

Children with Medical Complexities

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





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

Accomplishments

Collaboration

Transition Home Team

Successful Family Facilitator Discharges

Engagement with Stakeholders

Capacity Building

Quarterly Meetings with Facility Staff

Training for the Field

Training for Facility, Medical Foster Care, & DHS Staff

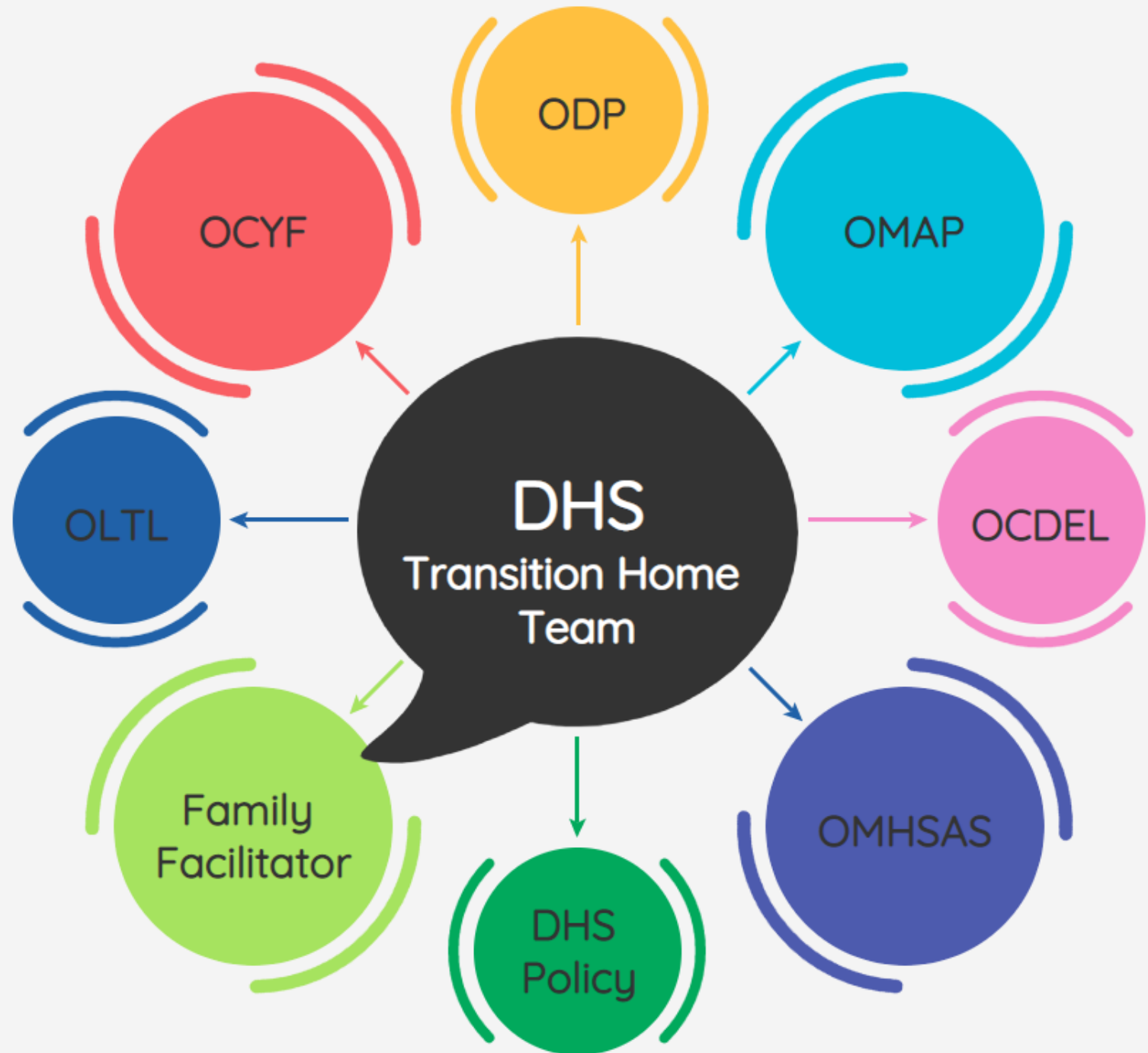
Waiver Amendment Approval

Expanded eligibility includes medically complex conditions

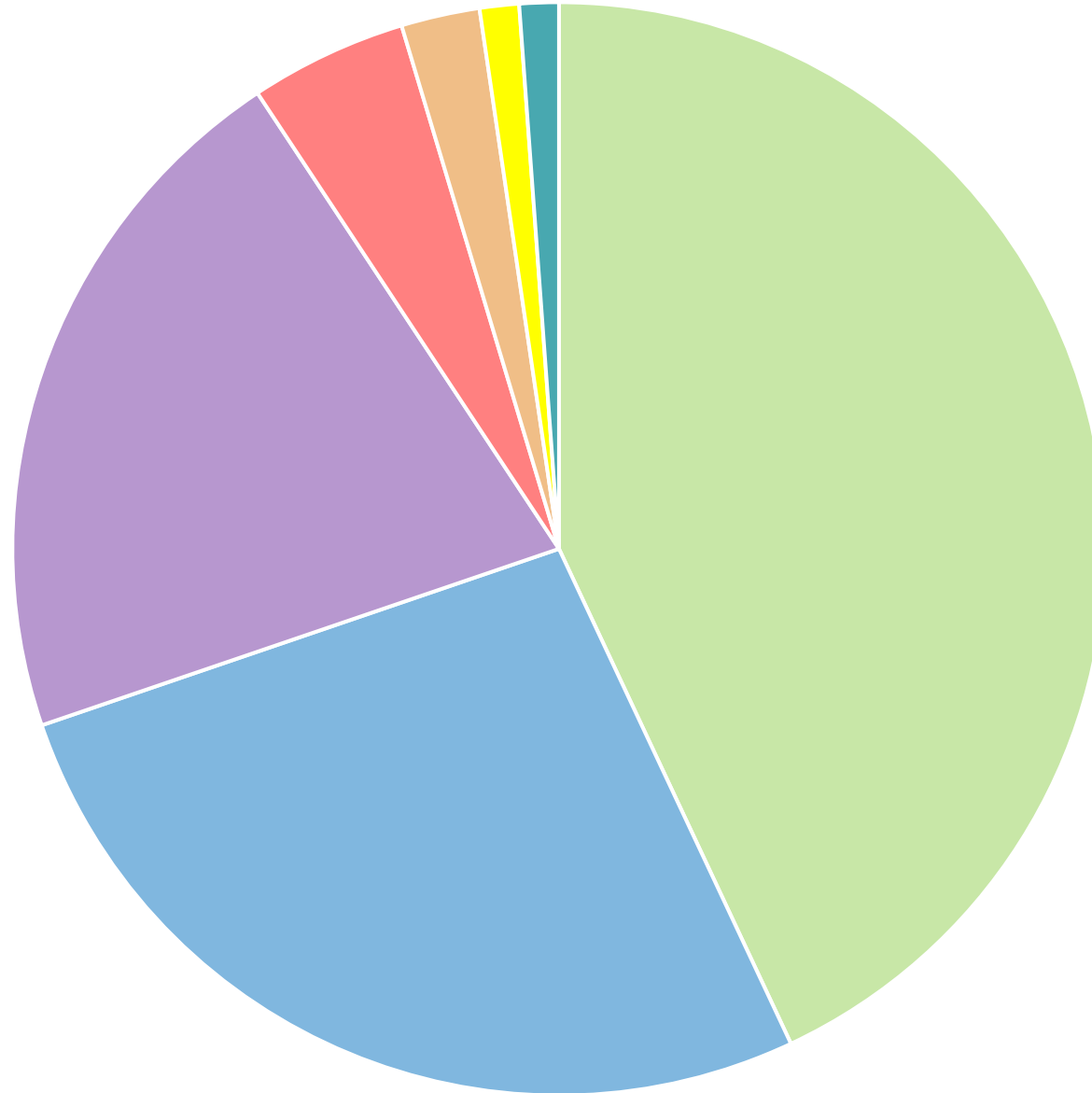
Family Medical Support Assistance Service

Enhanced provider qualification criteria

Transition Home Team



Child Referrals to Family Facilitator



- MCO
- ODP
- Facility Staff
- OMAP
- Child Advocates
- SCOs
- Medical Professionals

What we learned in 2021:

Children in Pediatric Facilities:

- Roughly 215 children living in facilities
- Roughly 35% have lived there for less than 3 years
- Roughly 50% have lived there between 3-10 years
- Roughly 15% have lived there longer than 10 years

Admissions:

- Around 30 admissions in 2021
- 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 35 discharges in 2021
- The shorter the stay and the younger the child, the more likely the child will go home.



Accomplishments/ Lessons Learned

Strengthen Services

We are breaking down the silos between program offices

We structured the EveryChild Inc. model to fit PA's system.

Creating more opportunities for families to have their children at home

Opportunities for Family Life

We do have community providers who want to do this work

We do have people in the community who want to support these kids

We can successfully transition kids with medically complex conditions to live with families

Health & Welfare in Facilities

We have pediatric facilities who are willing to work with us

Despite the pandemic, we have less children in facilities

We have enhanced monitoring of facilities to enforce quality care

**DHS Bulletin on
Registering
Children
with County ID
Agencies**

**Licensing
Regulation
Changes for
Pediatric Facilities**

Questions??