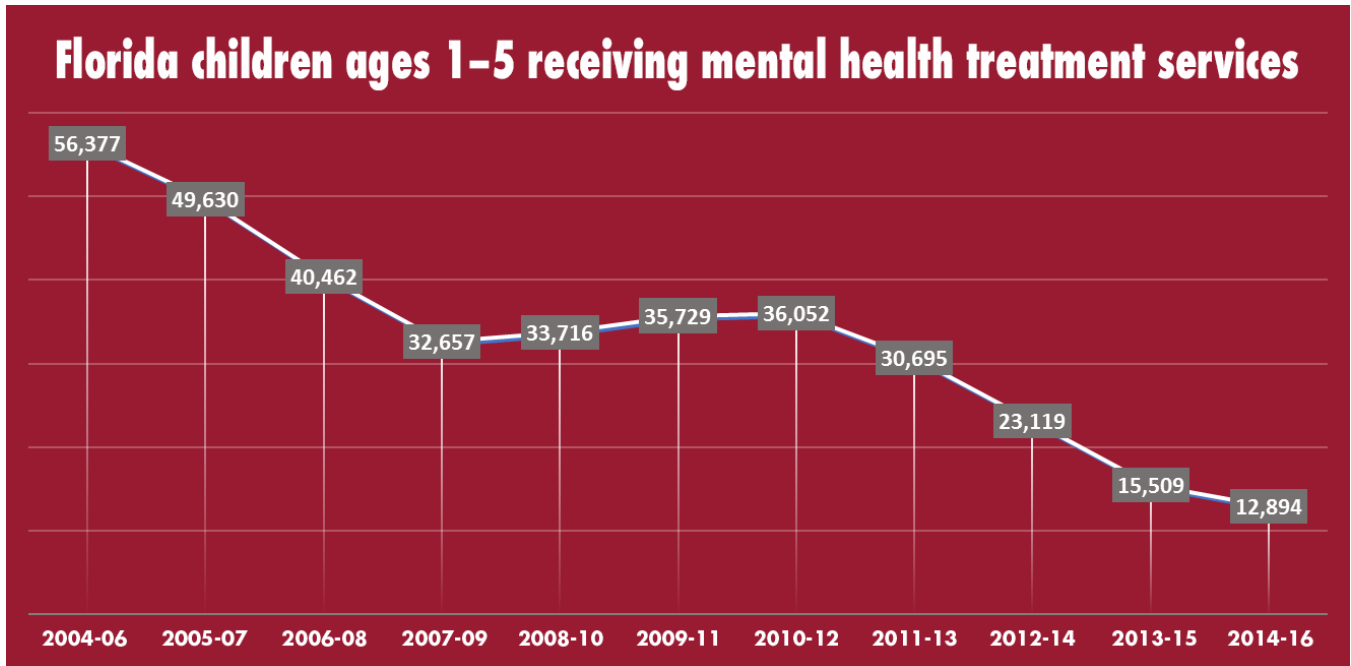


Mental Health Services for Children Drop, While Youth Baker Act Examinations Spike



[Data collected by the Florida Department of Health](#) reveal a sharp decline over the past 10 years in the number of children ages 1 – 5 receiving mental health treatment services funded with federal SAMH block grant and state general revenue funding.

This trend coincides with a sharp increase in the number of involuntary examinations of children under age 18 under the Baker Act over that same period, according to the [Baker Act Reporting Center’s 2015/2016 Annual Report](#).

