFARE VALUES

SAFETY, PERMANENCY, WELL-BEING

Child and youth safety is paramount. Children and youth have a right to live in a safe and stable home.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Garfield County's child welfare division will engage in mutually beneficial relationships with individuals, families, agencies, foster families and communities to work toward common goals by sharing responsibility, authority and accountability for achieving successful outcomes.

FAMILY FOCUSED

Garfield County's child welfare division has the responsibility to make reasonable efforts to assess and meet individual and family needs. Being family focused includes;

- Understanding that families have the right and responsibility to raise their own children
- Recognizing that families are knowledgeable regarding their family's strengths & needs.
- Assuring that families and extended families have a decision-making role in the care of their own children

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