

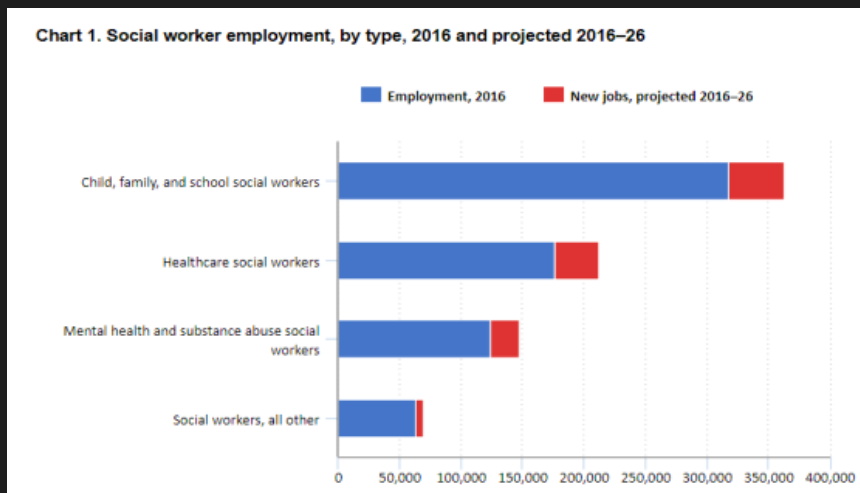
## SOCIAL WORK

# THE PROBLEM WITH DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES

*An in-depth look at the issues social workers face*

## LIFE OF A SOCIAL WORKER

- Nearly 90% of mental health workers seek personal therapy before, during, and after their professional training
- Social Workers have the highest rates of injuries and illnesses of all occupations
- Caseloads range from 10 to 100 children per Child Welfare worker



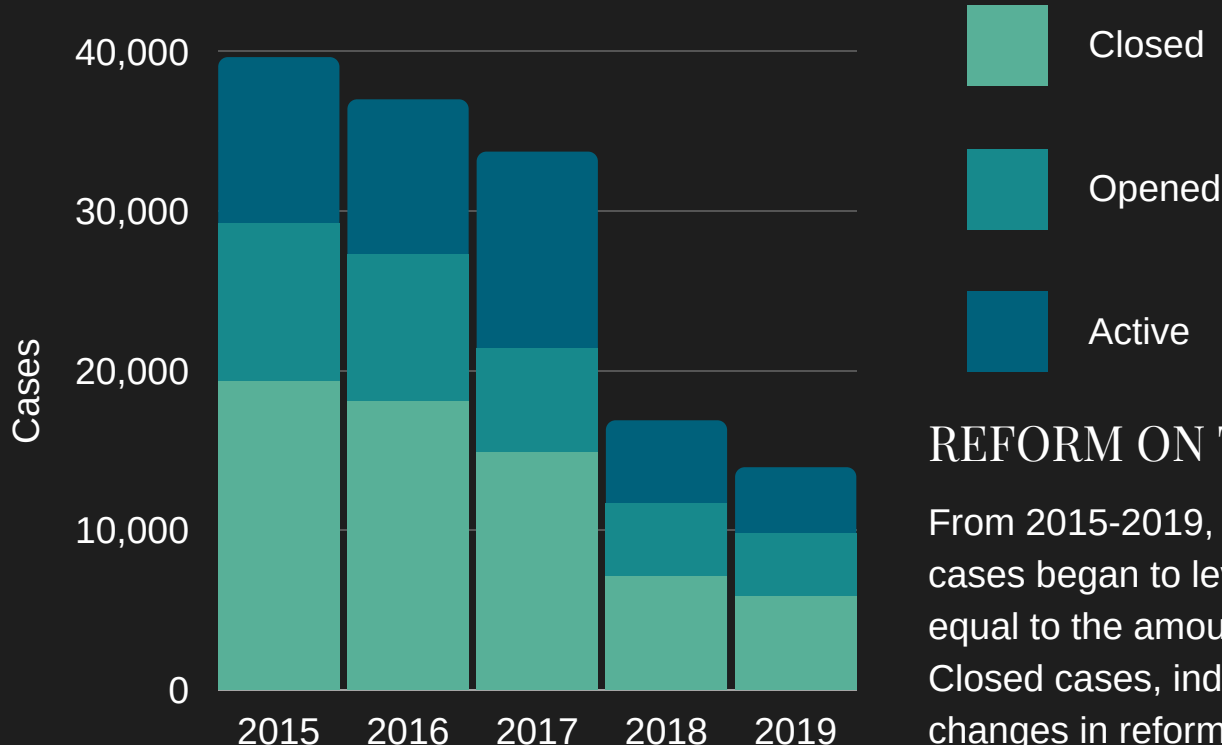
- The Child Welfare field is known for high turnover rates- this results in low staff morale and excessive workloads

## WHY SOCIAL WORKERS ARE NECESSARY

In social work cases where there were not enough social workers, the following circumstances have occurred:

- A study of 155 girls ages 4-17 in foster care revealed that 84% had been sexually abused while 81% had been physically abused
- 9 year old Byron Cassanova was visited by a social worker who was concerned about his living situation, four days later he committed suicide
- Bruce Jackson (19) and three other children (9-14) were found scavenging through trash for food in Collingswood, NJ, even after being visited by DYFS
- Raheem Williams (7) and Tyrone Hills (4) found in the basement of a house along with the body of Raheem's twin brother in a storage container in Newark, NJ

## FCS CASES IN MISSOURI



### REFORM ON THE RISE

From 2015-2019, the amount of Active cases began to level out and become equal to the amount of Opened and Closed cases, indicating positive changes in reform