

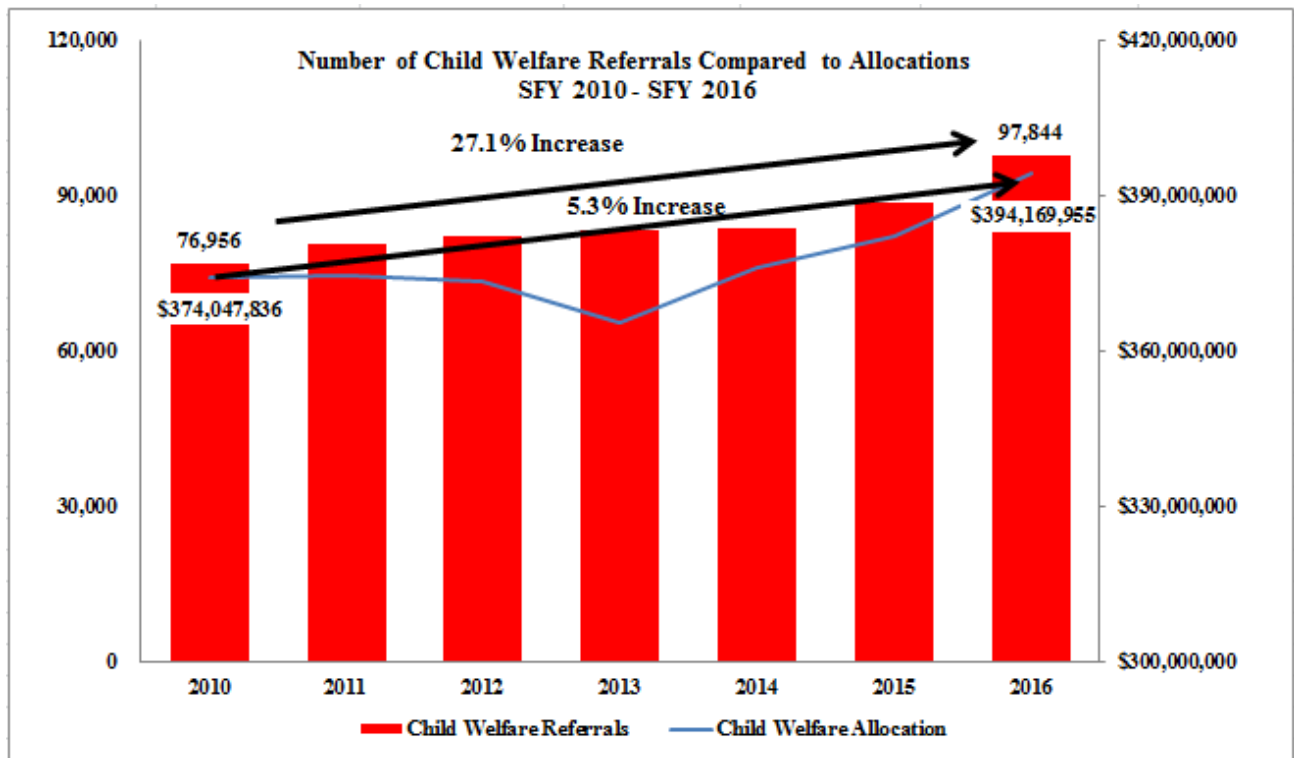
- Counties have experienced a **27.1%** increase in the number of child protection referrals (reports) from FY 2010 to FY 2016.
- Child welfare allocations increased by **5.3%**.
- The Child Welfare Hotline was implemented statewide on January 1, 2015 and resulted in an increase in reports of suspected child maltreatment.

**CHILD PROTECTION REFERRALS HAVE INCREASED**

In the 2013 session, the legislature passed **HB 13-1271** that created the statewide Child Welfare Hotline Steering Committee and hot line. The Hotline went live across the state on January 1, 2015.

The following chart shows that since SFY 2010, the number of referrals (reports) for suspected child abuse increased by **27.1%** or **20,888** referrals. The implementation of the child welfare hotline contributed to this increase. Child welfare allocations increased this same span **5.3%**.

For SFY 2015-2016, the Legislative added **\$6,064,149** for additional child welfare staff and in SFY 2016-2017. In SFY-2014-15, the State allocated **\$1,465,564** and FY 2015-2016 **\$1,365,561** to the counties for the Child Welfare Hotline.



**Sources:** Ad Hoc TRAILS Report prepared on November 21, 2016 and CDHS Allocation Tracking Reports.

**Note:** Child Welfare Allocation is comprised of the Child Welfare Block grant, Core services, and funds for the implementation of the state child welfare hotline.