



Guardian ad Litem Program Update

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Program Status - July 1, 2014

- 695 allocated FTE positions
- 9,231 certified case volunteers
- More than 28,000 dependent children
- 23,000 children appointed to GAL Program
- 17,800 children with GAL Volunteer Advocates

Our Strategic Objectives

- 100% of all children represented
- 100% of all out of home children
- 10,000 Certified Volunteer Advocates
- Improved best interest outcomes and advocacy

A Voice Heard



A VOICE HEARD—LET KIDS BE KIDS

APRIL 2014

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Snapshot Report

Statewide Guardian ad Litem Program - Performance Advocacy SnapShot (PASS) May 2014

Individual GAL Circuit Program Performance

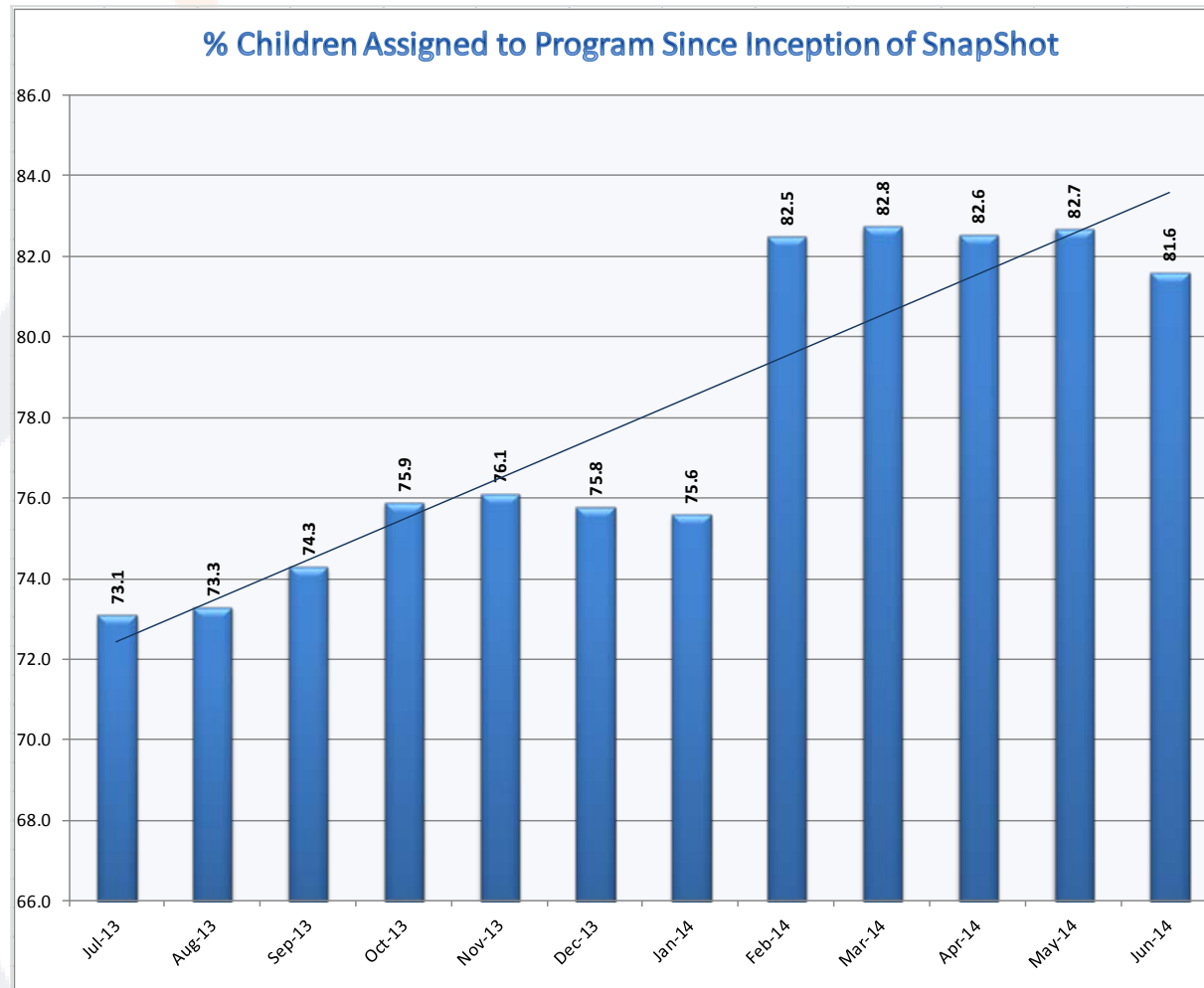
GAL Influence on Child Welfare Outcomes

		Circuit	Children Appointed to GAL Program - Percentage	Active Certified Volunteers - Percentage	Children (Orphaned) Volunteers - Productivity Ratio	12 Month - Rising Certified Volunteers - Retention Ratio	Certified Vol. Requirement Progress - Percentage of Dec. 2014 Goal	Educational Advocate volunteers - Percentage of Volunteers Trained	Transportation Eligible Volunteers - Percentage of Volunteers Approved	Court Performance Achieved - This Month	Court Performance Achieved - FYD Average	Community Partner - Name	GAL in Care & Day - 12 Months with No More than 2 Placements	Children Achieving Permanency within 12 Months of Entering Care	Children Not Re-entering Out-of-Home Care within 12 Months of Achieving permanency	Overall Score on Education Report Card	% of Adoptions within 24 Months
Benchmark	80% or >	80% or >	2.1 or >	75% or >	89% or >	40% or >	25% or >	10	Max.	10	Max.						
	1	98.3%	79.9%	1.8	82.3%	96%	45.5%	31.7%	8	6.5	FFN	88.1%	30.6%	87.2%	58.8%	46.2%	
	2	100.0%	75.3%	1.3	76.0%	95%	35.7%	32.8%	7	5.1	BB	86.2%	34.1%	86.7%	53.5%	59.6%	
	3	100.0%	96.0%	2.8	80.9%	102%	52.4%	42.7%	10	9.5	PSF	89.0%	29.3%	90.7%	78.0%	78.9%	
	4	82.4%	83.3%	2.0	53.6%	71%	34.2%	21.8%	2	1.9	FSS	91.4%	22.6%	90.6%	74.1%	84.3%	
	5	87.3%	78.8%	1.9	78.4%	90%	46.1%	25.2%	6	6.4	KCI	88.7%	47.3%	94.5%	74.6%	47.8%	
	6	67.5%	80.9%	1.8	80.1%	89%	46.1%	26.8%	8	6.7	OKA	90.1%	41.2%	92.8%	79.9%	51.3%	
	7	94.0%	81.9%	2.0	67.4%	76%	36.4%	35.9%	3	2.9	CPC	94.0%	31.2%	94.0%	57.8%	40.0%	
	8	99.3%	77.5%	1.4	73.2%	105%	57.3%	30.3%	6	5.0	PSF	87.5%	29.3%	90.7%	67.8%	78.9%	
	9	100.0%	78.6%	1.9	78.5%	88%	23.1%	15.9%	4	4.7	CBC9	89.1%	27.9%	91.8%	77.2%	44.3%	
	10	90.2%	80.9%	1.7	80.7%	94%	23.3%	31.3%	7	7.2	HFC	91.2%	35.0%	86.1%	66.8%	52.8%	
	11	66.3%	80.1%	2.0	68.5%	67%	28.2%	16.8%	2	3.3	OK	82.8%	20.9%	93.9%	69.3%	45.5%	
	12	99.8%	87.8%	2.0	74.3%	95%	30.2%	26.7%	7	6.8	SCC	88.1%	24.1%	90.4%	75.8%	52.9%	
	13	69.1%	77.6%	1.9	75.8%	83%	52.6%	18.6%	3	4.8	ECH	88.0%	31.7%	88.7%	77.0%	48.1%	
	14	99.5%	78.1%	1.7	79.6%	90%	42.7%	31.1%	8	5.5	BB	82.2%	23.3%	86.7%	67.0%	47.0%	
	15	89.0%	83.3%	2.1	74.1%	99%	26.8%	22.4%	6	6.4	CPB	93.5%	42.5%	93.6%	82.2%	58.4%	
	16	100.0%	82.3%	1.5	82.4%	99%	30.1%	24.8%	8	7.2	OK	89.8%	20.9%	93.9%	67.9%	45.5%	
	17	81.9%	74.7%	2.0	74.3%	88%	44.5%	29.2%	2	6.0	CN	89.2%	32.2%	87.0%	72.9%	53.4%	
	18	89.2%	87.5%	2.0	79.3%	101%	33.9%	28.6%	7	6.5	BFP	92.7%	34.8%	88.7%	79.1%	47.4%	
	19	75.3%	81.8%	2.3	75.8%	80%	40.1%	33.6%	8	6.3	DFI	87.6%	65.5%	87.2%	76.5%	35.9%	
	20	65.7%	85.7%	2.1	73.8%	83%	36.8%	26.5%	5	4.8	CNSWFL	83.9%	33.5%	91.3%	68.0%	51.1%	
	9 OC	100.0%										CBC9	89.1%	27.9%	91.8%	77.2%	44.3%
Actual State		82.7%	80.9%	1.9	75.3%	89%	38.5%	27.0%	5.9	5.7	Actual %	88.6%	33.4%	90.8%	72.5%	53.2%	
Weight		0.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0									

- A. Color Coding: Green cell = At or better than Program benchmark performance target; Yellow cell = Below Program benchmark performance target
 B. The percentages for "Children Achieving Permanency within 12 Months of Entering Care" are reported quarterly. The current reporting period is 1/1/2014 - 3/31/2014
 C. Percentage of Children Appointed to the GALP includes runaways and extended jurisdiction children. It excludes children currently under investigation or with no current legal status.
 D. Children Not Re-entering Out-of-Home Care within 12 Months of Achieving Permanency Data obtained from April 2014 DCF Scorecard
 E. Circuits achieving a monthly Children Appointed to Program Percentage that is equal to or greater than 95% will receive two weight points for the Productivity Ratio column and a green color designation

Circuit	Children Appointed to GAL Program Percentage	Active GAL Volunteers Percentage
Benchmark	80% or >	80%
1	98.3%	
2	100.0%	
3	100.0%	
4	82.4%	
5	87.3%	

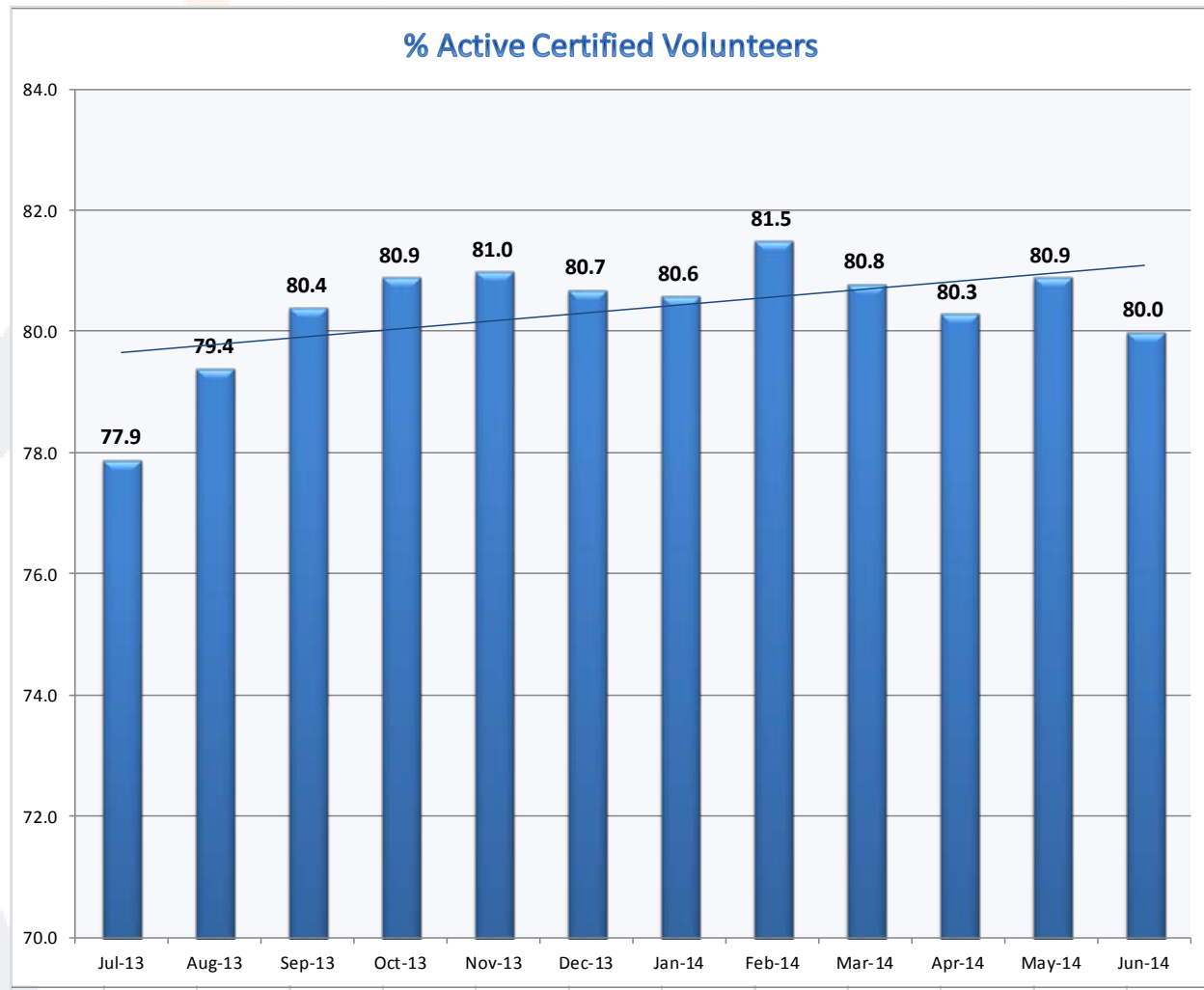
Percent of Children Assigned to the GAL Program



* As of February 2014, the percentage of children assigned to the GAL Program is calculated by the County of Jurisdiction. It excludes children currently under investigation who have not had a shelter hearing.

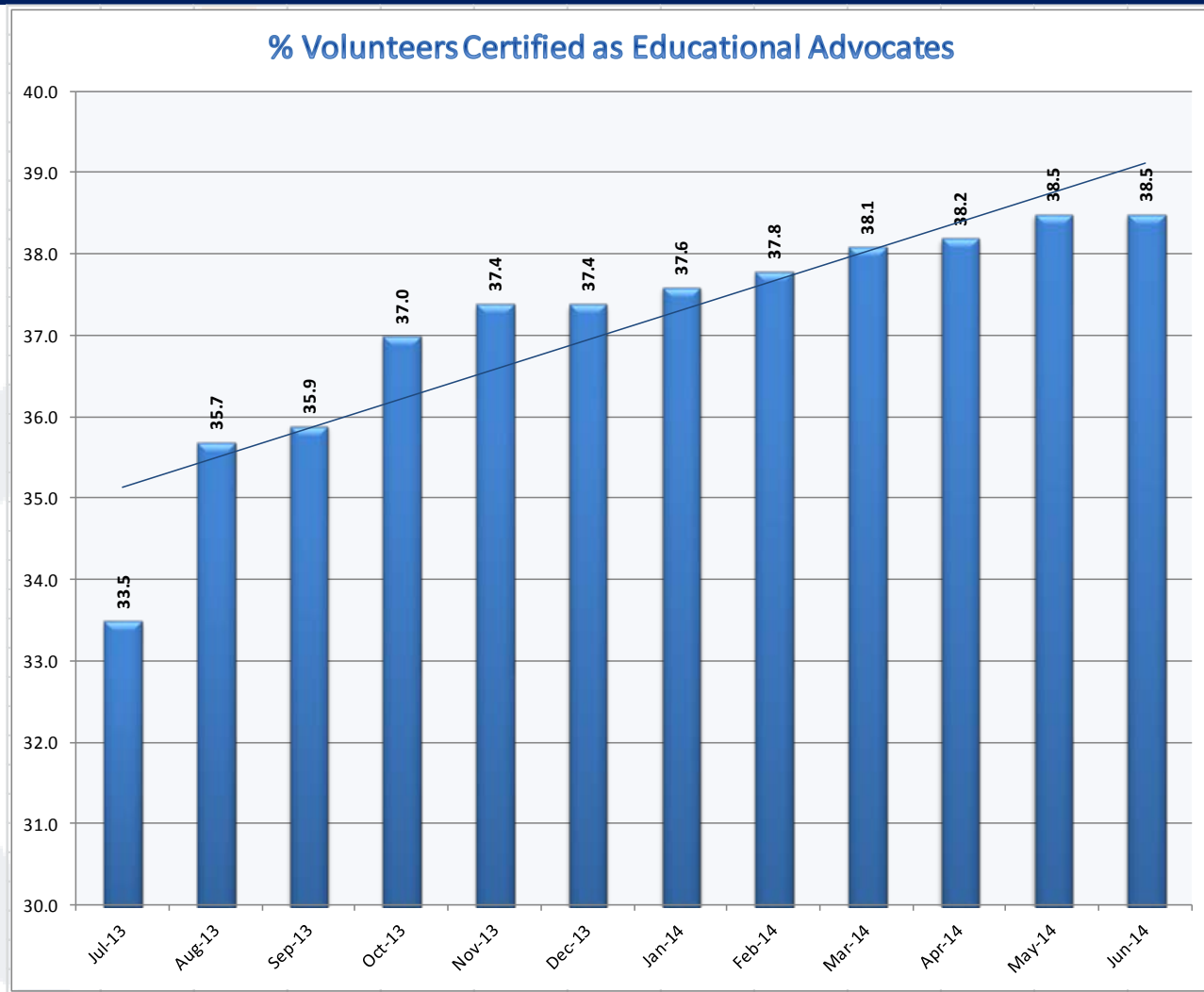
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Percent of Active Certified Volunteers



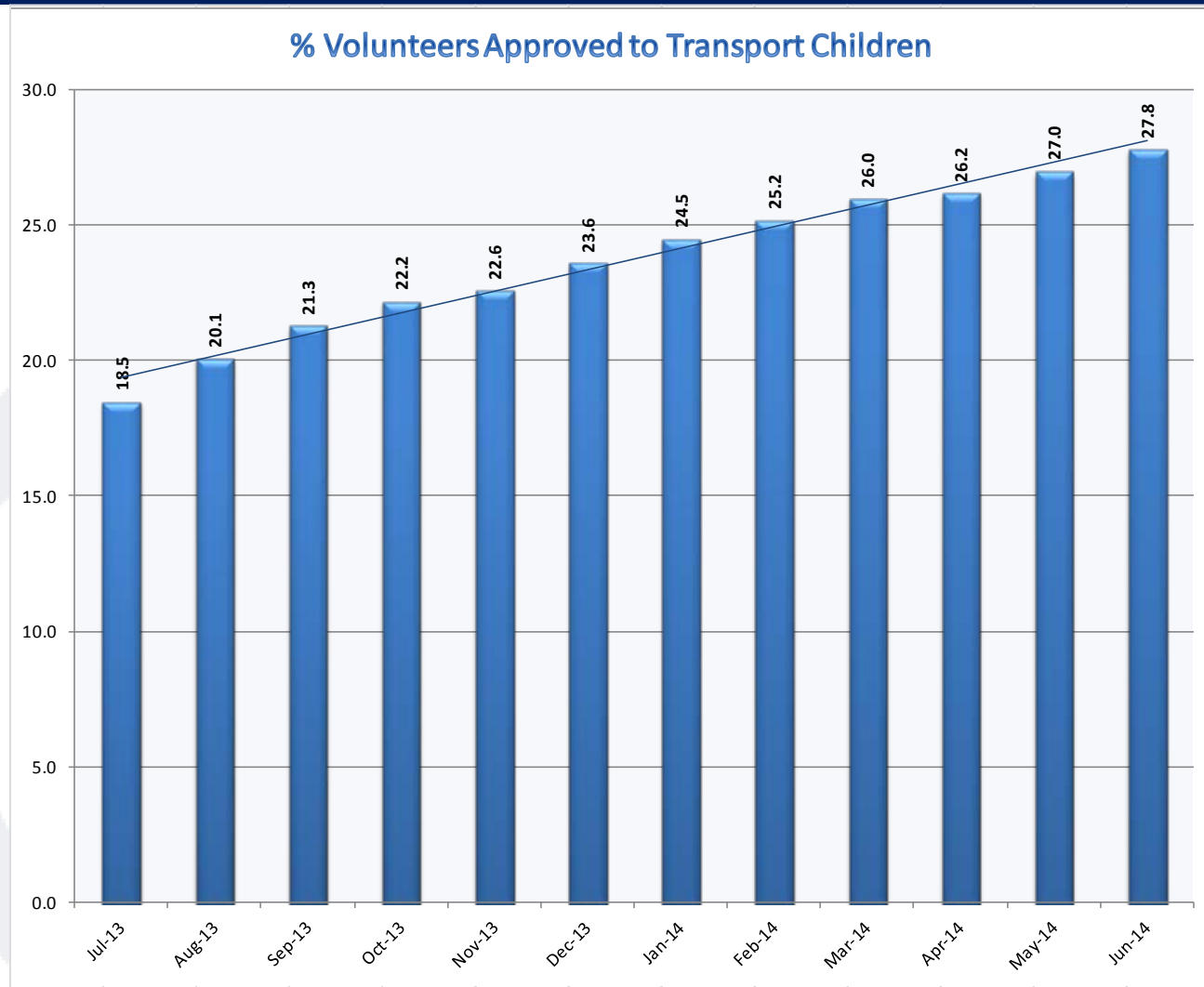
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Percent Volunteers Certified as Educational Advocates



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C-SAFE Initiative

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A critical GAL advocacy team philosophy that promotes:

Critical thinking & safety

Effective best practices

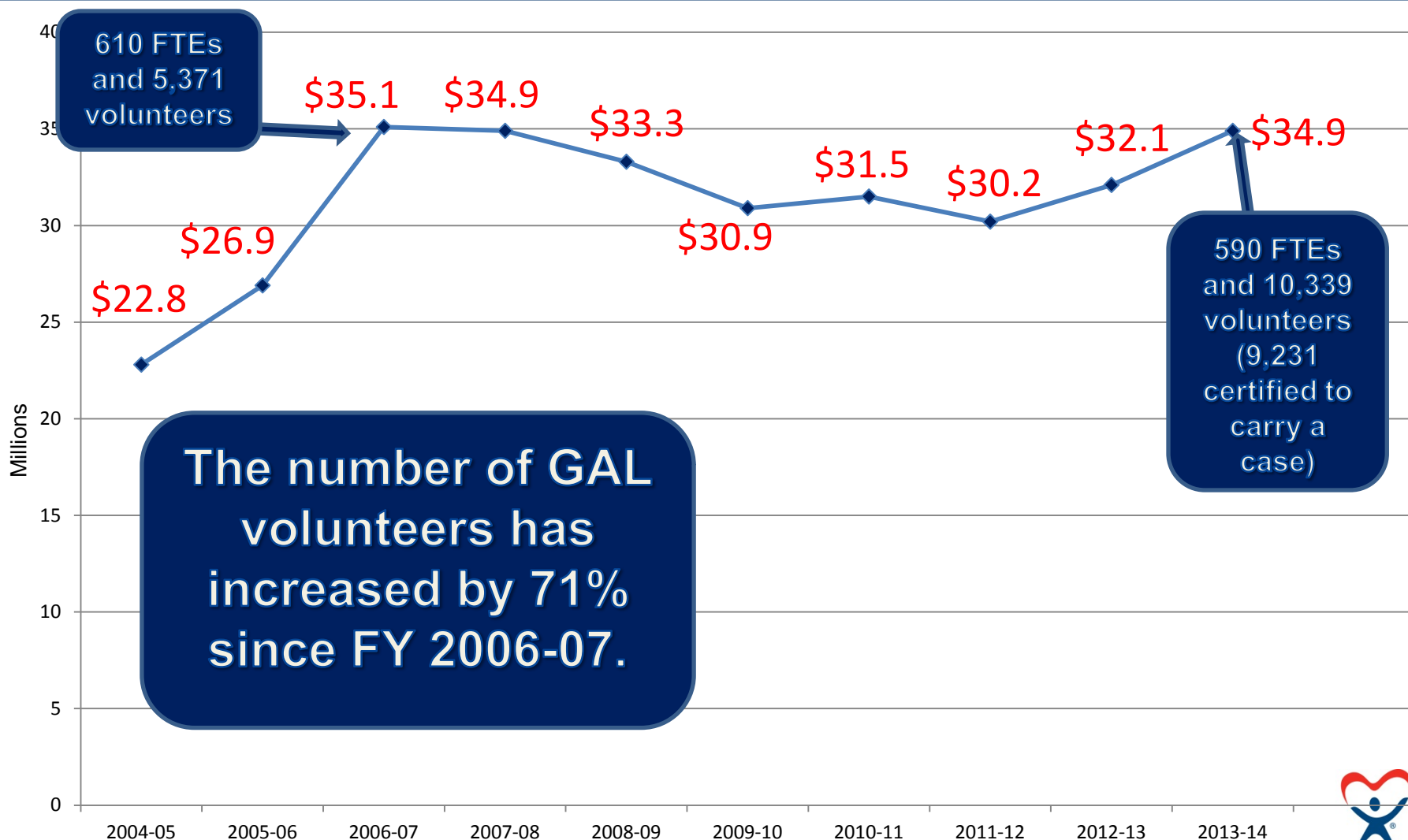
Desired best interest outcomes

“Fostering Futures” Initiative

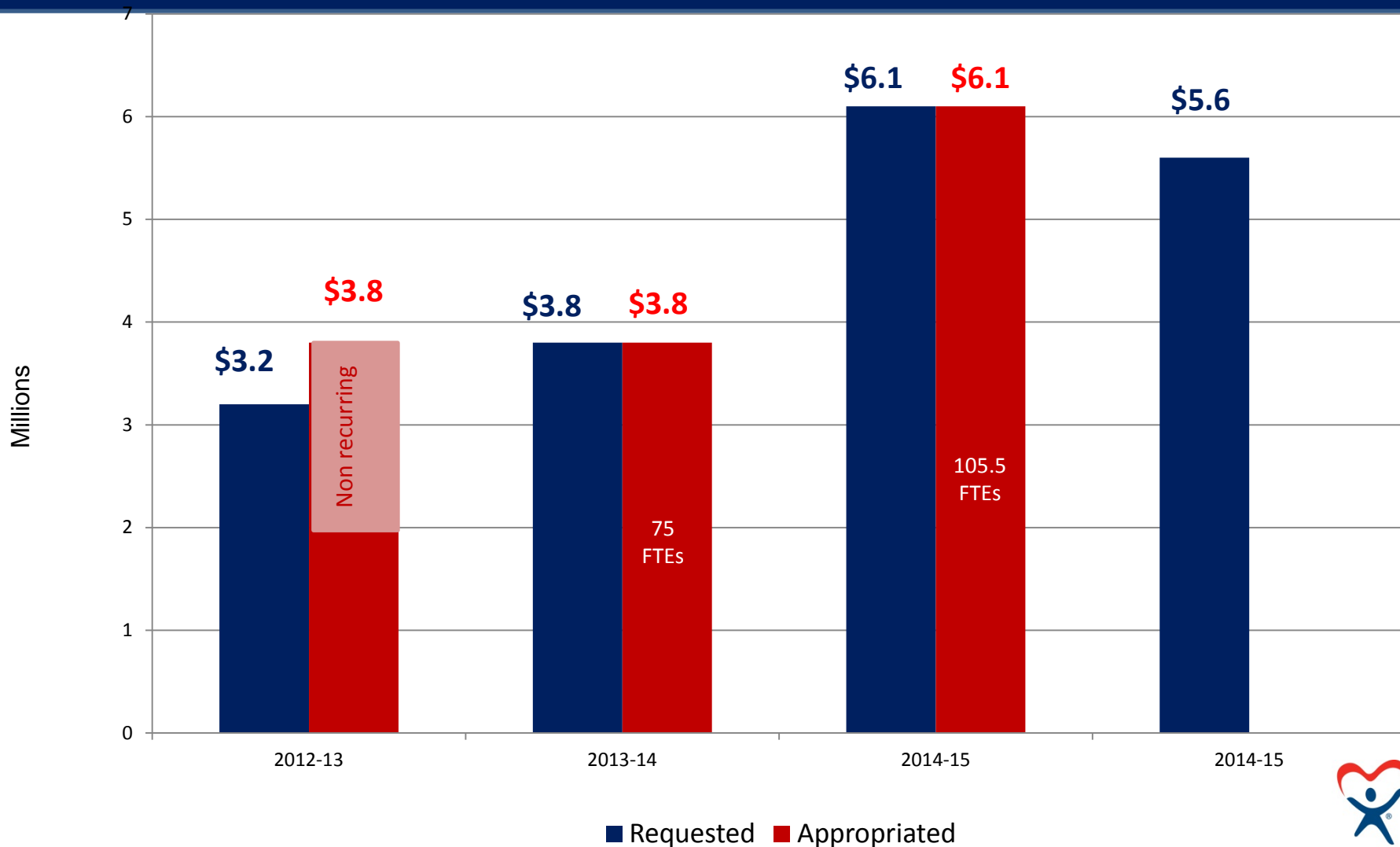
Fostering Futures

- **\$80,000** grant from the National Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Association for period June 2013 thru May 2015 to serve 75 youth annually.
- The Fostering Futures Initiative focuses on GAL advocacy and mentoring for older youth in order to prevent negative outcomes while in care
- Trained 220 GAL staff & volunteers and served 89 youth aged 14 thru 21.

GAL Historical Funding though FY 13-14



GAL Legislative Budget Request History



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GAL Achievements

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