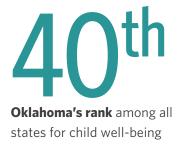
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A baby's early experiences shape the brain's architecture into a foundation for learning, health and eventual success in the workplace.

The numbers below give us a snapshot of children in the Oklahoma child welfare system and reflect opportunities for improving their lives as we move forward.



OKDHS reports there were **11,063 children** in its legal custody on **March 31, 2014**, an increase of nearly **20 percent** over the **9,253 children** in custody on **March 31, 2013**.

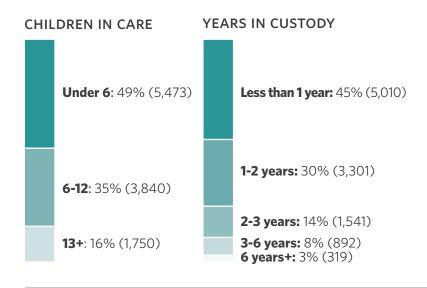


Reunification was the most common type of exit for **Safe Baby Court Teams (SBCT) children (38%)**. If you add in **kinship families, 62.4%** of the **Court**

Teams children ended up with family members.

99%

of the 186 SBCT infant and toddler cases examined were protected from further maltreatment, which far exceeds the national standard of 94.6%



Children served by the **SBCT** exited the **foster care** system approximately **one year earlier** than children in a matched comparison group.

They are **much more likely to reach permanency** with a member of their biological family.

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