

Congregate Care Use From 2004 to 2013

Congregate care placement settings can be group homes or institutions, and may include child care institutions, residential treatment facilities, or maternity homes.* Each child's case plan should be designed to achieve a safe and stable placement in the most family-like setting, and many States are implementing promising practices to reduce reliance on congregate care.**

55,916 CHILDREN & YOUTH
in congregate care**

As of September 2013
Total Number in
Foster Care: 402,314*

Gender**



37%
FEMALE



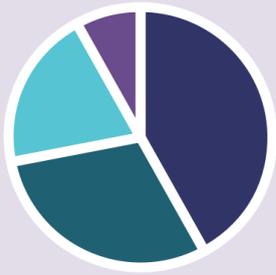
63%
MALE

Average Age at Entry**



14
YEARS OLD

Race/Ethnicity** (%)



■ CAUCASIAN **42%**
■ AFRICAN-AMERICAN **30%**
■ HISPANIC **20%**
■ OTHER **8%**

Average Length of Time in Care**

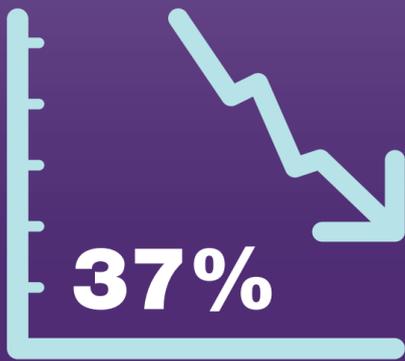
Average
Length of Time

7.9
MONTHS



National Placement Settings: 2004 to 2013**

Use of **congregate care**
has decreased

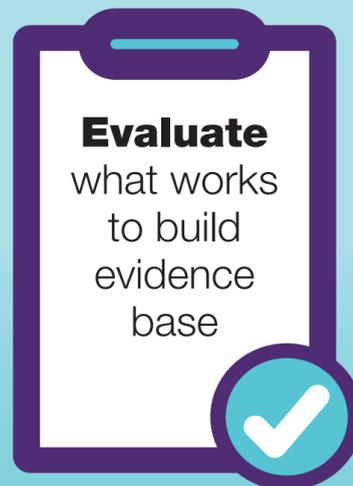
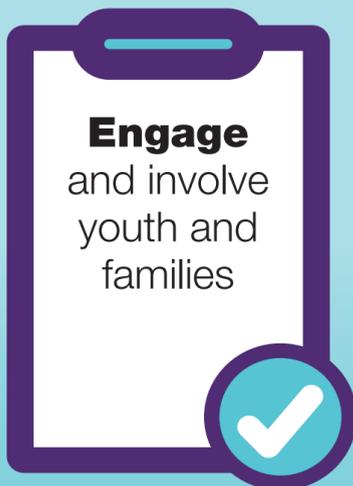
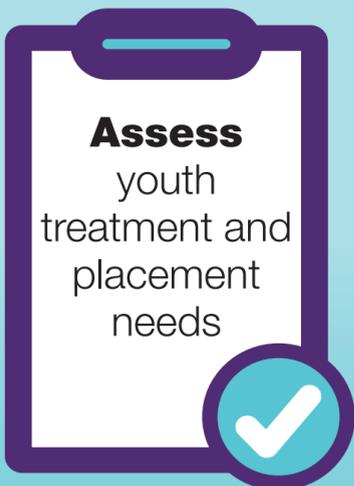


Overall **foster care**
population has decreased



Best Practice Tips

for Achieving Permanency
and Connections**



<https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth>