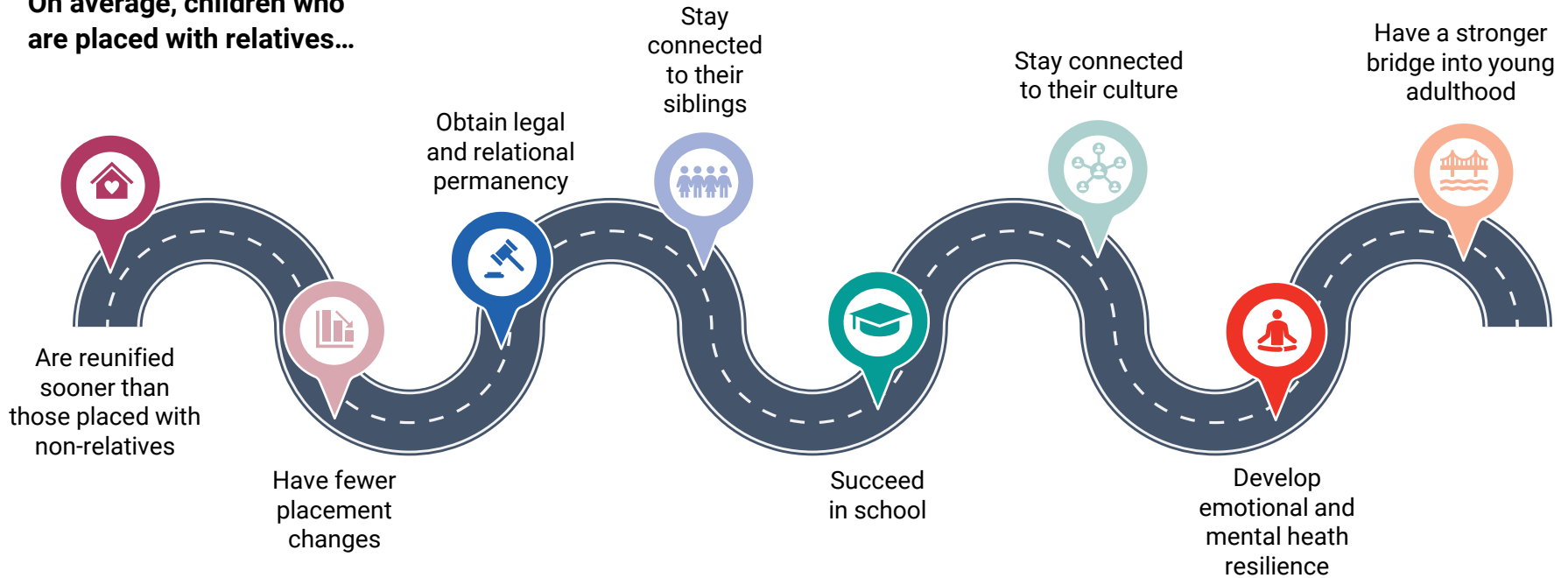




Roots and Relationships: The Key to Better Outcomes for Children

When a child is separated from their parent, guardian or Indian Custodian, it is important they remain with family or within their own community. This means that whenever possible, a child shall remain with a relative or like-kin individual. Placing children with relatives reduces the stress of separation and improves the out-of-home care (OHC) experience.

On average, children who are placed with relatives...



In Wisconsin between 2019 and 2023...

43% of children in OHC were placed with a relative.

Of those children removed and initially placed with a relative, **73% of children were placed with their sibling(s).**

Of all children discharged from OHC, **97% of children placed with a relative achieved permanency**, with most being reunified.

Data Source: SM10A112, BCWRA, 2019-2023, 11/22/2024, Final

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