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Protection and support services (Child protection and out-of-home care services) (Chapter 15)

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CHILD PROTECTION AND OUT-OF-HOME CARE SERVICES (CHAPTER 15)

This chapter reports on the performance of governments in providing child protection, out-of-home care and intensive family support services, and juvenile justice services. This factsheet focuses on child protection and out-of-home care services.

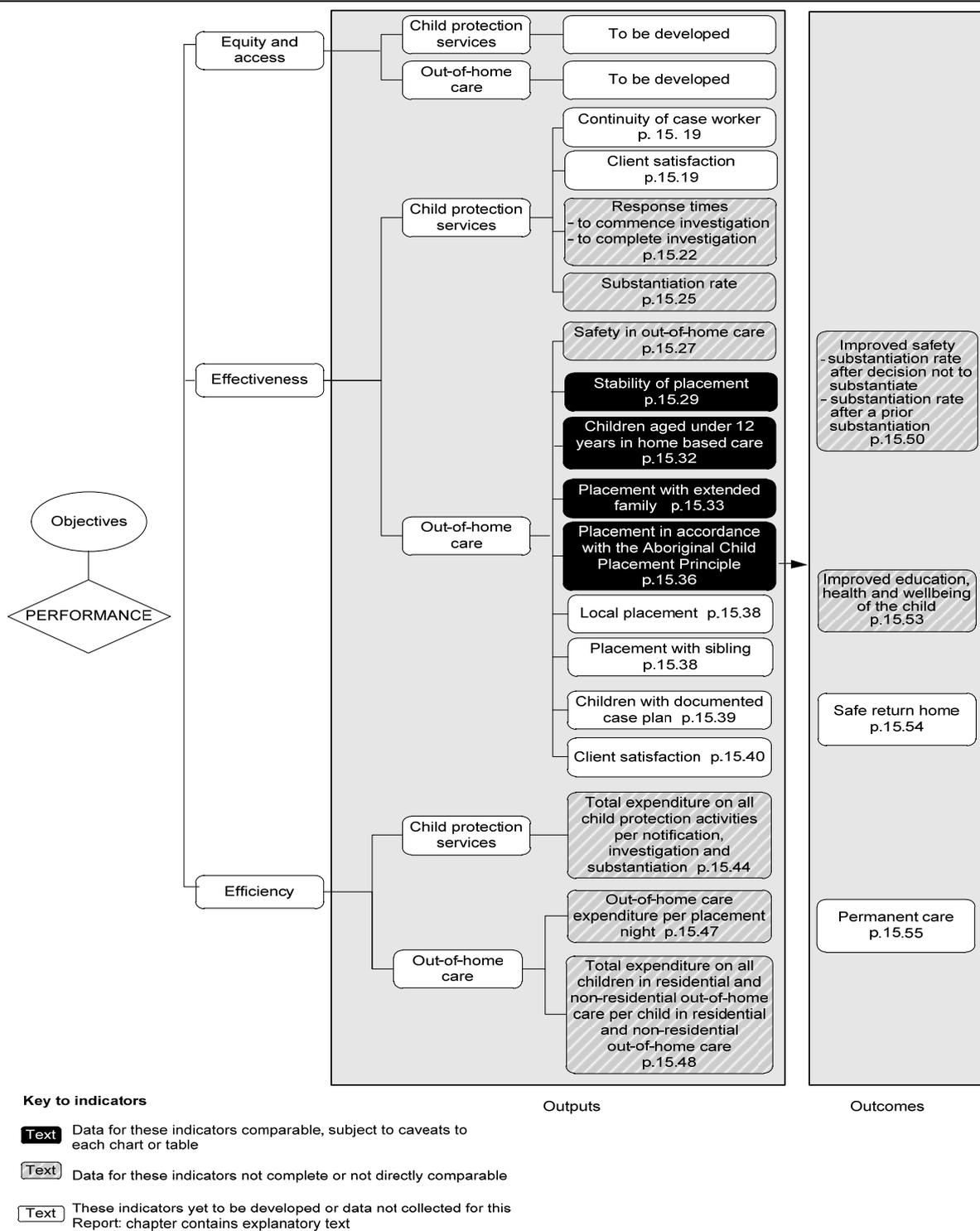
- Nationally, 31 527 children aged 0–17 years were the subject of a substantiation in 2010-11 (**p.15.12**), however the criteria for substantiation vary across jurisdictions. At 30 June 2011, 39 058 children aged 0–17 years were on care and protection orders (**p.15.12**) and 37 648 children were in out-of-home care nationally (**p.15.13**).
- Total recurrent expenditure across Australia on child protection and out-of-home care services was approximately \$2.8 billion in 2010-11, a real increase of \$137.7 million (5.1 per cent) from 2009-10 (**p.15.14**).

Objectives of child protection and out-of-home care services

- Child protection services aim to protect children and young people at risk of harm within their family or in circumstances in which the family of the child/young person does not have the capacity to protect them. Out-of-home care services aim to provide quality care for children/young people who cannot live with their parents for reasons of safety or family crisis.

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Child protection and out-of-home care services performance indicator framework (figure 15.4, p. 15.18)



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