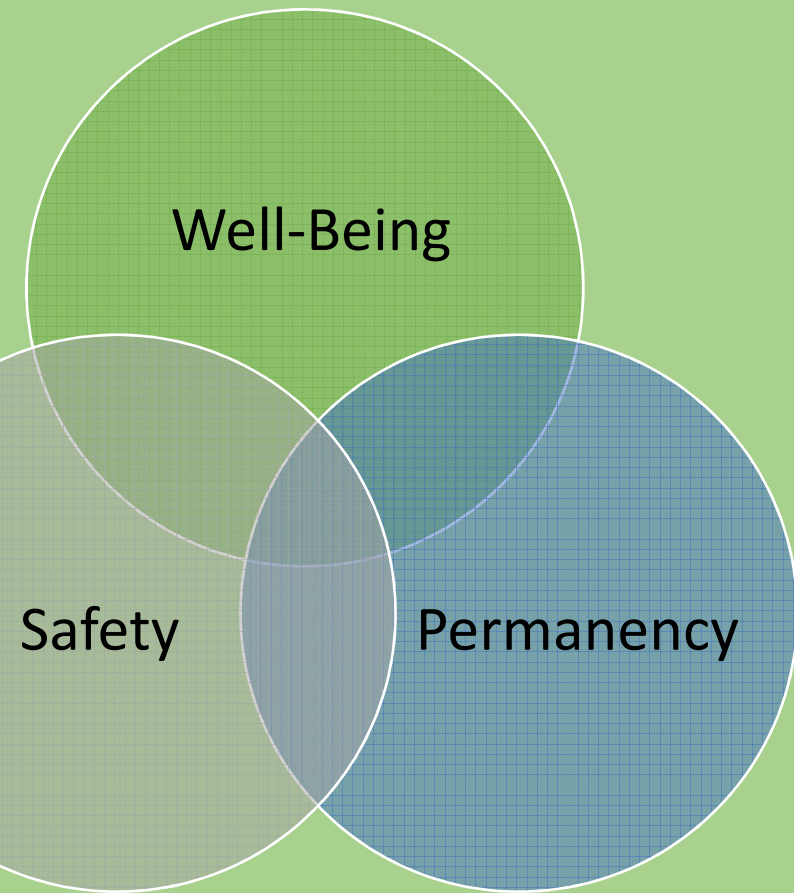


Overview & Scrutiny Permanency and stability for Children Looked After

Sonia Johnson, Assistant Director

Permanency

Child welfare social care primary goals



*Permanency is not a process, a plan, or a placement-
permanency is a family relationship that is intended to last
lifeline*

- Frey, Spring 2004

Permanency

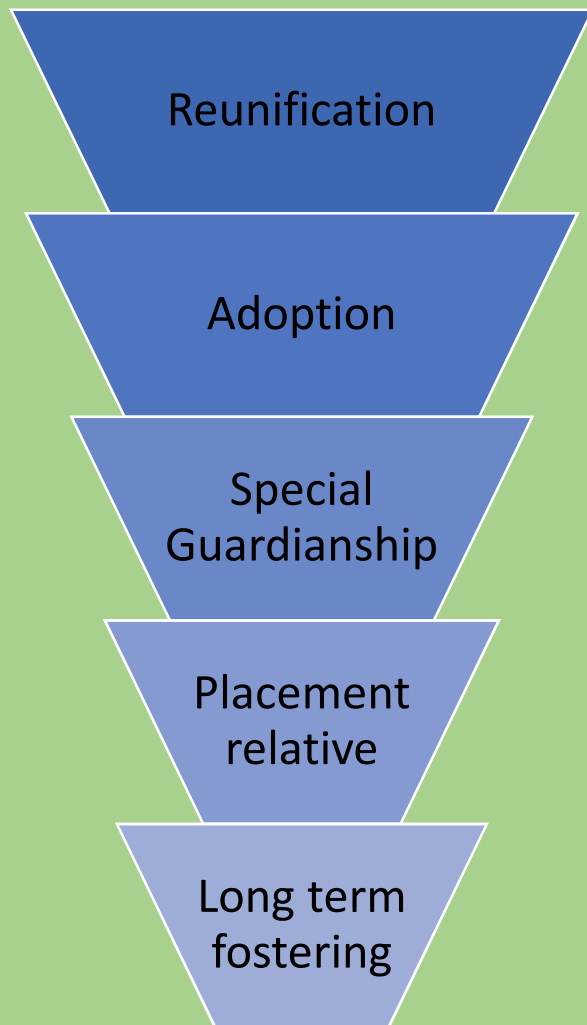
For foster parents we must make reasonable efforts

- Prevent removal; and
- Return child home; or
- Achieve another permanency plan.

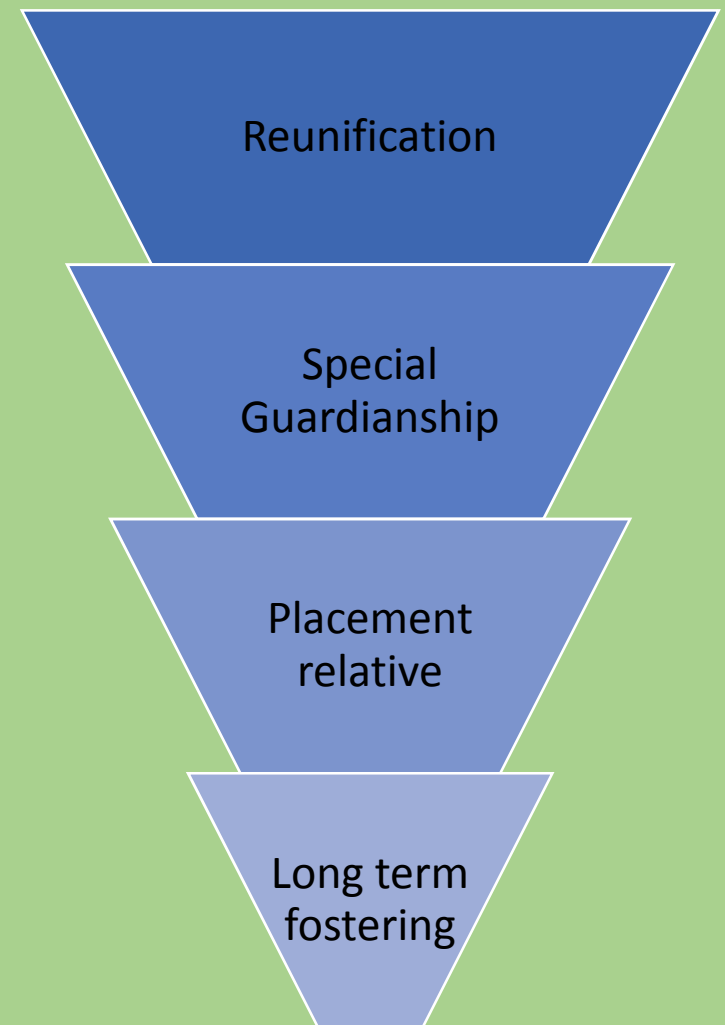


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Children under 6

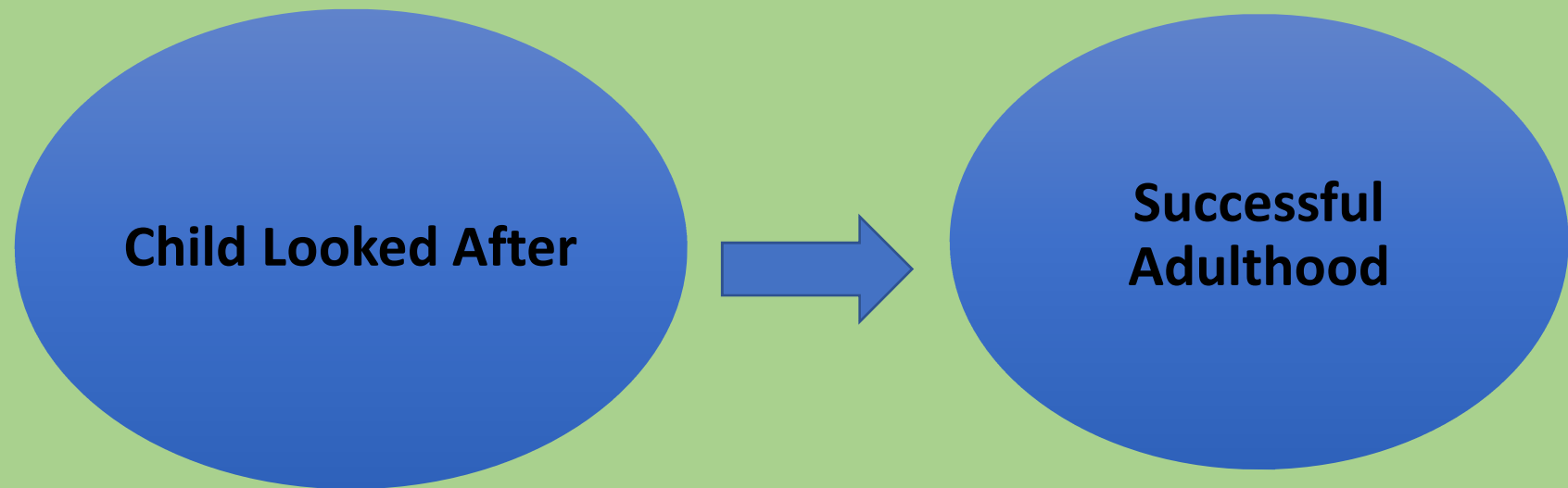


Children 7 to 17



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on Planning for Long Term Fostering



Outcome plans that must achieved

- good health,
- options for housing,
- education or employment and
- continuing support services.

Permanency

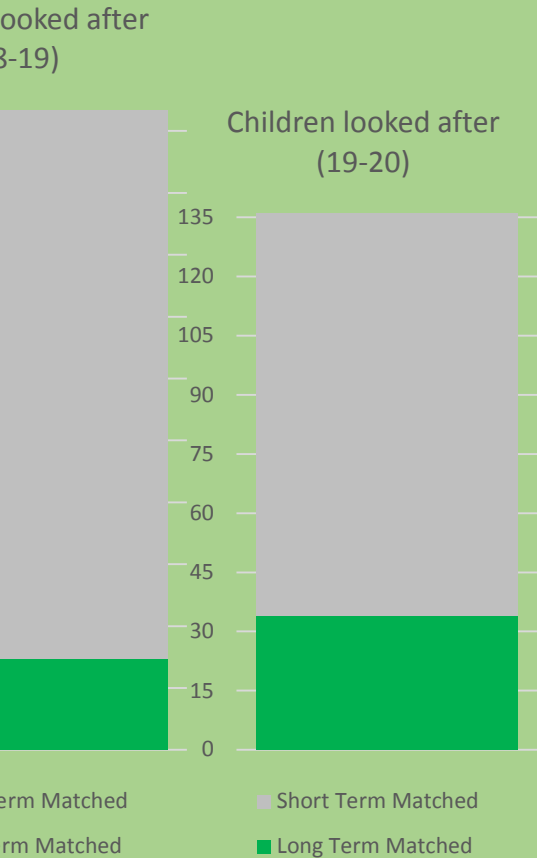
Permanency Challenges

Some children may be labeled early on as “unadoptable”
Family may require more or costly services to keep child safely at home
Workers may confuse placement with permanency
Workers confuse treatment/recovery needs with permanency needs
Workers forget that participation in normal activities
Promotes permanency
Creating stability in the workforce



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rm Fostering Matched



September 2019

136 Children Looked After

34 Long term matched

10 Placed with parents

34 Residential or semi independent

3 placed for adoption



May 2019

155 Children Looked After

22 Long term matched

8 Placed with parents

36 Residential or semi independent

5 placed for adoption

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orce Stability



Video created by SILSLIP (children in care council)



We listened to children looked after



As a service we pledged to make changes



Co-created and shared their video was presented at a whole service away day

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25 September 2019