

CONNECTING THE DOTS: Safety, Permanency, and Well-being

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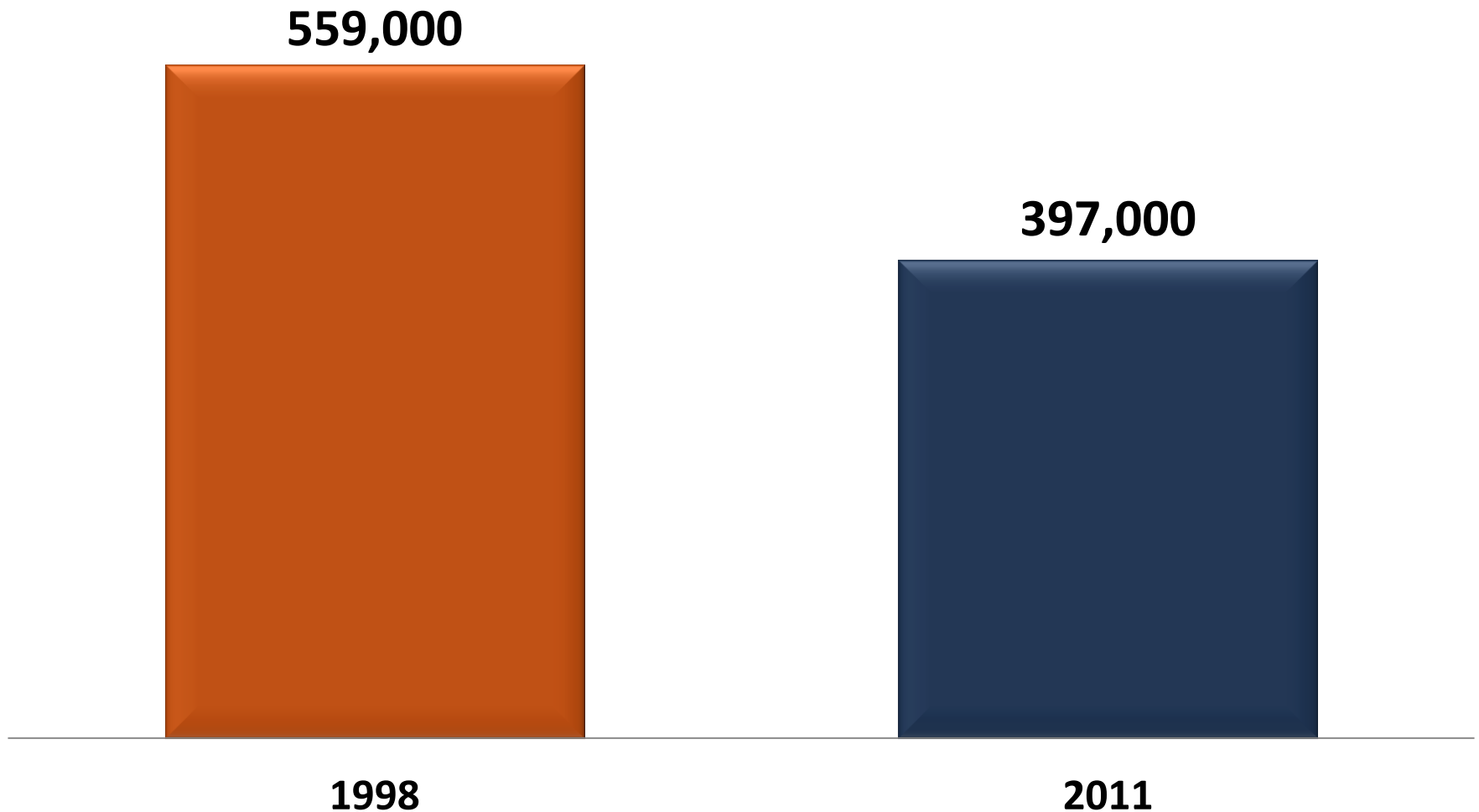
Career Path

1. ED, Chapin Hall at U of Chicago
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7. Assistant to Governor for Human Services,
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Guiding Principles of ASFA 1997

- The safety of children is the paramount concern that must guide all child welfare services
- Foster care is a temporary setting and not a place for children to grow up
- Permanency planning efforts should begin as soon as a child enters the child welfare system
- The child welfare system must focus on results and accountability

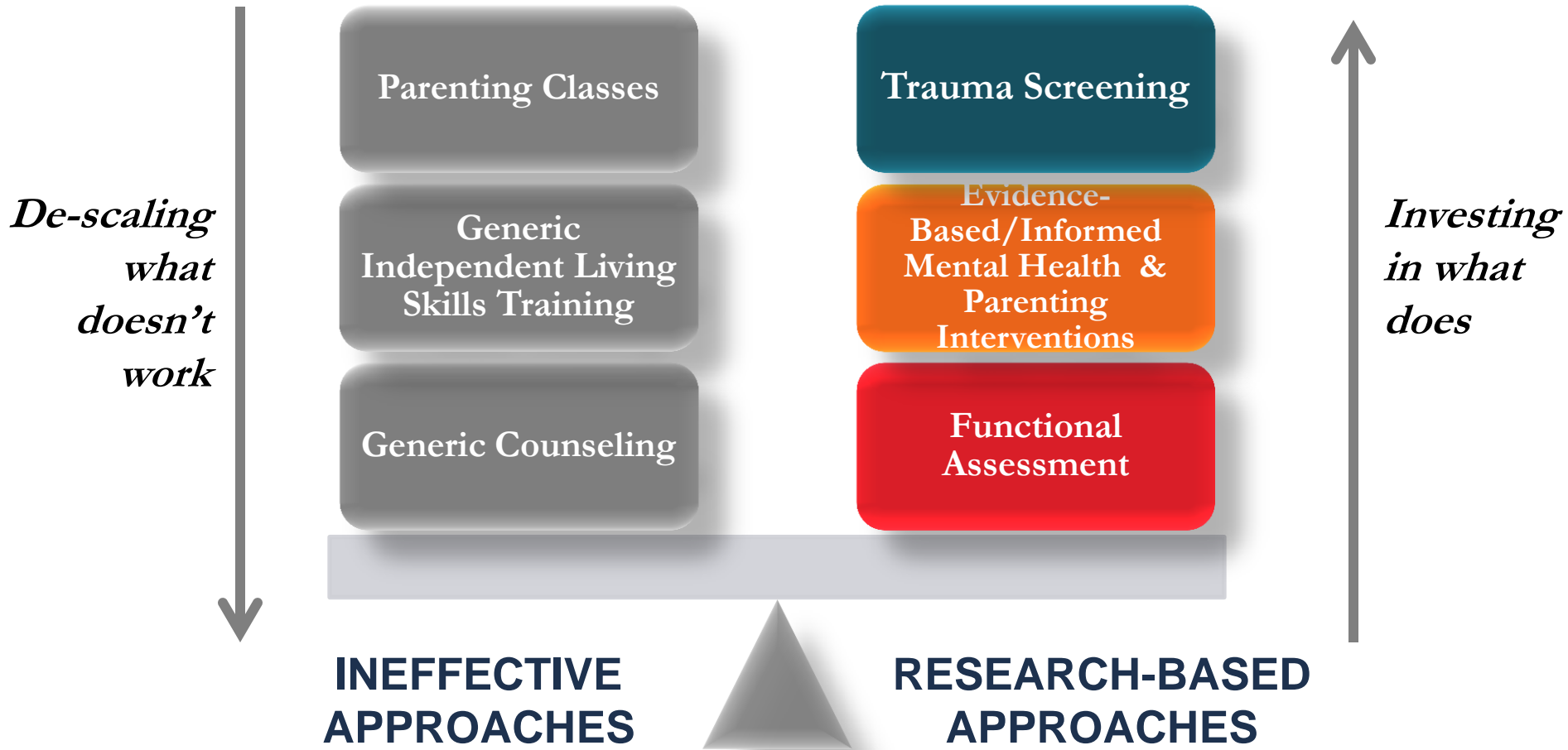
Decline in the Child Welfare 2002-2011



Federal Child Welfare Requirements

- ✓ Maltreatment investigations
- ✓ Removals from biological home
- ✓ Caseworker visits
- ✓ Training and monitoring of foster parents
- ✓ Case planning and progress monitoring
- ✓ Termination of parental rights
- ✓ Sibling placement and connections
- ✓ Pre/post support for adoption and guardianship
- ✓ Pre/post support for reunification
- ✓ Case/transition planning for youth aging out of care
- ✓ Placement disruptions, dissolutions or (un)anticipated moves

De-Scaling What Doesn't Work, Scaling Up What Does



QUESTIONS?

