

Meta-Evaluation of “Do State TANF Policies Affect Child Abuse and Neglect”

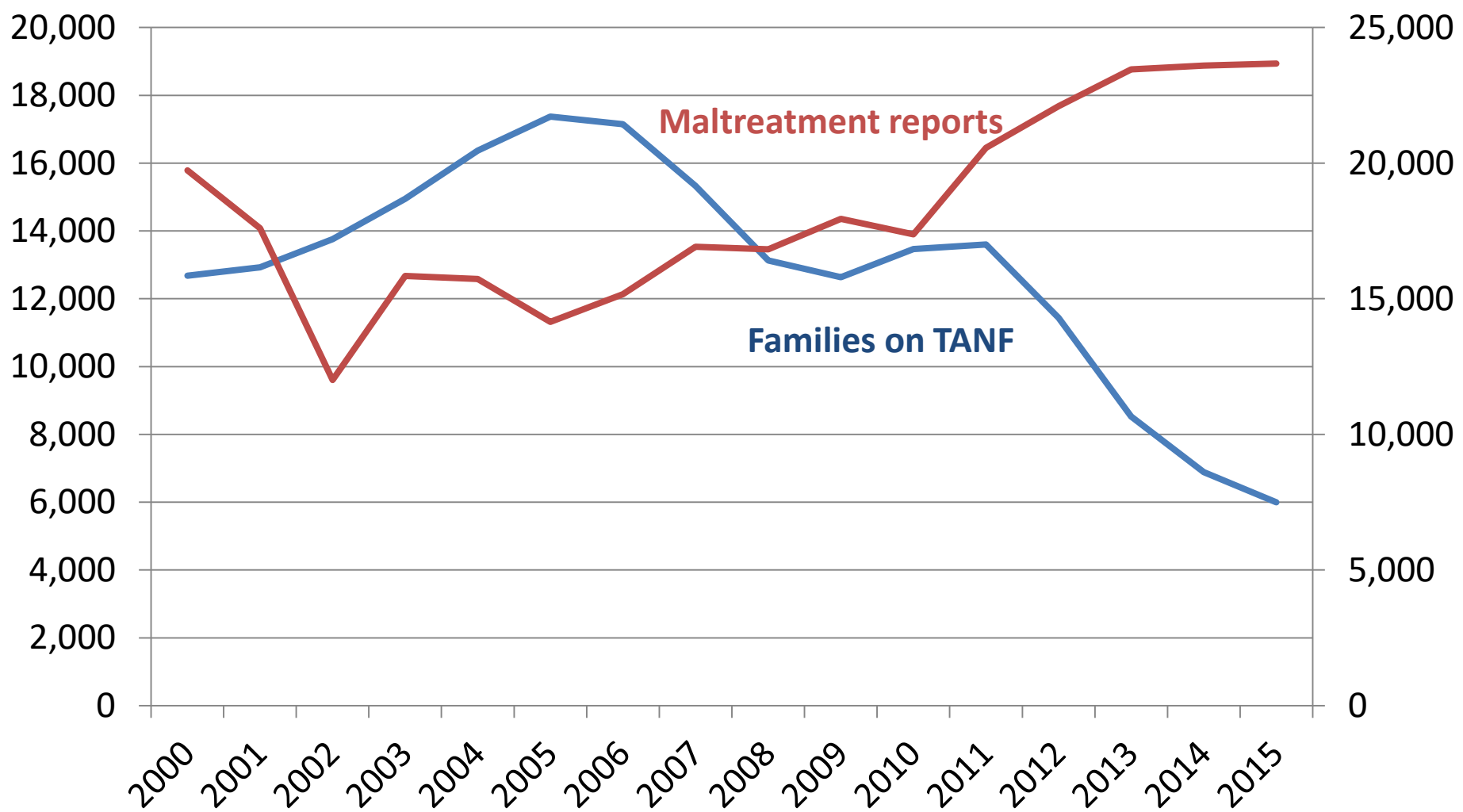
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Families on TANF and Child Maltreatment Reports in Kansas

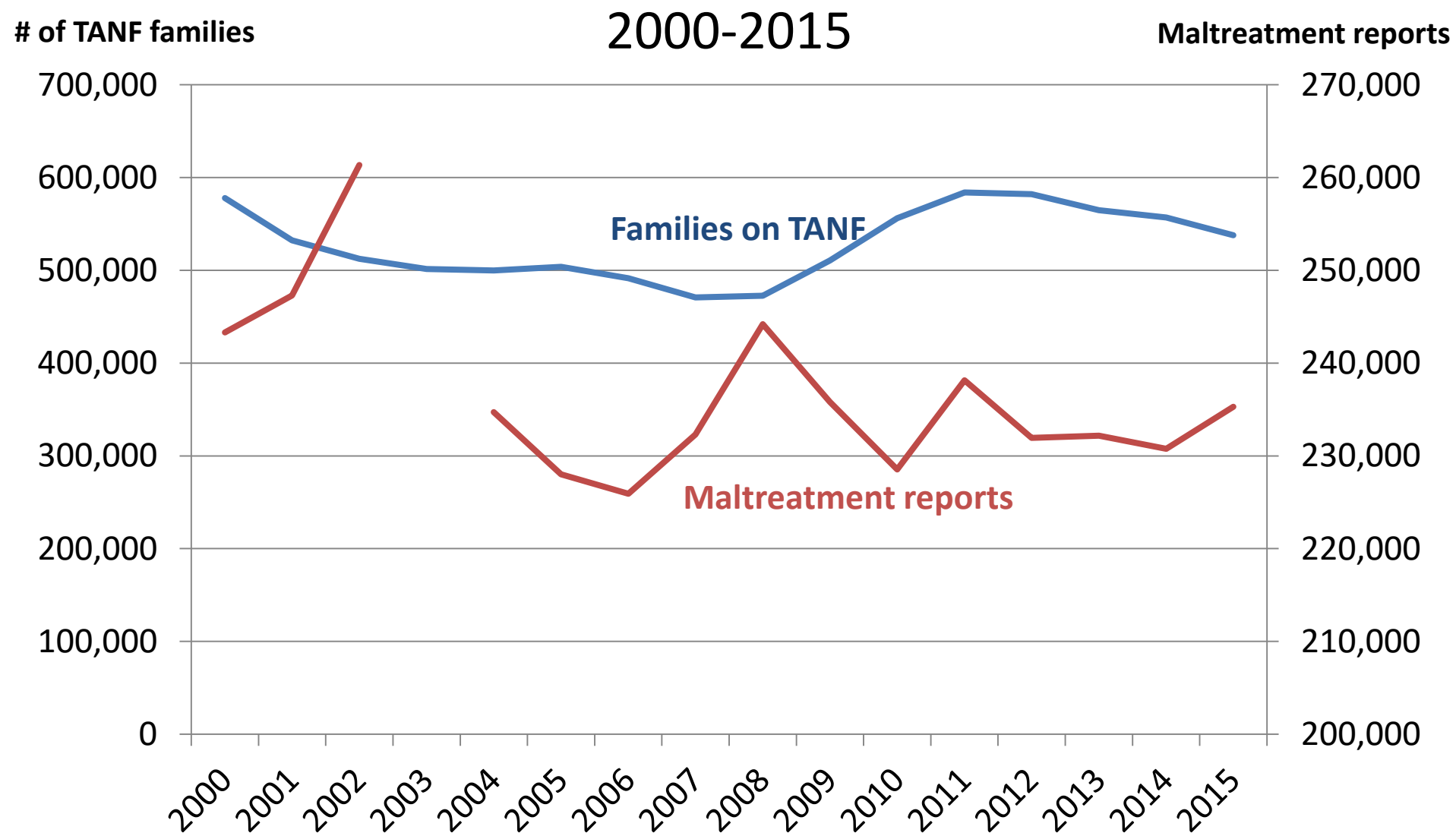
2000-2015

of TANF families

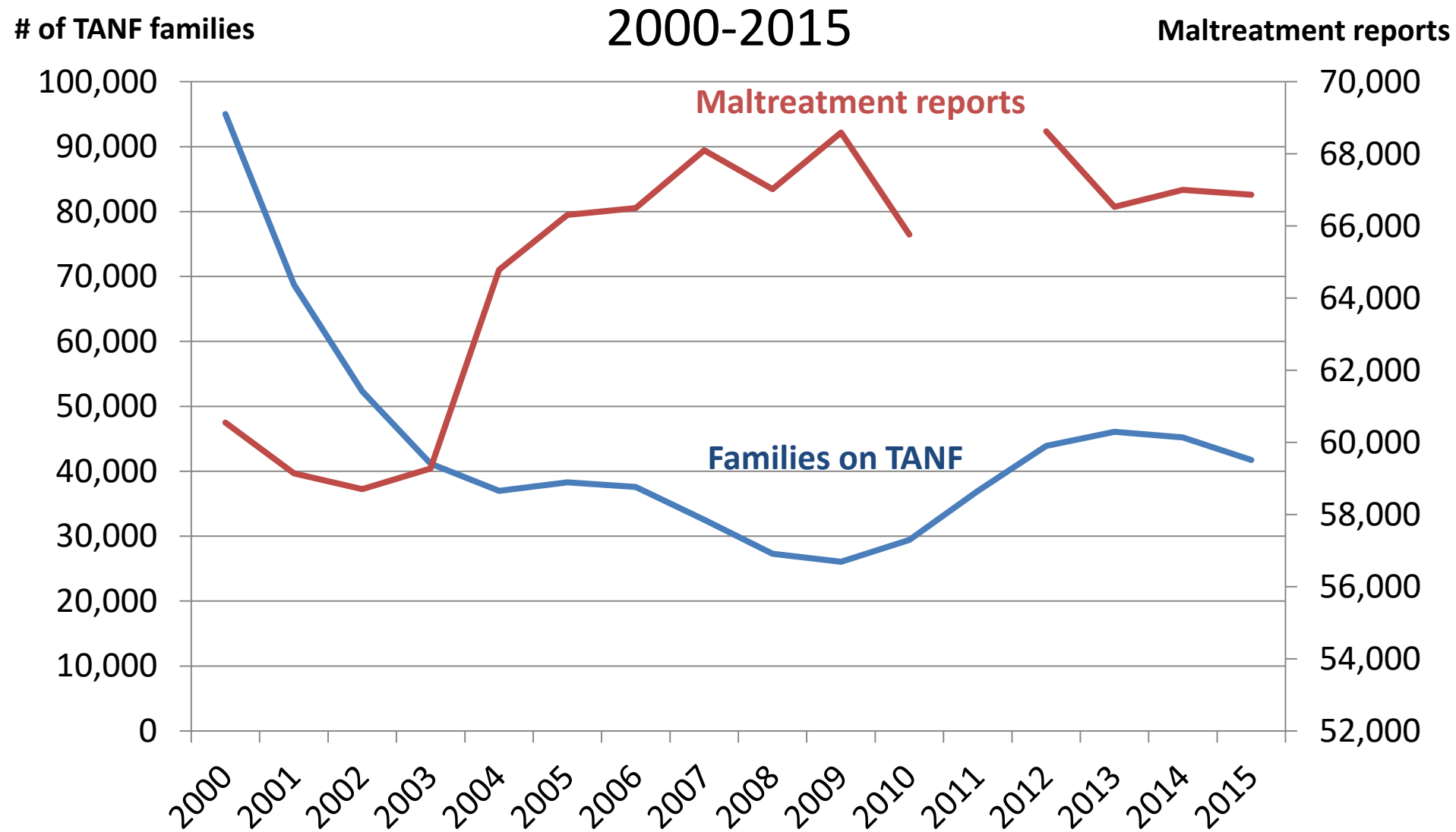
Maltreatment reports



Families on TANF and Child Maltreatment Reports in California



Families on TANF and Child Maltreatment Reports in Illinois

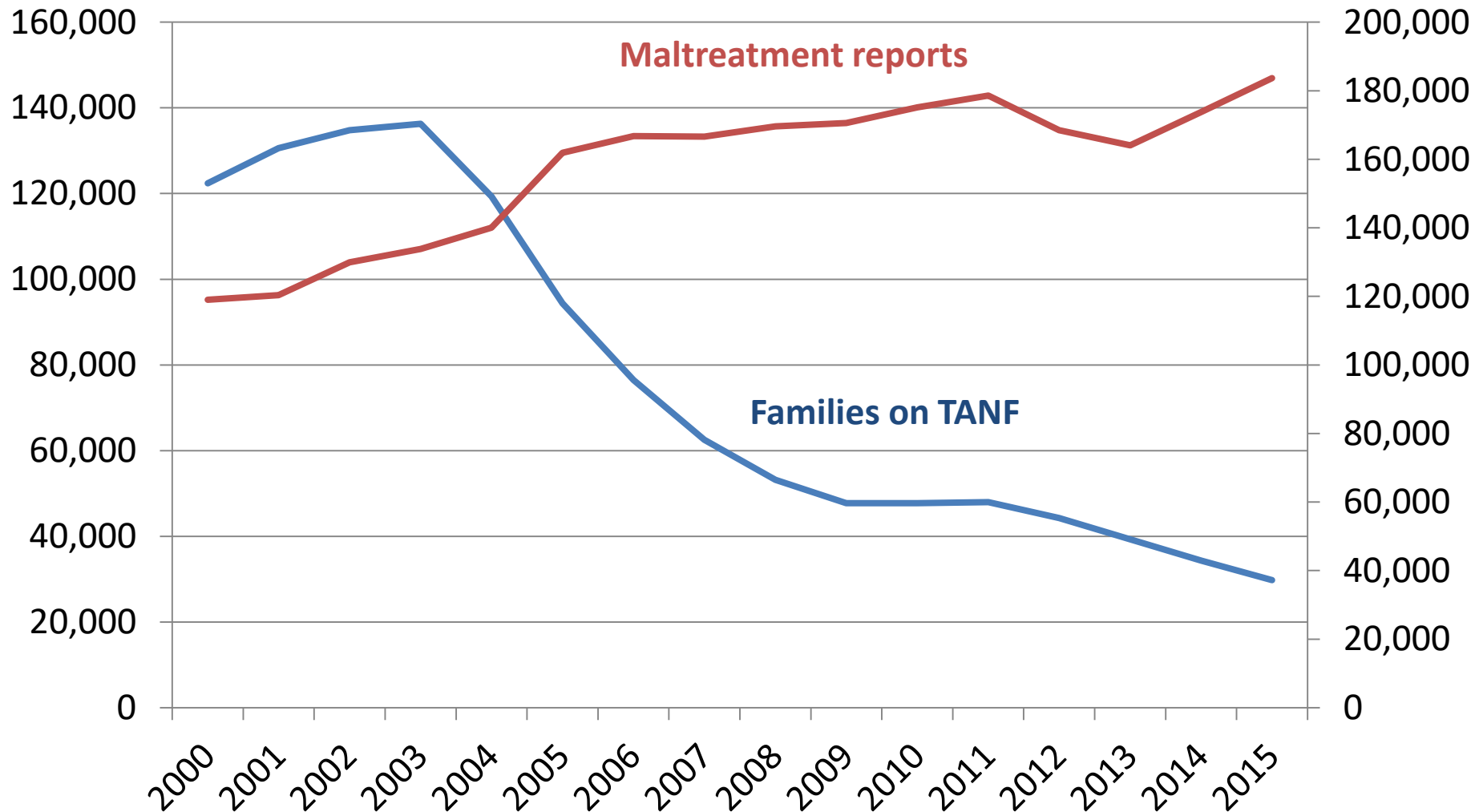


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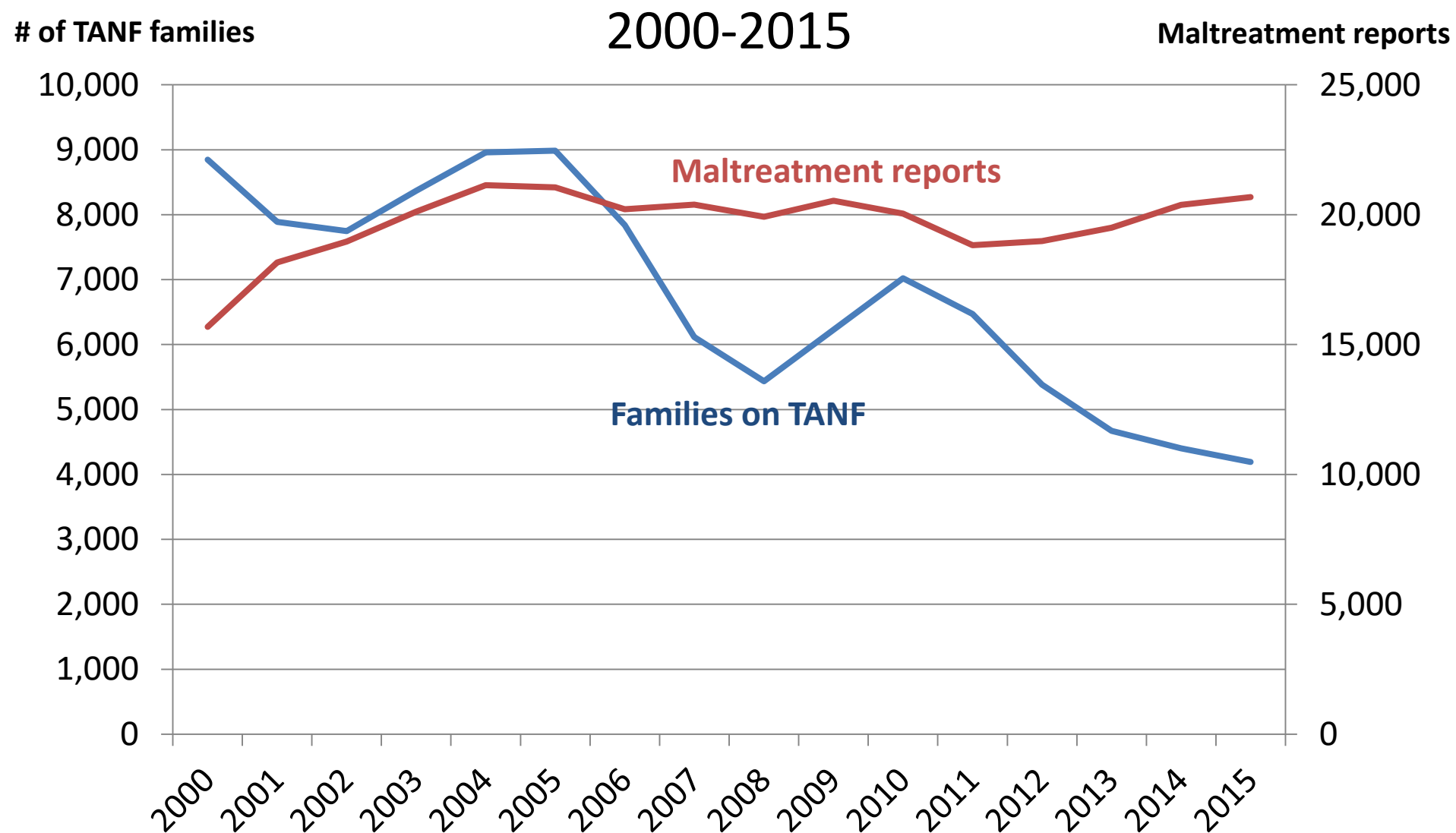
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Maltreatment reports



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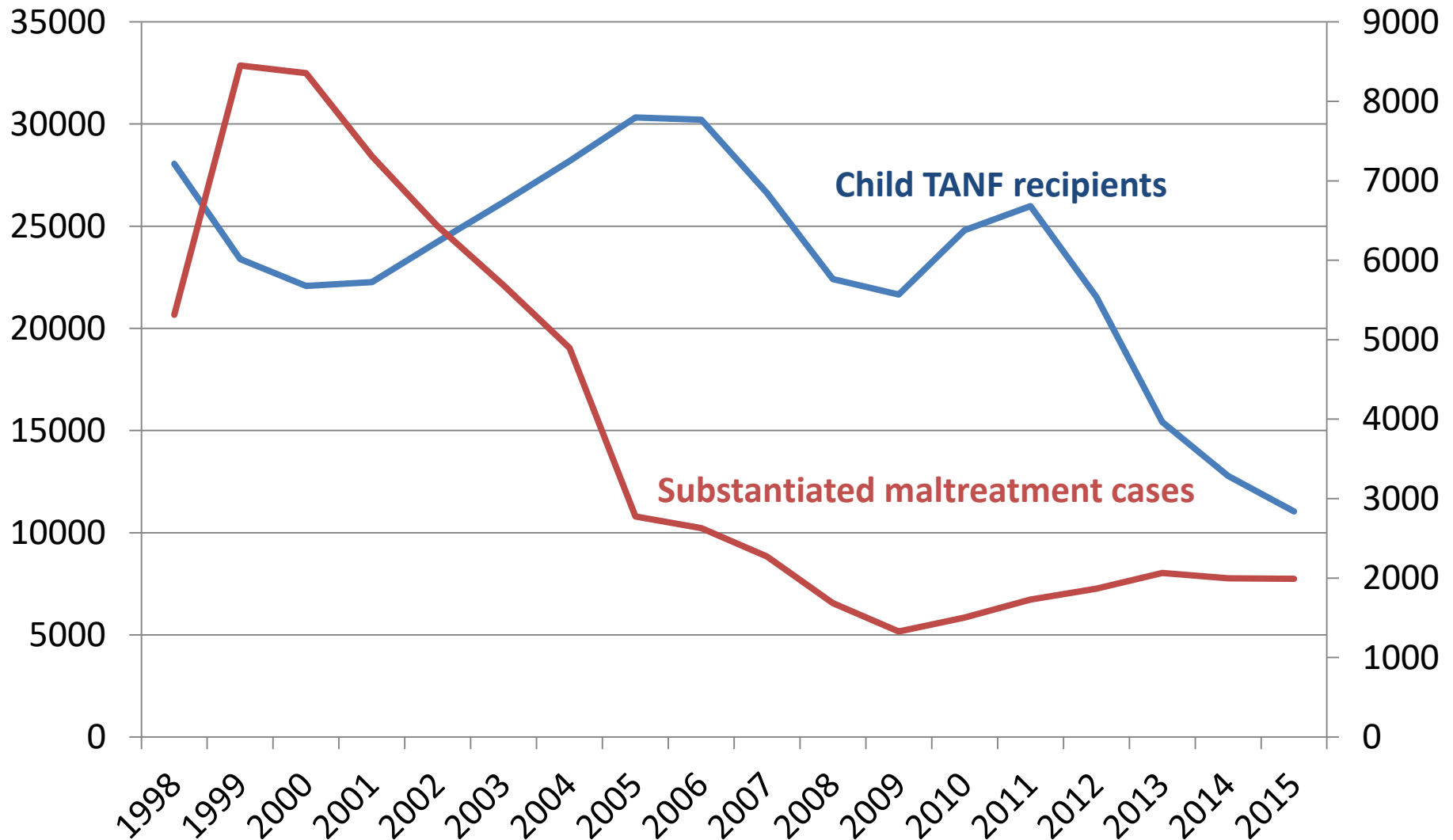


Child Recipients of TANF and Substantiated Maltreatment Cases in Kansas

1998-2015

of children on TANF

Substantiated cases

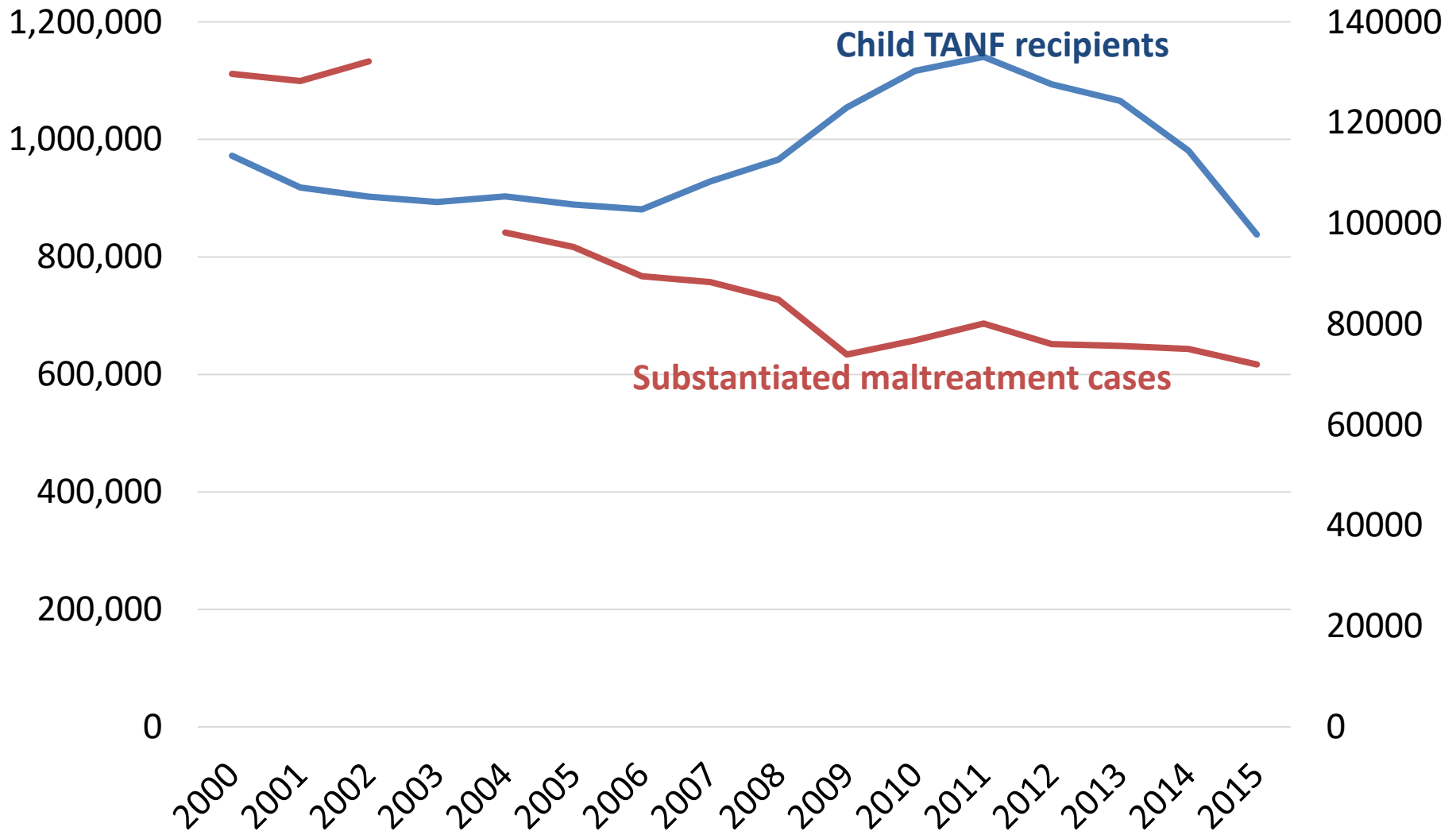


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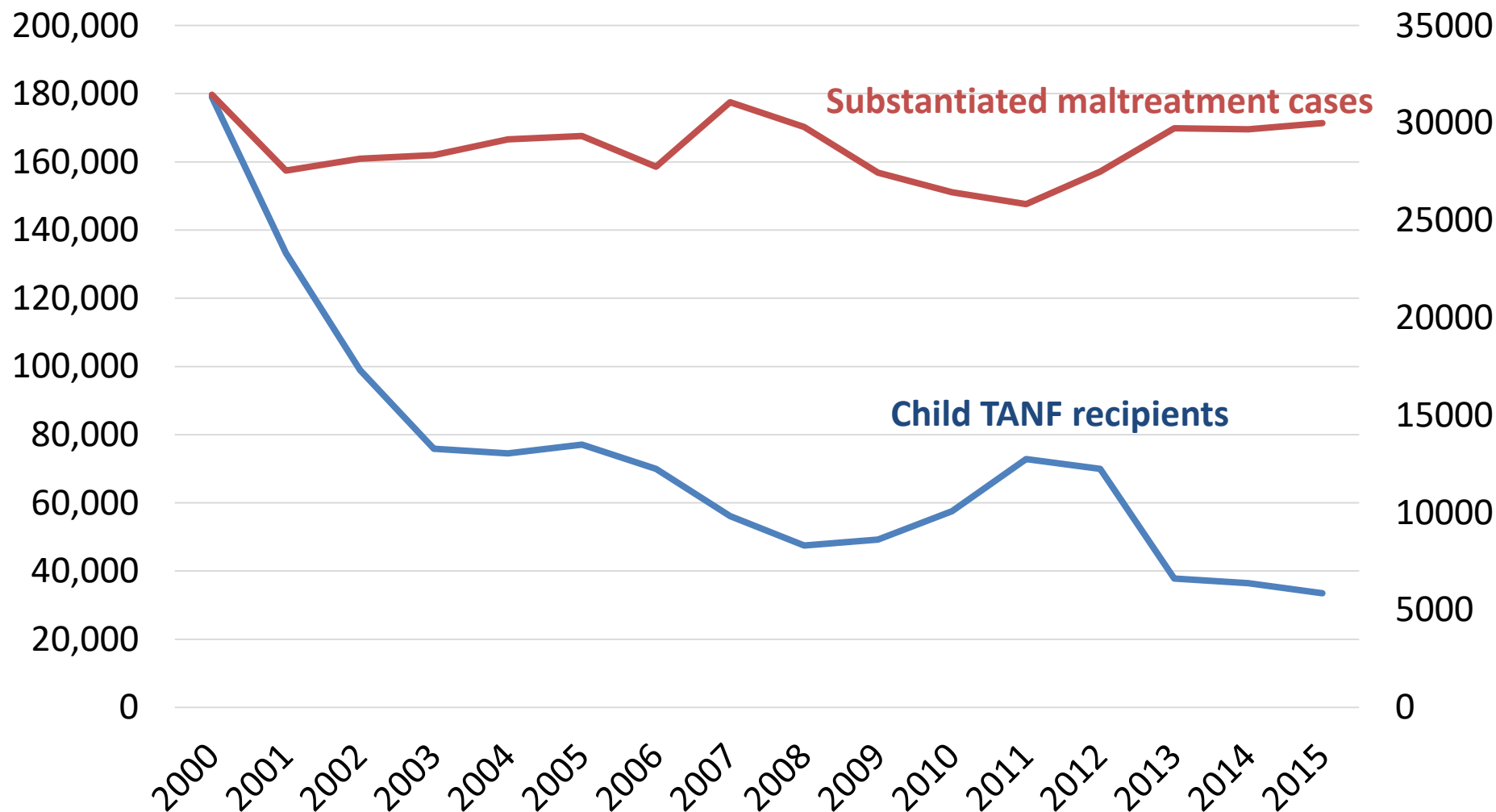


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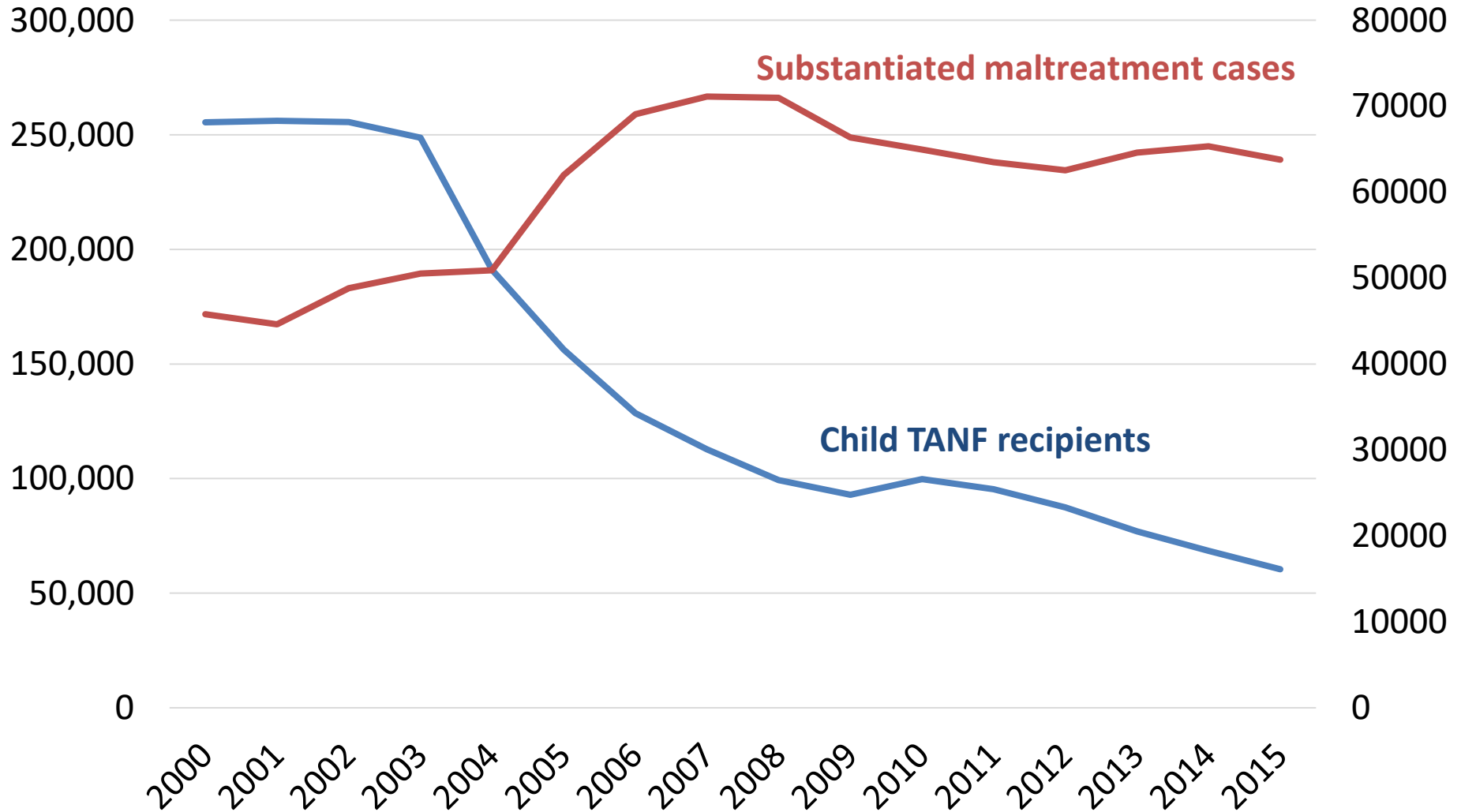


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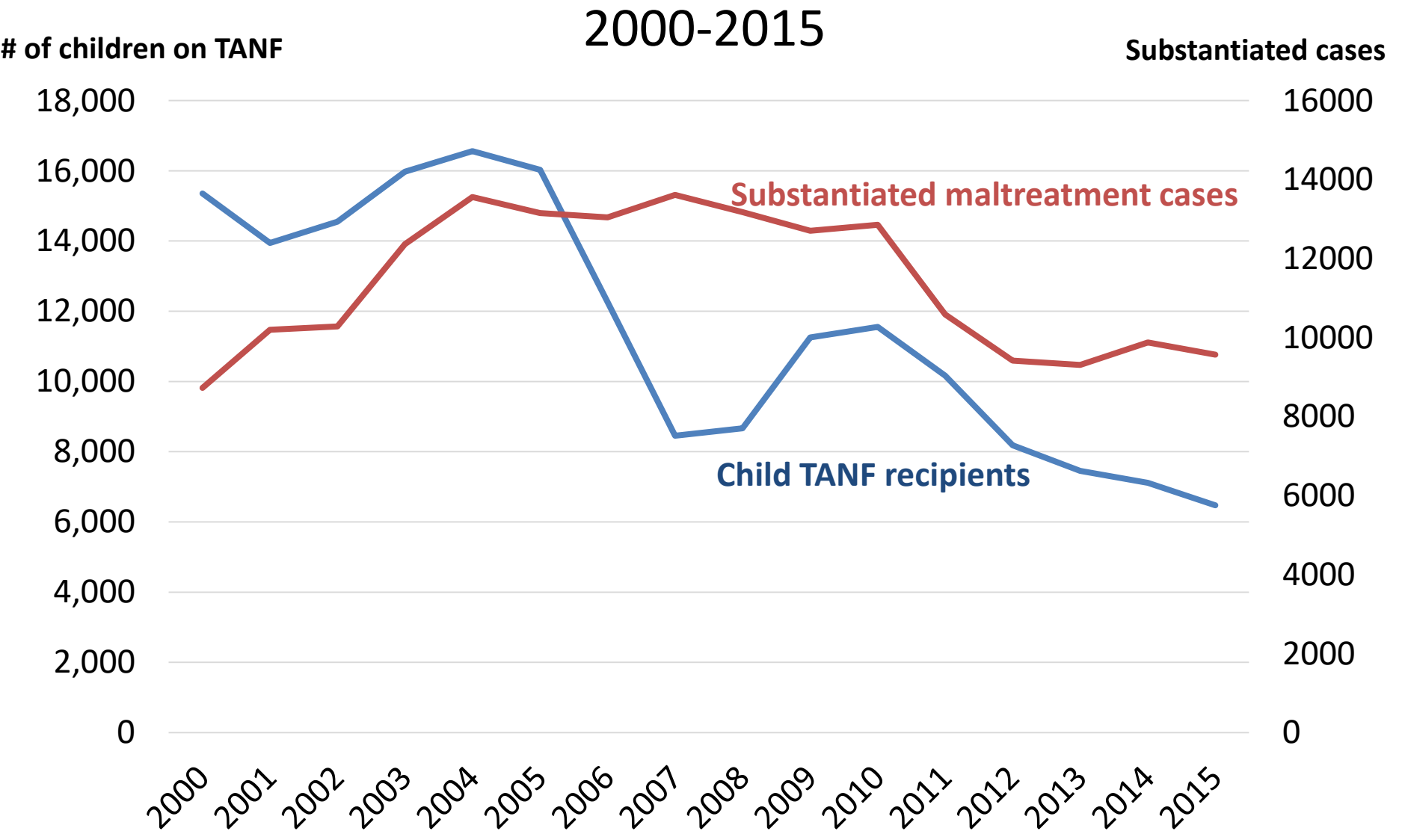
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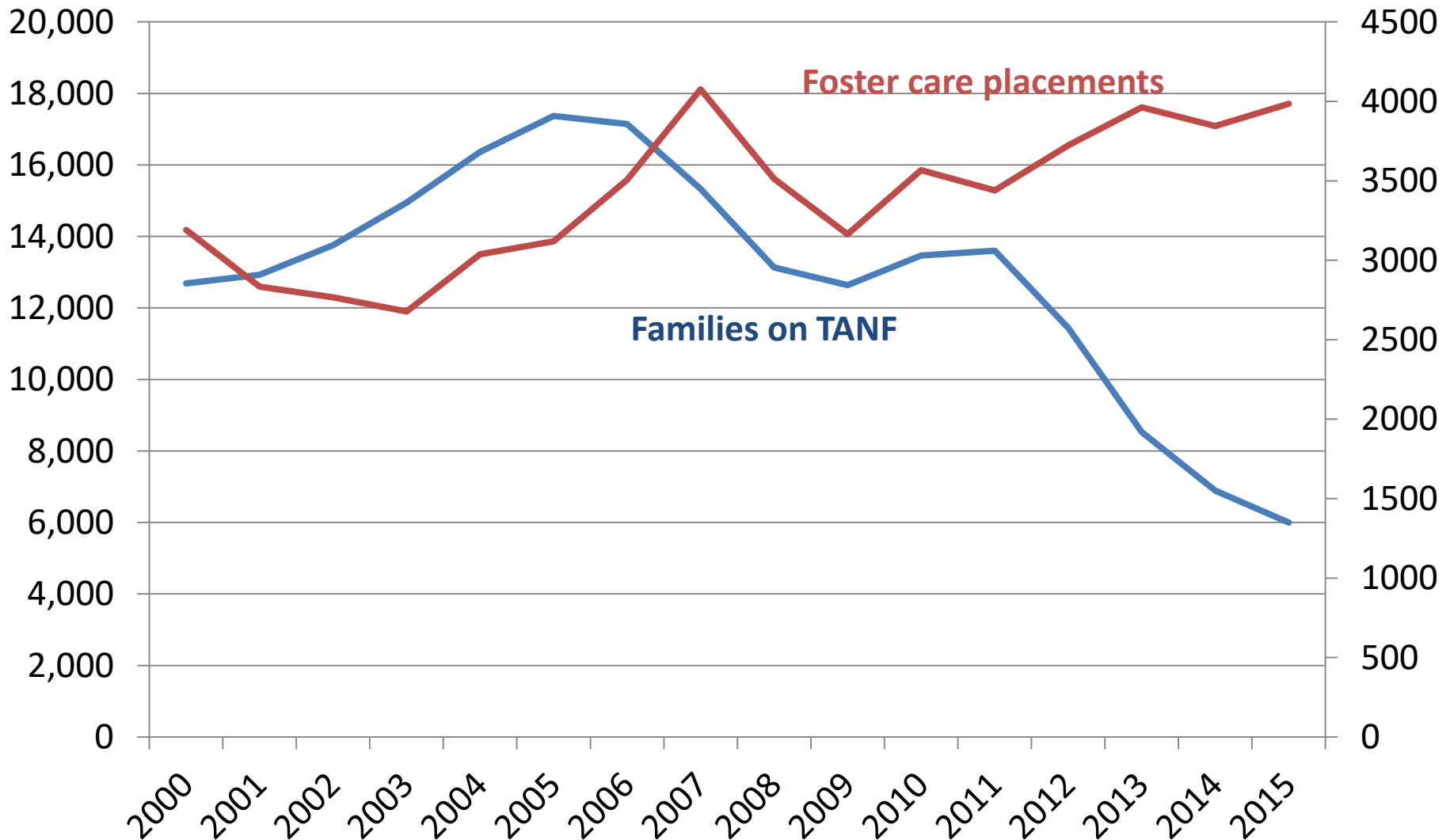


Families on TANF and Foster Care Placements in Kansas

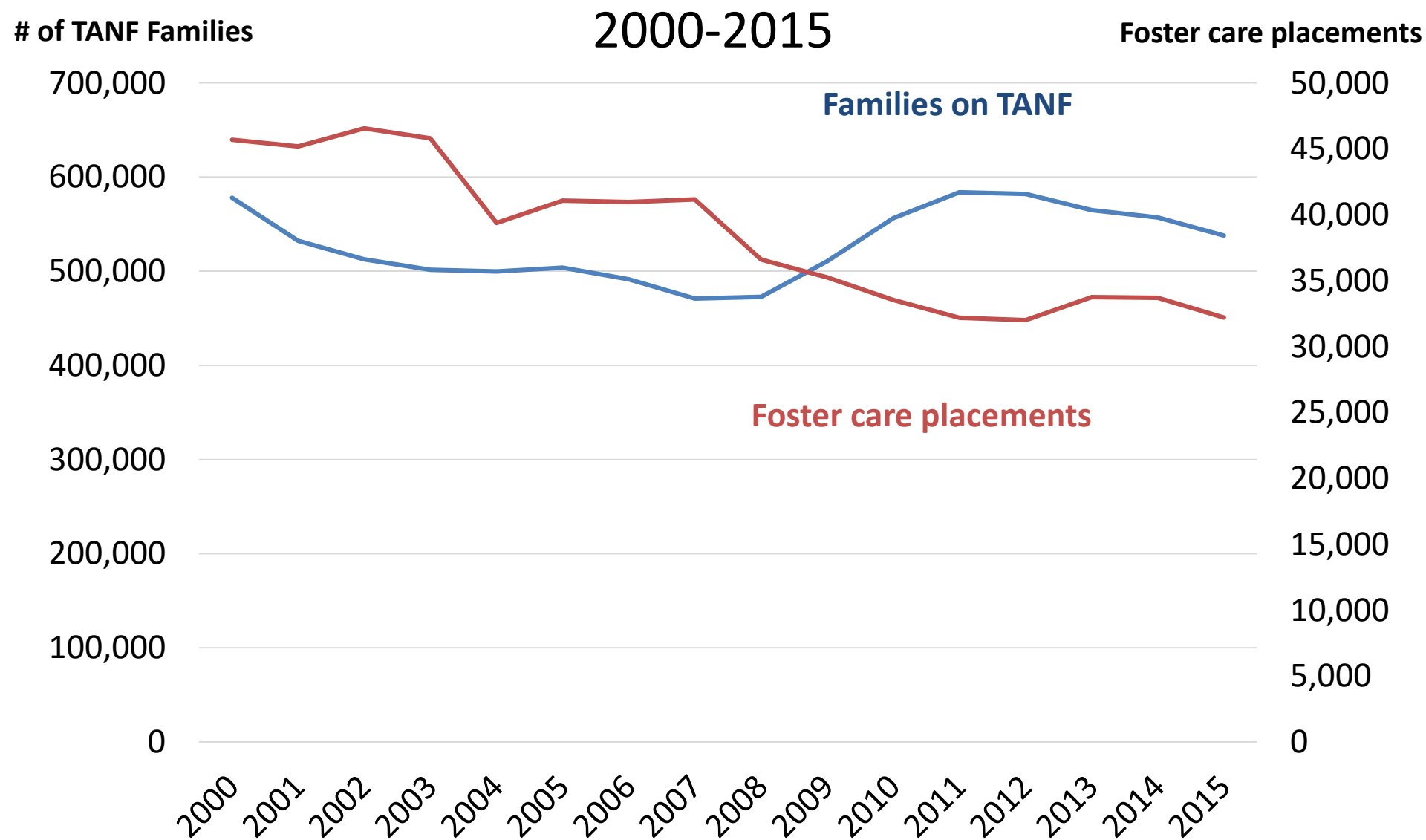
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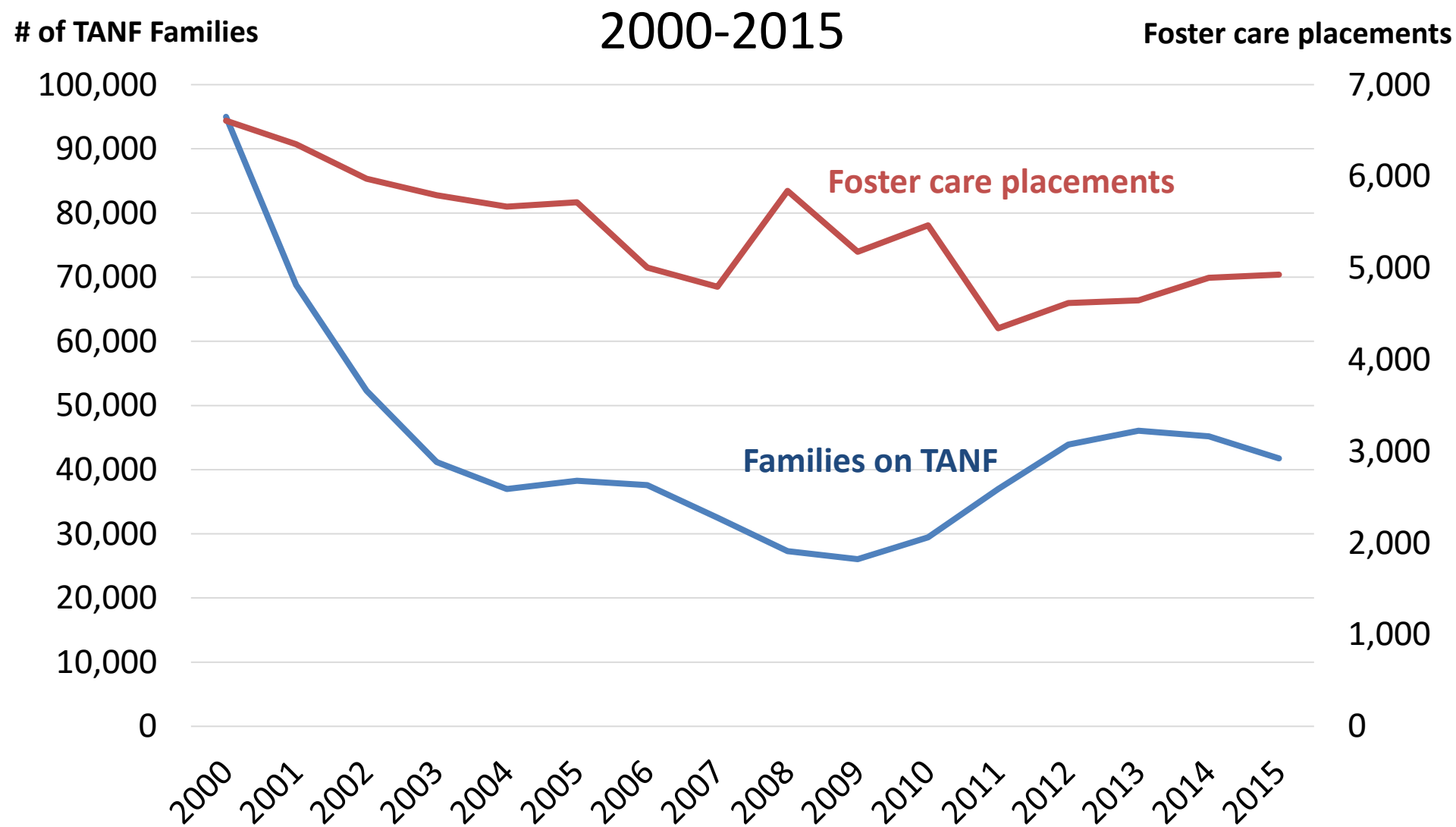
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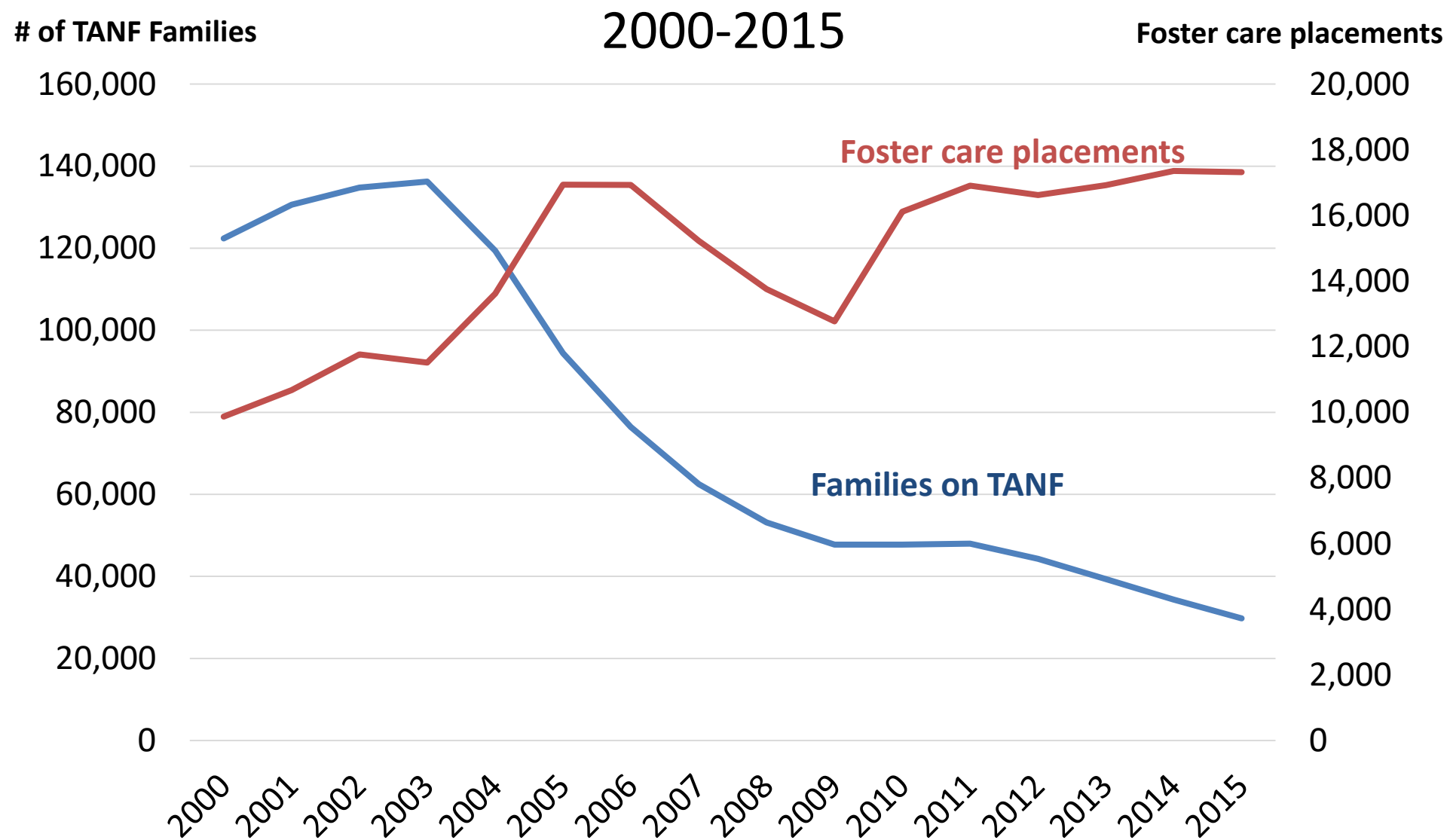
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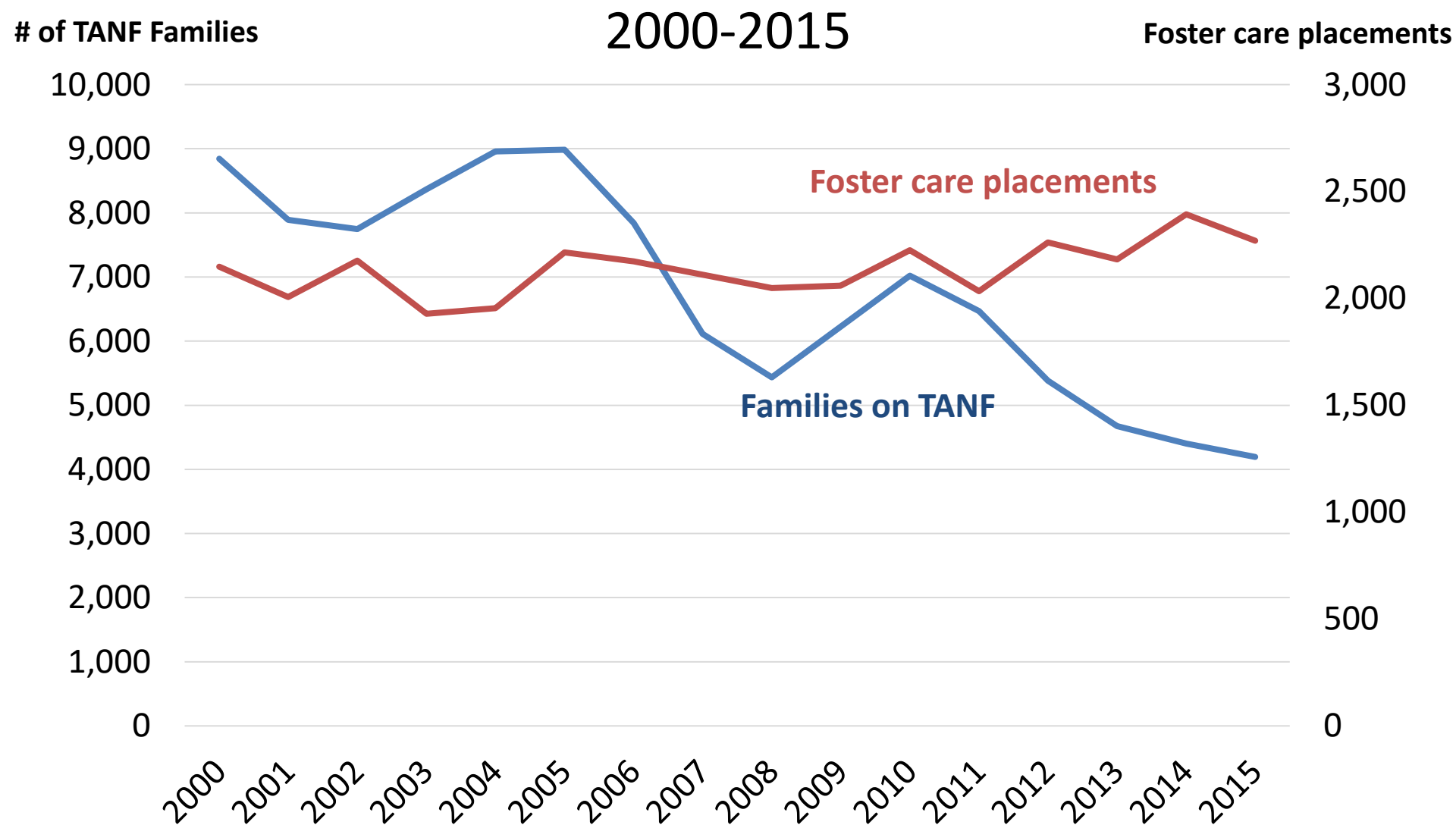
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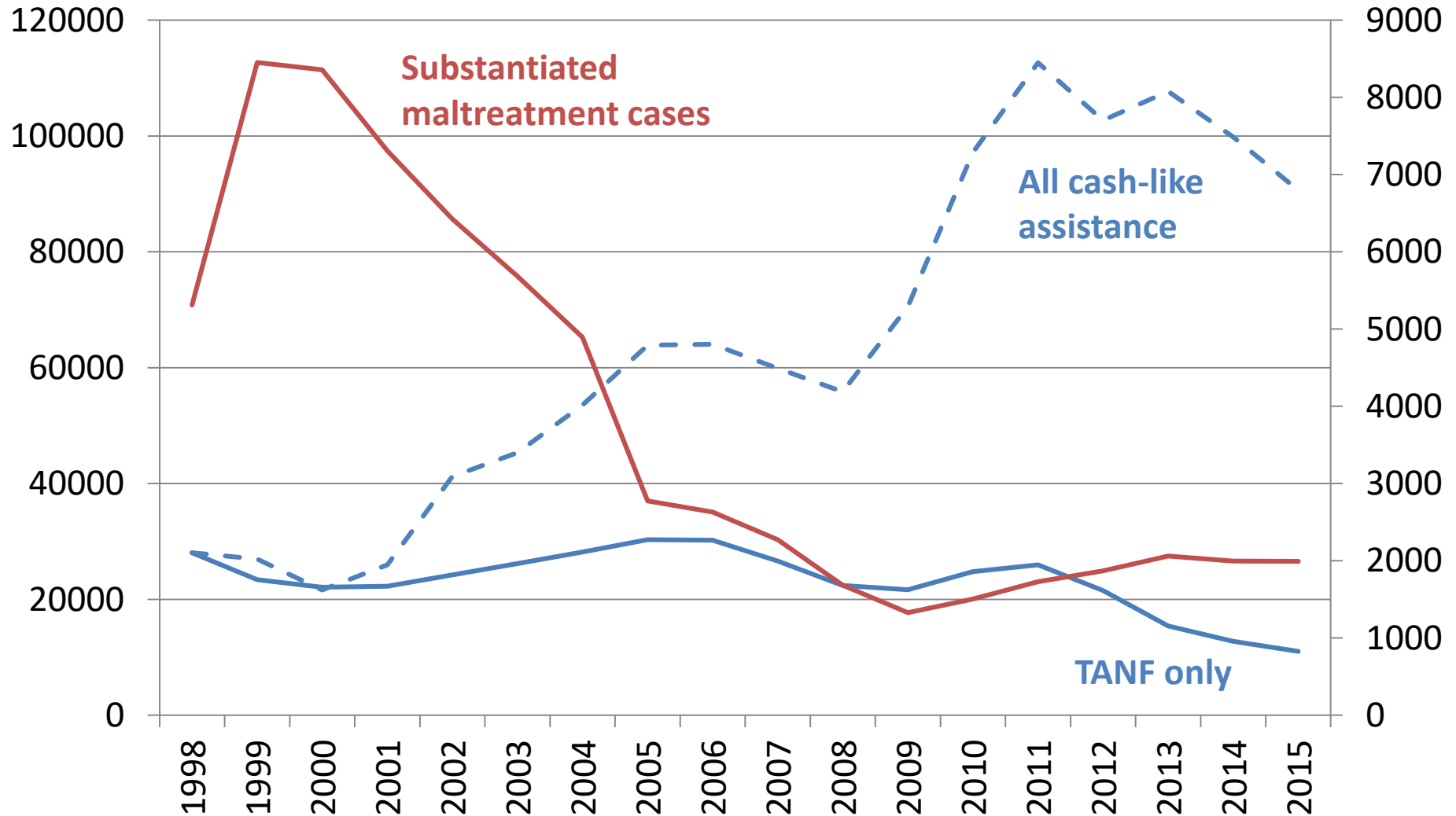


Growth in # of Child Recipients of Cash-like Assistance, Kansas

1998-2015

of children

Substantiated cases

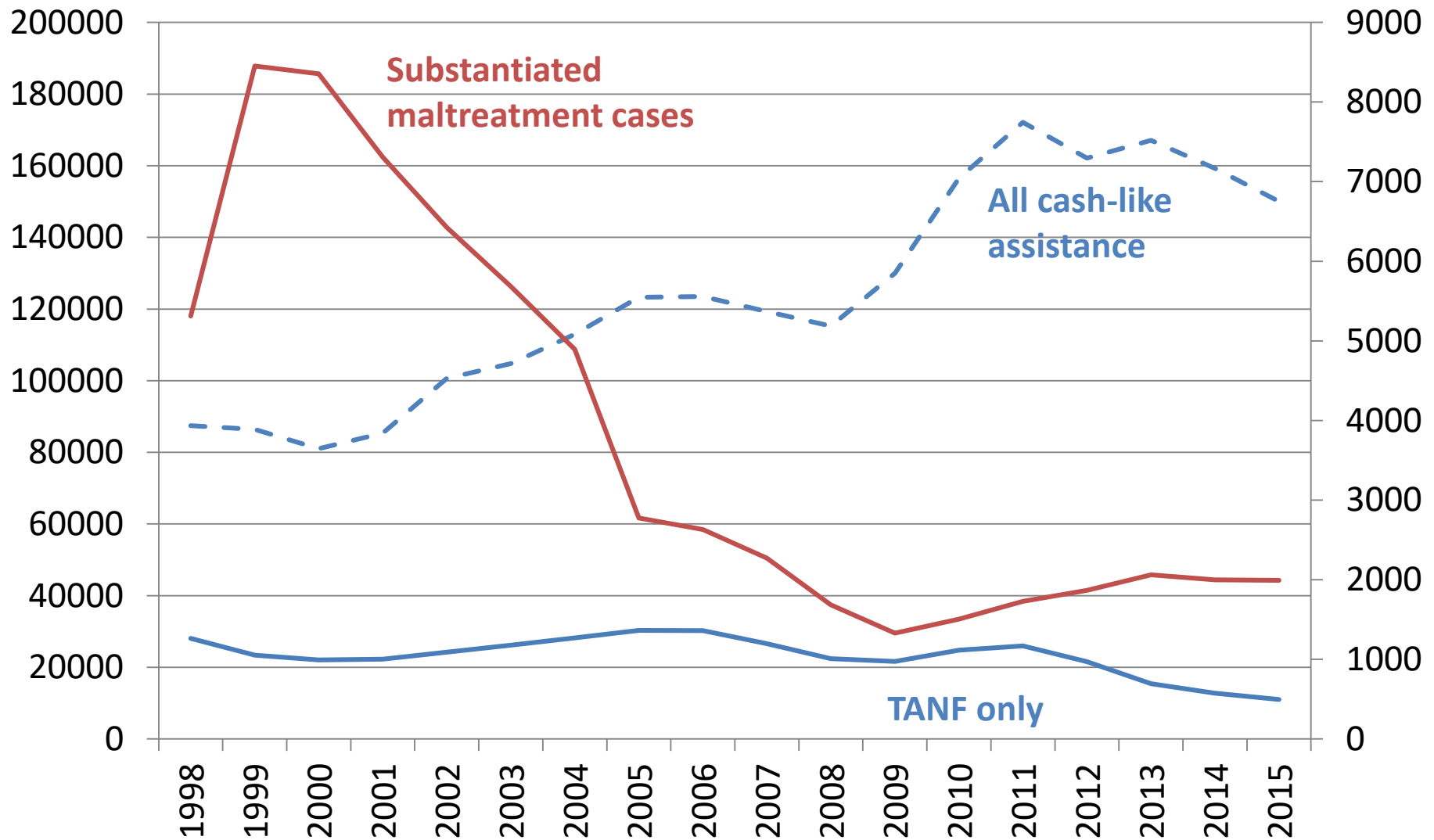


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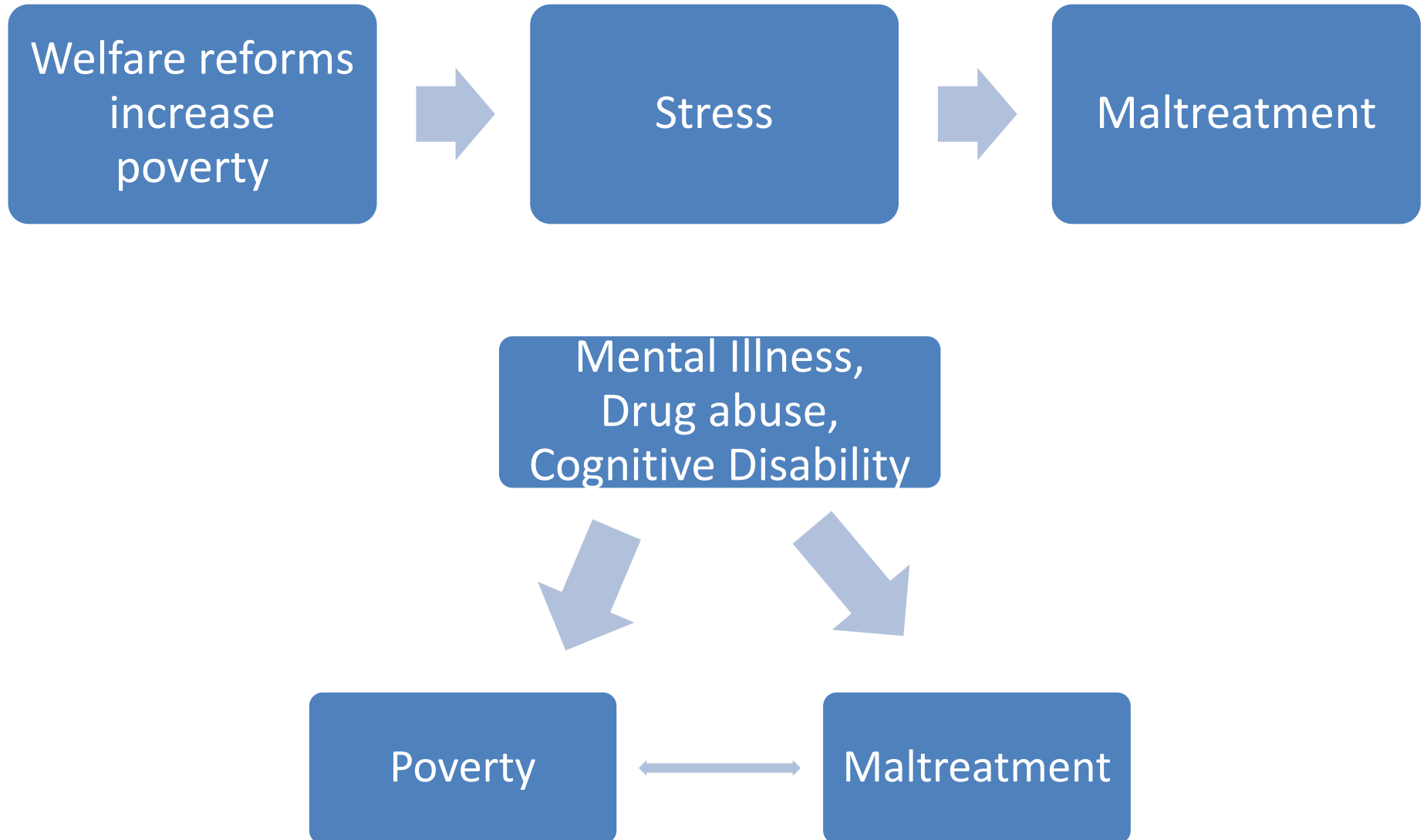


Correlations Vary By State, Outcome Used, and Time Period

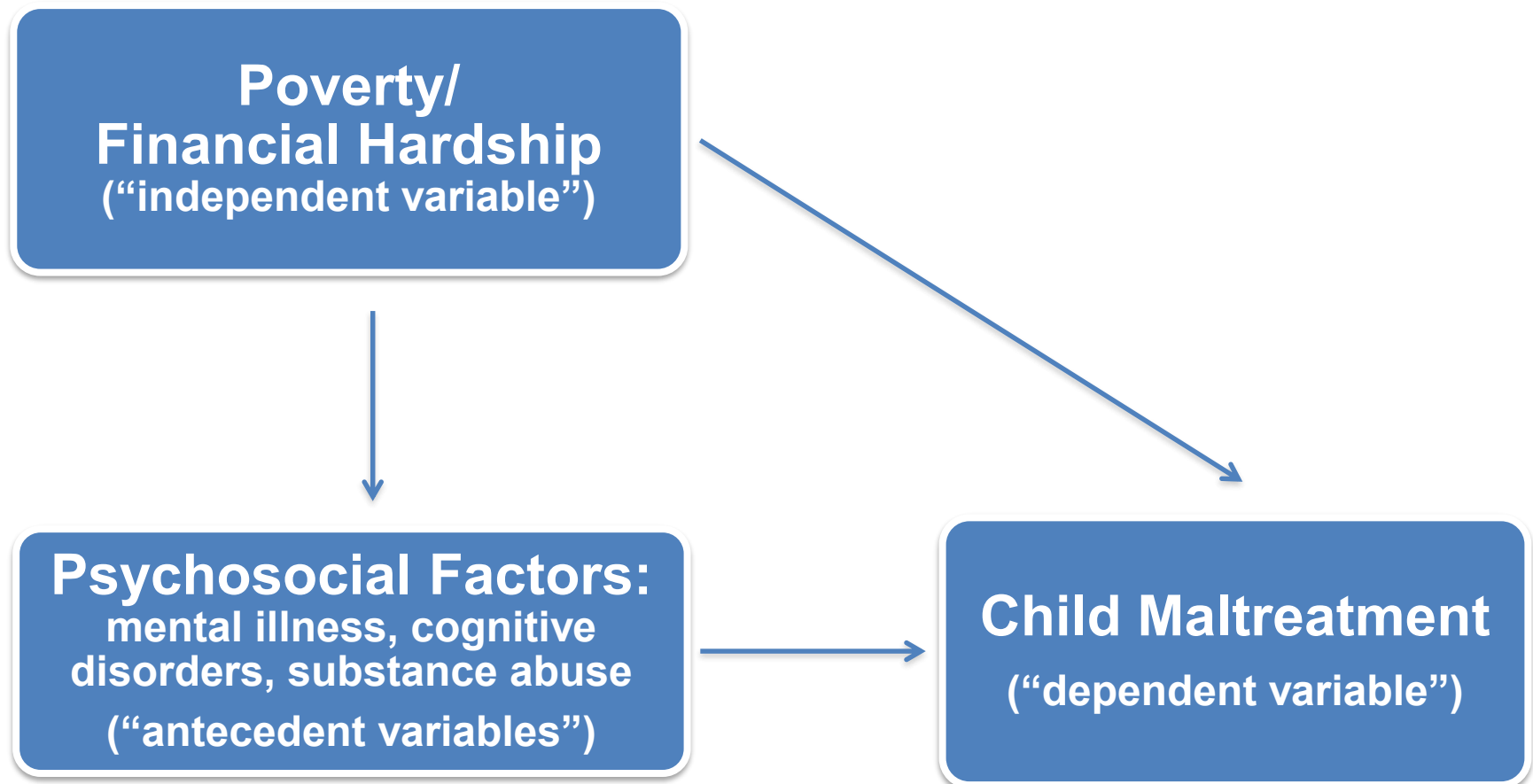
Pearson correlation coefficients

	Reports	Substantiated Cases	Foster Care
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Kansas			
2000-15	-0.85	0.23	-0.53
2011-15	-0.96	-0.87	-0.9
California			
2000-15	-0.05	-0.09	-0.42
2011-15	0.15	0.88	-0.25
Illinois			
2000-15	0.34	-0.64	0.57
2011-15	0.74	-0.2	0.59
Texas			
2000-15	-0.85	-0.93	-0.78
2011-15	-0.52	-0.35	-0.82
Utah			
2000-15	0.35	-0.21	-0.51
2011-15	0.69	-0.88	-0.8

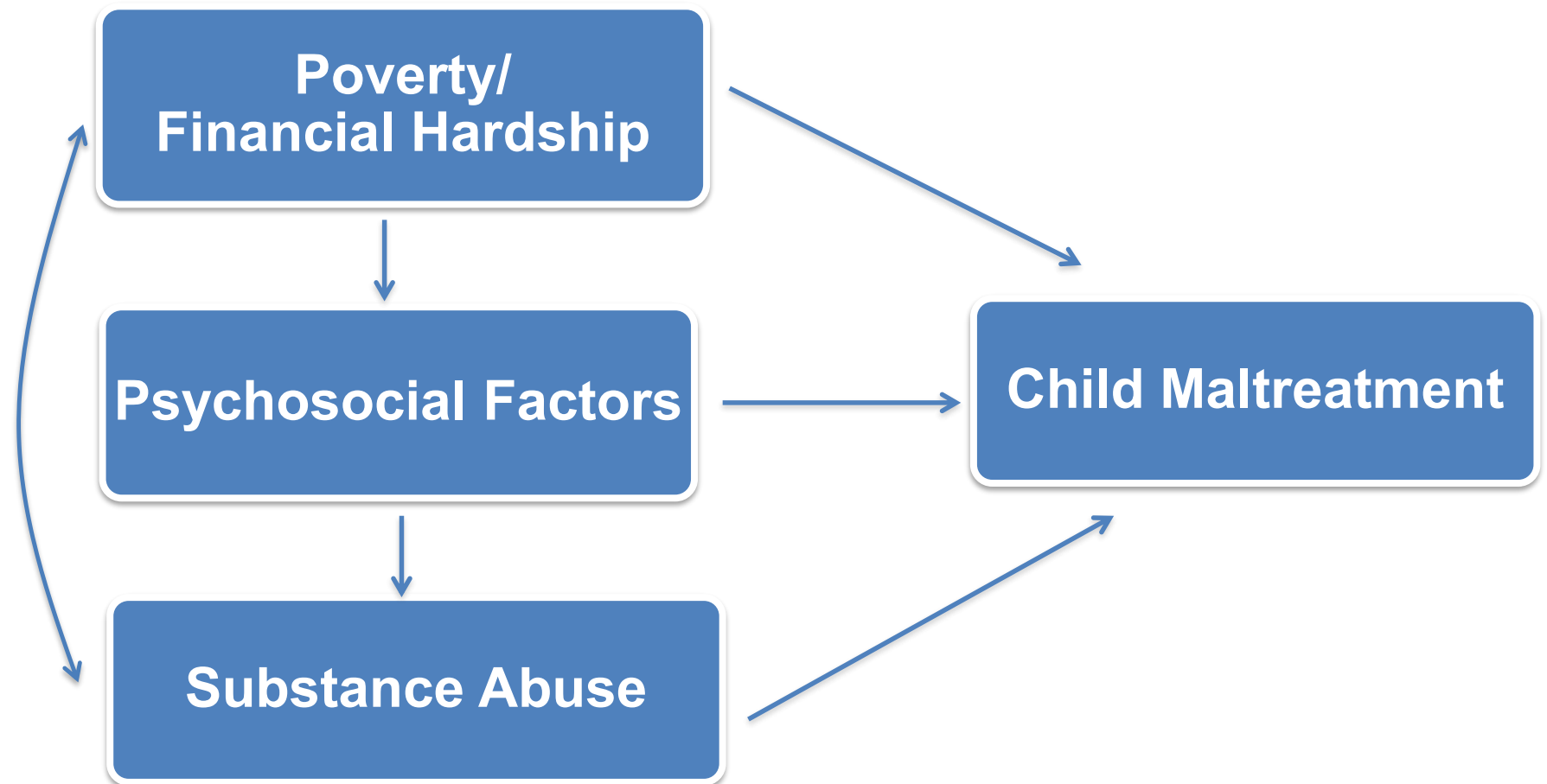
GJM's Causal Theory



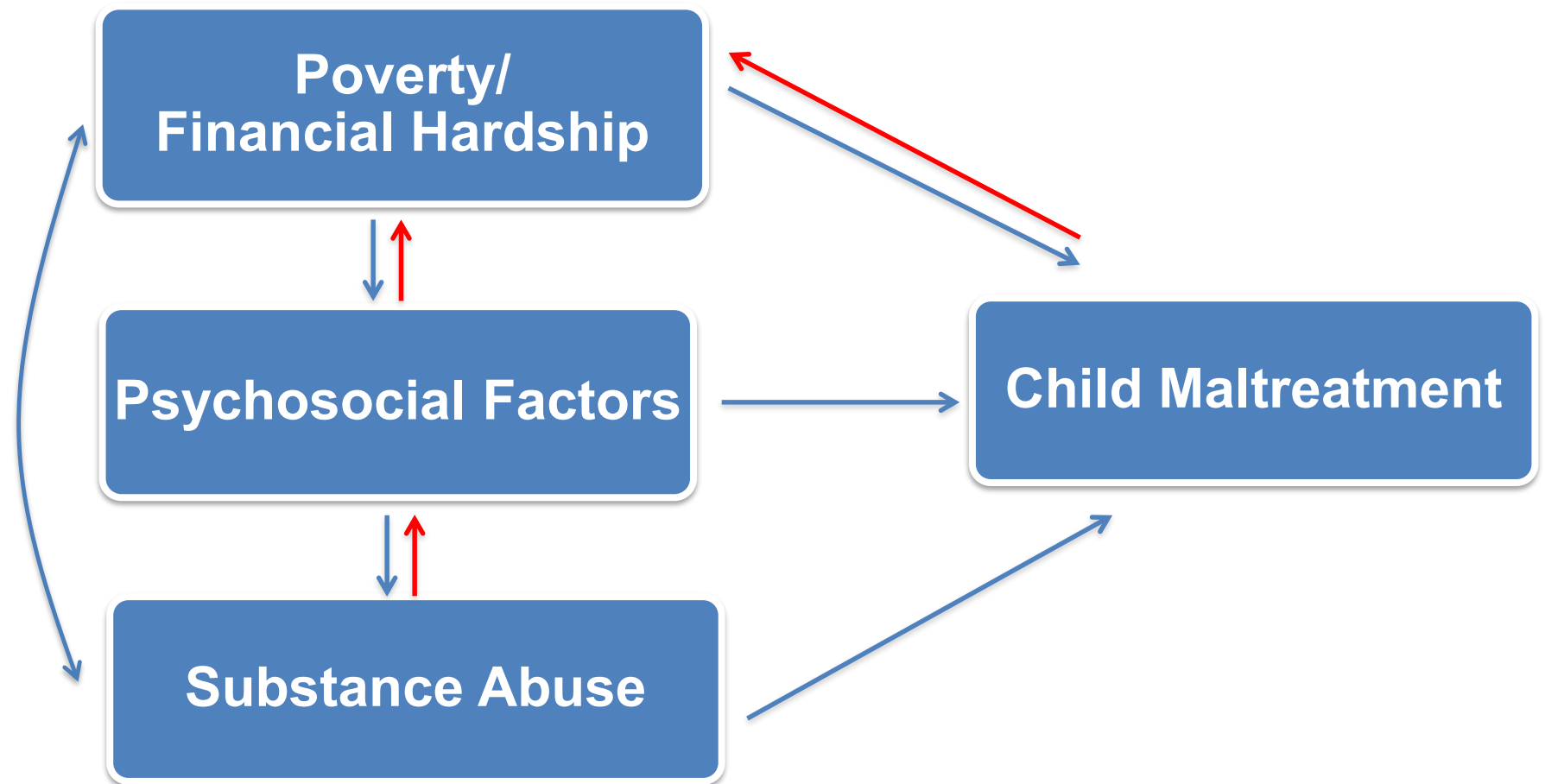
Ecological Theory of Causation



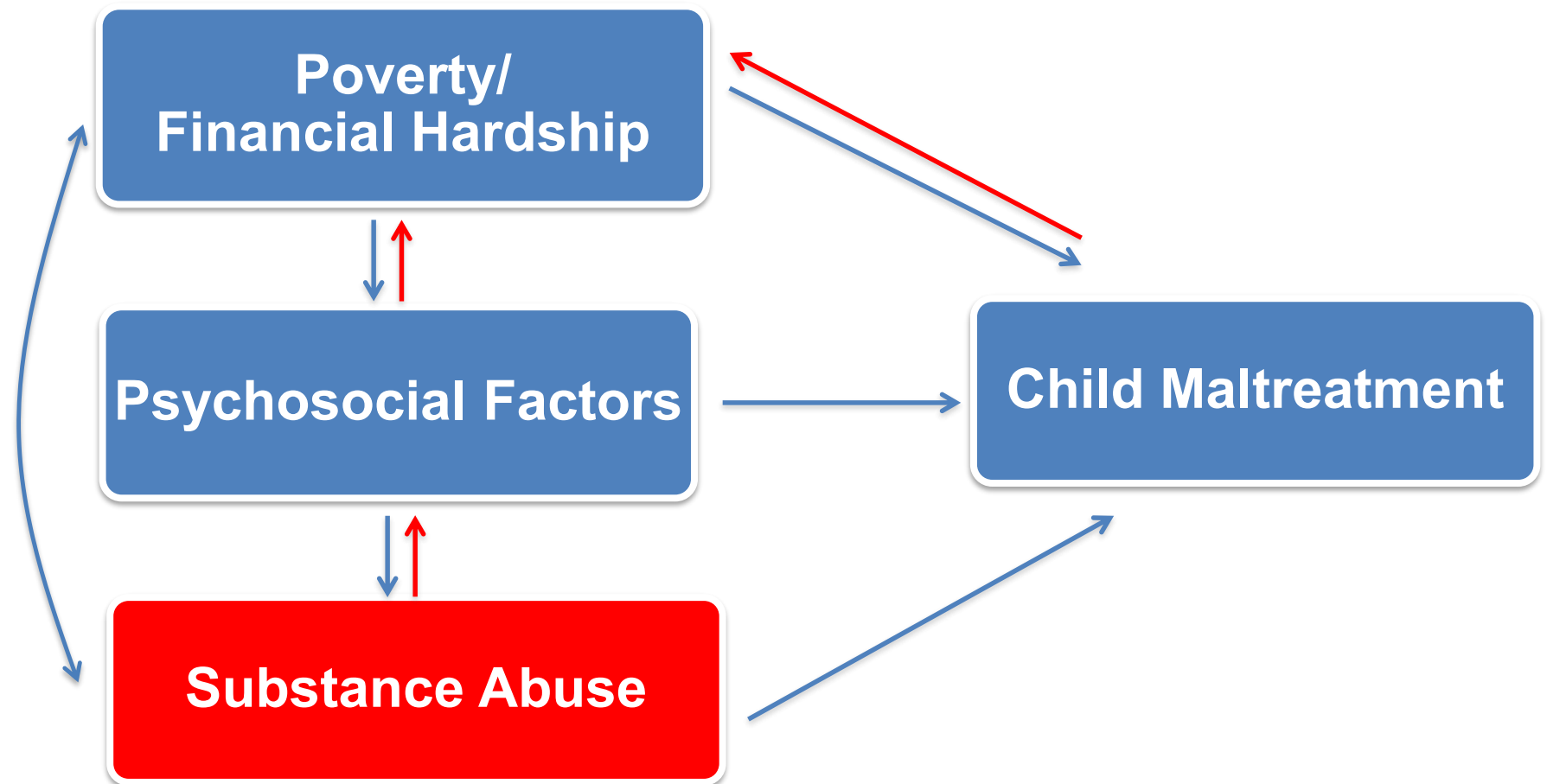
Opioid Epidemic



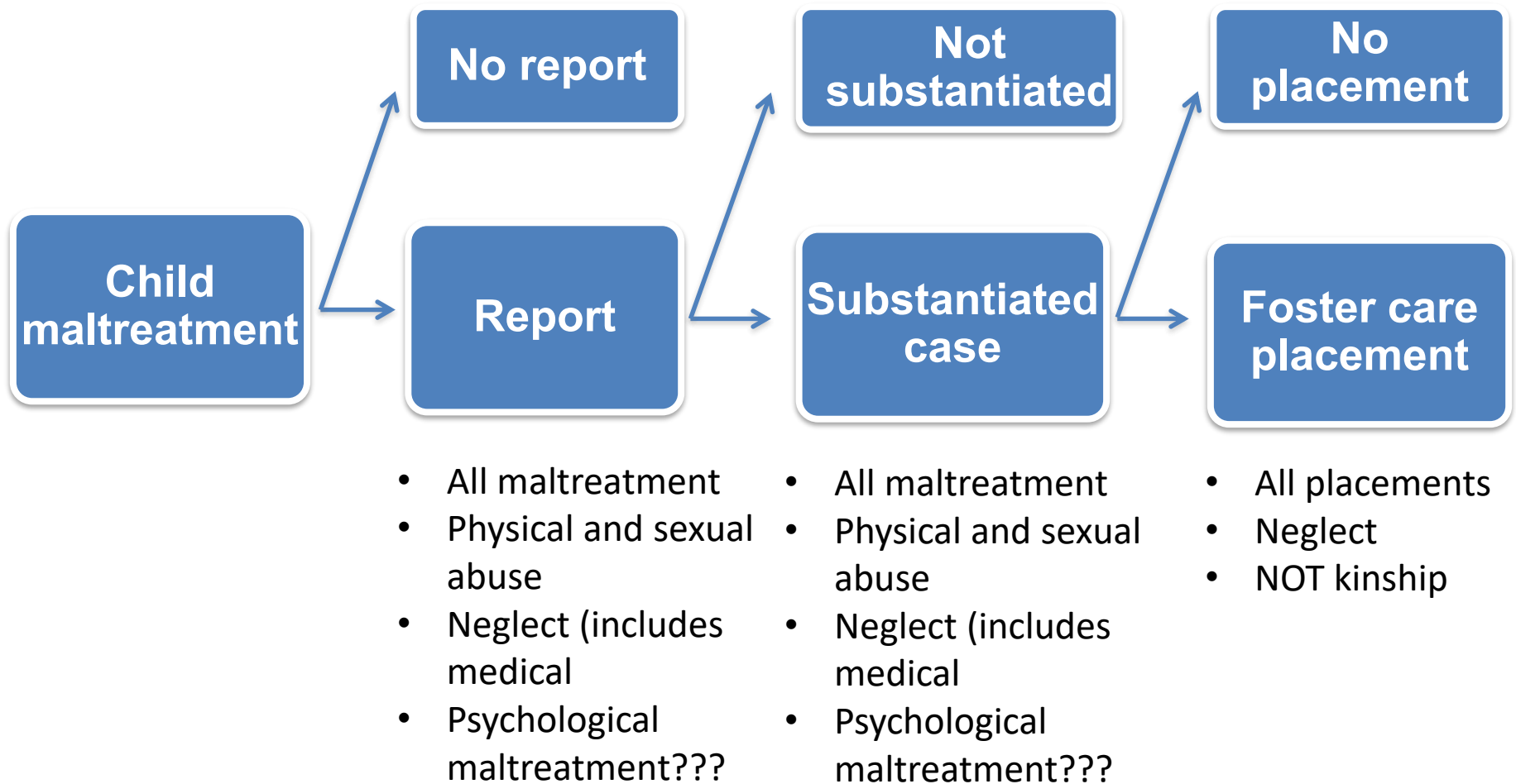
Two-Way Relationships



Opioid Epidemic!!!



Child Protective Decisionmaking



Selective Use of Work-Related Variables

Intervention variables used and mentioned (and number statistically significant, $p < .05$), by source

TANF work-related intervention variables	APPAM Paper	Presentations		
		University of Kansas	Committee on Children and Seniors	Social Services Budget Committee
Total benefit sanction	Used (3 of 6)	Used (4 of 12)	Used (4 of 12)	Used (4 of 12)
Time limits	Used (2 of 6)	Used (5 of 12)	Used (5 of 12)	Used (5 of 12)
Earnings disregard	Used (0 of 6)	Mentioned	Mentioned	-
All four of the above	Used (1 of 6)	Mentioned	Mentioned	Mentioned
Denials	-	Used (6 of 12)	Used (6 of 12)	Used (6 of 12)
TOTAL	6 of 24	15 of 36	15 of 36	15 of 36

Selective Use of Behavioral Variables

Intervention variables used and mentioned (and number statistically significant, $p < .05$), by source

TANF behavioral requirement intervention variables	APPAM Paper	Presentations		
		University of Kansas	Committee on Children and Seniors	Social Services Budget Committee
Education requirements	Used (2 of 6)	Mentioned	Mentioned	Mentioned
Financial incentives	Used (2 of 6)	Mentioned	Mentioned	Mentioned
Immunization requirements	Used (1 of 6)	Mentioned	Mentioned	Mentioned
Mandatory health screenings	Used (1 of 6)	Mentioned	Mentioned	Mentioned
TOTAL	6 of 24	-	-	-

Selective Use of Work-Related Variables

Summing Up

72 vs. 17 vs. 4

Of the 72 unique outcomes reported for work-related TANF policies, 17 were statistically significant once and 4 were statistically significant in both the paper and presentations.

Selective Use of Behavioral Variables

Summing Up

48 vs. 9

Of the 48 unique outcomes reported for behavioral requirements, 9 were statistically significant in both the paper and presentations.