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We are proud that 2014 marks the 30th anniversary of the creation of our Department.

We are two years into the implementation of our five year strategic plan, our blueprint for progress and improved services.

We have approximately 7,300 employees who prioritize keeping children safe and in their home whenever possible.

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In 2013, we made face-to-face safety assessments for 150,000 children. We have ongoing supervision of 36,000 children and their families. Of those, about 17,000 children are living in out-of-home care, with about 9,000 children living with their relatives.

We reunified 5,000 children with their parents last year.

For those who cannot reunify with their biological parents, we seek permanent and loving homes. Last year, over 1,300 children were adopted.

In 2014, we will build on a number of other successes:

In partnership with local universities, we implemented a 52-week academy for new social workers. The training features simulations of real life scenarios that social workers will encounter on the job. In 2013, we hired 100 new social workers with a plan to hire 350 more. Together with our new training, these new workers will help us reduce case loads and ensure child safety. We've replaced our 6,000-page policy manual with a revised, web-based user friendly version. We will soon open our Youth Welcome Center for children twelve years or older who are waiting for foster placements. We will continue our monthly management meetings to review key performance data and track improvements.

These successes would not be possible without the support of our Board of Supervisors, our Chief Executive Officer, and our community partners. Thank you all for your support. I especially want to thank the staff of our Department who work tirelessly everyday to ensure the health and well-being of the children we serve.