

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

**Department: Social Services**

**HB Section(s): 11.340**

**Program Name: Foster Care Case Management Contracts**

**Program is found in the following core budget(s): Foster Care Case Management Contracts**

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

Safety and wellbeing for foster youth

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

The Children's Division (CD) contracts with not-for-profit organizations to provide foster care case management (FCCM) services to children who have been removed from their homes and are under the jurisdiction of the Juvenile Court as a result of being at serious risk of or having been abused and/or neglected. FCCM providers form a statewide network committed to meeting the therapeutic and placement needs of children and families at the community level. The goal of the performance-based case management contracts is to improve safety and timely permanency for these children, while also reducing re-entries into care.

Missouri's mobilization and empowerment of the private sector has also allowed increased flexibility to direct its limited and highly demanded resources to focus on child abuse and neglect prevention, and investigation of child abuse and neglect, which is solely CD's responsibility per MO statute, and has enabled CD to implement evidence informed program and practice improvement.

Services purchased include the following:

- Continuous availability to accept children and families for services on an immediate basis;
- Child and parent assessments
- Treatment planning
- Placement planning
- Service planning
- Permanency/concurrent planning
- Recruit, develop and provide ongoing support to relative/kinship, foster and adoptive homes

Additionally, the contractors are expected to develop community resources to serve children and their families in care. FCCM providers collaborate closely with numerous public service divisions and with community-based providers to meet a wide array of child and family needs. Funding for therapeutic services, placement cost, goods to meet immediate child/family needs, and ongoing clothing cost for children served is included in the case rate.

These services are paid from the foster care and residential treatment appropriations. More information can be found in those program descriptions.

Performance outcomes are incorporated into these contracts with the expectation that contractors achieve these outcomes. The performance measures are reviewed annually and renegotiated at the time of contract renewal or rebid.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was released for bid with a closing date of January 27, 2020. Awards for this bid were issued in July of 2020 to be implemented in October 2020.

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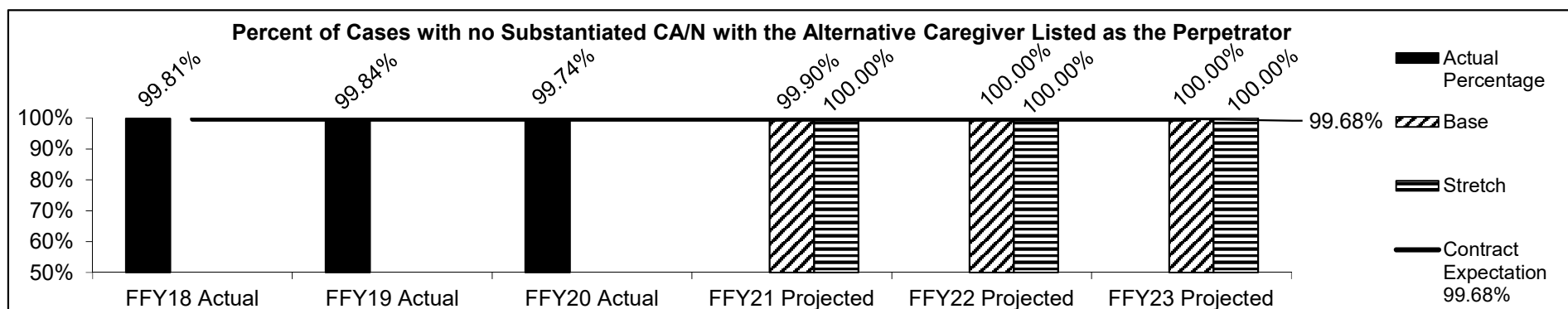
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### 2a. Provide an activity measure(s) for the program.

In the first contract period, a total of 2,055 children in out-of-home care were transferred to contractors.

- Additional funding was received in FY 2007 and in FY 2008 to assist with accreditation of the Children's Division. As a result, 232 additional children were transferred to contractors.
- In October, 2008, an additional 315 children began receiving contracted services in the central, south central and southwest regions of the state, bringing the total number of children served to 2,602.
- In October, 2009, expenditure restrictions resulted in case reductions which reduced the total number of children served to 2,522.
- In January, 2011, an additional 30 children began receiving contracted services in the Kansas City region. The expansion into Cass County increased the total number of children served to 2,552.
- In October, 2012, contracts were awarded for 2,625 children to be served.
- In October, 2014, contracts expanded by 480 children and added Cole, Franklin and Johnson counties, bringing the total to 3,105 children.
- In October, 2016, contracts expanded by 330 children and added Crawford County, bringing the total to 3,435 children.
- In October, 2020, contracts will expand to the Southeast Region of the state to include St. Francois, Washington, Stoddard, Dunklin, Ripley, and Butler counties. The contract award will no longer include Johnson and Crawford counties and will have a reduction of cases awarded in St. Louis City, St. Charles, Cass, Greene, Jasper, Newton, and McDonald Counties to accommodate the expansion to the new Region. The total number of children served is 3,435.

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



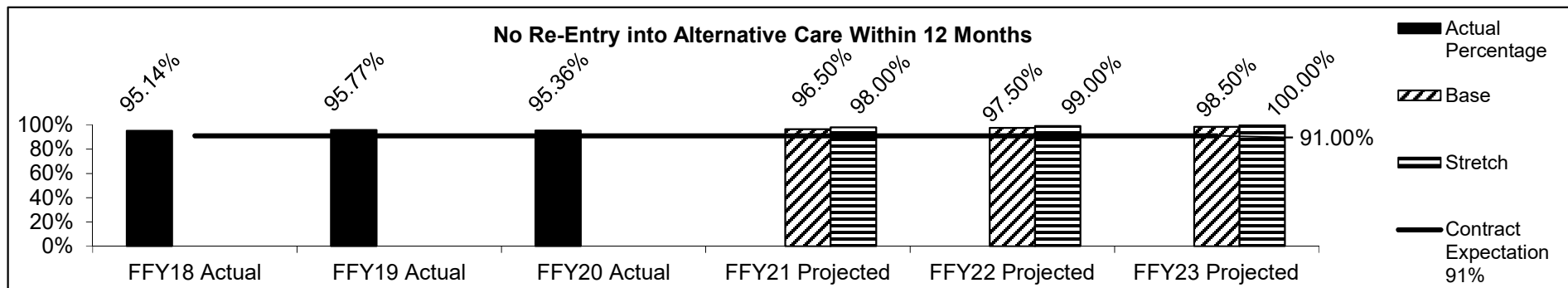
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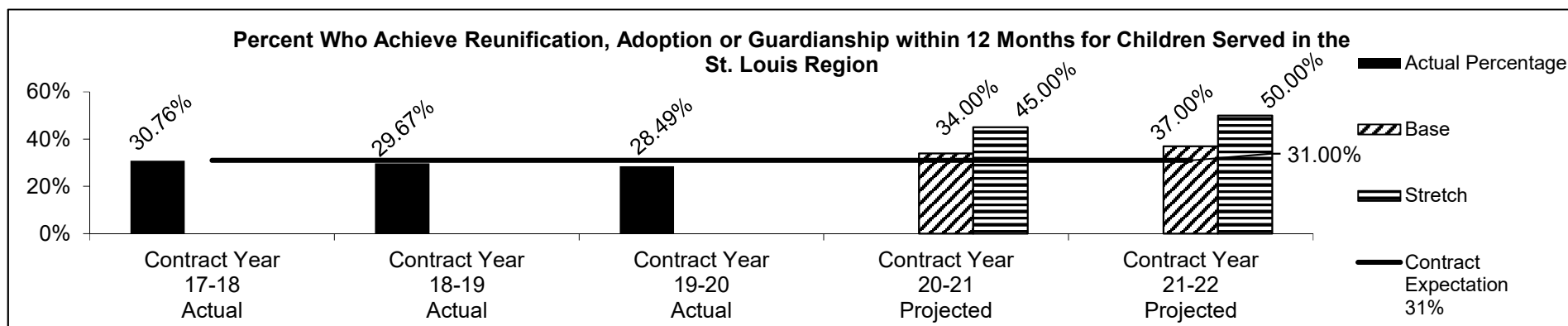
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**2c. Provide a measure(s) of the program's impact.**



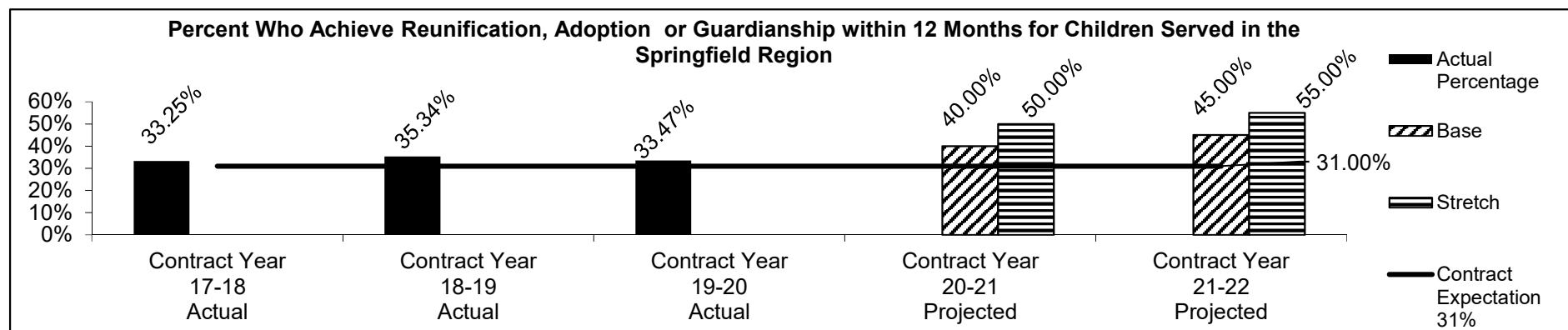
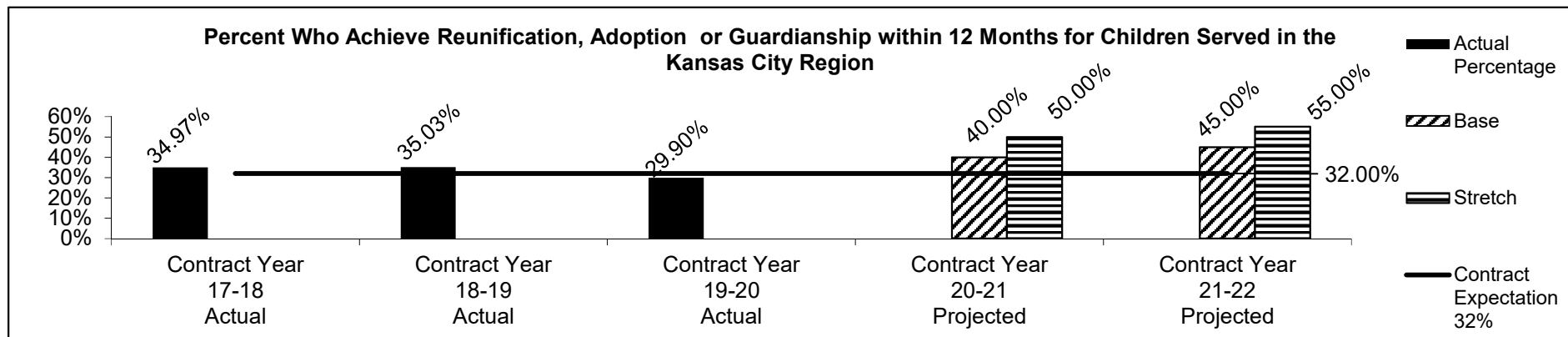
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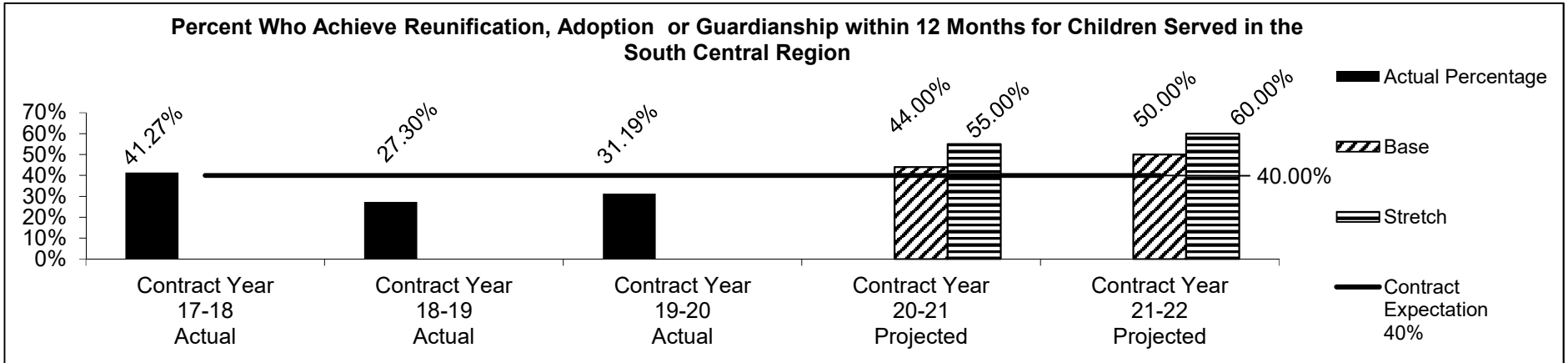
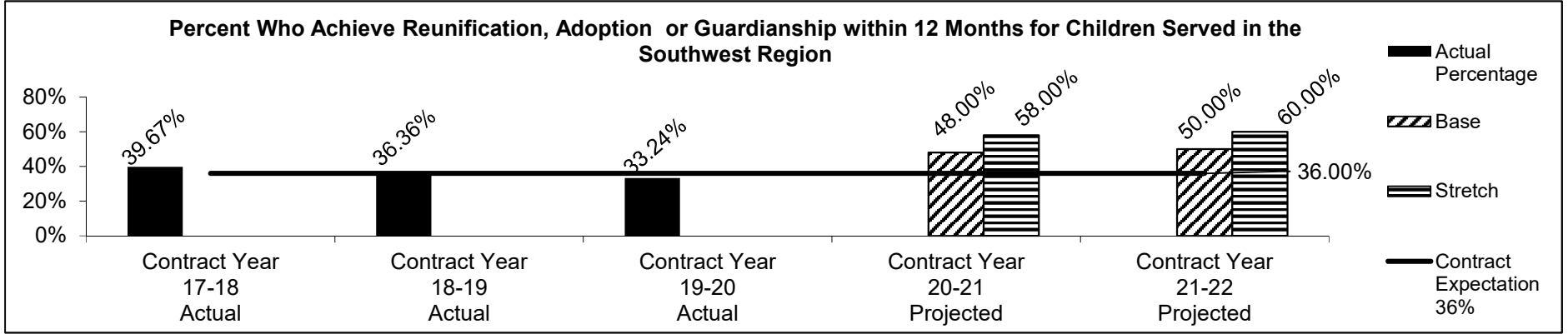
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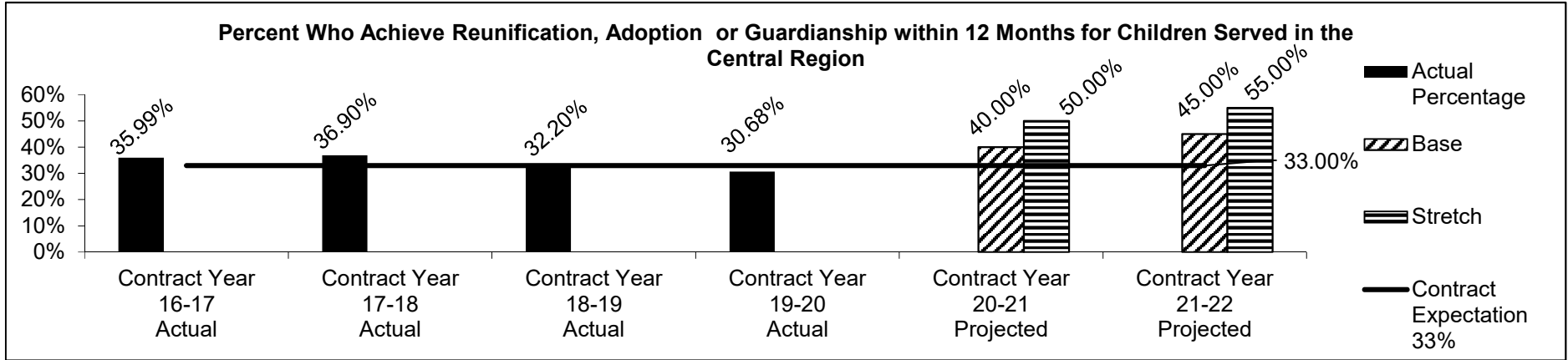
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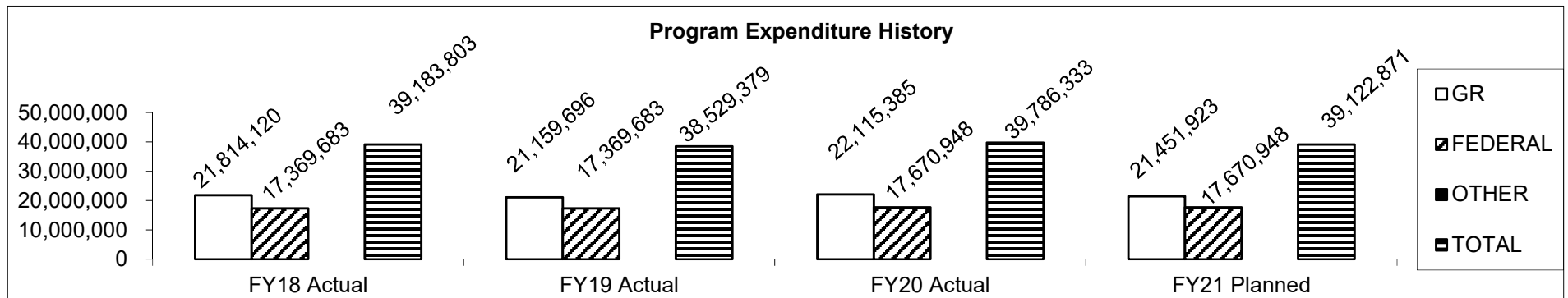
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**2d. Provide a measure(s) of the program's efficiency.**

Absent Foster Care Case Management contractors carrying 3,435 cases, CD staff caseloads would increase by an additional 25% as CD no longer has the staffing in its budget to allocate these cases.

**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 2021 expenditures are net of reverted and reserve.

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**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: Section 210.112, RSMo.

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

Children and youth receiving services from the Children's Division are grouped into two categories for expenditure purposes - Homeless Dependent and Neglected (HDN), and Title IV-E eligible. Expenditures for HDN children and youth are 100% state-funded. Expenditures on behalf of Title IV-E eligible children and youth are reimbursable at the IV-E program rate, which is the FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage). The FMAP fluctuates annually based on state and national economic and population data, but generally, the state matching requirement is around 35% and the federal match is around 65%.

There is a 50% state match (50% federal earned) for IV-E administrative costs. Some expenditures are reimbursable at the Social Services Block Grant federal rate of 100%.

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

No.