

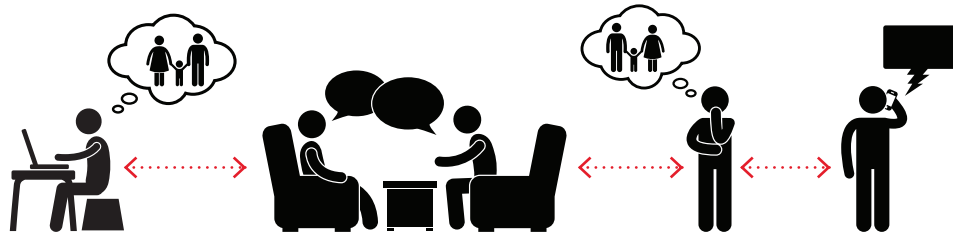
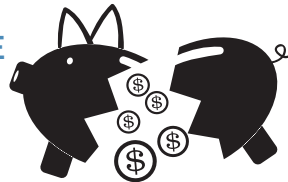
OF CHILDREN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY IN 2015 HAD PARENTS USING OPIOIDS.

CHILDREN ARE REMAINING IN CARE LONGER



DUE TO THE TIME IT TAKES AN ADDICT TO RECOVER, **THUS REDUCING THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE FOSTER HOMES.**

FOSTER CARE COSTS INCREASED 20%, BY \$55 MILLION, DUE TO MORE CHILDREN IN CARE AND THEIR INTENSE NEEDS—WHICH IS SENDING AGENCIES INTO SIGNIFICANT DEFICIT.

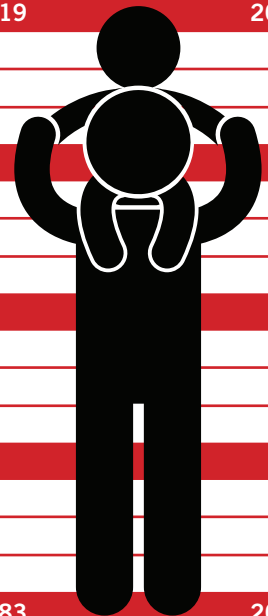


SUCCESSFULLY REUNIFYING CHILDREN OF PARENTS WITH OPIOID ADDICTION REQUIRES MUCH MORE INTENSIVE CASEWORK. **SOME LOCAL AGENCIES REPORT THAT MORE CHILDREN ARE BEING PLACED IN PERMANENT CUSTODY THAN RETURNING TO PARENTS.**

1,336

MORE CHILDREN IN CARE TODAY THAN SIX YEARS AGO.

13,719 2016



12,383 2012



OHIO IS **50TH** IN THE NATION FOR STATE INVESTMENT IN CHILDREN SERVICES OVER 4X LOWER THAN THE NATIONAL AVERAGE.

WE NEED TO PUT OUR KIDS FIRST, NOT LAST.

OHIO MUST INVEST IN CHILDREN SERVICES!

