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**Georgia Department
of Human Services**
Division of Aging Services

Addressing Dementia in Georgia

MaryLea Boatwright Quinn, MSW, LCSW
Assistant Deputy Commissioner



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Division of Aging Services

— VISION —

LIVING LONGER,

LIVING SAFELY,

living well



The Dementia Crisis: Facts and Figures

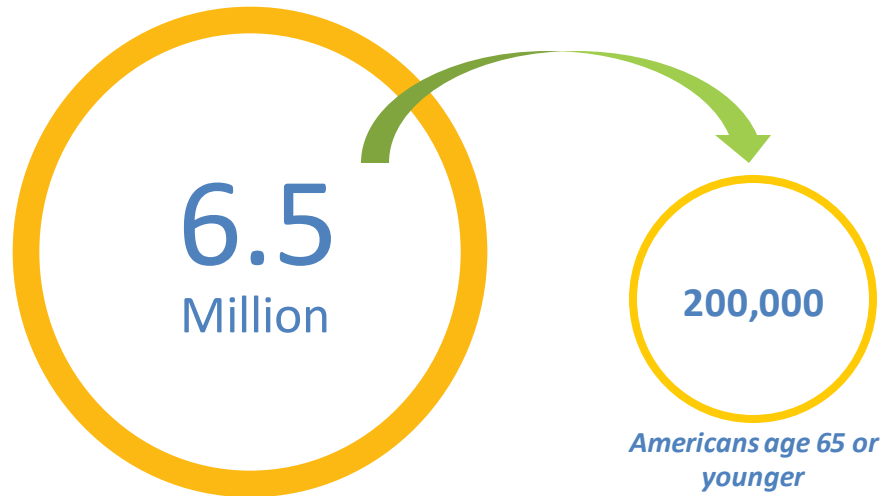
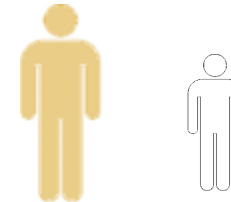
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over 65



1 in 3 Americans
over 85

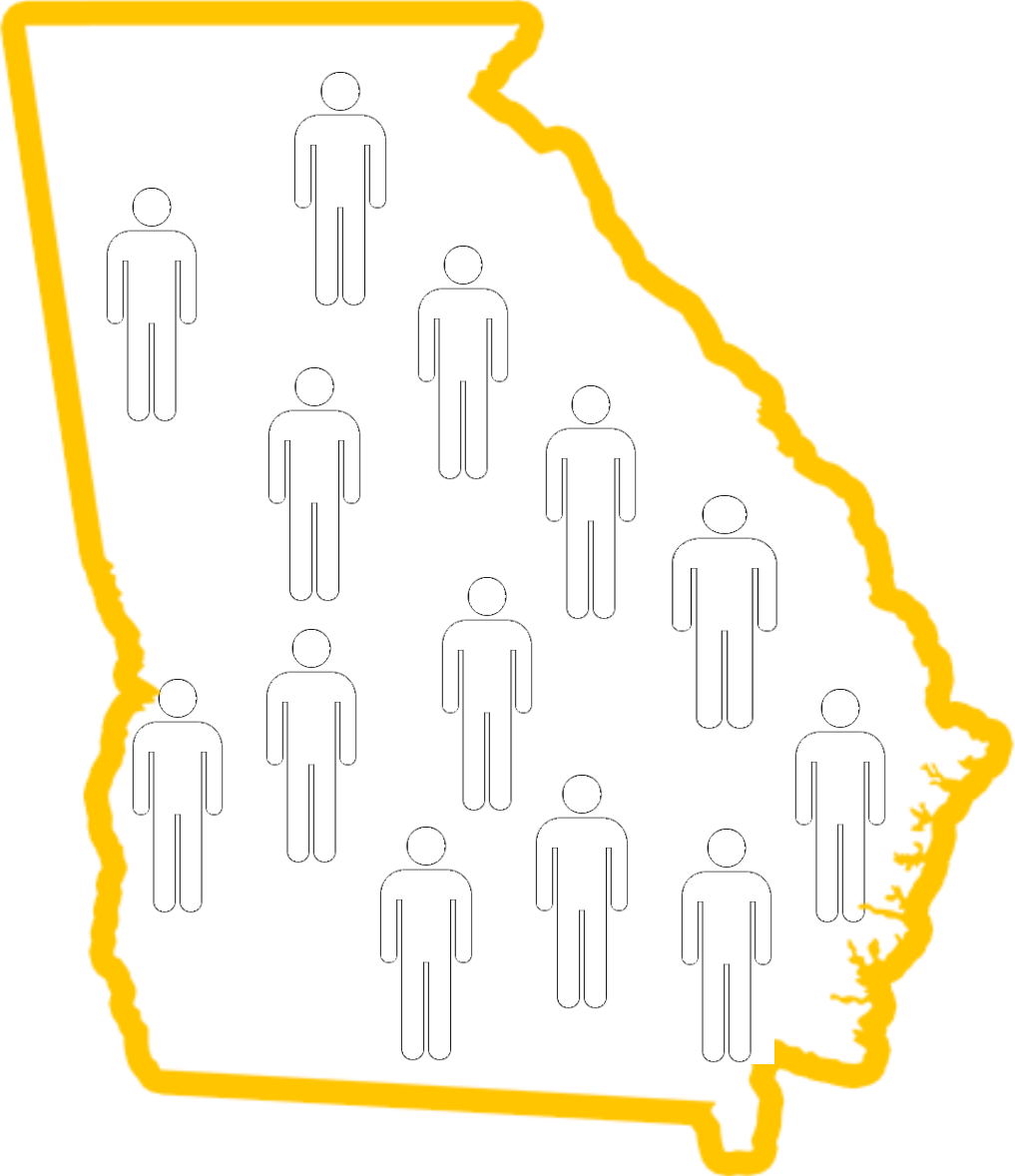


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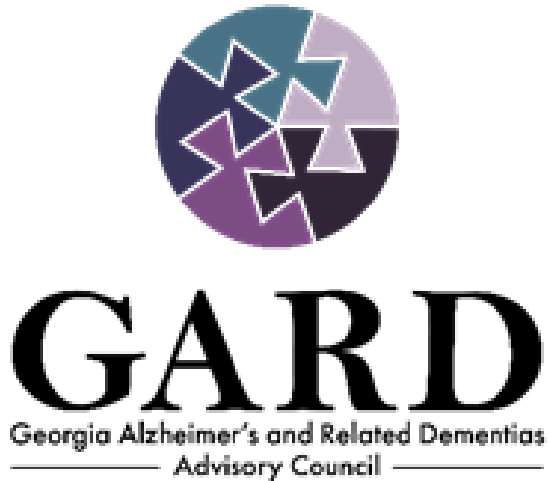
Georgians living with Alzheimer's



*caregivers of individuals with
Alzheimer's disease*



The Georgia Alzheimer's & Related Dementias (GARD) State Plan



- 2014-Original GARD legislation signed by Governor Deal
- 2016-GARD Coordinator hired within Division of Aging Services
- 2018-Senate re-established Advisory Council
- 2020-State Plan updated with new goals and strategies

GARD State Plan:

The Road Map to ensure that we all (state departments, regulatory bodies, stakeholders and legislature) are working towards a

Dementia-capable Georgia

How do we become dementia-capable?

- Ensure broad **data** collection, research & analysis
 - Strengthen & bolster dementia **workforce**
- Increase dementia competence across the **service delivery** network & caregiver network
 - Prepare **public safety** entities & financial organizations are prepared
- **Expand outreach** & partnership on facts, risk factors, brain health & caregiver needs
 - Inform **policy** actions to improve quality of life, dementia inclusion & risk reduction
 - Drive early & accurate diagnosis & brain health & address health disparities



The GARD Collaborative drives ACTION on the Plan Goals

6 work groups:

**Workforce Development
Service Delivery
Outreach and Partnerships
Research and Data Collection
Public Safety
Policy**



*Volunteer experts and stakeholders from academia, government, nonprofit, healthcare, policy, and those with lived experience serve on work groups

<https://aging.georgia.gov/tools-resources/dementia-resources>



GARD State Plan Advisory Council



The advisory council shall serve in an ***advisory capacity*** to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Department of Human Services, and all other state agencies *on matters relating to the Georgia Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan*. The advisory council ***shall review*** and ***make recommendations*** regarding progress toward the goals of the state plan and on progress in implementing resources and services to serve individuals with dementia related diseases around Georgia in the future.



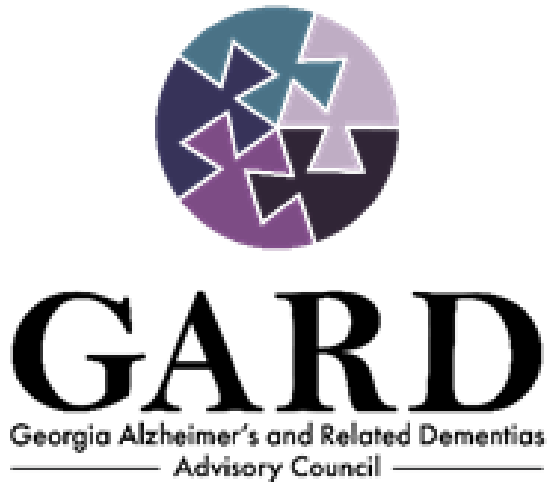
O.C.G.A. 49-6-92

GARD appointees include:

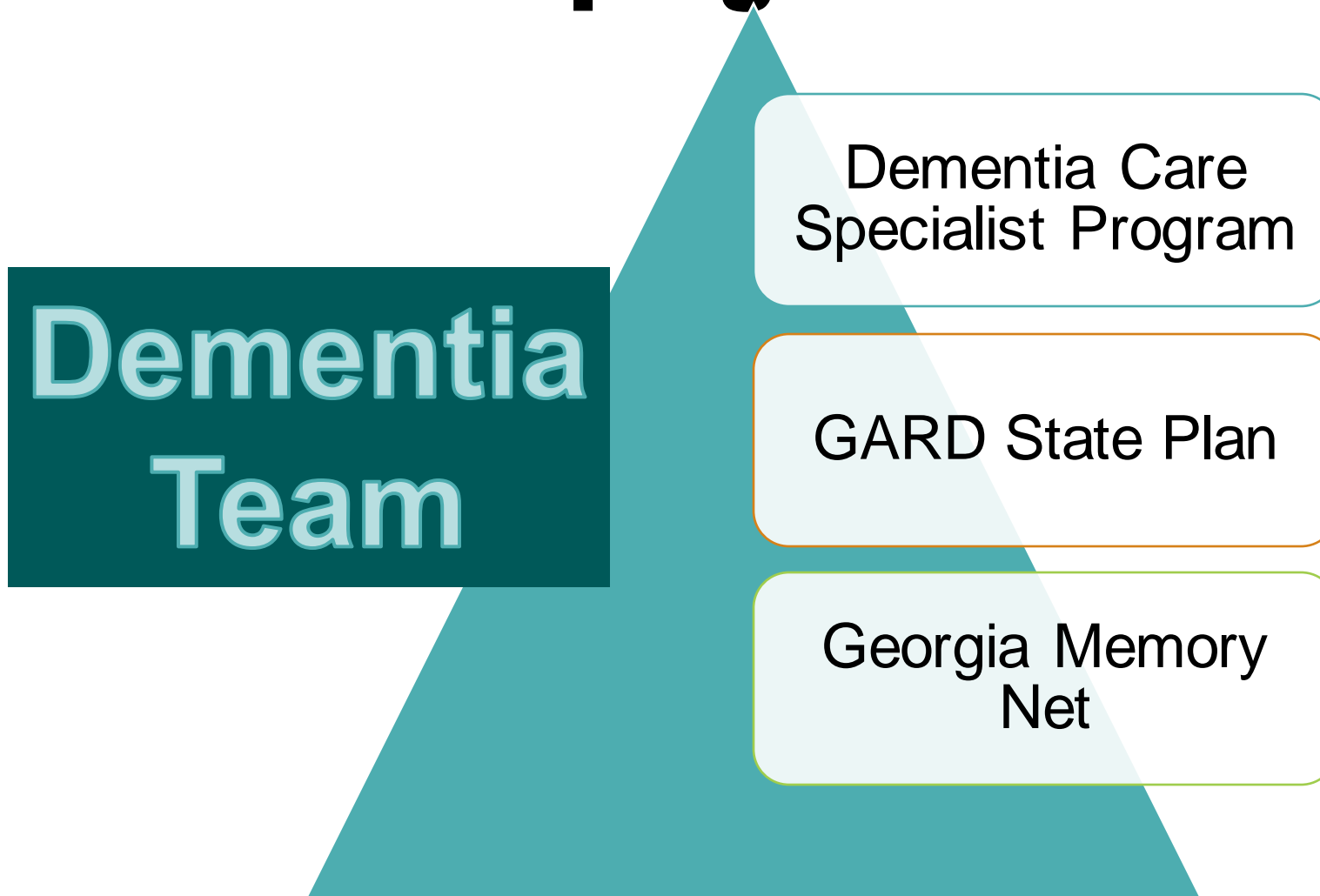
11 members due to their position in state gov'n't, organization or elected office-

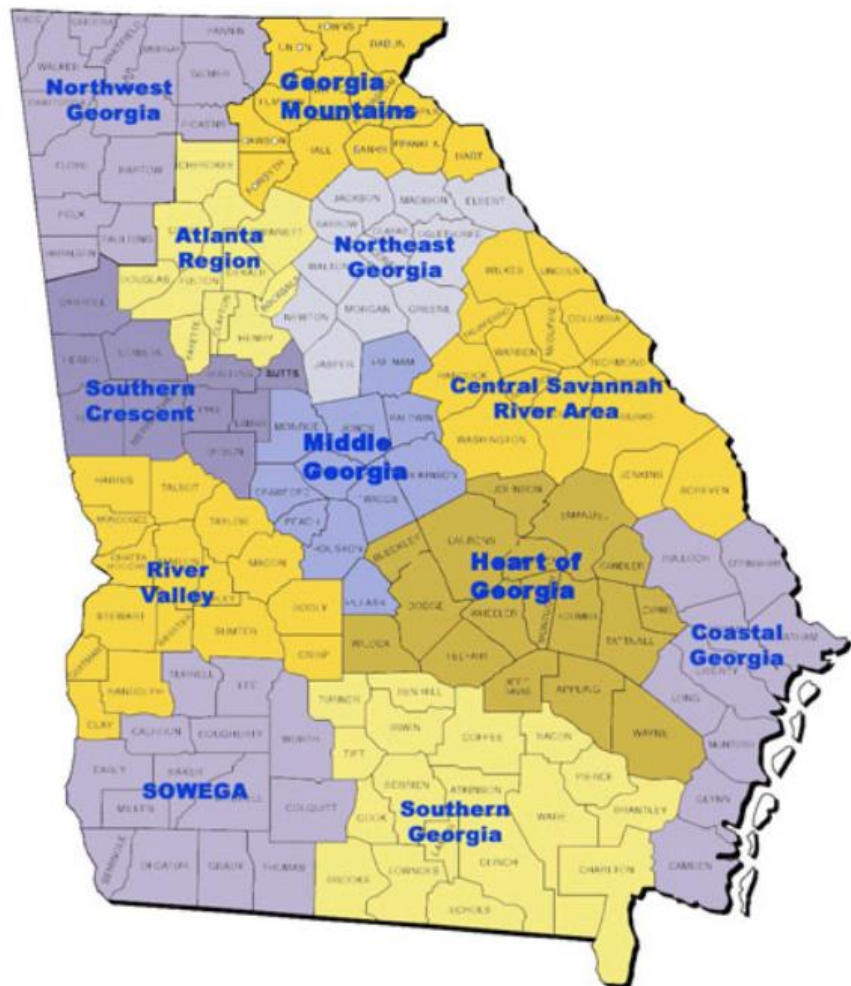
- Commissioners of DHS, DPH, DCH & DBHDD or their designee & DAS Director
- Key leaders of G4A (Area Agencies on Aging Association); Alz Association; GCOA
- Chairperson of House & Senate Health Committees

6 members appointed by the Governor chosen for their areas of expertise



General Assembly investment in dementia programs & services





- **Dementia Care Specialist** in each AAA to create a “dementia-capable” aging network!
 - Community catalyst for collaboration amongst dementia providers
 - Normalizing memory screening
 - Community dementia education
 - Mobilize dementia-specific resources and support
 - Care consultation/caregiver tips & education
 - Data to continue guiding future programming & measure impact

Program Overview

- Established July 2017:
Awarded \$4.12 million

Dedicated to the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's and related dementias.

GOALS:

- Diagnose accurately at MACs
- Improve assessments at Medicare Annual Wellness Visits
- Improve Care with PCPs & Community partners

Memory Assessment Clinic Locations



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memory net

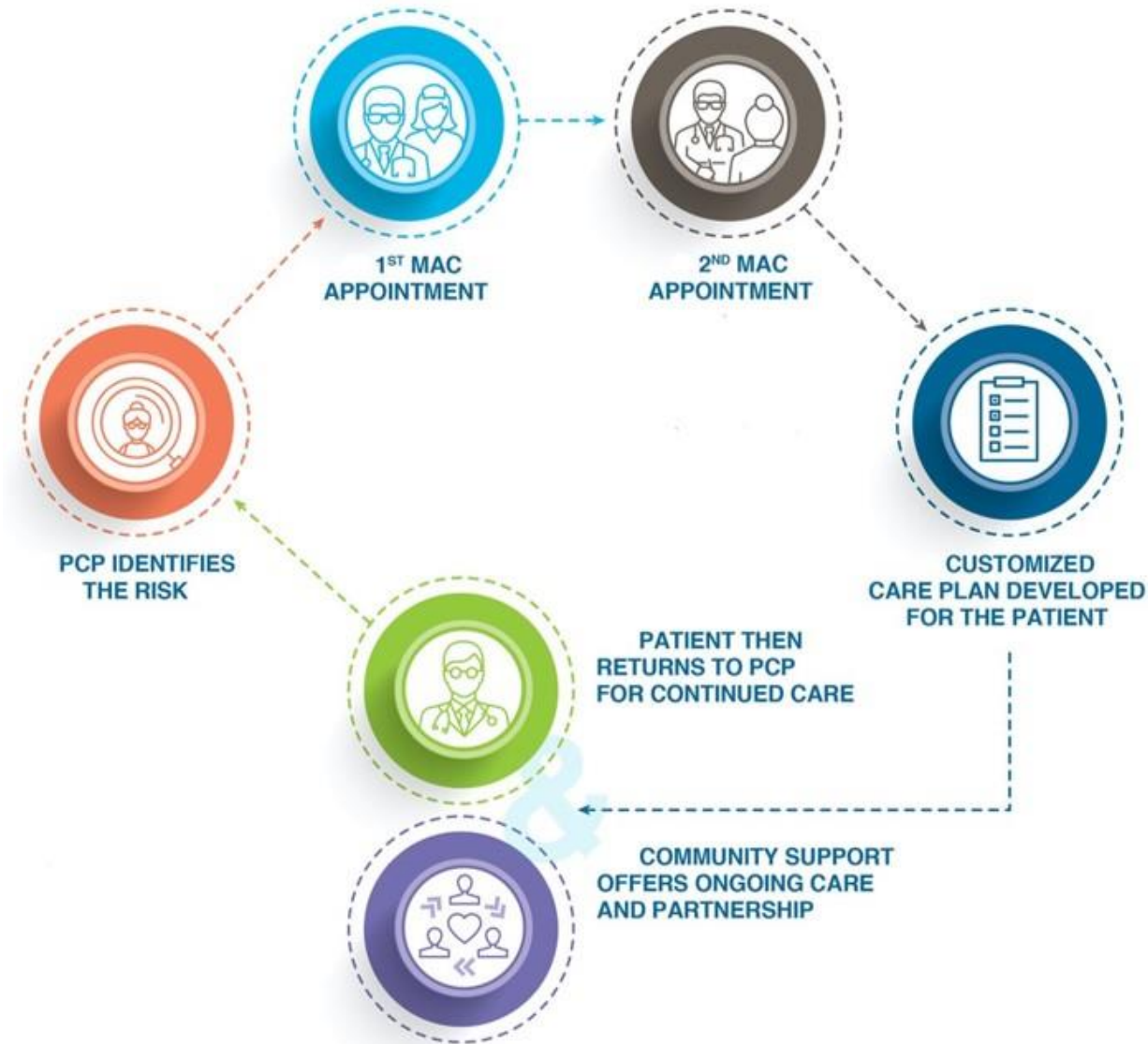
The Two-Visit Process

MAC Clinic Process

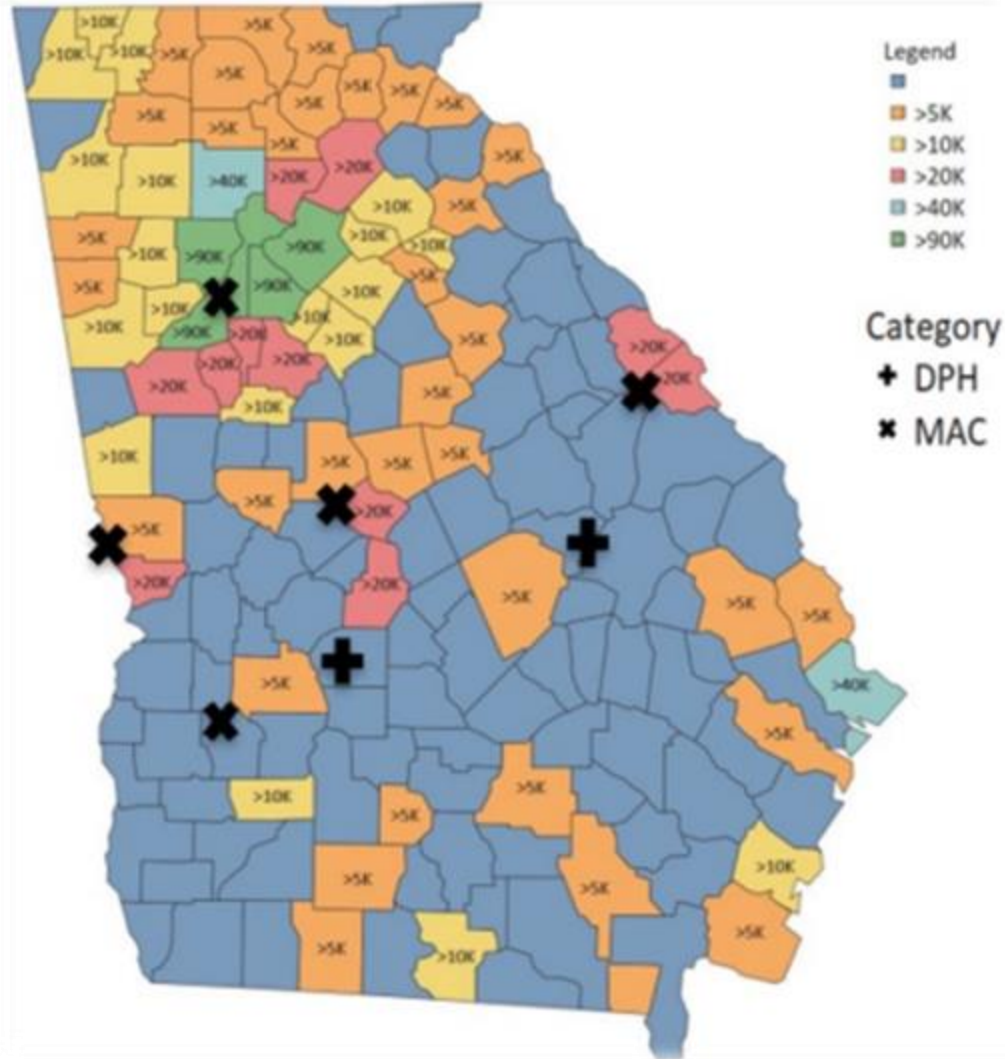
- Visit 1 - Initial Diagnostic Assessments
- Visit 2 - The Diagnosis: Care and Support

Return to PCP and Community Resources

- Detailed report from MAC to PCP
- PCP provides on-going maintenance and management of patient care
- Care plans and coordination with Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) & Alzheimer's Association (AA)



MAC Expansion Update



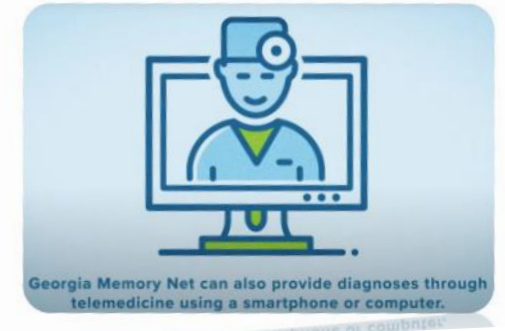
- July 2022 received \$3 million to increase Georgians access by expanding the Memory Assessment Clinic (MAC) locations with 2 more locations.
- Expansion Factors considered:
 - MAC coverage gaps
 - Proximity to MAC
 - Medically Underserved Areas
- MAC Funding Opportunity
 - Application dates: 10/1/22-12/31/22
 - www.gamemorynet.org



Telehealth Initiative

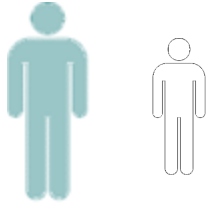
Partnership:
Division of Aging Services &
Department of Public Health

- **Future Expansion Goals**



Early Detection and Diagnosis

Half don't know



4 in 5 unfamiliar
with MCI



- Cognitive screenings, including Annual Wellness Visit
- Benefits
 - Rule out other cognitive disorders
 - Active participation in care plan
 - Adapt lifestyle changes to increase quality of life
 - Connection to supportive resources for person with Dx and their care partner
 - Access to treatments and clinical trials

Monoclonal Antibody Alzheimer's Treatments



Aducanumab (Aduhelm TM)

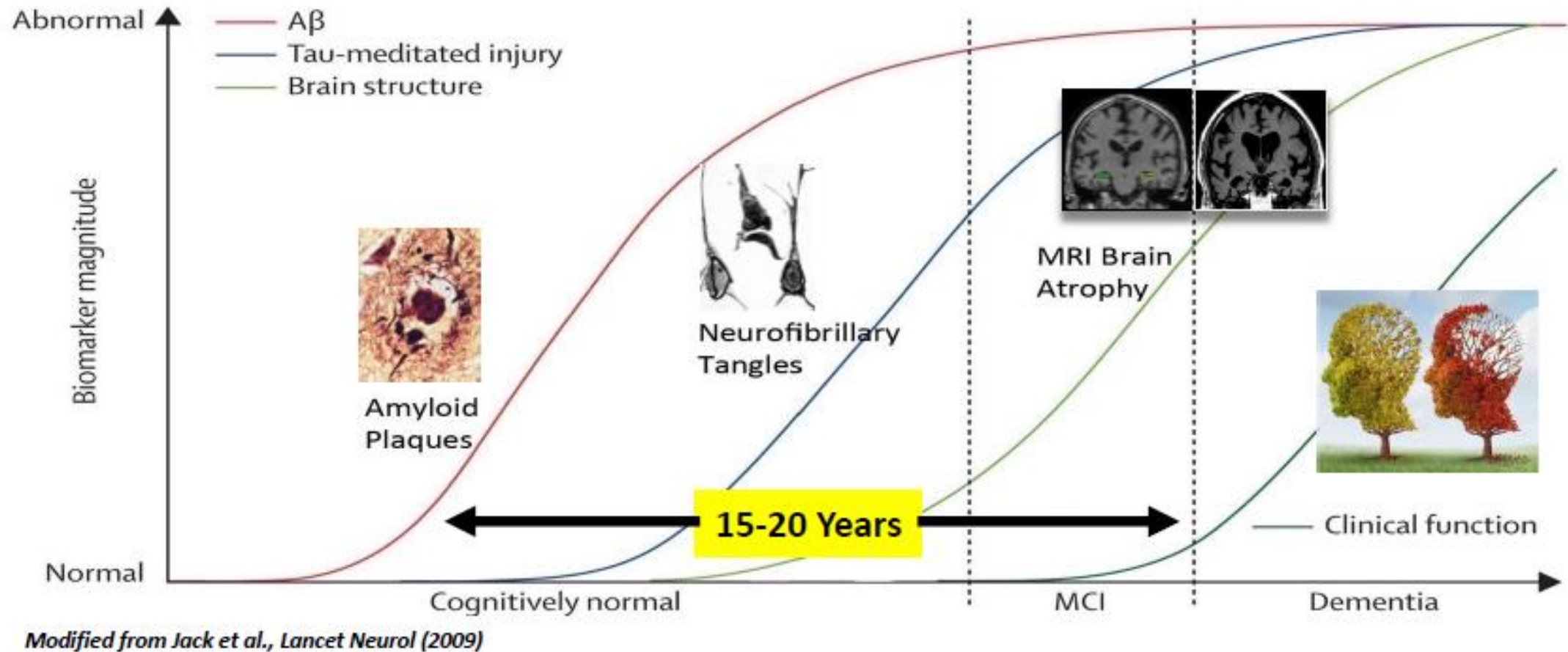
- FDA Approved in 2021
- CMS will only cover costs for clinical trial participants
- Mixed data on slowing cognitive decline and improving function
- High risks of brain swelling and bleeding
- **Early stage, Alzheimer's ONLY**

Lecanemab

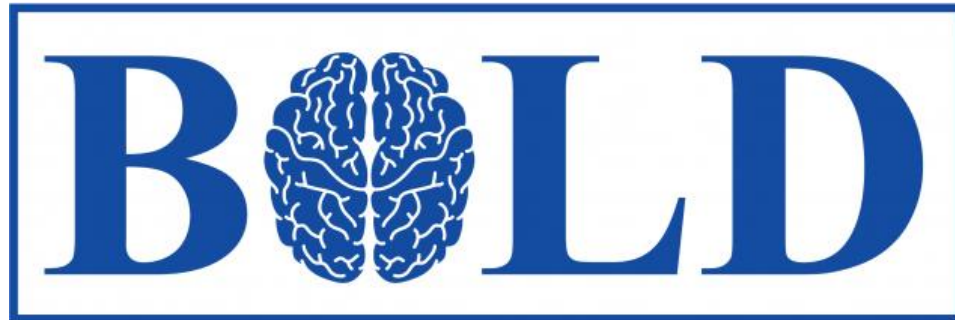
- January FDA Meeting
- CMS will likely only cover costs for clinical trial participants
- Early data shows slowed cognitive decline and improved function
- Lower risk of brain swelling and bleeding
- **Early stage, Alzheimer's ONLY**



Future Treatments: Detect, Delay, Prevent



Envy of other states



**Dementia Care
Specialist
Program**





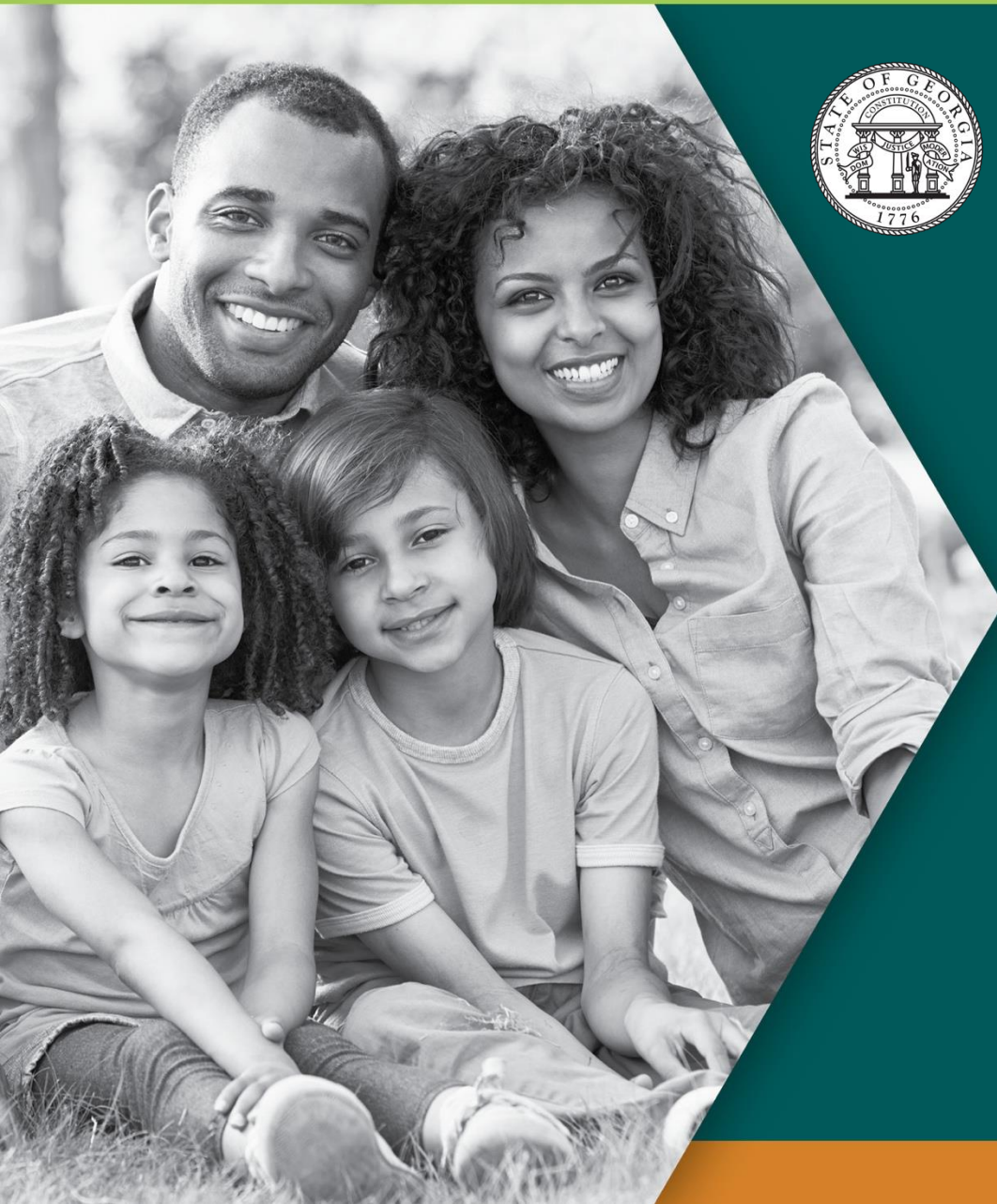
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Georgia Department of Human Services
Division of Child Support Services

**DCSS Federal Grants
DHS Board Meeting – February 2023**

John Hurst

Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Child Support Services

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A photograph of a woman with long brown hair and a young child with curly brown hair, both laughing heartily. The woman is wearing a blue and white striped shirt, and the child is wearing a teal shirt. They are sitting on a couch with a red and black striped pillow. The background is a light-colored wall.

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Georgia Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting

Details

Awarded to eight states 8/26/2020

Project period 9/30/2020 – 9/29/2023

**Cooperative agreement with the U.S.
Department of Health and Human
Services, Office of Child Support
Enforcement (OCSE)**

\$890,301 awarded to Georgia DCSS





Georgia Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting

GOAL: to educate and motivate teens and young adults
to postpone parenthood until after they complete their
education, start a career, and engage in a committed
relationship





Georgia Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting

Approach

- Partnership with Columbus State University to create an open access eLearning curriculum. Curriculum includes six learning objectives.
- Curriculum based on the Texas P.A.P.A Program
 - [p.a.p.a. Curriculum | Office of the Attorney General \(texasattorneygeneral.gov\)](https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/papa)

Objectives

- Introduction: What is a parent?
- Establishing Paternity & Benefits of Fatherhood
- The Cost of Parenting
- Child Support & Parents Who Don't Pay
- Parenting as a Team; Planning Healthy Long-Term Relationships
- Recognizing Relationship Violence; Choosing Healthy Relationships





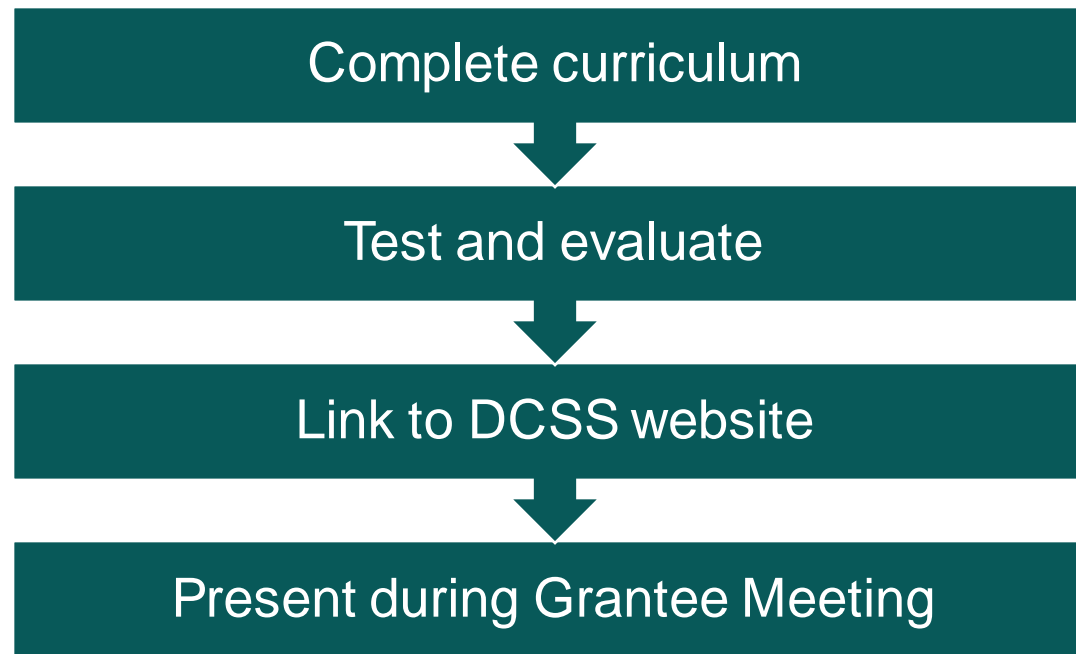
Georgia Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting

- Planning Phase:
 - Created advisory board
 - Met with individuals to discuss providing their lived experience
 - Identified and procured vendors
 - Developed curriculum format and deployment plans
 - Identified possible locations for curriculum to be implemented





Georgia Charting a Course for Economic Mobility and Responsible Parenting



Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security

Details

Awarded to one tribal program and
twelve states 8/31/2022

Project period 9/1/2022 – 8/31/2027

Cooperative agreement with the U.S.
Department of Health and Human
Services, Office of Child Support
Enforcement (OCSE)

\$313,873 awarded to Georgia DCSS



Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security

GOAL: to design, develop, evaluate, and implement best practices to provide safe access to child support and parenting time services to domestic violence victims who need support for their children but may be afraid to apply for child support



Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security

Approach

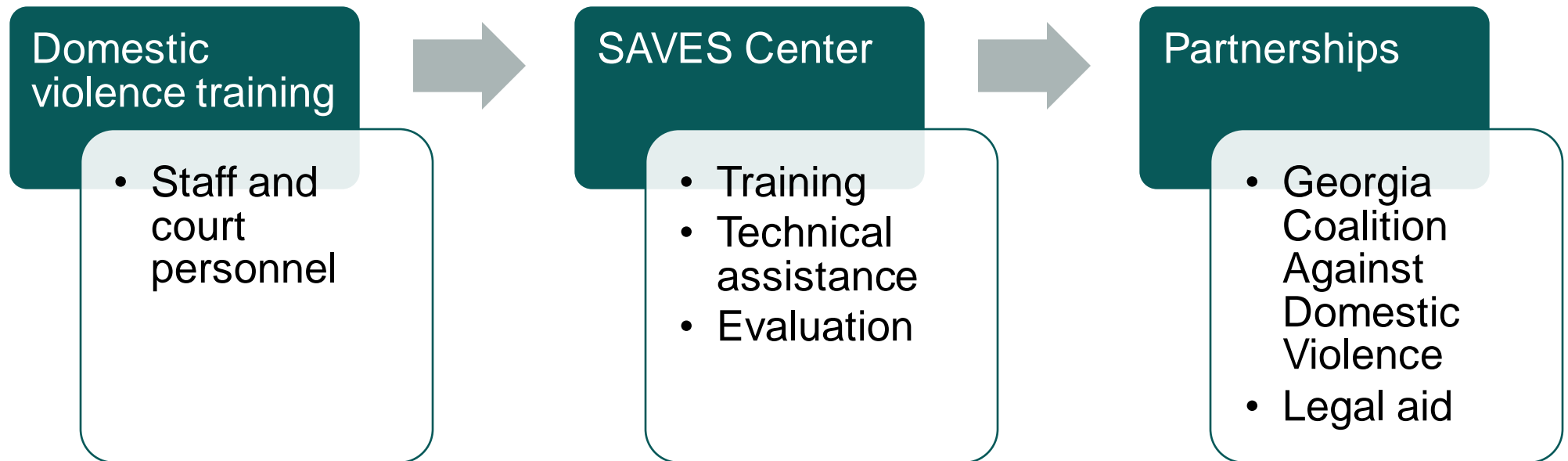
- Increase access to child support and parenting time services for domestic violence victims

Objectives

- New screening and response protocols
- Expedited orders for support for victims
- Partnerships with domestic violence agencies and legal aid
- Updated policies and case processing
- Implement specialized triage teams



Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security



Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security

Supplemental Funding Opportunity - \$385,500

Purpose

- 1) Expand assessment of safety risks for survivors
- 2) Identify and adapt promising models for establishing parenting time arrangements that incorporate safety modifications
- 3) Address disparities in access to parenting time services/arrangements

DCSS applied for funding in January 2023

Final response pending with OCSE (projected for March 2023)

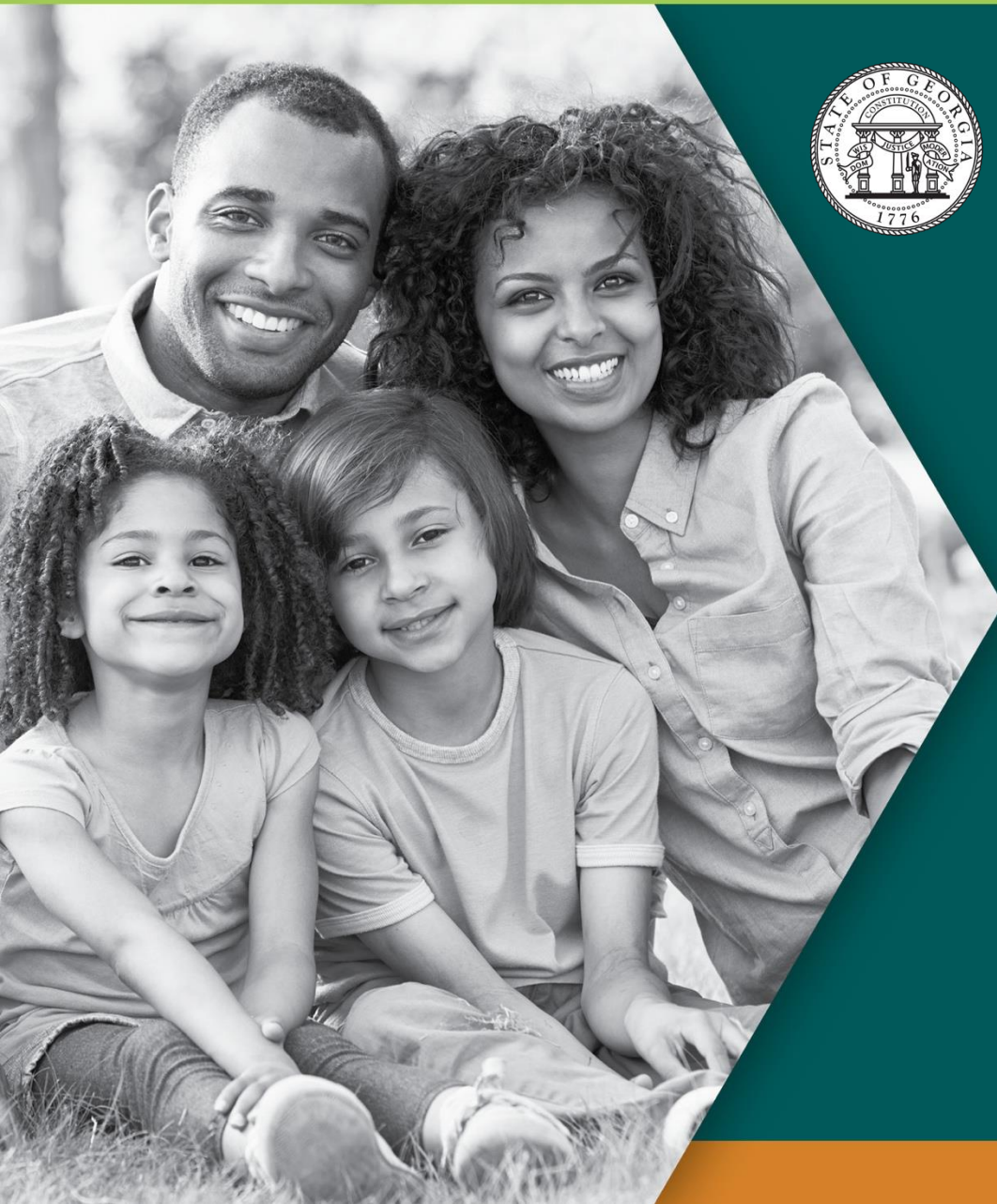


Thank you!

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Child Welfare

Monthly Data Report

Mary Havick

Deputy Commissioner, Child Welfare

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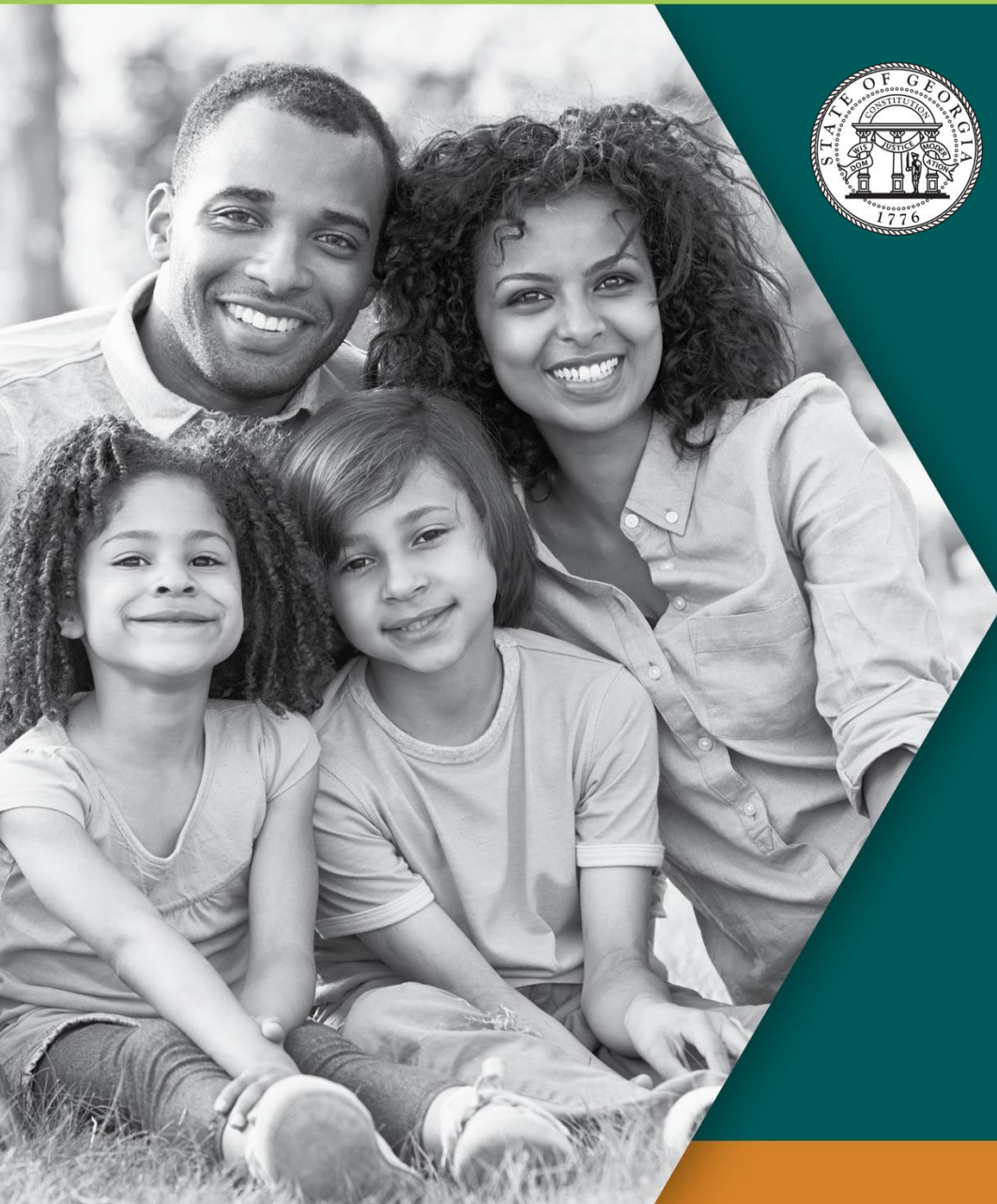
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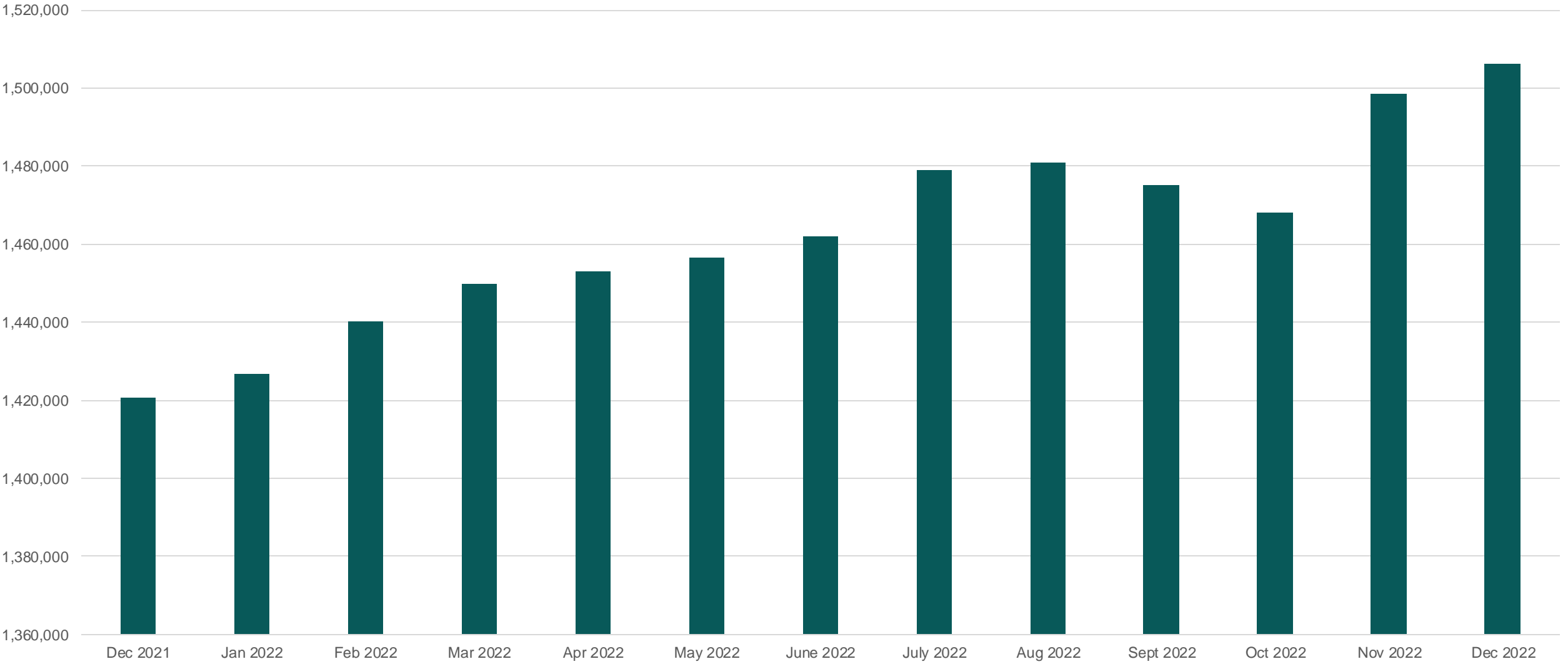
Family Independence

Monthly Data Report

Melody DeBussey

Deputy Commissioner, OFI

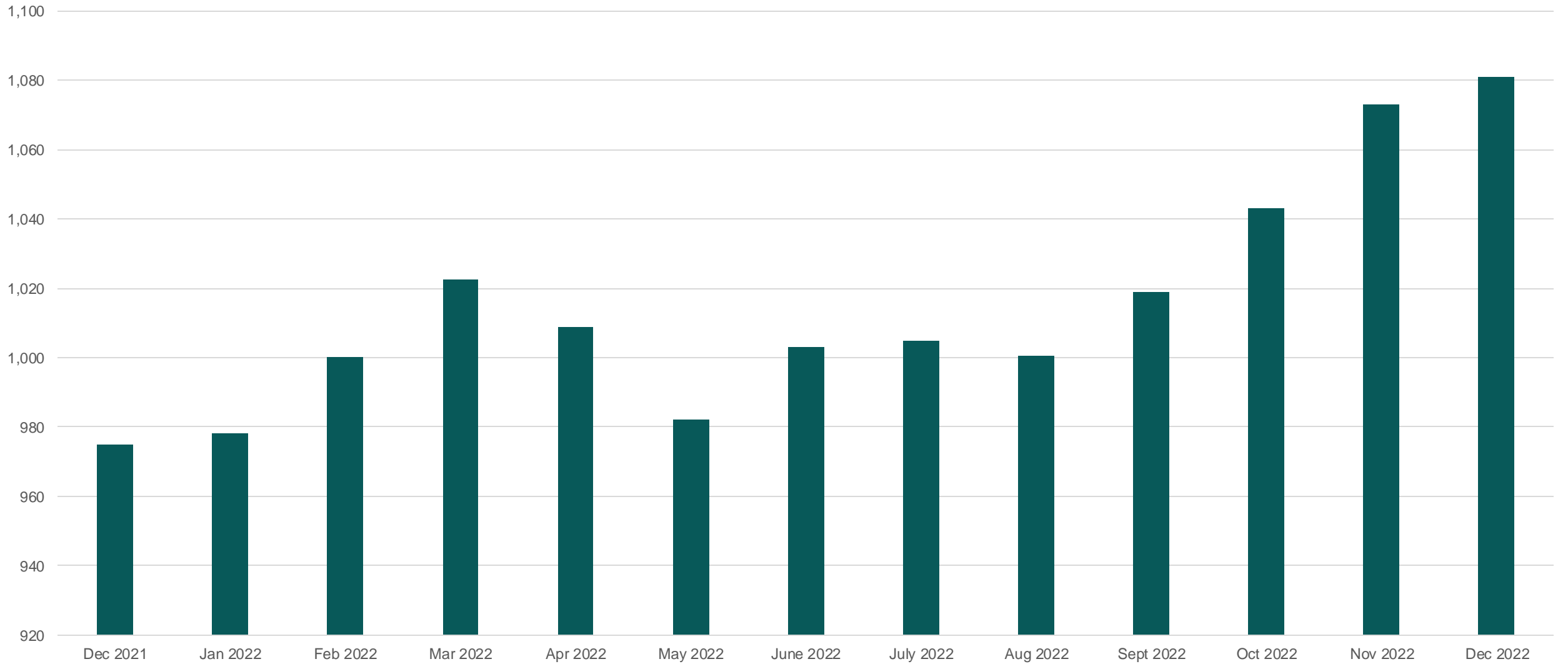
Unduplicated Families Served Across All Programs



1,506,335 Active Unduplicated Families in December 2022. Source: DFCS Transparency Data



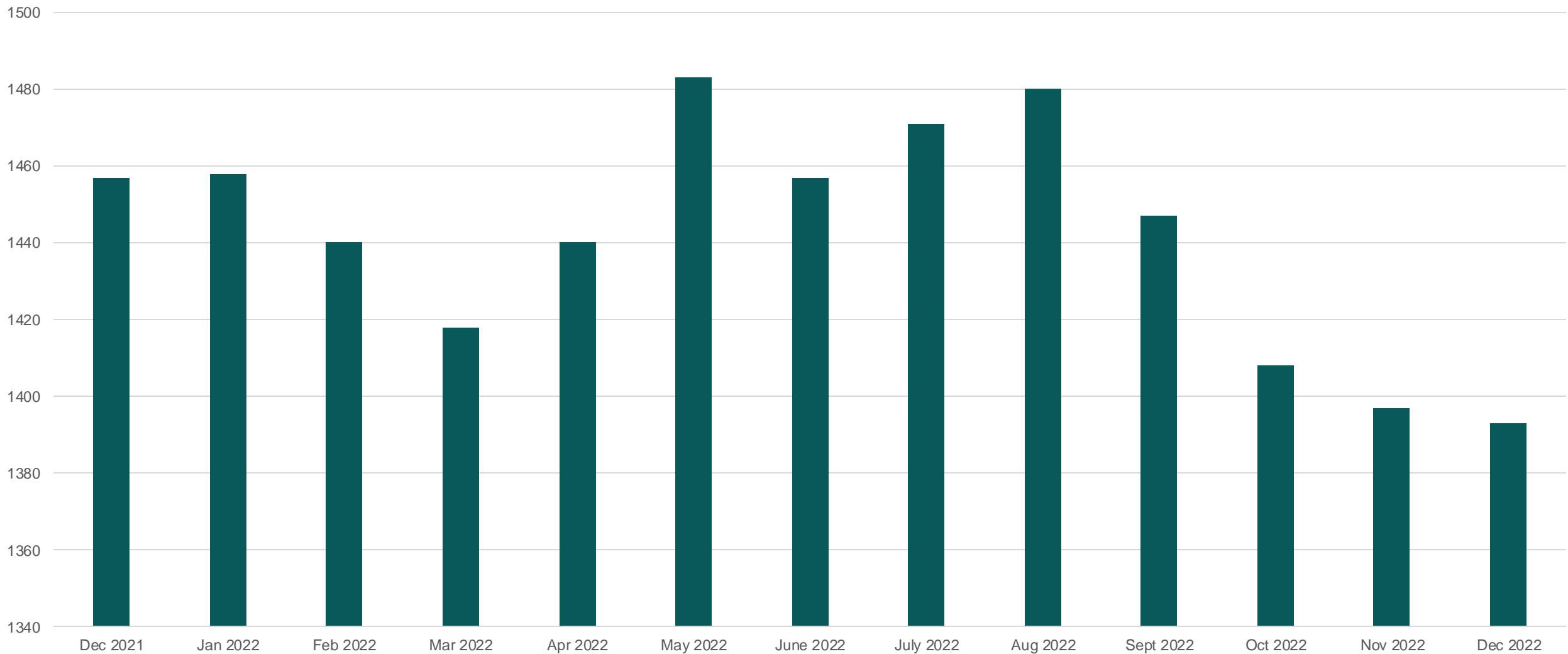
Caseload Size



Average Caseload Size in December was 1,081.
Source: DFCS Transparency Data



Front Line Staffing Levels

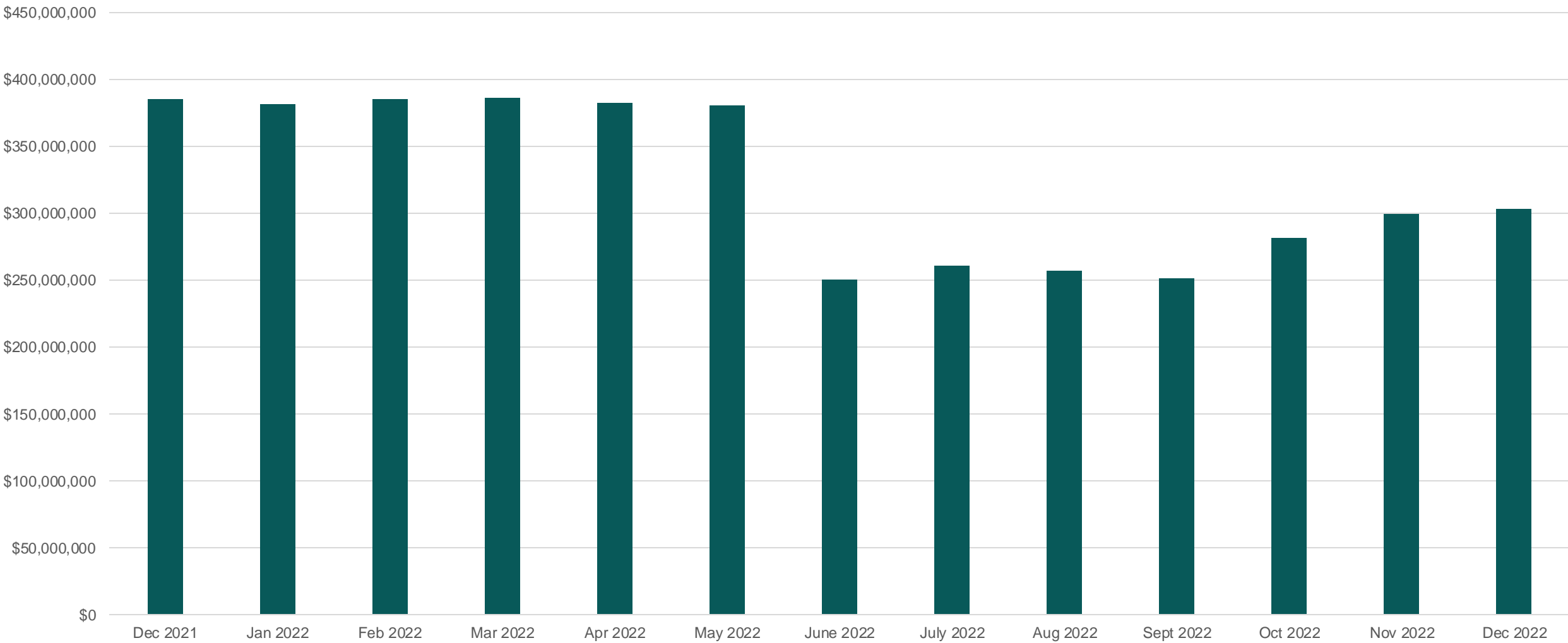


Frontline Staffing level processing cases was 1,393 in December.

Source: DFCS Transparency Data



SNAP Issuance

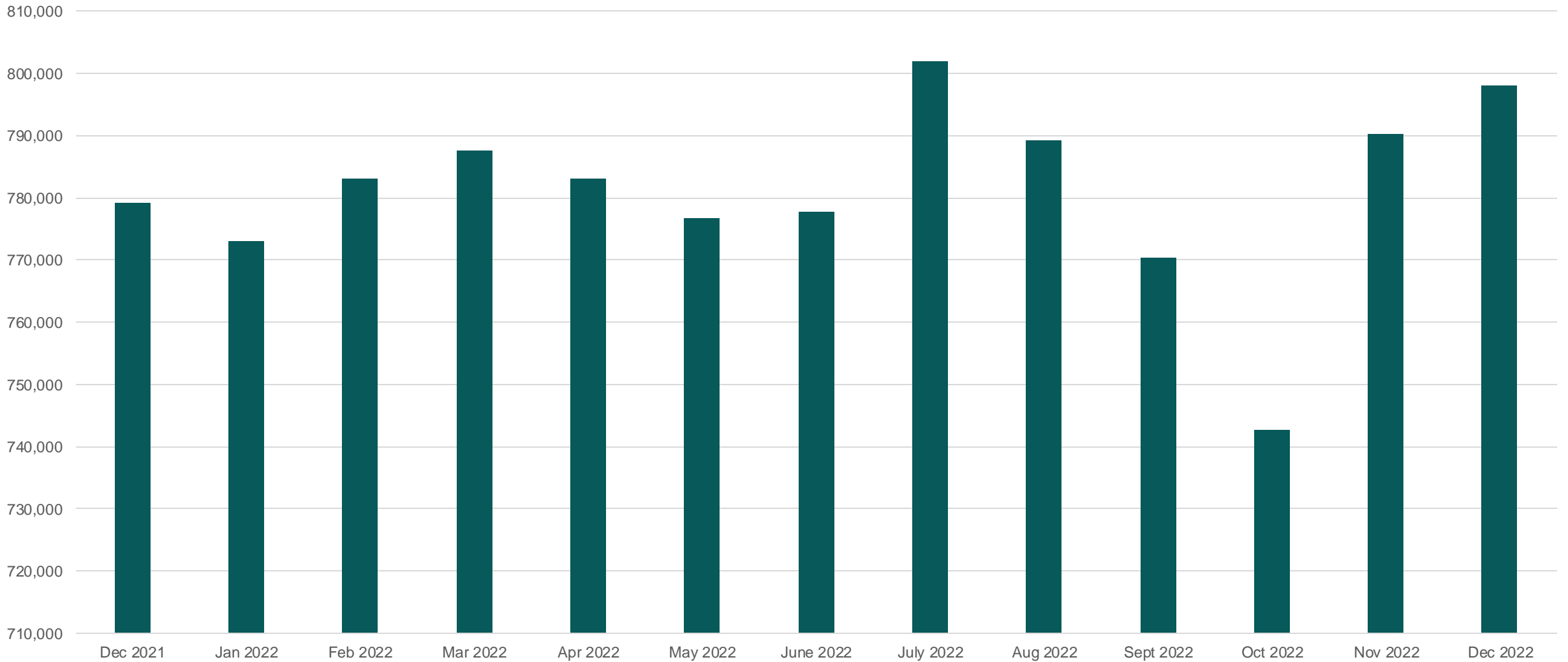


SNAP Issuance in December was \$303,605,629. Average issuance per family was \$380.

Source: DFCS Transparency Data



SNAP Families

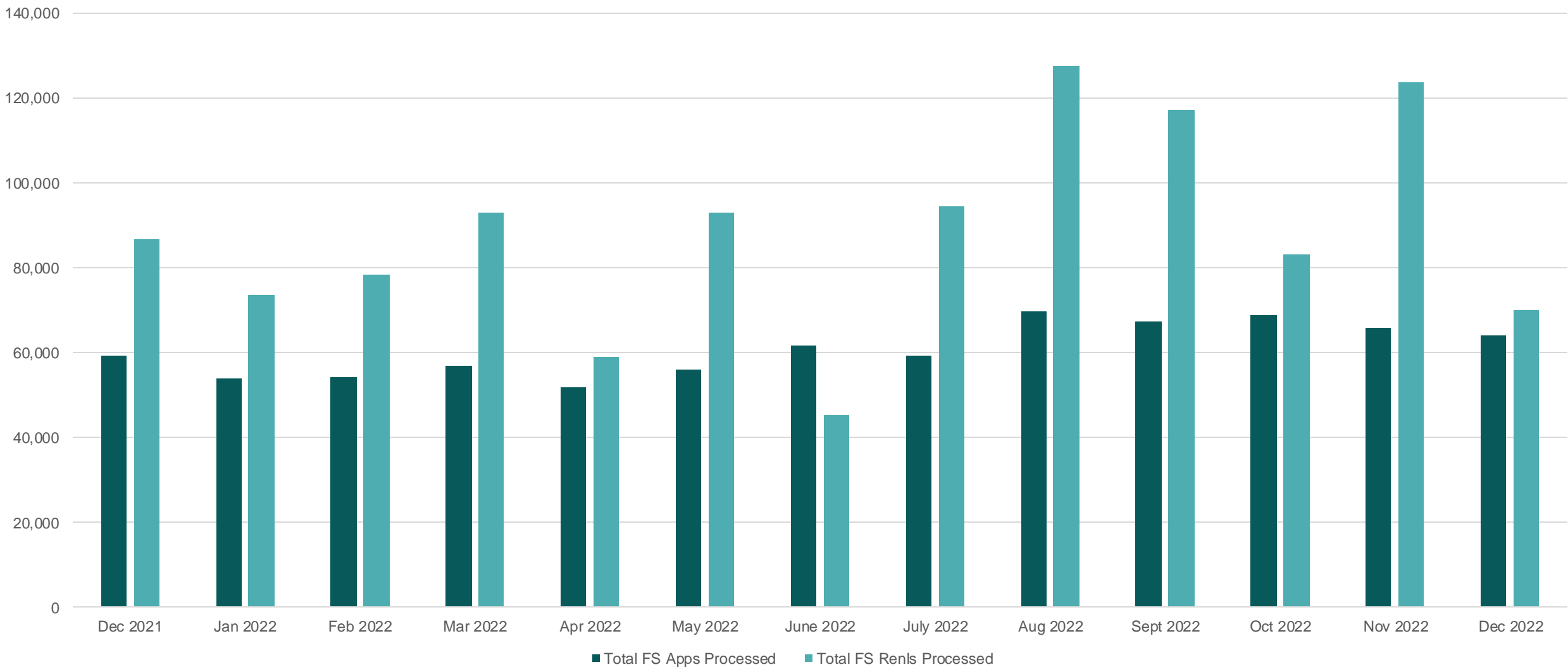


Total SNAP Families in December was 798,042.

Source: DFCS Transparency Data



SNAP Applications and Renewals Processed

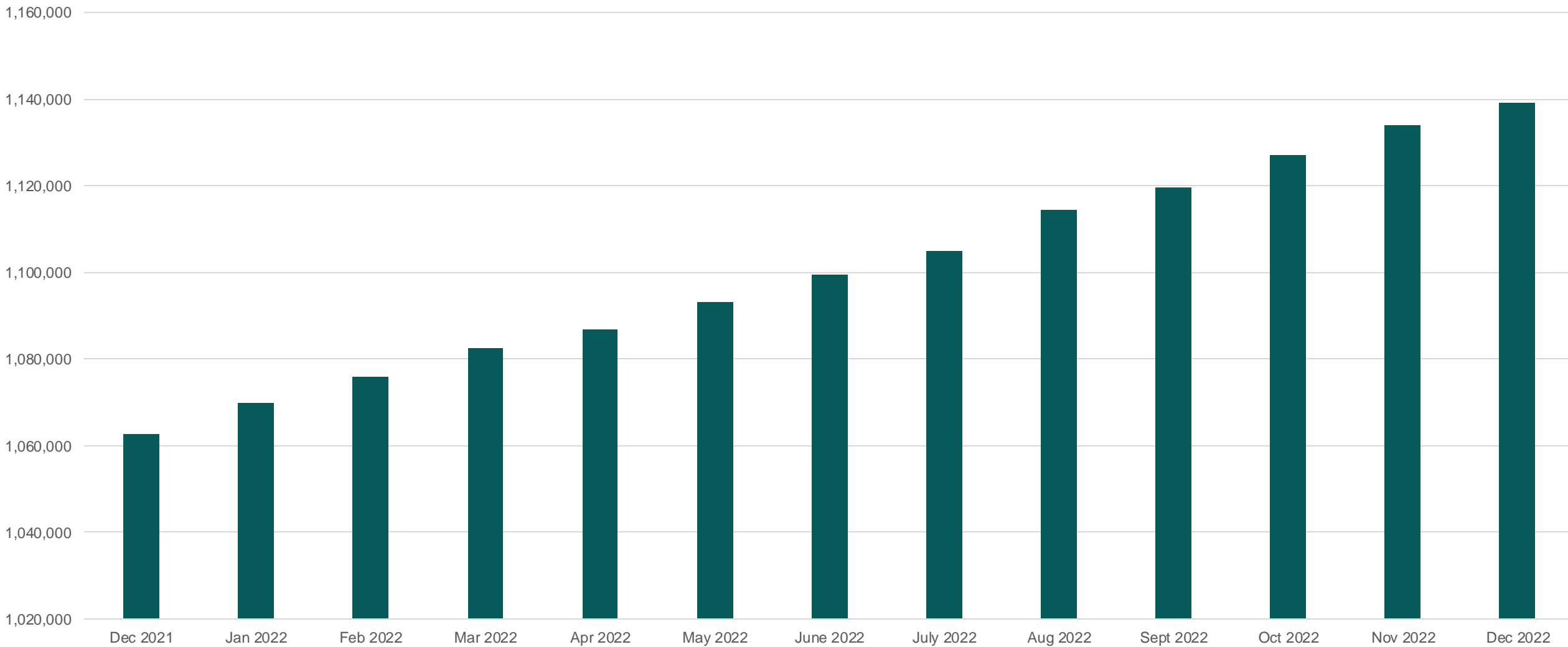


SNAP applications processed in December was 64,058 and renewals processed was 70,156.

Data Source: DFCS Transparency Data



Active Medical Assistance Families

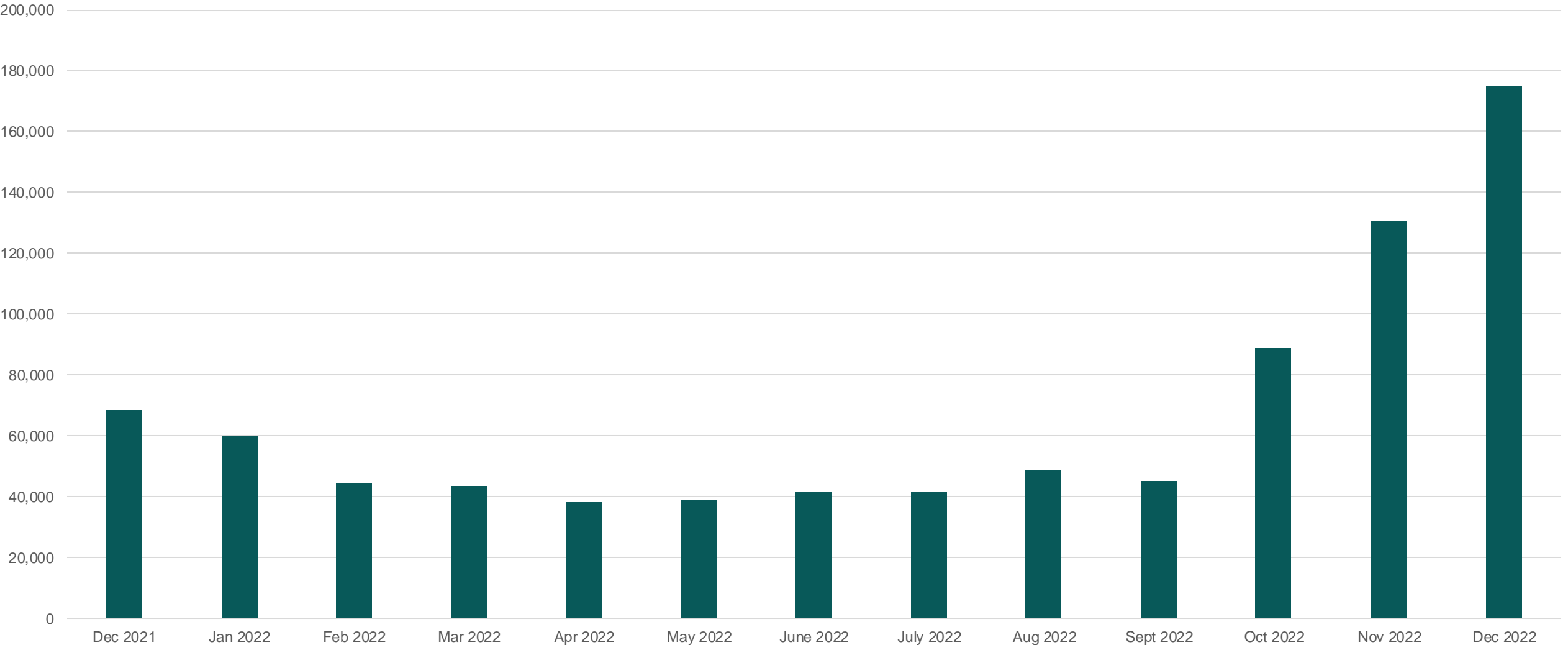


Active Medical Assistance families in December was 1,139,088.

Data Source: DFCS Transparency Data



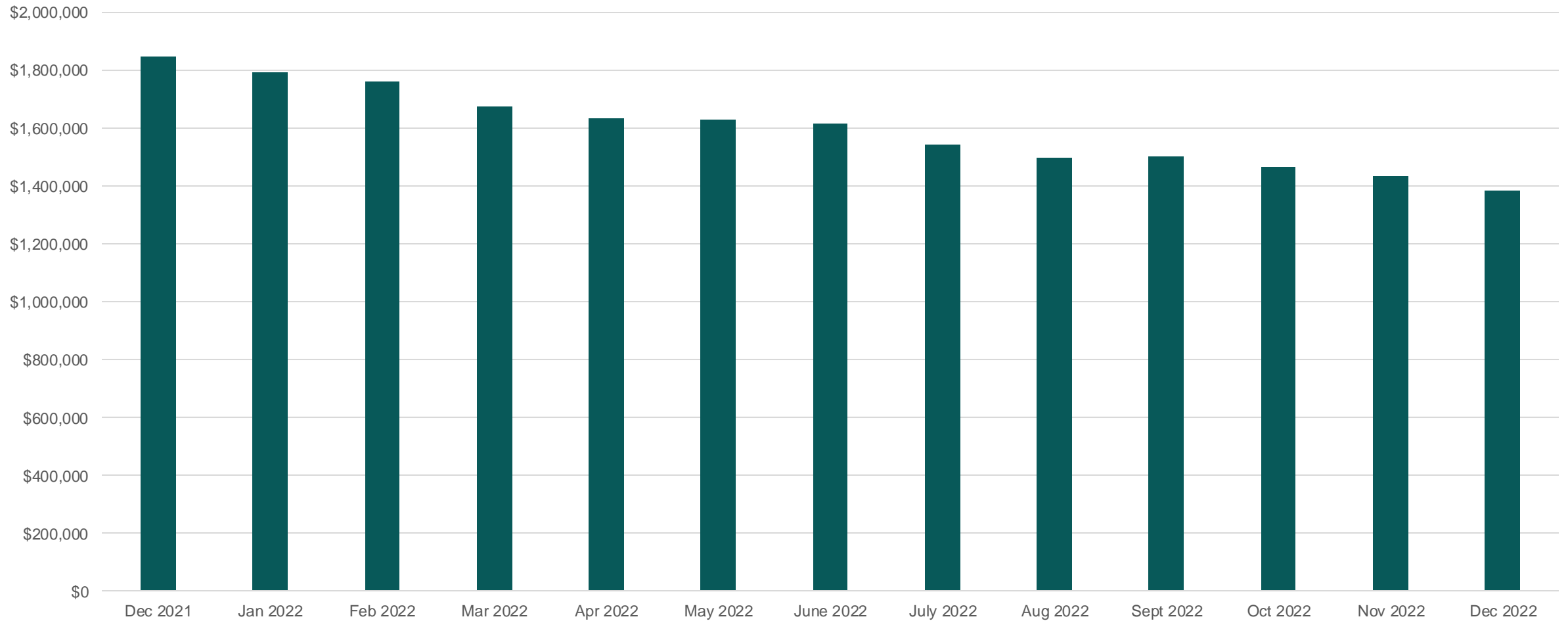
Total Medical Assistance Applications Processed



Total Medical Assistance Applications processed in December was 174,950.
Data Source: DFCS Transparency Data



TANF Issuance

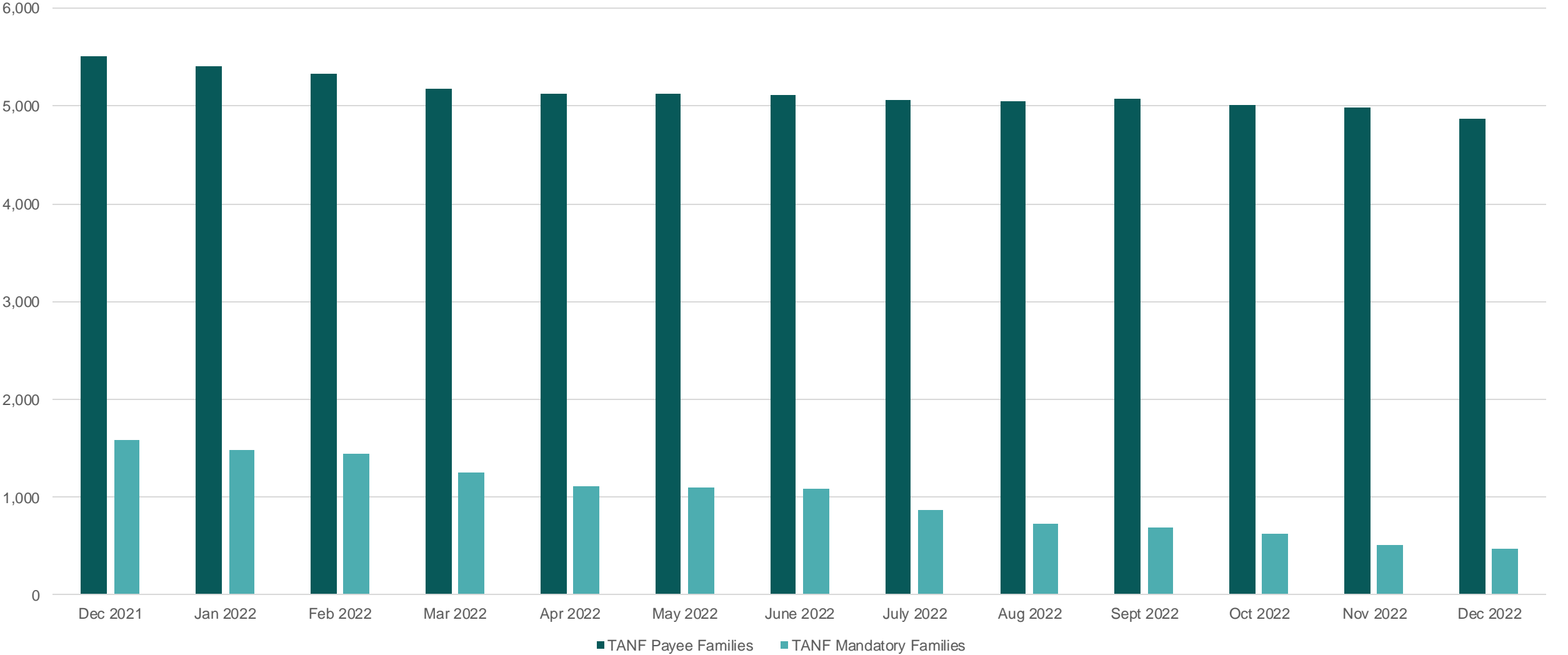


TANF Issuance in December was \$1,386,207. Average issuance per family was \$259.

Source: DFCS Transparency Data



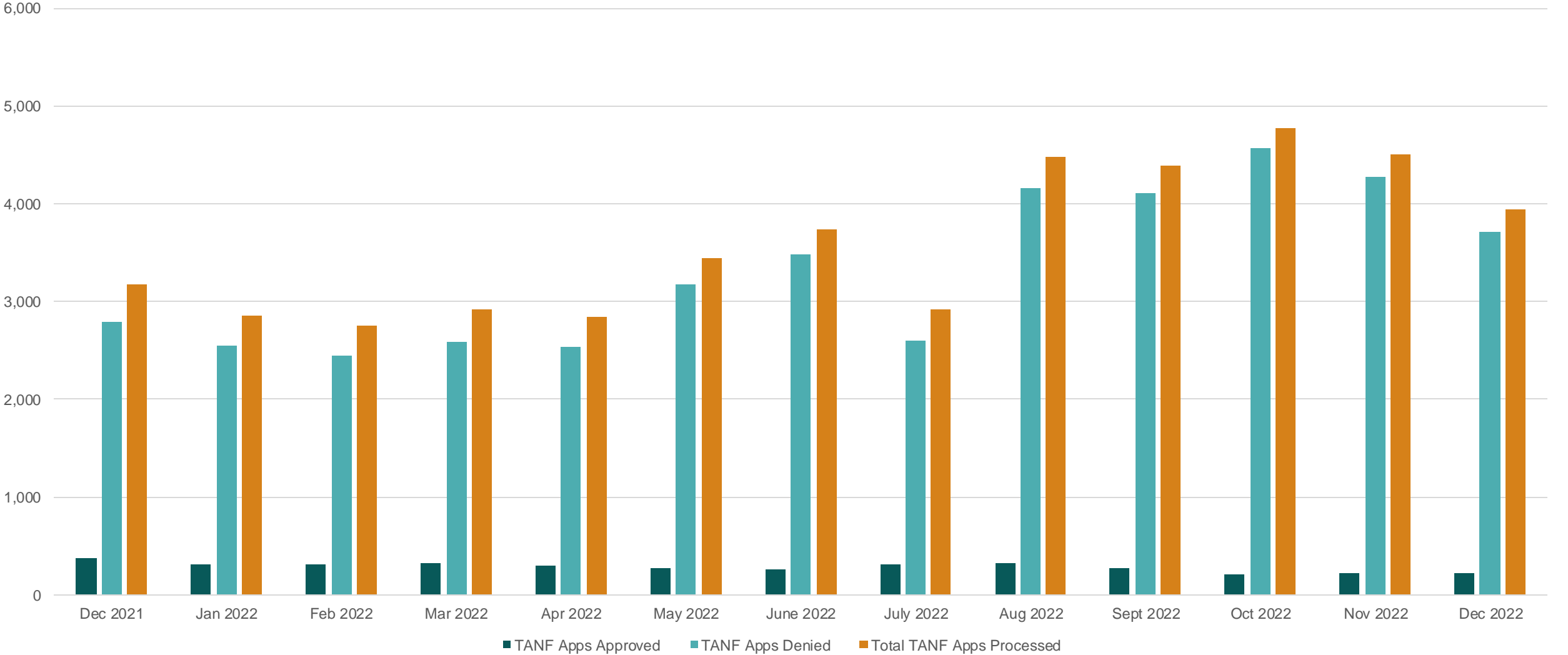
TANF Work Mandatory vs Payee Only Cases



Total TANF Families in December was 5,347.
Data Source: DFCS Transparency Data



TANF Applications Approved and Denied



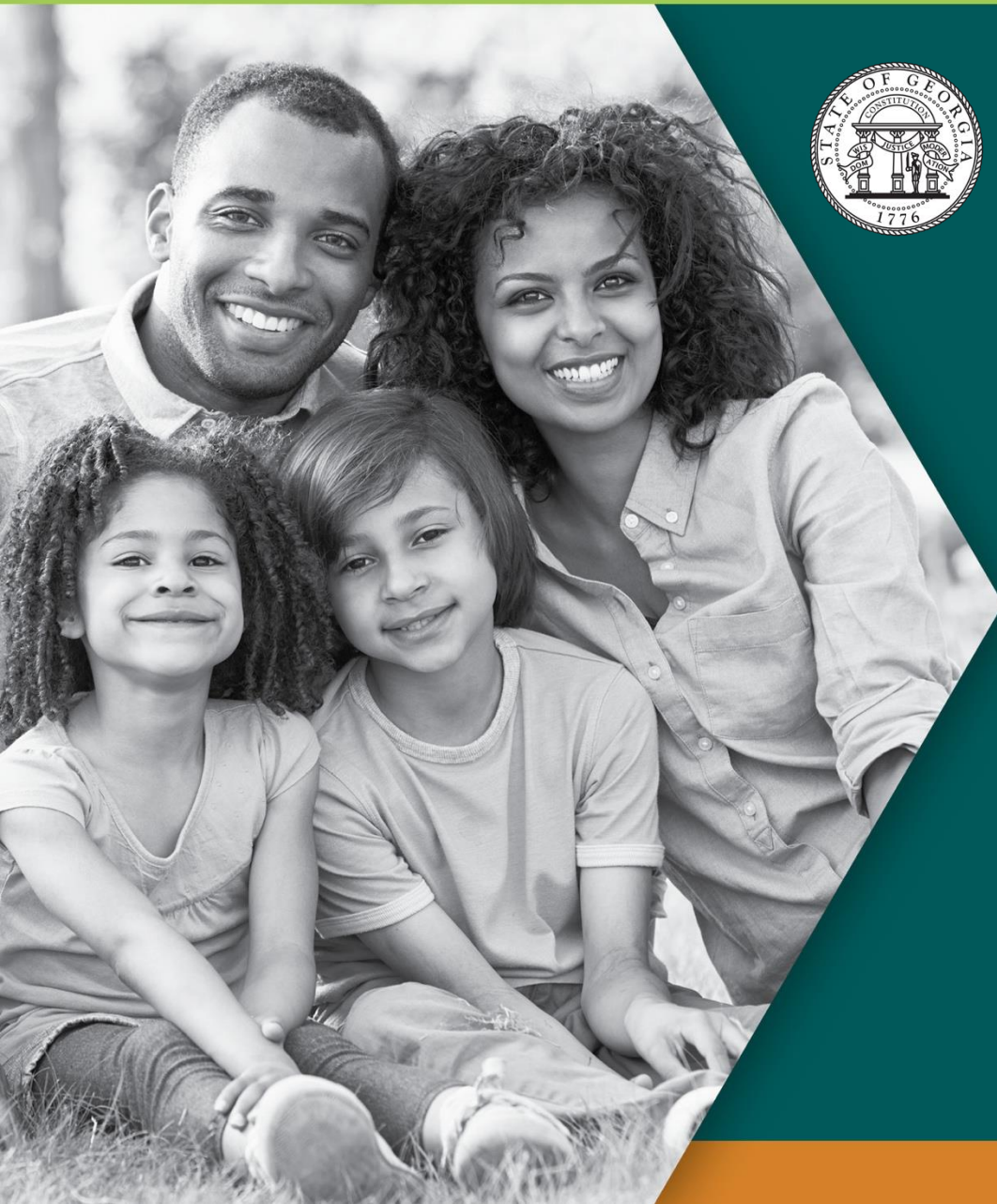
Total TANF Applications processed in December 3,938.
Data Source: DFCS Transparency Data



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DHS Rule Changes

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Road Map

- Review of Rule Change Procedures
- Review of Proposed Rule Changes
- Public Comment Period
- Final Approval of Rule Amendments – Child-Placing Agencies
- Request to Board



Rule Change Procedure

1. Board Considers Motion to Publish Proposed Rule
2. 30-Day Public Comment Period
3. Public Hearing
4. Motion for Final Adoption of Proposed Rule
5. Send Final Rule to Secretary of State



Final – Child-Placing Agency Rules

Rule changes needed to eliminate the need for providers to request waivers of certain regulatory requirements and to make certain regulatory requirements less burdensome for providers

Current Rule:

- 290-9-2-.01 Definitions
- 290-9-2-.04 Criminal History Background Checks, Agency Personnel
- 290-9-2-.07 Foster Care Services

Proposed Change:

- Clarifies foster home capacity
- Updates minimum qualifications for casework supervisor
- Adds new rule that outlines exceptions to foster home capacity



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Rule changes needed to eliminate the need for providers to request waivers of certain regulatory requirements and to make certain regulatory requirements less burdensome for providers

Public Comment Period

- Rules Published for Public Comment
December 5 – January 4
- Public Hearing Held
January 4

1 comment received related to Rule 290-9-2-.04 and minimum qualifications for casework supervisor



Request to Board

Motion for Final Adoption

Rules and Regulations for Child-Placing Agencies
Rules 290-2-9-.01, .04, .07



QUESTIONS

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**Georgia Department
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Legislative Update

Georgia General Assembly 2023

Chuck Stone, Legislative Liaison

House 129

Sponsor: Rep. Soo Hong

Summary: This legislation seeks to extend TANF benefits to include pregnant women.

Status: House Rules



House Bill 6

Sponsor: Rep. Sandra Scott

Summary: This legislation would require DHS to apply for a waiver through the USDA should the USDA create such waiver allowing the recipients of SNAP and/or WIC to use said benefits to purchase diapers and feminine hygiene products.

Status: House Public Health



House Bill 144

Sponsor: Rep. Regina Lewis-Ward

Summary: Coined the “George L. Burgess Act”

Status: House Juvenile Justice



House Bill 172

Sponsor: Rep. Mesha Mainor

Summary: To create notices of admission and provide daily updates from facilities to parental or legal guardians for involuntary minor patients under 12 years of age.

Status: House Juvenile Justice



Senate Bill 8

Sponsor: Senator Gail Davenport

Summary: This bill would create the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired and would be administratively attached to DHS. This would pull all blind services from GVRA and provide cradle to grave services for blind and/or visually impaired individuals.

Status: Senate Health and Human Services



Senate Bill 84

Sponsor: Sen. Chuck Hufstetler

Summary: This legislation has been initiated by the Secretary of State's office and would allow securities professionals to delay disbursing funds which they believe to be requested as a part of financial exploitation, which could potentially save the lost of tens of thousands of dollars to exploitation by prevention of the funds changing hands.

Status: Senate Rules



Senate Bill 64

Sponsor: Senator Randy Robertson

Summary: To either provide a copy of an original birth certificate to adults who were adopted or to issue a new birth certificate following adoption or the results of a paternity test.

Status: Senate Children and Families



Questions?

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**Georgia Department
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Board of Human Services

Amended Fiscal Year 2023 & Fiscal Year 2024

R. Demetrius Taylor

Deputy Commissioner and Chief Financial Officer



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State Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Allocations

departmental support [\$124,636,794]

Administrative Programs

vulnerable adults [\$113,624,810]

Division of Aging Services

attached entities [\$201,053,104]

Family Connection

\$11,100,604 [5.52%]

Council on Aging

\$349,652 [.17%]

Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency

\$189,492,262 [94.25%]

Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children

Fund Commission

\$110,586 [.06%]

safety & accountability [\$1,575,866,979]

Residential Child Care Licensing

\$2,825,512 [.2%]

Division of Child Support Services

\$124,745,175 [7.9%]

Division of Family & Children Services

\$1,448,296,292 [91.9%]

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

FY23 Total Dollar Appropriation

[DHS only: [\$1,814,128,583]]

[DHS + Attached Entities: [\$2,015,181,687]]



Summary of Governor's Recommendations

	<u>AFY 2023</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>
Current Budget (State Funds)	\$920,040,060	\$920,040,060
Statewide Adjustments (Common Changes)	-	\$20,908,058
Workload Adjustments	\$8,527,789	\$6,874,428
Other Adjustments	-	-
Total Adjustments	\$8,527,789	\$27,782,486
Governor's Recommended Budget (Includes Attached Entities)	\$928,567,849	\$947,822,546



Governor's Recommendations

State Fund Changes (Statewide Adjustments)	AFY 2023	FY 2024
Increase funds to provide a \$2,000 cost-of-living adjustment for all full-time, benefit-eligible state employees effective July 1, 2023, to address agency recruitment and retention needs.	-	\$14,410,618
Reflect an adjustment to agency premiums for Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) administered insurance programs.	-	\$405,528
Increase funds to reflect an adjustment in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) from 66.02% to 65.89% and 76.21% to 76.12% (Total Funds: \$0)	-	\$5,019,906
Reflect an adjustment in Merit System Assessment billings.	-	\$43,410
Reflect an adjustment in TeamWorks billings.	-	(\$30,735)
Total State Funds		\$19,848,727



Governor's Recommendations

State Fund Changes (Workload Adjustments)	AFY 2023	FY 2024
Increase funds for technology improvements and security upgrades to the Integrated Eligibility System in preparation for the Public Health Emergency (PHE) expiration.	\$1,965,580	-
Provide funds for a management consultant to oversee and ensure quality assurance for Medicaid redeterminations due to the Public Health Emergency (PHE) expiration.	\$5,765,760	-
Increase funds for additional Medicaid eligibility caseworkers to process Medicaid redetermination cases due to the Public Health Emergency (PHE) expiration. (Total Funds: \$1,961,457)	\$662,433	\$3,244,889
Increase funds to reflect FY 2022 collections of marriage and divorce filing fees pursuant to HB 511 (2021 Session).	-	\$184,926
Total State Funds	\$8,393,773	\$3,429,815



Entities Attached for Administrative Purposes



Governor's Recommendations

Entities Attached for Administrative Purposes		AFY 2023	FY 2024
Council on Aging	Debra L. Stokes debra.stokes@gcoa.ga.gov 404.434.1380	-	\$6,877
Family Connection	Gaye Smith gaye@gafcp.org 404.527.7394	-	-
Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency	Chris Wells chris.wells@gvs.ga.gov 404.656.7952	\$134,016	\$1,032,724
Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children Fund Commission	Candice L. Broce candice.broce@dhs.ga.gov 678.346.8900	-	\$3,464,613
Total State Funds		\$134,016	\$4,504,214



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County Board Annual Reports

State Trends Overview

Emma McCullough, Governmental Affairs

Statewide Trends

In accordance with O.C.G.A. 49-3-2 (e), DFCS County Boards are required to submit an annual report to the State DFCS Director.

The process involves each DFCS County Board completing and submitting an annual report by December of each year detailing the performance of their local DFCS.



Assessment of Effectiveness

Community Partnerships and Communication with Stakeholders

Utilization of both In-Person and Virtual Service to Clients

Boost in Employee Morale



Needs for Improvement

Community Resources and Services

Foster Homes and Local Recruitment

Staff Recruitment and Retention



Board Recommendations

Targeted Recruitment and Focus on Retention of Staff

Identify and Recruit Foster Homes

Lobby Maintenance and Security

Education on DFCS Program Areas



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Georgia Department of Human Services

Approval of DHS Board December 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes



Georgia Department of Human Services

2023 Board Meeting Dates



Georgia Department of Human Services

RCCL Rule Change



Georgia Department of Human Services

Approval of DFCS Advisory Board December 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes



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2023 Board Meeting Dates



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- **1-2 points on areas that are going well**
- **1-2 points on areas of improvement**



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