



ARIZONA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SUCCESS REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFETY

More Arizona Children Are Leaving Foster Care Than Entering

For the first time since 2010, more Arizona children are leaving state care than are entering it, which means children are becoming permanent members of loving families, free from abuse and neglect. The Department of Child Safety **reduced children in state care by 9.7%** in 2016, reversing a trend that had recorded 92% growth over the past decade. By increasing the State's investment in social services and reducing backlogged caseloads, case workers have been able to provide more individualized attention to assigned families, which has enabled more children to stay in or return to their homes, or achieve permanency through adoption.

