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

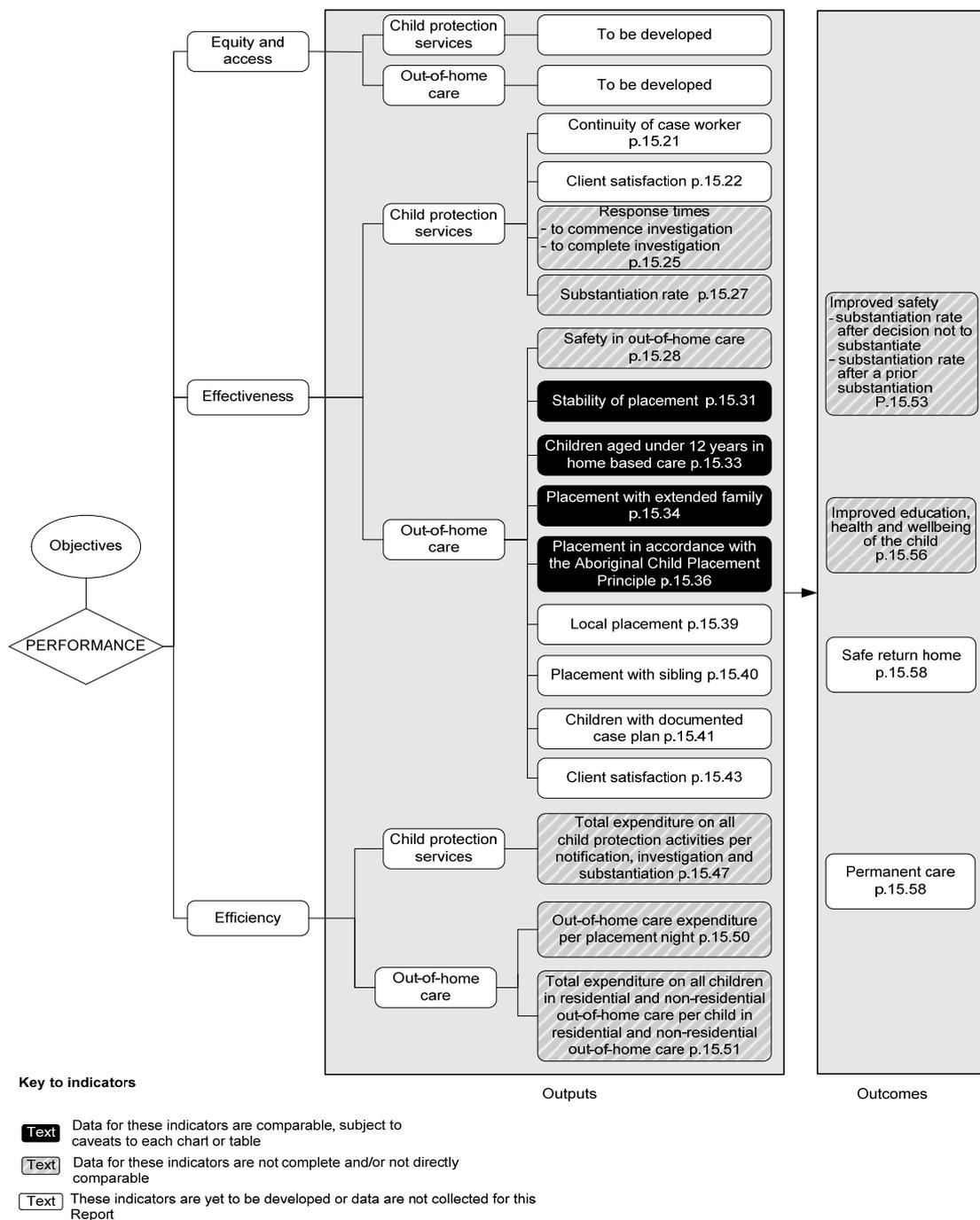
This chapter reports on the performance of governments in providing child protection, out-of-home care and intensive family support services, and youth justice services. This factsheet focuses on child protection and out-of-home care services.

- Nationally, 37 781 children aged 0–17 years were the subject of a substantiation in 2011-12 (p.15.14), however the criteria for substantiation vary across jurisdictions. At 30 June 2012, 40 962 children aged 0–17 years were on care and protection orders (p.15.14) and 39 621 children were in out-of-home care nationally (p.15.15).
- Total recurrent expenditure on child protection and out-of-home care services was approximately \$3.0 billion across Australia in 2011-12 – a real increase of \$100.8 million (3.5 per cent) from 2010-11 (p.15.15).

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 (p. 15.18).

Performance indicators for child protection and out-of-home care services (figure 15.4, p. 15.20)



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