



Allegheny County Department of Human Services

Marc Cherna, Director



**Children,
Youth and
Families**

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Child Abuse Reporting Line (to
report child abuse/neglect or
receive information):
412-473-2000

ChildLine (State child abuse
reporting line):
1-800-932-0313

Director's Action Line (for
consumer concerns or complaints):
1-800-862-6783

Administration

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Children, Youth and Families
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Children, Youth and Families Advisory
Board

Pennsylvania Oversight:
Pa. Department of Human Services
Office of Children, Youth, and Families

Mission

Protect children from abuse and neglect; to preserve families, whenever possible; and to assure permanency, that is, to provide permanent, safe homes for children either by assuring safety within the child's own family, or by finding an adoptive home or another permanent setting for those children who cannot be reunified with their family.

Department Overview	
Calls logged – CY 2019	17,734 calls of suspected child abuse/neglect were received by CYF. 45% (7,968) were screened out at intake. 44% (7,851) were assigned to a caseworker for a full investigation. 20% of these (1,567) were accepted for child welfare services 11% of these (1,897) were connected to active cases 80% (1,511) were related to open cases
People served* – CY 2019	8,478 children; 12,786 adults On July 7, 2020, 3,860 children in 1,807 families were receiving services. 1,547 of these children were in out-of-home placement. 1,430 were in foster care. About two-thirds of those in out-of-home placement were placed with kin.
OID filled positions (a/o 01/2020)	549 (county)
Contracted Providers (a/o 01/2020)	200
Total Budget (FY 2019–2020) Of the total budget	\$307.4 million Includes \$262.9 M for CYF, \$31.6 M for JPO and \$12.9 for Shuman Juvenile Detention Center
<p>Contracted agencies account for 79.5% of the total CYF budget.</p> <p>*95% (18,759) of clients were on cases that received services from contracted providers.</p>	

Legal Mandates

Complies with the following state laws/regulations requiring that child abuse and neglect be investigated and safe permanent homes be secured for dependent children:

- Juvenile Act (Act 333) and amendments
- Child Protective Services Law (Act 124) and amendments
- Pa. Adoption Act (Domestic Relations Title 23)
- Regulations governing county children and youth agencies
- Child protective services regulations

Also complies with all applicable federal legislation including the:

- Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997
- Adoption Assistance and Child Welfare Act of 1980
- Missing, Exploited and Runaway Children Protection Act
- Child Abuse Prevention and Enforcement Act
- Title – IV B, D, E
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001
- Chafee Foster Care Independence Act
- Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978
- Multi-ethnic Placement Act of 1994