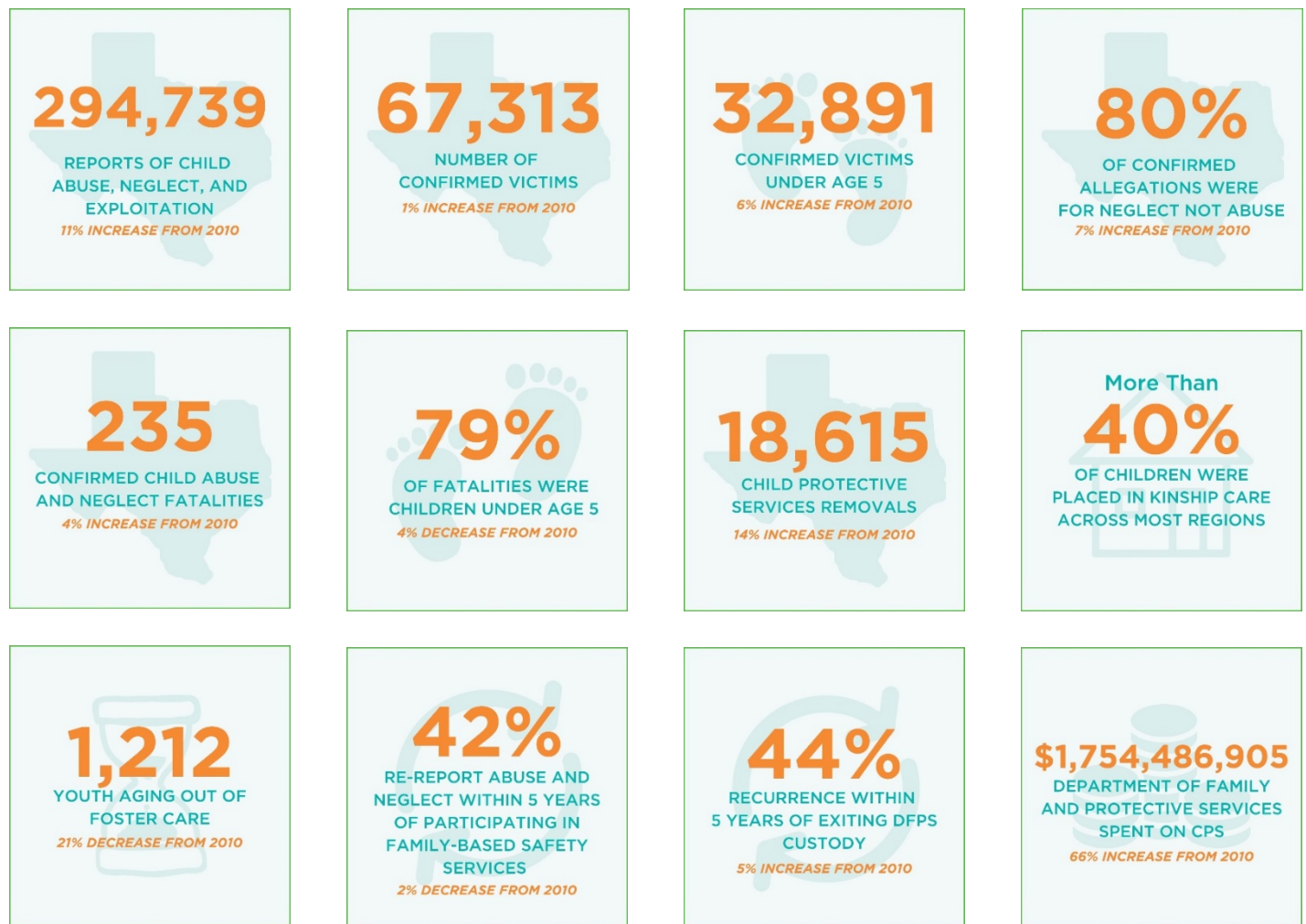




# Child Welfare at a Glance

The children of Texas rely on us to keep them safe and protect them from the trauma of abuse and neglect.

The trauma of abuse and neglect can have many negative impacts across the lifetime. While child welfare and child protection require a collaborative community effort, the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) is the agency tasked by the state to protect children from maltreatment. DFPS provides the full spectrum of services for families: they work with community providers to prevent maltreatment altogether; investigate reports of suspected abuse or neglect; provide families with additional supports aimed at keeping them together; and intervene for custody when a child is unsafe. An effective child welfare system that meets families where they are to ensure child safety and wellbeing is crucial for the children of Texas.



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