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STATE CPS ANALYSIS: FLORIDA

Comprehensive Child Protective Services System Review

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Executive Summary

Administrative Structure: State Administered

Evidence Standard: Preponderance of Evidence

12-Year Trend: DECREASING (-57.2% change from 2012-2023)

Training Organizations (3): Florida Community-Based Care Lead Agencies; Florida DCF – Child Protective Investigator Training; Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FSU)

Case Management Systems (1): Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN)

Decision Tools (3): CINS/FINS (Child in Need of Services / Family in Need of Services) programs established for status offense cases:contentReference[oaicite:13]{index=13}; Rapid Safety Feedback (RSF) predictive model; Safety Assessment/Family Functioning Assessment model

Child Maltreatment Trends (2012-2023)

Year	Victims	Rate per 1,000
2012	53,341	13.30
2013	48,457	12.00
2014	45,738	11.30
2015	43,775	11.30
2016	41,894	10.10
2017	40,103	9.50
2018	16,937	8.70
2019	32,915	8.70
2020	28,268	6.70
2021	27,394	6.40

2022	24,505	5.70
2023	22,842	31.80

National Comparison

Rank: #N/A out of 52 states

State Rate: 31.80 per 1,000 children

National Average: N/A per 1,000 children

CPS Training Organizations (3 found)

Organization	Description
Florida Community-Based Care Lead Agencies	Florida outsources foster care operations and family reunification to regional nonprofit lead agencies known as Community-Based Care (CBC) organizations:contentReference[oaicite:3]{index=3}:contentRef...
Florida DCF – Child Protective Investigator Training	The Florida Department of Children & Families runs a specialized training program for its Child Protective Investigators. New hires undergo an academy that covers Florida's abuse hotline procedures, i...
Florida Institute for Child Welfare (FSU)	A research and training institute housed at Florida State University that works to improve Florida's child welfare system. Through state funding, it conducts studies on CPS policy and outcomes, develo...

Case Management Systems (1 found)

System Name	Vendor Information
Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN)	Vendor(s): WRMA (prime integrator/design lead):contentReference[oaicite:17]{index=17}; state IT and subcontractors (development); Tech consortium for ...

CPS Decision Tools (3 found)

Tool/Legal Framework	Category	Description
CINS/FINS (Child in Need of Services / Family in Need of Services) programs established for status offense cases:contentReference[oaicite:13]{index=13}	legal	N/A

Rapid Safety Feedback (RSF) predictive model	tools	N/A
Safety Assessment/Family Functioning Assessment model	tools	N/A

Data Sources

- HHS Child Maltreatment Reports (2012-2023)
- CPS Training Organizations Database
- Case Management Systems Registry
- CPS Decision Tools Registry
- State Administrative Structure Data
- Comprehensive Org Mapping

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