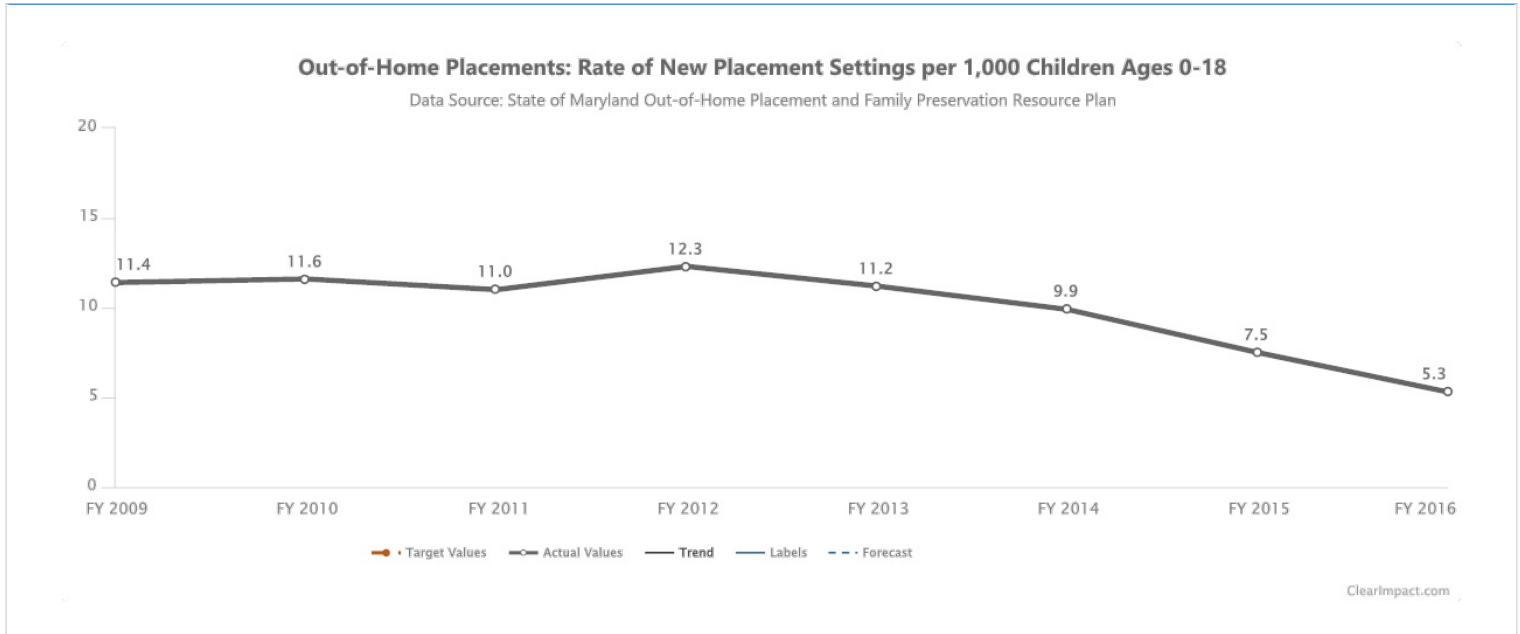


R Families are Safe and Economically Stable (Statewide)

I Out-of-Home Placements: Rate of New Placement Settings per 1,000 Children Ages 0-18



Story Behind the Curve

The rate of new placements measures new admissions into a category of out-of-home placement per 1,000 children (aged 0 to 18) within a given geographic population. For jurisdictions in which few children are placed each year, the difference of one or two children being placed can exaggerate changes in the trend. The rate of new placement settings counts placements and not children.

The rate of new out-of-home placements continues to decrease. FY2016 saw a steep drop in new out-of-home placements, with 4.56 per 1,000 of Maryland children. New out-of-home placements indicate children initially placed or moved from one placement to another. Placement moves may occur when a child is in need of more intensive services or when a child has met placement goals and enters a less restrictive setting.

What Works

The overall decrease in placements in 2016 was driven by a roughly 33% decrease in Non-Community-Based placements, which includes residential treatment centers and substance use programs. An average of 95.6% of children served in Human Resources In-Home services from

FY2009 to FY2015 were able to remain with their families during In-Home services, and avoid out-of-home placement.

Data Discussion

The number of out-of-home placements that occur per 1,000 children in the population.