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**Department: Social Services**

**HB Section(s): 11.065**

**Program Name: Division of Legal Services Permanency**

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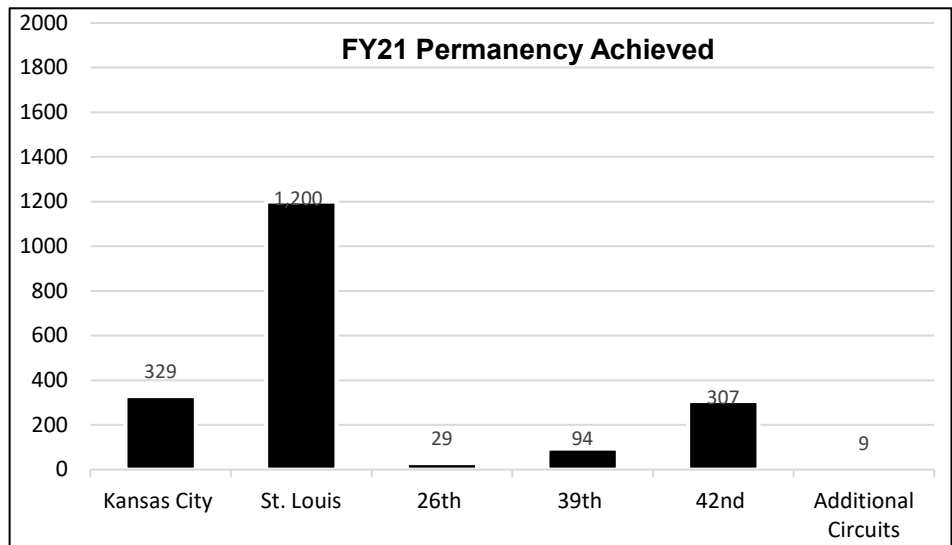
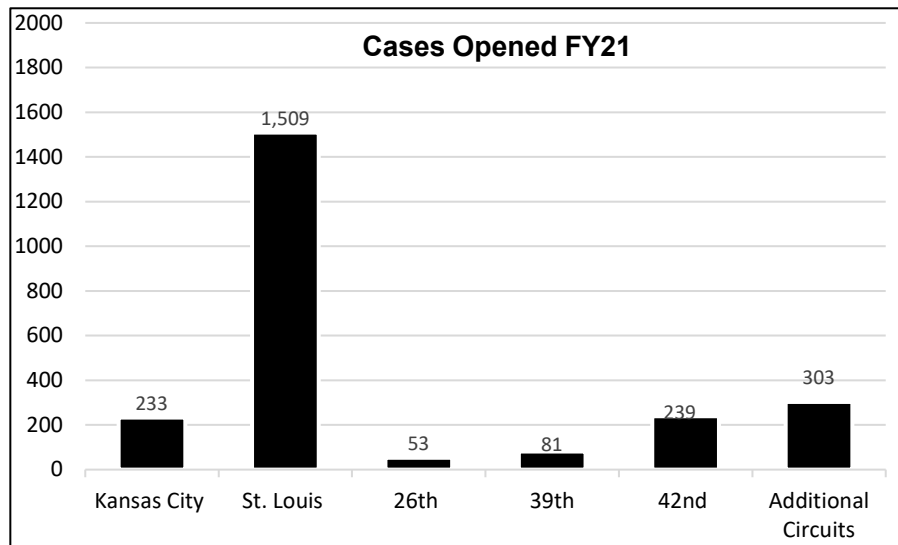
**1a. What strategic priority does this program address?**

Legal services to facilitate permanency for kids in CD custody

**1b. What does this program do?**

The permanency attorneys provide comprehensive legal support to Children's Division with a focus on achieving permanency for children in the custody of Children's Division. The permanency attorneys work closely with Children's Division with many attorneys embedded in the CD offices. This unit provides full time legal staff in the following circuits: 11,16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, and 39. Contract permanency attorneys provide legal services for this purpose in the following circuits: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45 and 46. These attorneys work with CD in drafting affidavits requesting juvenile office action and representing CD in court hearings.

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



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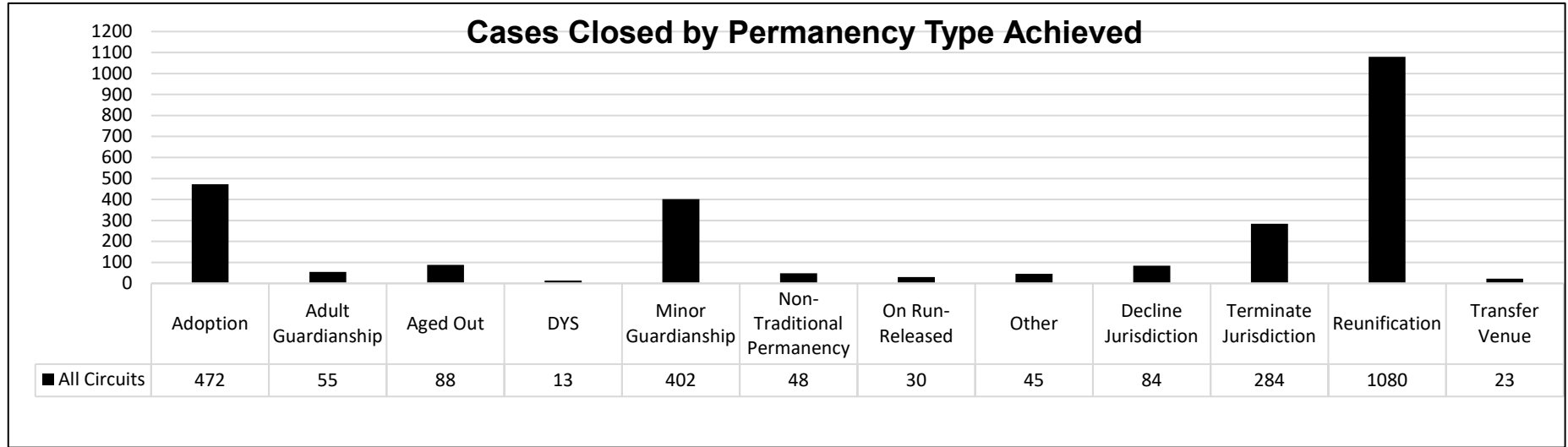
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**2b. Provide a measure(s) of the program's quality.**



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



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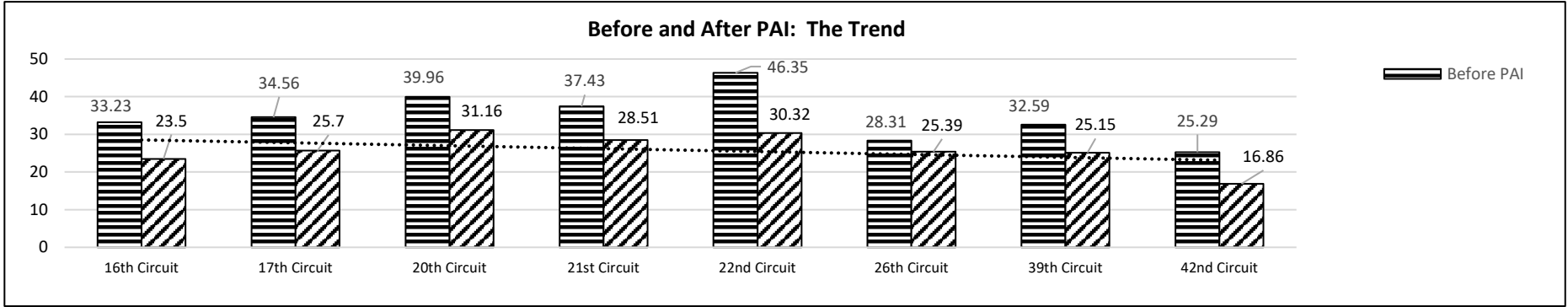
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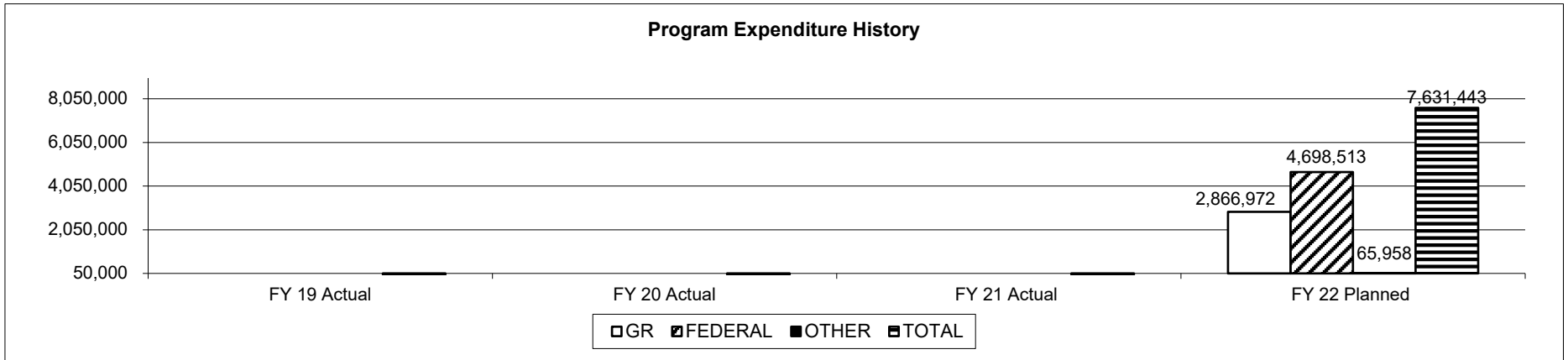
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**2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.**



**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.)**



Appropriation established in FY2022. Planned FY 2022 expenditures are net of reserves and reverted.

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

Third Party Liability Collections Fund (0120), Child Support Enforcement Collections Fund (0169).

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

Chapters 207, 210, 211, 219, 452, 453, 455, 475, 536, 660; 42 USC §5106a; 42 USC §§670-680; 42 USC 9858; §470 of SSA; 42 USC §674(a)(3); 45 CFR §1356.60(c); US HHS ACF policy.

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

Expenditures are allocated in accordance with the methodology outlined in the department's cost allocation plan and charged to corresponding grants or used as maintenance of effort as appropriate.

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

DSS to expand the Title IV-E program in Missouri and pass through available, Title IV-E federal funding to counties and juvenile courts for the purpose of providing high quality legal representation to parents and children in dependency and Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases in juvenile or family court. Recent studies from other states have shown that children in foster care gain better and faster outcomes when the child and parents are effectively represented by legal counsel in dependency cases. Federal law and policy now authorizes state Title IV-E agencies to claim federal funds for partial reimbursement of allowable administrative and training costs for legal representation for children and parents in dependence cases.