

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Department: Social Services

HB Section(s): 11.320

Program Name: Children's Treatment Services

Program is found in the following core budget(s): Children's Treatment Services

1a. What strategic priority does this program address?

Protecting children from abuse/neglect.

1b. What does this program do?

The Children's Division Children's Treatment Services (CTS) program provides services designed to assist children and families with reducing risks to child safety, and improving family functions. Services include traditional therapeutic psychological testing, assessments and counseling, crisis intervention, emergency medical examinations for allegation of CA/N, transportation, juvenile court diversion, intensive in-home services, and intensive family reunification services. Each area of service is described in greater detail below.

"Traditional" CTS Services

Services are provided to families with children identified as abused or neglected, or at risk of abuse or neglect, to prevent injury to the children and to reduce the risk of abuse/neglect. Because of the multitude of challenges experienced by these families, it is necessary to have a variety of services available. Services provided through CTS contracts are intended to prevent further incidents of child abuse and neglect by strengthening families through services delivered, to divert children from foster care, and to assist families in having their children returned to their homes. The services described below are available on a statewide basis. MO HealthNet funding is used in lieu of CTS when the child or family is MO HealthNet eligible and the service is covered by Medicaid.

CTS Services include:

- Mental Health Assessment – Assessment services to identify the treatment needs of the child or family for the purpose of assisting the Division to develop and implement a treatment plan
- Behavioral Health Services – Services required to meet the child's additional needs which require additional units outside of MO HealthNet coverage
- Crisis Intervention Services – Services for a child to alleviate or diffuse a situation of immediate crisis
- Day Treatment – Therapeutic treatment programs to serve emotionally disturbed, developmentally disadvantaged, and abused or neglected children, and to provide therapy for members of the child's family
- Drug Testing – Specimen collection, evaluation and reporting of drug testing panels administered to clientele of the Division
- Family Therapy – Intensive family therapy treatment services to families at the contractor's facility or in the home of the family
- Group Therapy – Guidance and instruction provided through therapeutic interaction between the contractor and a group consisting of two or more individuals
- Individual Therapy – Therapy in the form of guidance and instruction
- Parent aide – Placement of a trained parent aide in the home of a family as part of the family/child's case treatment plan. The aide assists the parent(s) in developing parenting and homemaking skills
- Parent Education and Training Program – The contractor provides an instructional program in the form of appropriate parenting techniques for a group consisting of three or more individuals. The programs are competency based, to demonstrate appropriate parenting techniques

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- Psychological Testing – Testing services which shall include: the administration and interpretation of an individual battery of test; the submission of a written report stating the result of the tests; and a recommendation for treatment
- Respite Care – The provision of 24 hour per day placement services for children who are living outside their own homes and who need short term placement
- Service Delivery Coordination – Identifying and accessing community resources on behalf of a specific child or family
- Speech Therapy – Services for children who have speech, language or hearing impairments. Services may be provided by a licensed speech language therapist or by a provisionally licensed speech therapist working with supervision from a licensed speech language therapist
- Vision Therapy – Provides an individualized, supervised, treatment program designed to correct visual-motor and/or perceptual cognitive deficiencies
- Domestic Violence Batterer's Intervention Program – This intervention program is intended to help clients modify behavior patterns and break the cycle of violence by learning new skills around power and control, and accountability and communication
- Nursing Services – Provides professional nursing care for assigned pediatric clients in a home care environment
- Personal Assistance (Behavioral and Medical) – Provides services that assist with any activity of daily living (ADL) or instrumental activity of daily living (IADL)
- Pervasive Developmental Services Coordinator – Provides assistance with treatment plan development, consultation, environmental manipulation and training clients with developmental disabilities whose maladaptive behaviors are significantly disrupting their progress toward a successful family environment
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services – Includes thorough client assessments and client specific treatment interventions designed to address alcoholism, drug dependence, and addiction
- Transportation - transportation services clients to and from visits, schools, medical appointment, counseling sessions, etc.
- Transportation Behavioral - transportation of children who are danger to themselves or others

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Crisis Intervention Funds

These funds allow the Children's Division (CD) to address the critical financial and resource needs of families served. The funds are utilized for families being investigated for child abuse/neglect who are receiving CD services. The service is accessed only when other resources to alleviate the crisis have been fully explored. Eligible services include home repair, child safety items, health-related purchases, employment/school supplies, household items, rent/mortgage arrears, and transportation.

Emergency Medical Exams Related to CA/N

The Division pays for medical examinations related to child abuse investigations when other payment resources (e.g. Medicaid, private insurance, direct payment by parents) are not available.

Juvenile Court Diversion

This service allows the Juvenile Court to provide services to youth who come to their attention without placing the youth in the custody of CD. The services are aimed at diverting the children from CD custody.

Intensive In-Home Services and Intensive Family Reunification Services

Intensive In-Home Services (IIS) is a short-term, intensive, home-based crisis intervention program that offers families in crisis the possibility of remaining safely together and averting the out-of-home placement of children. Families that have a child or children at imminent risk of removal from the home due to neglect, abuse, family violence, mental illness, emotional disturbance, juvenile status offense, and juvenile delinquency are offered IIS. The IIS program combines skill-based intervention with maximum flexibility so that services are available to families in their home or other natural settings according to their unique needs. Among other services, family members may receive individual and family counseling, parenting education, child development training, household maintenance education, nutritional training, job readiness training, and referral to other community resources. Services provided are focused upon assisting in crisis management and restoring the family to an acceptable level of functioning.

Intensive Family Reunification Services (IFRS) are intensive, short-term, home-based interventions provided to reunite children in out-of-home care with the child's identified family. The purpose of IFRS is to improve the family's functioning, teach skills to enable family members meet the needs of the family's children, and gain support within the family's community to enable families to be safely reunified. This intervention is approximately 60-90 days in duration, and staff are available to the family 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in order to ensure that children transition successfully back to their homes and communities.

IIS and IFRS are available statewide for the benefit of all Missouri families.

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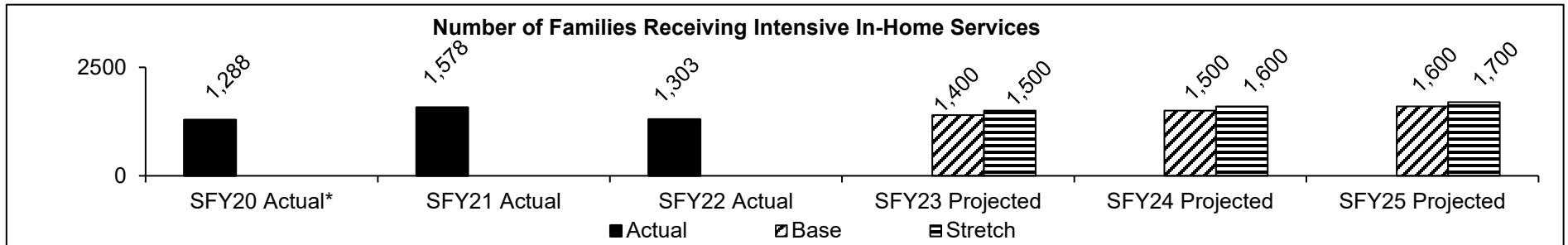
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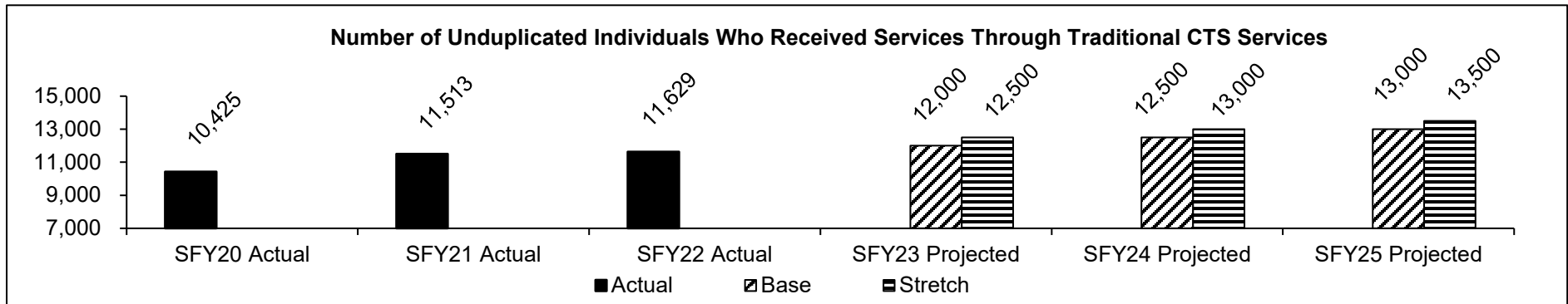
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2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.



SFY20 - The number of families served dropped due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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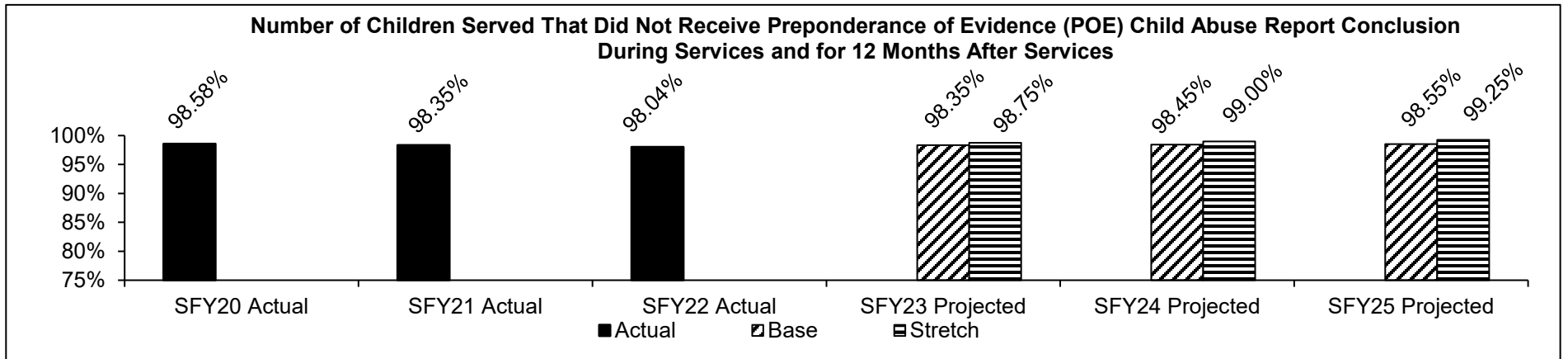
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2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.



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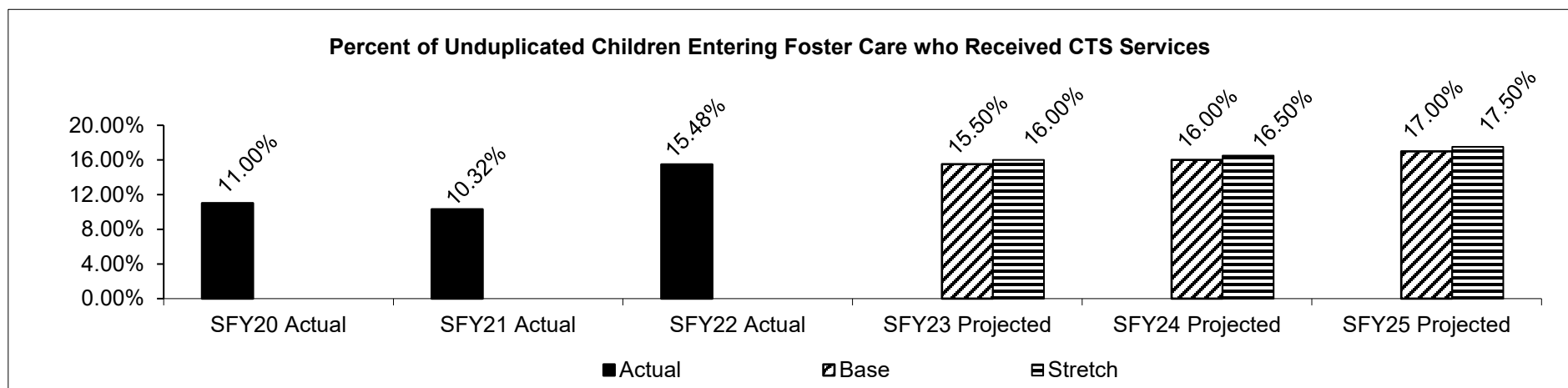
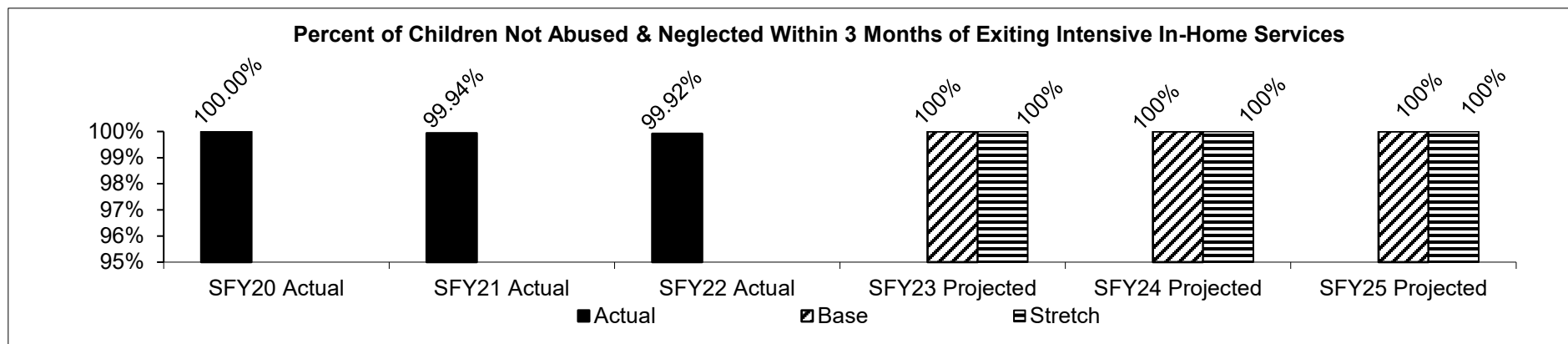
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2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.



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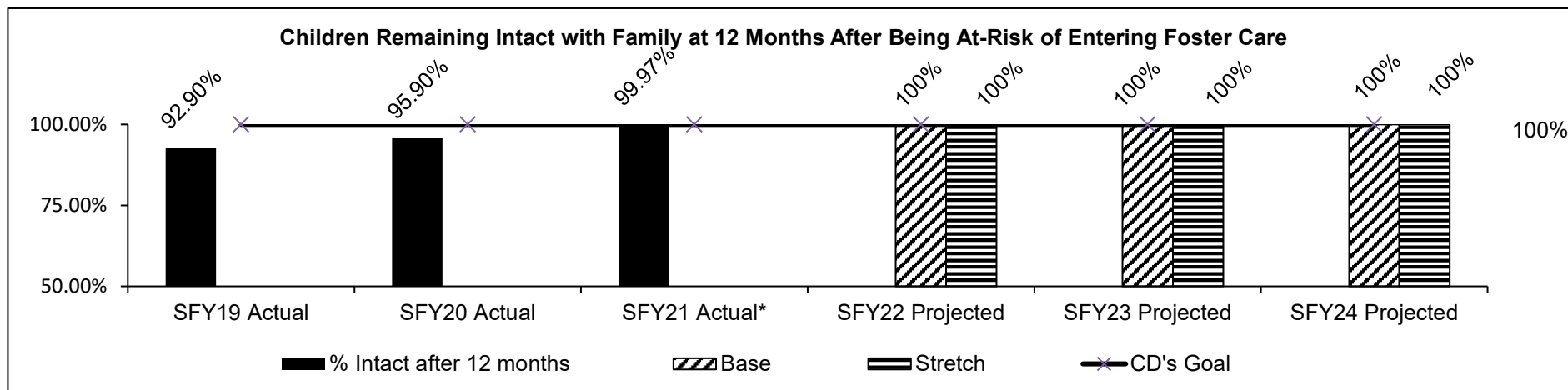
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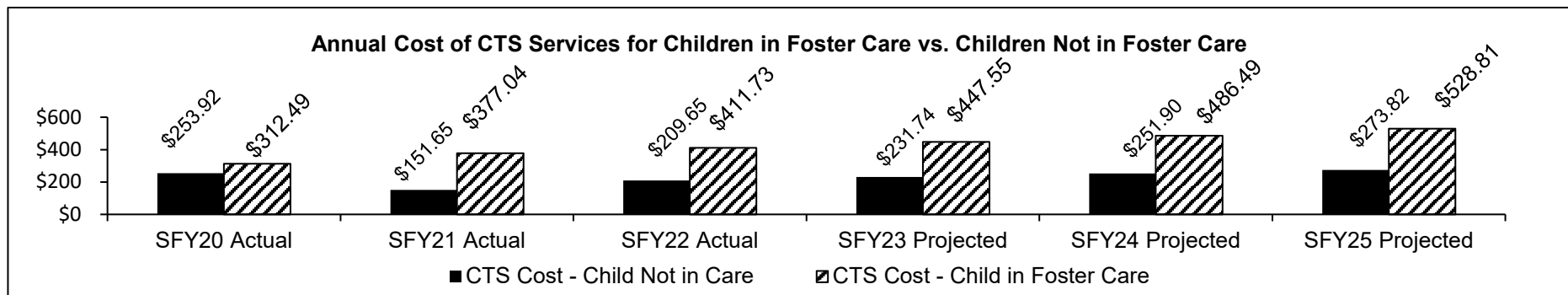
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2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.



*SFY data is one year behind and SFY22 will not be available until December 2023.



Comparison is for children ages 0 - 18. The above costs are in addition to the average annual cost of a child in care.

Traditional CTS has no comparable bench marks with other states for any of the measures listed.

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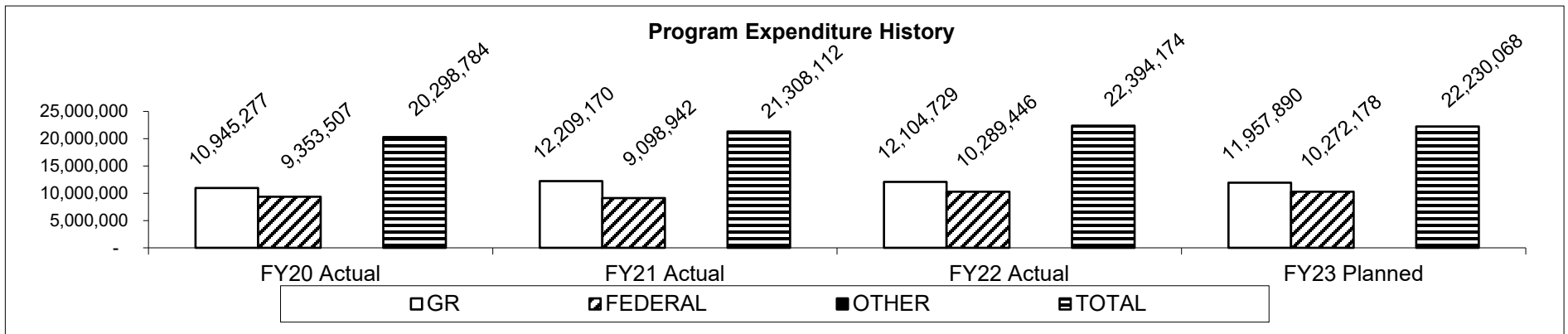
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3. Provide actual expenditures for the prior three fiscal years and planned expenditures for the current fiscal year. (Note: Amounts do not include fringe benefit costs.)



Planned FY 2023 expenditures are net of reverted and reserve.

4. What are the sources of the "Other " funds?

N/A

5. What is the authorization for this program, i.e., federal or state statute, etc.? (Include the federal program number, if applicable.)

State Statute: Sections 207.010, 207.020, 210.001, and 211.180, RSMo.

6. Are there federal matching requirements? If yes, please explain.

Most Children's Treatment Services expenditures earn approximately 44% federal funds (56% general revenue). Some expenditures are used as state maintenance of effort (MOE) to support other block grants.

7. Is this a federally mandated program? If yes, please explain.

The federal Child Welfare Act and the federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act obligate Missouri to treat children to ensure children and family safety. Administrative activities related to these obligations would be considered mandatory.