



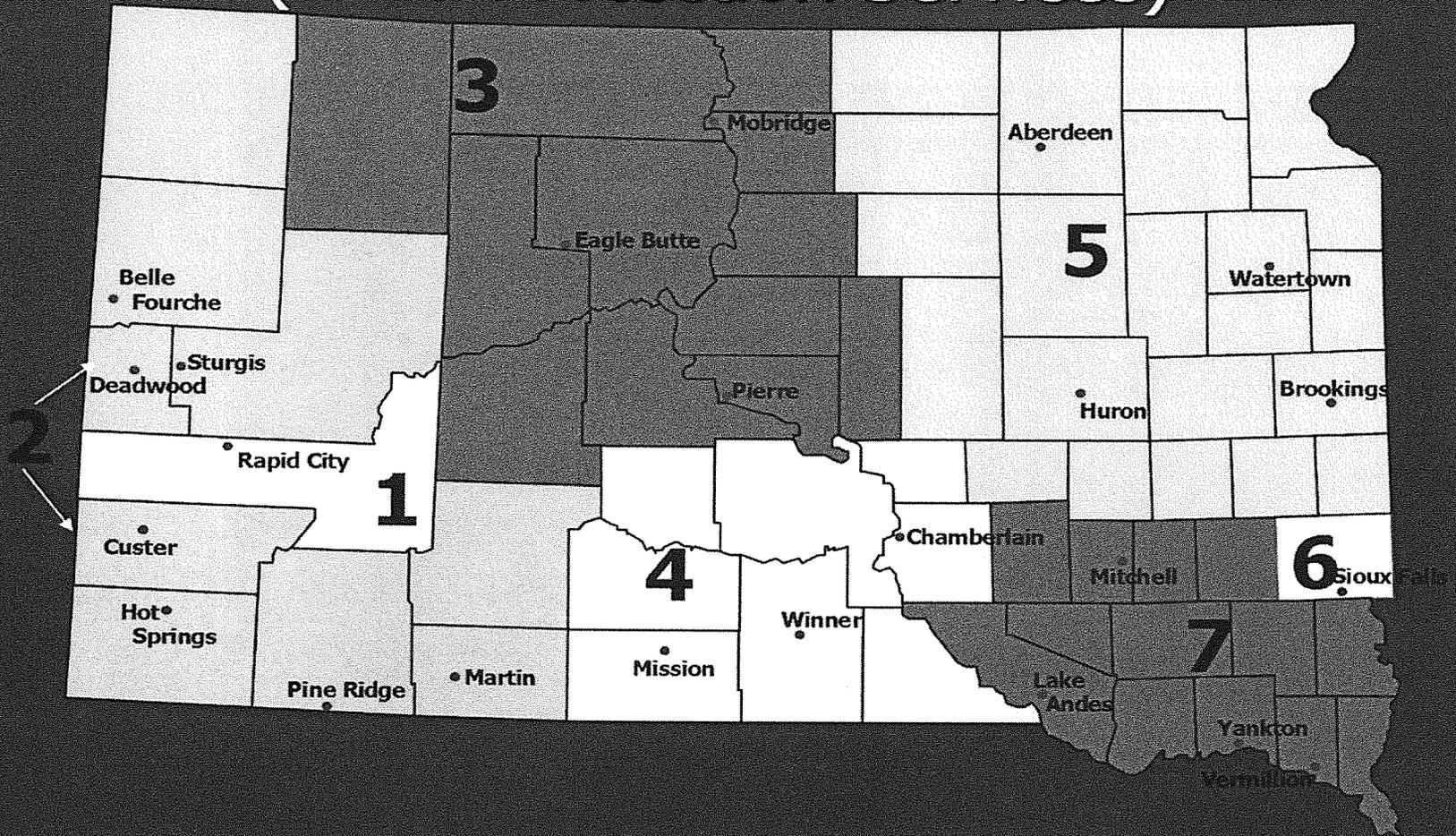
**DEPARTMENT SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES**  
**OVERVIEW**

**August 5, 2014**

# CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

- **CPS CONSISTS OF 7 REGIONS ACROSS THE STATE**
- **20 FIELD OFFICES WITH 2 ITINERANT OFFICES**
- **FY 2015 CPS BUDGET is \$67 MILLION**
- **245.8 FTE**

# Regions (Child Protection Services)



# CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES LAWS

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- **SDCL 26-8A-2. DEFINITION OF ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD ( Parent, Guardian or Custodian)**
- **SDCL 26-8A-3. PERSONS REQUIRED TO REPORT CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT**
- **SDCL 26-8A-9. INVESTIGATION OF ORAL REPORT**
- **SDCL 26-8A-13. CONFIDENTIALITY OF ABUSE OR NELGECT INFORMATION**

# INTAKE AND SCREENING

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- **FIRST STAGE IN THE CHILD PROTECTION PROCESS;**
- **RECEIPT OF REPORTS OF POSSIBLE CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT;**
- **GATHERING INFORMATION FROM THE REPORTER AND OTHERS;**
- **SCREENING FOR ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT;**
  - **CPS INTERVENTION**
  - **REFERRAL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT**
  - **REFERRAL TO SERVICES**

# REPORTS AND ASSIGNMENT OF REPORTS

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## FY2014 STATEWIDE

- 16,129 ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS RECEIVED BY DSS
- 2,581 OR 16% WERE ASSIGNED FOR AN ASSESSMENT

# INITIAL FAMILY ASSESSMENT (IFA)

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**ASSIGNED REPORTS ARE ASSESSED TO DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING:**

- **IF THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE SAFETY CONCERN (PRESENT DANGER) FOR THE CHILD;**
- **WHETHER THERE ARE ANY SAFETY CONCERNS THAT IF NOT ADDRESSED WILL RESULT IN THE CHILD BEING UNSAFE IN THE FUTURE (IMPENDING DANGER).**

# INITIAL FAMILY ASSESSMENT (IFA)

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- **CAN CHILD SAFETY BE MANAGED IN THE HOME OR ARE FURTHER SAFETY INTERVENTIONS REQUIRED;**
- **OUTCOME OF INITIAL FAMILY ASSESSMENT DETERMINES NEXT STEPS.**

# INITIAL FAMILY ASSESSMENT (IFA)

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- **CHILDREN ALLEGED TO BE SEXUALLY ABUSED WOULD ROUTINELY BE REFERRED TO A CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER PRIOR TO OR DURING THE IFA PROCESS**
- **REFERRALS TO THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER MAY BE MADE BY EITHER CPS OR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

# **DISPOSITIONS OF INITIAL FAMILY ASSESSMENTS (IFA)**

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**STATEWIDE – 2,581 COMPLETED INITIAL FAMILY ASSESSMENTS DURING FY 2014**

- **SUBSTANTIATED - 528/20.5%**
- **UNSUBTANTIATED – 1,901/ 73.6%**
- **UNABLE TO COMPLETE – 152/5.9%**
- **CHILDREN REMOVED – 350/13.5%**

## **DISPOSITIONS OF INITIAL FAMILY ASSESSMENTS BY TYPE OF ABUSE (IFA)**

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### **TYPES OF ABUSE**

- **NEGELCT - 75.88% (20% SUB/80% UNSUB)**
- **PHYSICAL ABUSE - 15.74% (12% Sub/88% UNSUB)**
- **EMOTIONAL MALTREATMENT - 5.60% (4% SUB/96% UNSUB)**
- **SEXUAL ABUSE - 2.79% (28% SUB/72% UNSUB)**

# **PROTECTIVE CAPACITY ASSESSMENT (PCA)**

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**WORK JOINTLY WITH PARENTS AND CHILDREN  
WHEN SAFETY CONCERNS ARE IDENTIFIED**

- **WHAT MUST CHANGE FOR CHILDREN TO BE SAFE**
- **WHAT SERVICES CAN ASSIST FAMILY TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES**
- **HELP WITH RECEIVING SERVICES**
- **EVALUATE ONGOING NEED FOR SERVICES AND INVOLVEMENT BY CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES**

# WHEN CHILDREN ARE REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES

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- SAFETY CONCERNS ARE IDENTIFIED AND THE CHILD CANNOT REMAIN IN THEIR HOME
- PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES STAFF CANNOT REMOVE CHILDREN AND PLACE THEM IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY
- ONLY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND JUDGES HAVE THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO REMOVE A CHILD

## **HOW IS CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES INVOLVED IN REMOVALS WITH STATE COURT**

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- **STATE'S ATTORNEY DETERMINES WHETHER A PETITION WILL BE FILED**
- **COURT DETERMINES IF CHILDREN ARE REMOVED AND WILL REMAIN IN CUSTODY OR RETURN HOME**

# **CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES TRAINING**

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## **CERTIFICATION TRAINING COMPONENTS**

- **FOUNDATION (36 HOURS)**
- **INITIAL FAMILY ASSESSMENT (36 HOURS)**
- **PERMANENCY AND WELL BEING (34 HOURS)**
- **ONGOING SERVICES (36 HOURS)**
- **INTAKE AND FAMILY AND CHILDREN INFORMATION SYSTEM (30 HOURS)**

# **CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES TRAINING**

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## **CERTIFICATION TRAINING COMPONENTS**

- **TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE (18 HOURS)**
- **FAMILY GROUP CONFERENCING (18 HOURS)**
- **PRIDE (PARENT RESOURCES FOR INFORMATION, DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION OR EXTENDING OUR FAMILY THROUGH UNITY (30 HOURS)**
- **COMMON SENSE PARENTING (4 HOURS)**



**THANK YOU**