The Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection

Report and Recommendations on Cross Sector Collaborations Affecting Child Safety

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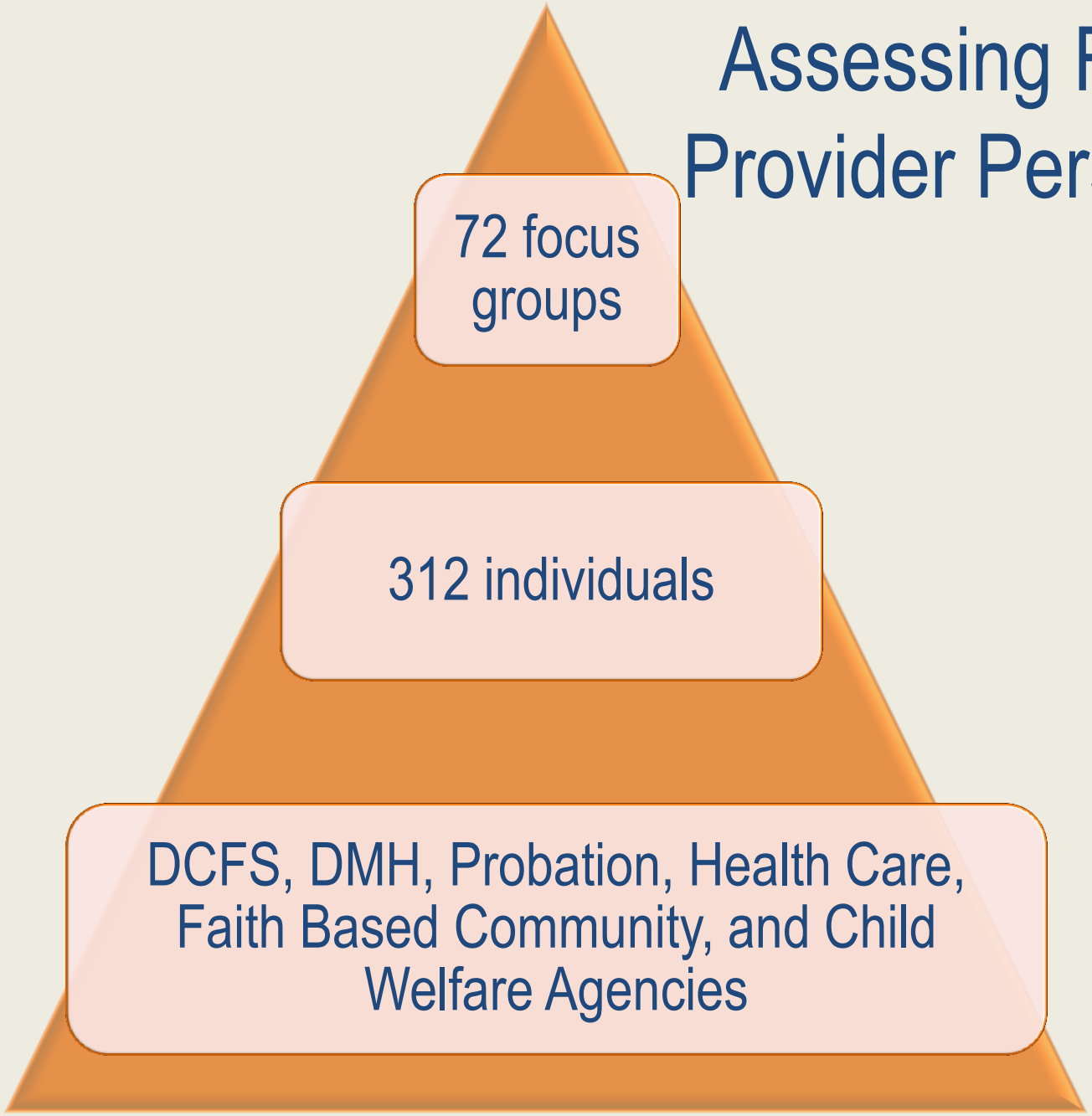
Assessing Frontline Provider Perspectives



Three Major Challenges to Improved Child Protection

- **Focus on compliance, instead of program incentives and outcomes**
- **Many good ideas, weak implementation**
- **Breakdown in community partnerships**

Contracting Processes, Community Partnerships, and Program Outcomes that Protect Children

Scope of DCFS Contracts, 2013

Recommendations

- Foster Partnership and Collaboration
- Developmental Approach
- Redesign of the RFP
- Performance Contracting Practices
- Master Contracting Methodology

Policy Direction for County Department Heads

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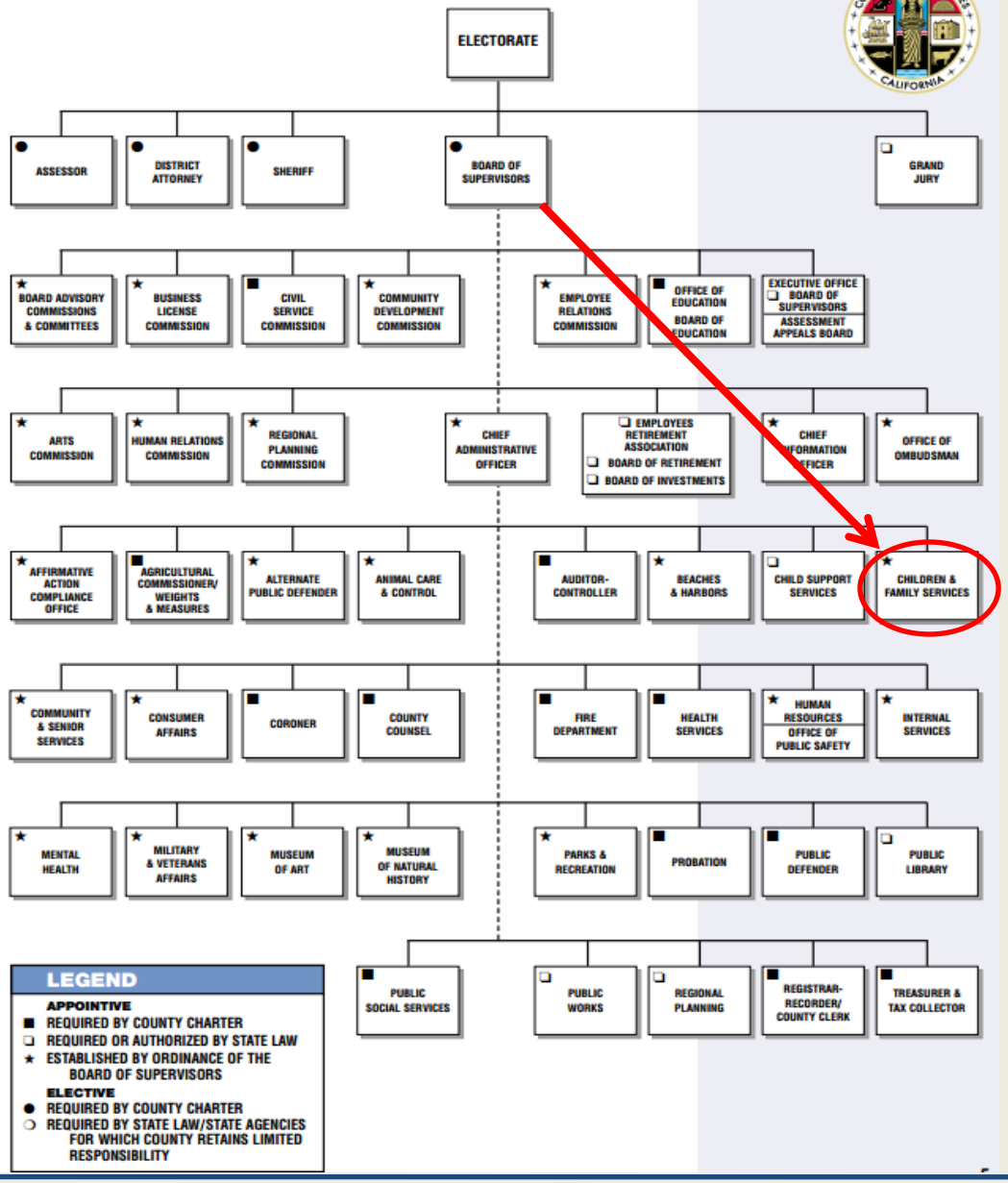
Organizational Chart of the County of Los Angeles



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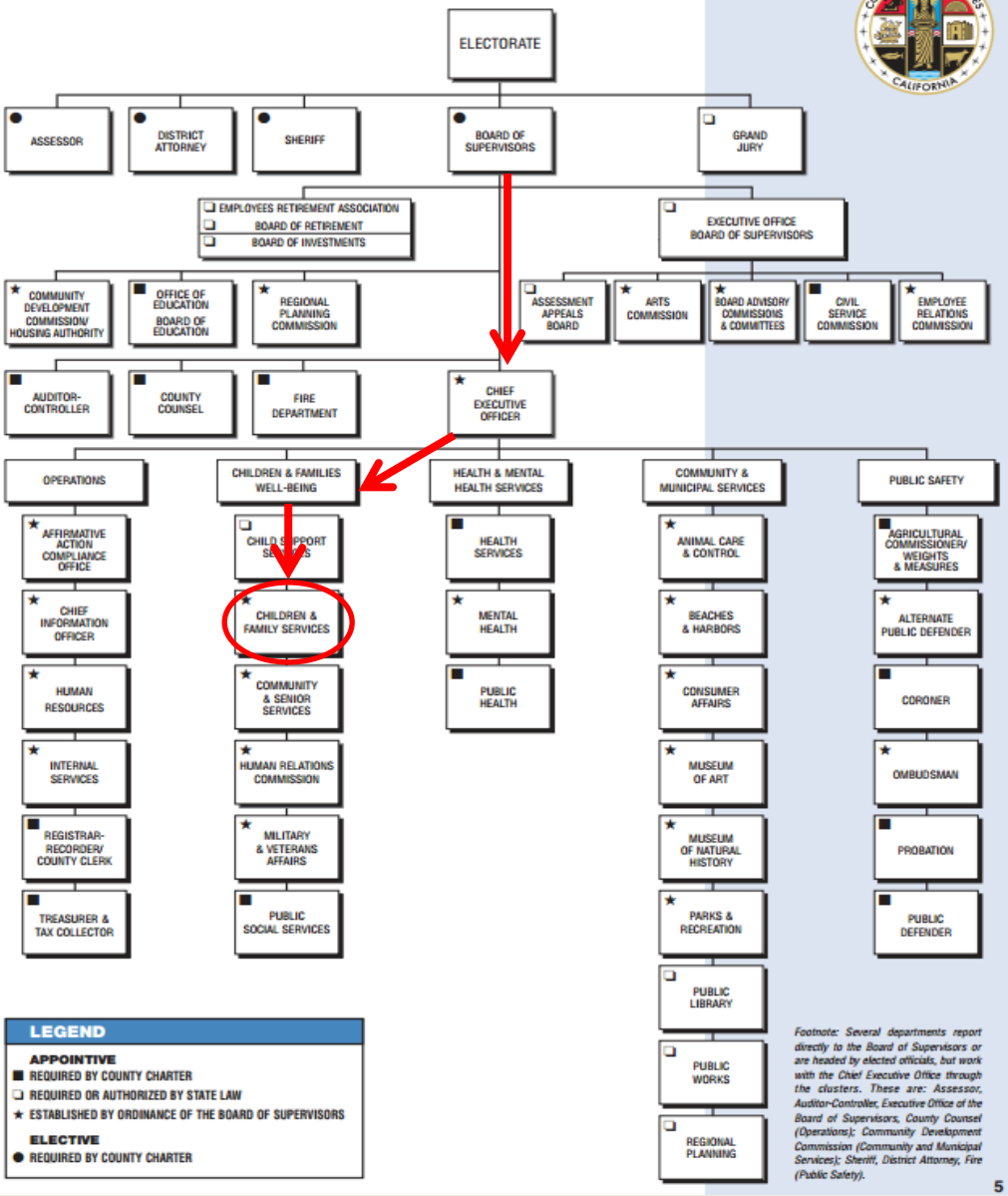

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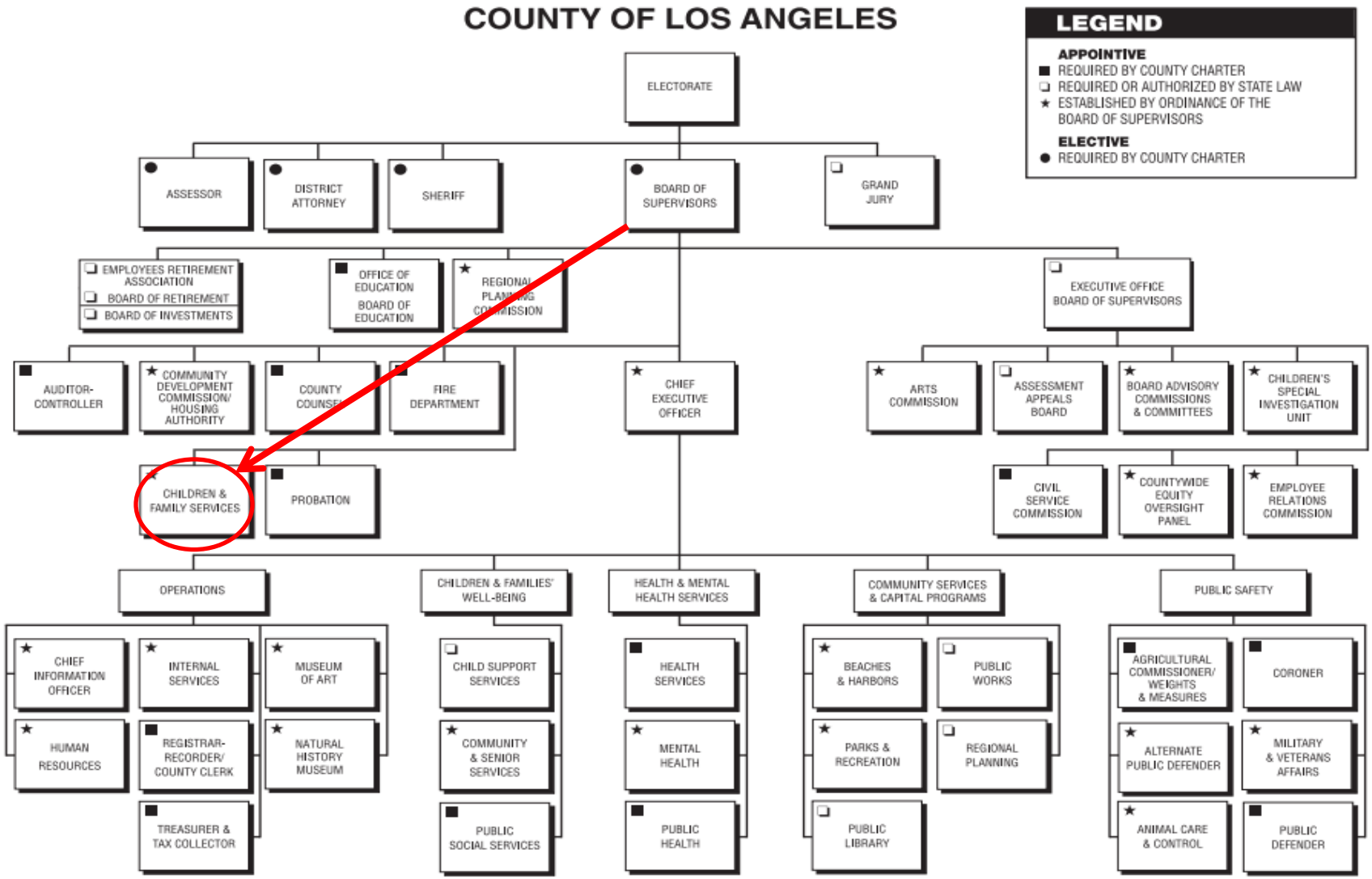

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Recommendations

Improved Workforce Training for Child Protection

The University Consortium for Children and Families

23 Years of Partnership with DCFS

6 Member Universities

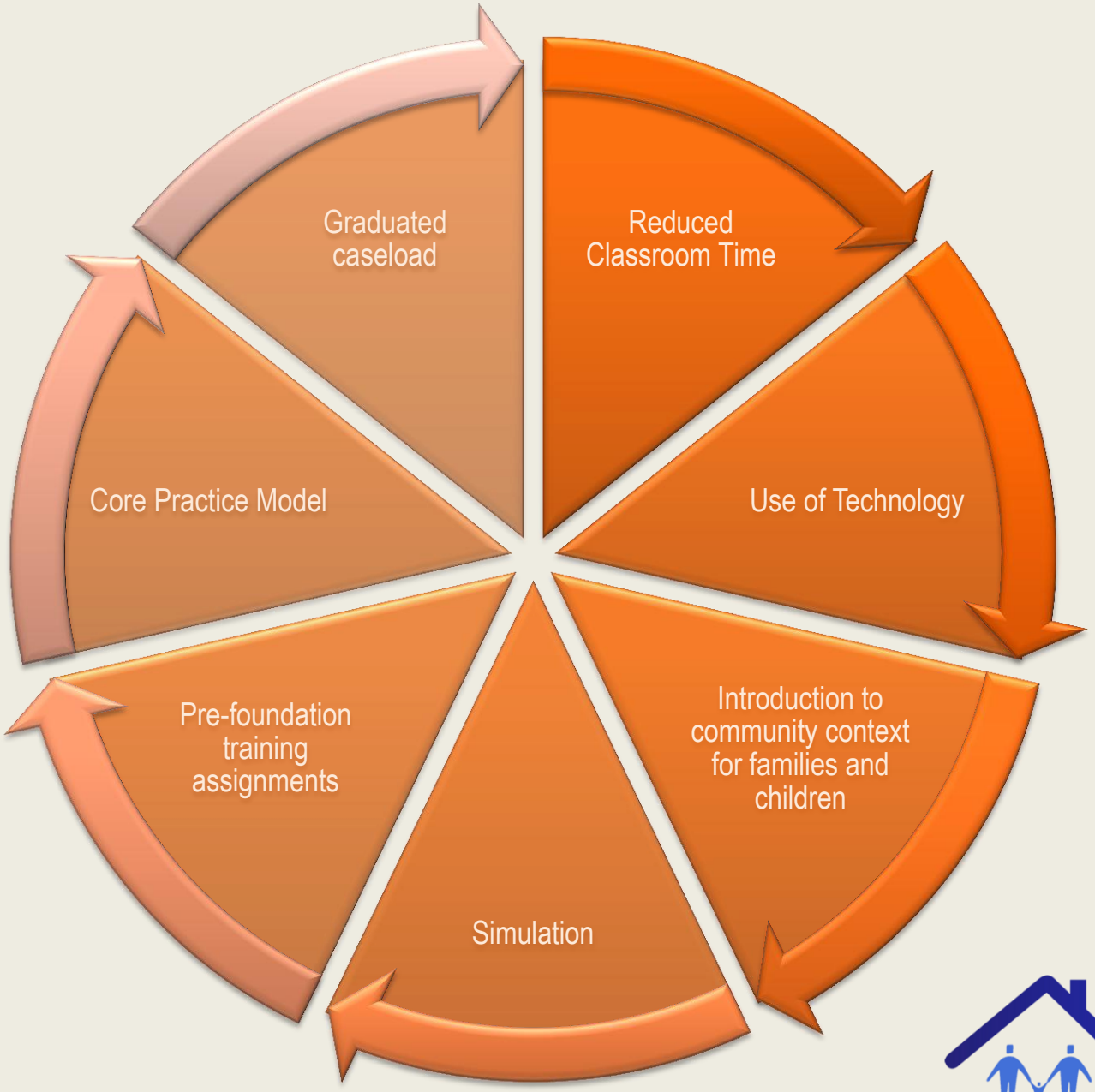
143,000

DCFS Staff Utilizing UCCF Courses Since 1991

Title IV-E Funding

- The major source of federal funding for educating and training the child welfare workforce
- Requires local match of 25%
- Entitlement Program
- Supports internships and employee training
- Designed to prevent the institutionalization of at risk children

Change in Pedagogy



Recommendations

Mandated Cross-training with close DCFS Partners

UCCF Training Model Implemented County-wide Utilizing Title IV-E Funding

Cross-sector Training Reflective of BOS Priorities

Annual Meeting with UCCF and Department Heads

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