

Children with Medical Complexities

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All children should have the opportunity to grow up in a family home within their community.



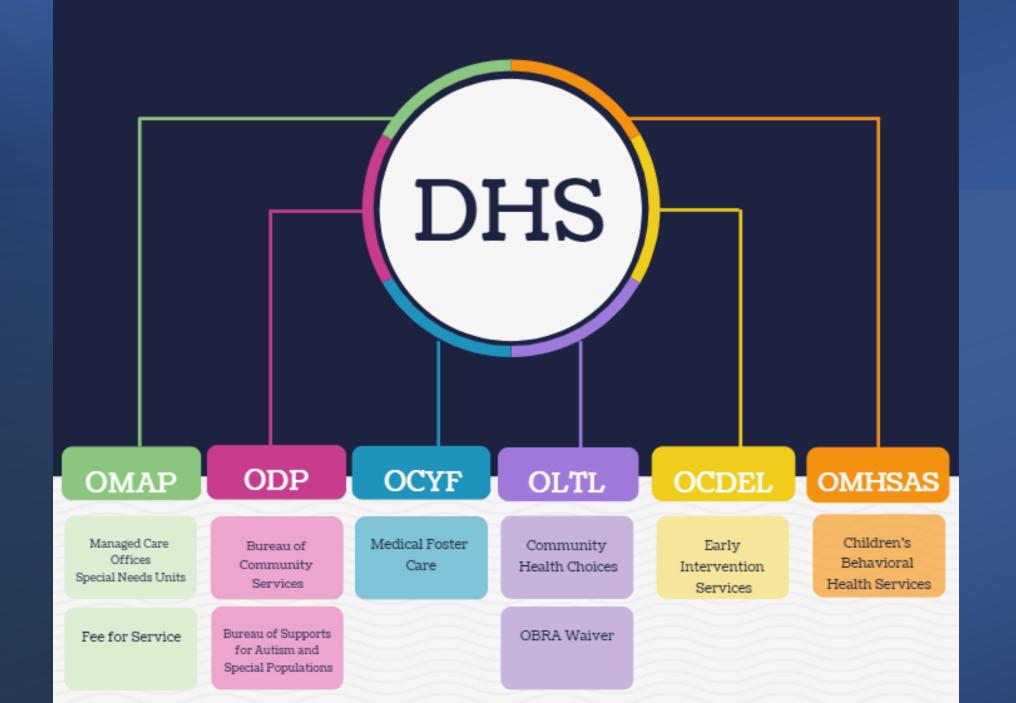
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Governor's commitment to supporting **Vulnerable Populations**

DHS initiative to use a "systems approach" to understanding the challenges families are facing





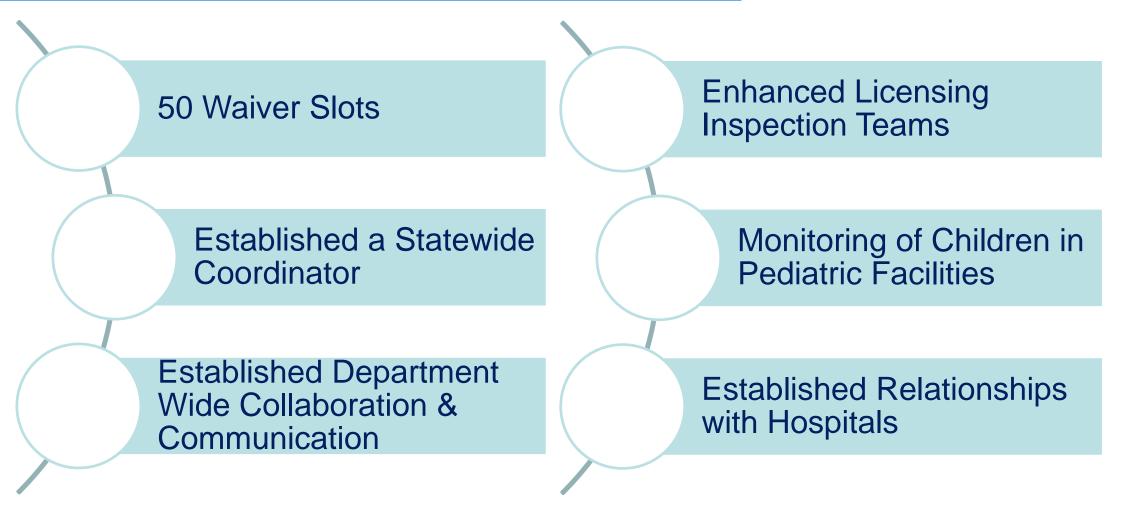
Ensure the health and welfare of children in facilities

Provide children living in facilities with the opportunity for family life

Strengthen services to families to care for children through age 21, reduce risk and prevent facility admissions

DHS Accomplishments





Family Facilitator

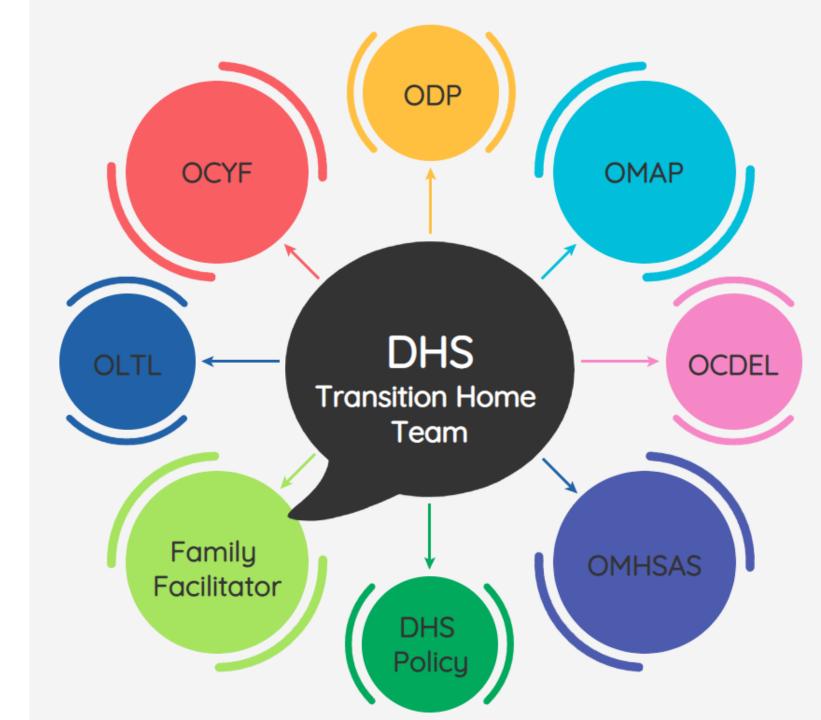
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- Work with families to assist in planning for their child's return home from the hospital or residential facility.
- Work with the child's system of care including facilities, hospitals, physicians, the managed care organization, the early intervention program, county CYF, county ID/A programs and providers to plan for ongoing supports to the family.



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Transition Home Team



What we learned in 2020:



Children in Pediatric Facilities:

- Roughly 227 children living in facilities
- Roughly 47% have lived there for less than 3 years
- Roughly 42% have lived there between 3-10 years
- Roughly 11% have lived there longer than 10 years

Admissions:

- Less than 40 admissions in 2020
- Half were from hospitals (most under the age of 5) and
- Half were from family homes or foster homes (most over age 5)

Discharges:

- Less than 40 discharges in 2020
- The shorter the stay and the younger the child, the more likely the child will go home.







6400 Regulatory Compliance Guide (published February 2020) 6100 Regulatory Compliance Guide (coming later in 2020)

DHS Bulletin on Registering Children with County ID Agencies

Waiver Modifications to Include Children with Medical Complexities (target date 2022)

Questions??

