



Department of Law

FY18 Child Protection Section

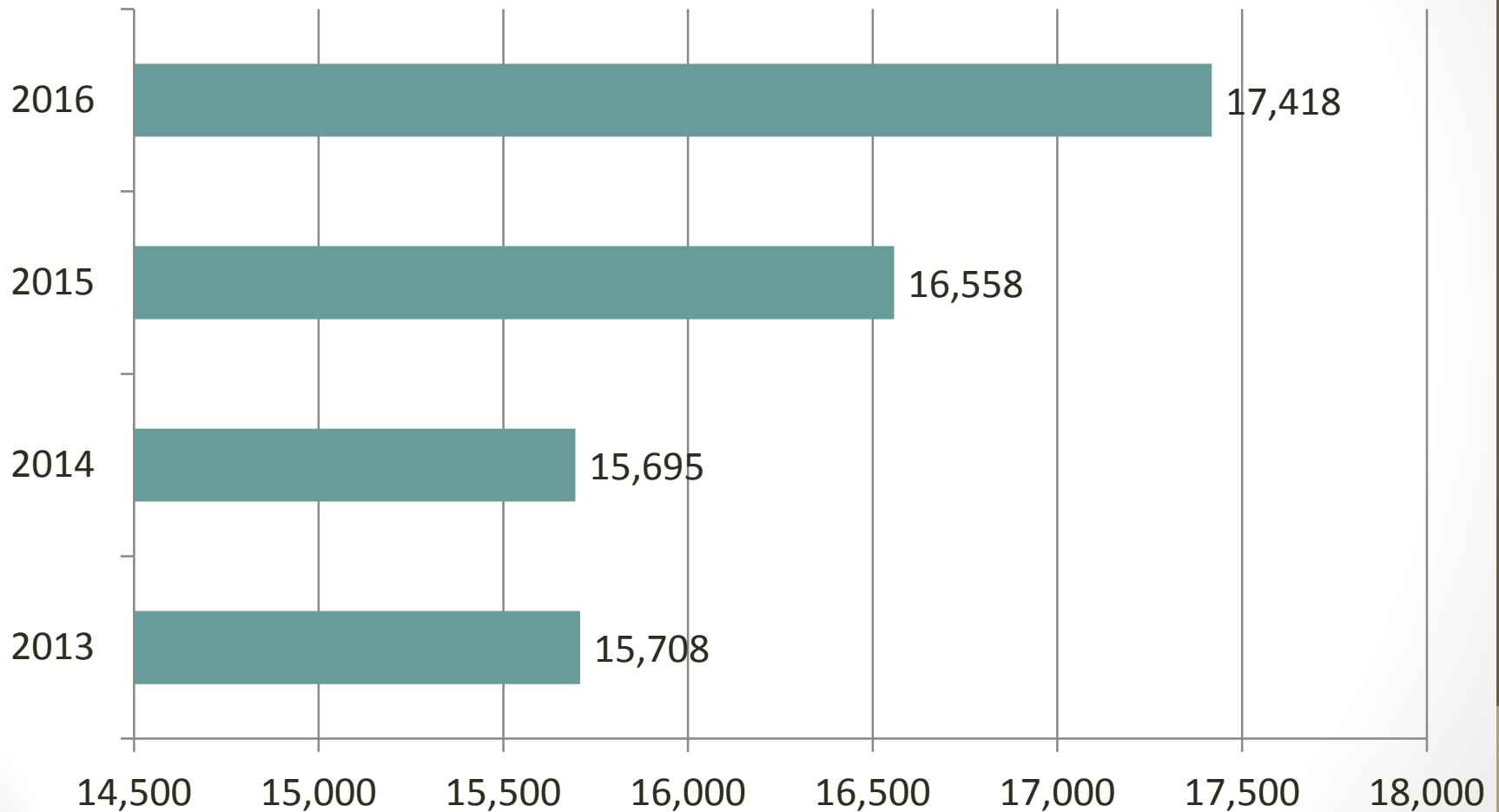
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Child Protection Attorneys

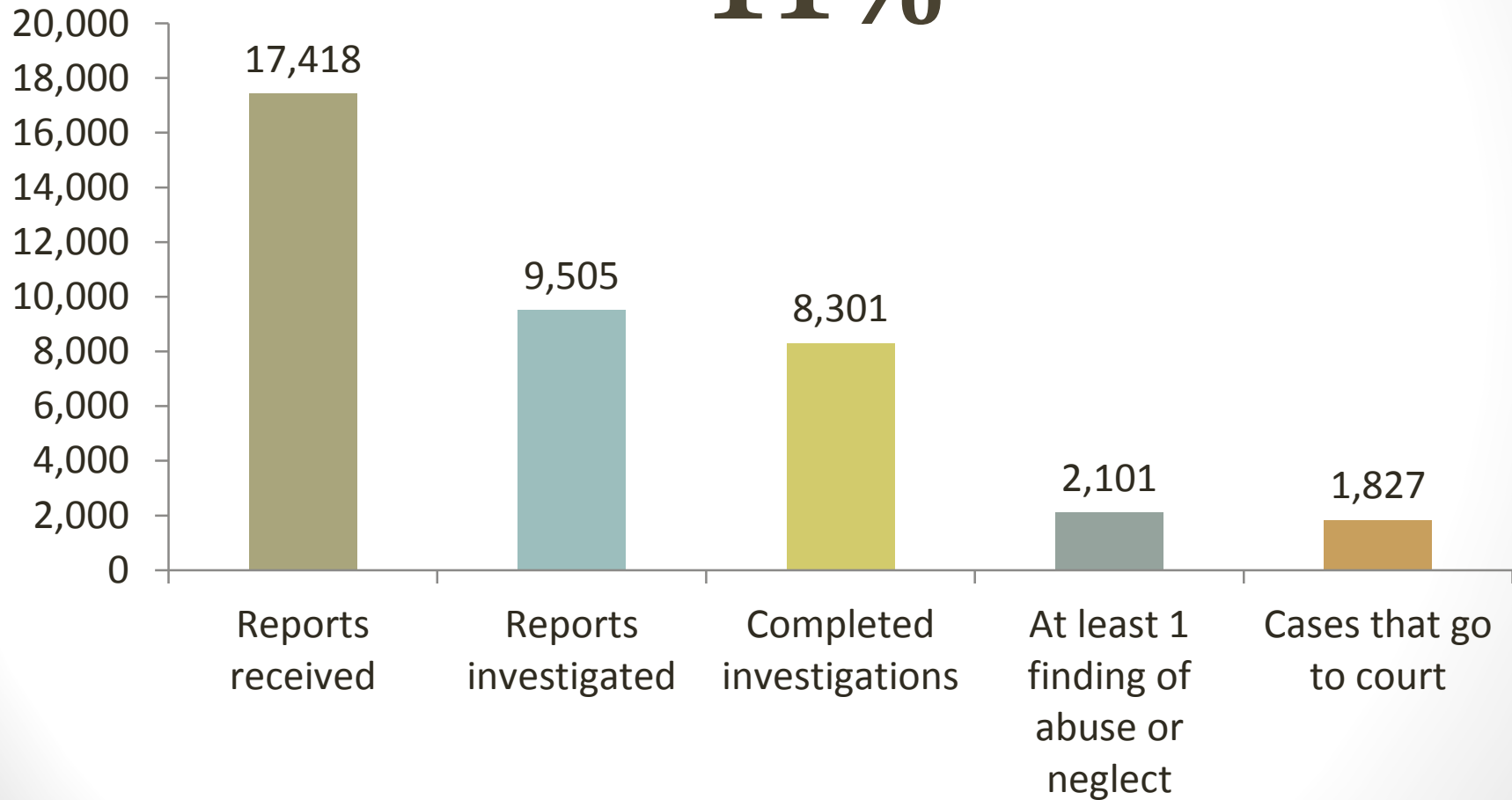
- Represent the Office of Children's Services (OCS) in all court involved Child in Need of Aid (CINA) cases.
- 7 offices across the state:
 - Anchorage
 - Palmer
 - Bethel
 - Nome/Kotzebue
 - Kenai
 - Fairbanks
 - Juneau

Reports of Harm Per Year to OCS



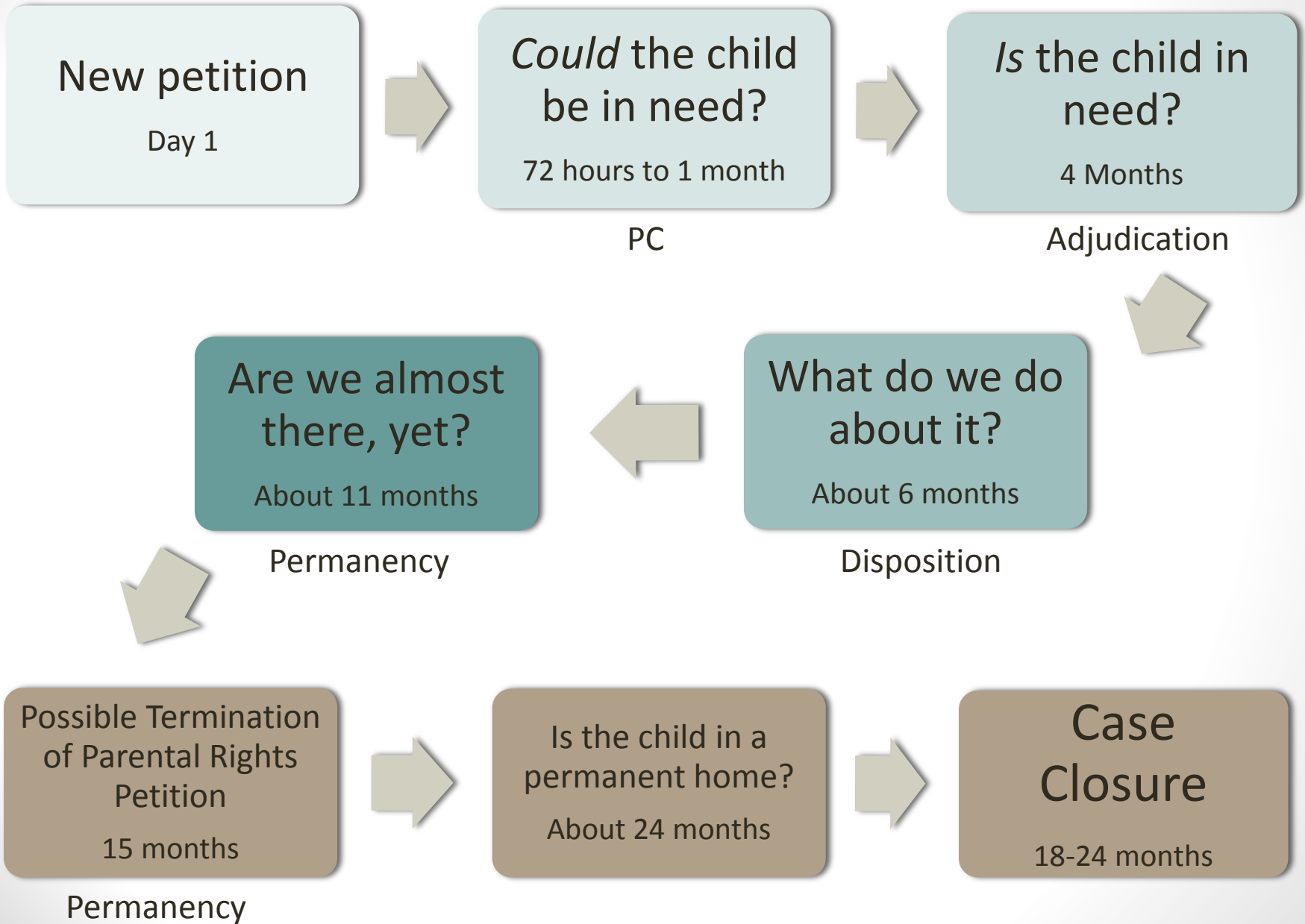
How many reports go to court?

11%

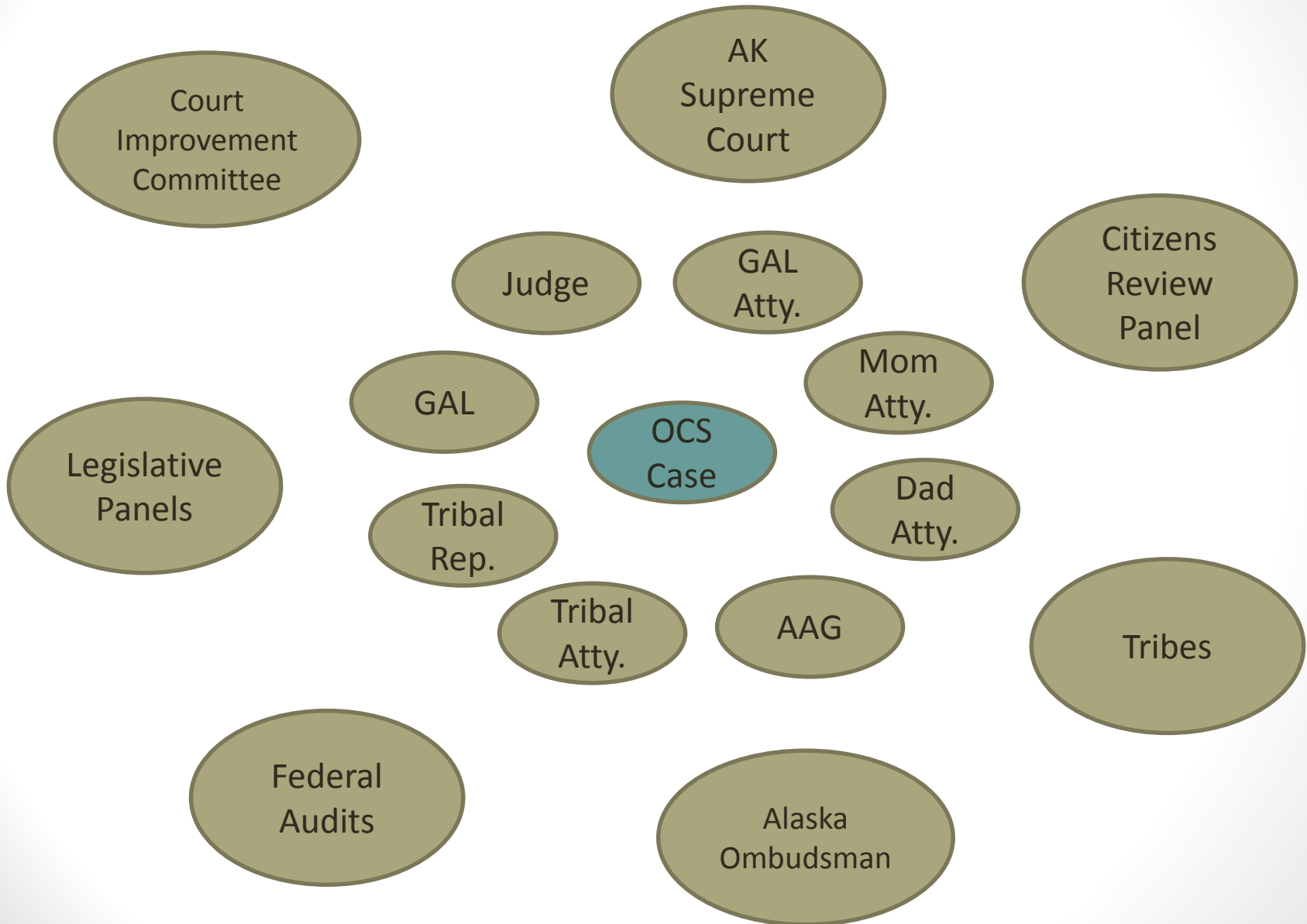


(2016 data)

Court Proceedings of a Child in Need of Aid case



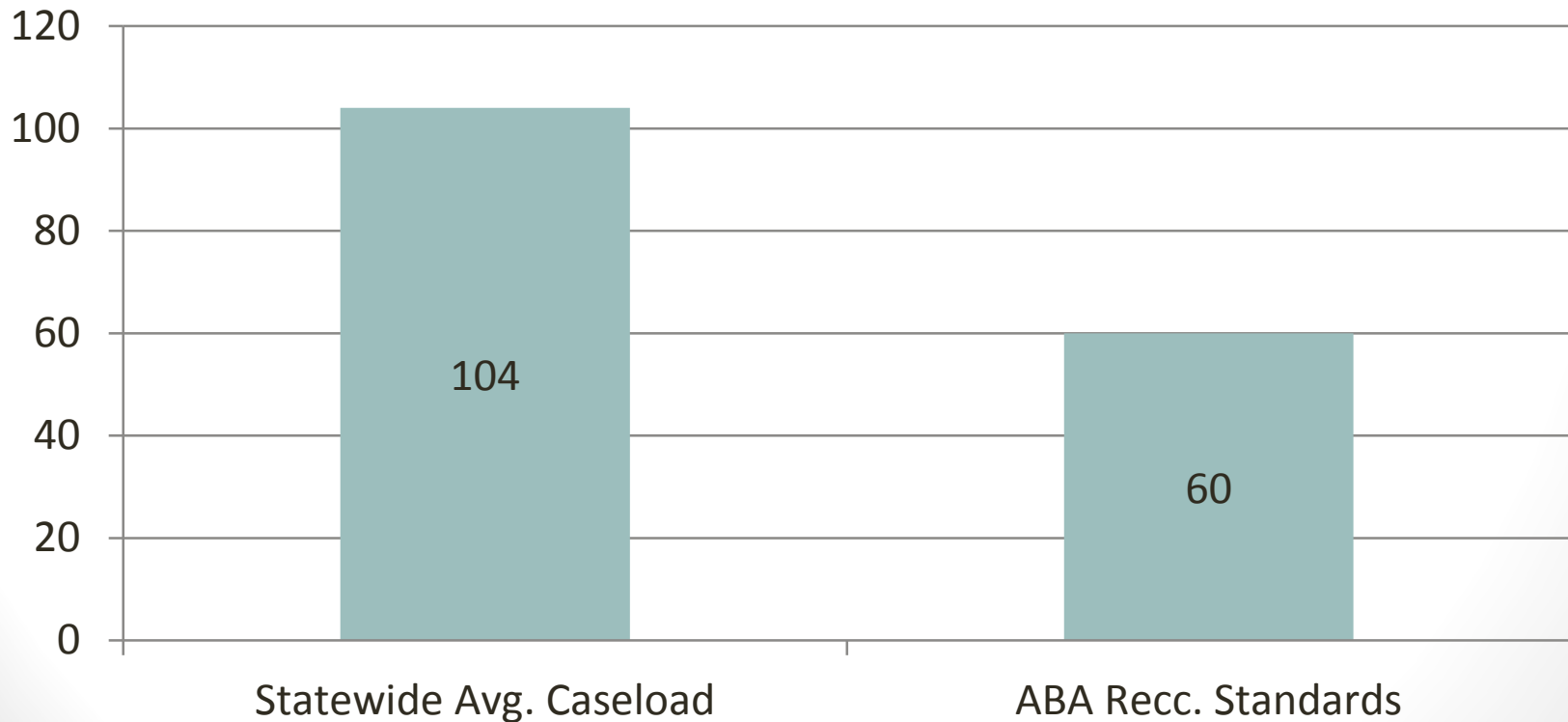
Checks and Balances



Child Protection Attorney Caseloads

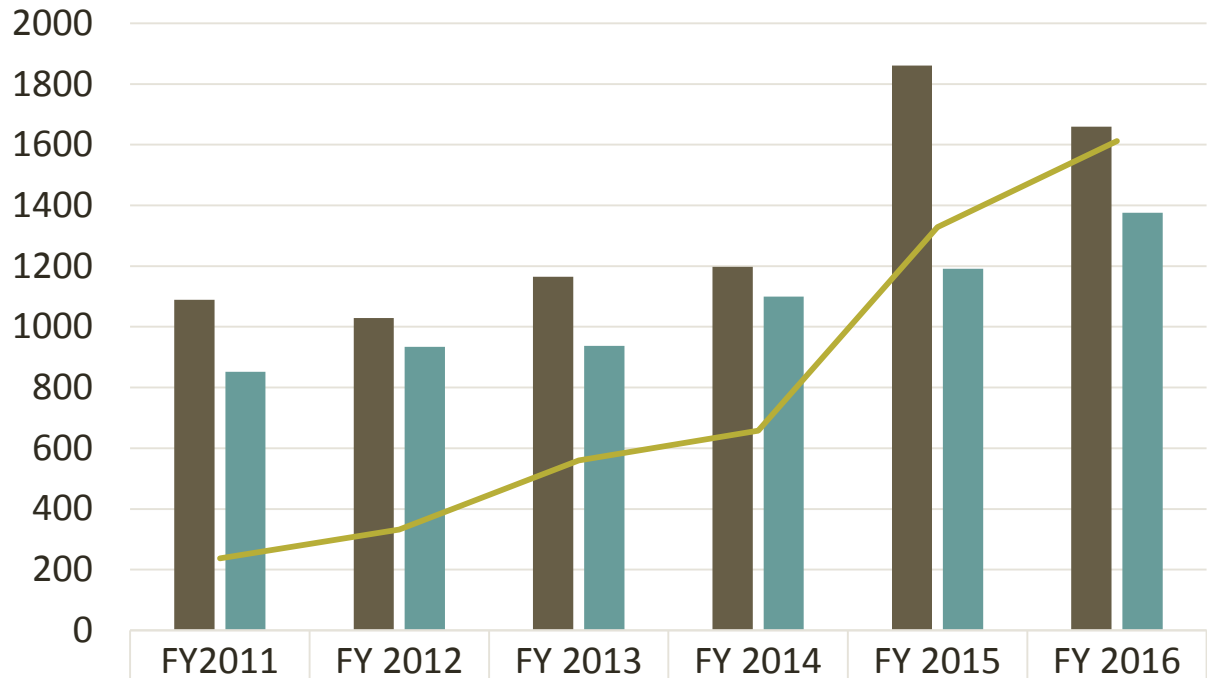
22.25 Case-carrying Assistant Attorney Generals

Caseload Averages



We're Bringing in More Cases than We're Closing

Child Protection Cases



New Cases	1089	1029	1165	1198	1861	1660
Cases Closed	852	934	937	1100	1191	1376
Cummulative Carry Forward	237	332	560	658	1328	1612

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An Average Month for an AAG



80-114 Family Cases

46 Court Appearances Per month

Counsel OCS daily on multiple cases



4-7 trials per month



Email: 50 Per day
Phone: 10 per day



20 meetings with parents and their counsel, GALs, service providers, etc.





Misconception:

OCS profits by taking kids away from their parents.

Fact:

In reality, Alaska is only reimbursed about 35 cent for every AK dollar spent. Child Protective Services is not a money making venture.

Misconception:

Children are rarely returned to their parents.

Fact:

In 2016, over half of the children who left foster care went home to their families.

Misconception:
OCS hearings are secret.

Fact:
Most OCS hearings are open to the public
and have been since 2015.

Thank you.