

FACT Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2021

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

40 Douglas Drive, Martinez, CA

Zoom Meeting



Call to Order – 9:34 am

Committee Member Attendance:

Richard Bell	Carol Carrillo	Joe DeLuca	Mary Flott	
Lisa Johnson	Dave Leimsieder	Karin Kauzer	Ani Pereira Sekhon	Dr. Allyson Mayo
Micaela Mota	Katie Callahan - absent	Pa'tanisha Davis - absent	Jennifer Early - absent	Jenny Tsang

Staff: Laura Malone, Jan Nelson

1. Review and Accept the Minutes (June 7 , 2021)

Mary Flott motioned to accept the minutes – Lisa Johnson seconded, It passed unanimously; Yea: 9, Nay: 0; Abstained: Karin Kauzer

2. FACT Membership Update, Organization and Action Items

- Welcome to Jenny Tsang – approved by BoS at June 8, 2021 meeting.
- Pa'tanisha's transfer to the District 3 Seat is targeted for July 27 BoS, which makes her current At-Large Seat vacant for Audra's appointment.
- Audra's appointment recommendation is then targeted for August FHS meeting and if approved, it would move forward to a September BoS meeting. Approvals will result in Audra's appointment supporting October as her first official meeting.
- 3 pending applications – Annie Lu, Deborah Small, and Rhiannon Shires. All have been notified, thanking them for their applications, inviting them to the FACT meetings and that we currently do not have any Seat vacancies.
- Membership reappointment renewal update
 - Mary District Seat targeted for Sept. 7 BoS meeting
 - Richard District Seat targeted for an August BoS meeting
 - Ani District Seat call received from Spvr Glover's office, targeted for end of August BoS meeting.
 - Carol At Large Seat targeted for August FHS meeting along with Audra's appointment request.
 - Dave District Seat - awaiting to receive notification from Clerk of the Board and once received, will be forwarded to Spvr Mitchoff's office for handling.

- Dr. Mayo At- Large Seat on agenda for today for Committee review and approval. [Mary Flott motioned to approve.](#) [Karin Kauzer seconded.](#) [It passed unanimously;](#) Yea: 9, Nay: 0; Abstained: [Dr. Mayo](#)

3. RFP Needs Assessment/RFP

- Dr. Mayo provided update on the Needs Assessment Sub-Committee – The Sub-Committee has 2 documents to review (Chapin Hall Report and the Measure X Report – both provided copies to the Committee), and next step is to get together with sub-committee – expects 30-45 days for delivering recommendations. Joe inquired if the data we have is a sufficient population of data or are there other pieces to include. Carol said that there will be one more smaller piece of data, but that yes, this data we have will be sufficient. Deadline – October is when we need to have a final vote on the RFP in order to publish prior to the holidays. September meeting is where we need to have a draft of the RFP where everyone reviews and provides feedback on the draft given the needs assessment recommendations. Discussion on if an ad hoc meeting in August is needed? Ultimately, the Committee determined a meeting in August was not needed. The Sub-Committee will provide a report out via email in August. Joe asked if there were any questions regarding substance – Dr. Mayo replied no discussion needed at this time.

4. TAX Insert Flyer

- Reviewed updated draft tax flyers provided by EHSD Communications. Discussion around format, images and desired language. Suggestions provided to consolidate language on internal pages and add another image. Committee also suggested to update photos that represent our diverse population. Unable to finalize flyer modifications at meeting and final is needed prior to next FACT meeting to meet Print/Mail deadlines for Tax Mailings.
- Discussion included – Jenny T mentioned on line report is very compelling and to consider incorporating verbiage from it. Approximate cost is \$8,800 and that's enough flyers for 2 years run. Micaela brought up post partum depression and would like to possibly see an infant image in the brochure. Carol agreed – good point. Ani agreed with including images diversifying age. Dave agreed with toddler image. Laura M. suggested we had room to rearrange the text and include a third image. Joe commented that he is satisfied going with incremental improvement to the brochure. Doing some changes for this year and additional improvements in the future.
- To meet the deadlines for Print/Mail, Joe suggested that the Committee can delegate executive decision making authority to Mary to finalize with Laura via vote. [Dave Leimsieder motioned,](#) [Richard Bell seconded.](#) [It passed unanimously;](#) Yea: 10, Nay: 0; Abstained: N/A

5. Committee Member Updates

- None

6. Updates - Contract Status

COMPLETE:

20-267 FACT CAPC

20-276 FACT STAND!

20-272-2 FACT CCIF/HOPE

20-262 FACT Ujima

20-273 FACT Cope

RISK MANAGEMENT:

20-268-2 FACT MT DIABLO CROSSROADS

AWAITING CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE:
20-278 FACT CCARC/VISTABILITY

- Jan reported on OCAP (California Office of Child Abuse Prevention) Reporting schedule, OCAP annual report webinar kick off including providers and Year-End reporting.

7. Discussion/Announcements/Public Comment

- Laura M. Triennial Report received from Clerk of the Board. Required to be completed by FACT. Submission deadline is December 1. Laura will start filling out the report with known information and submit to committee for review. The report is an eight (8) page question and answer document. Purpose is anticipated to be an assessment for the Board of Supervisors on FACT Committee. **Action Item: Will be on FACT agenda for October meeting and if necessary November, for final content approval/vote and submission by December 1, 2021.**

Adjourn – 10:30

ACTION ITEM ADDITIONS FROM THIS MEETING

Deliverable	Responsible Party	Assigned Date/Due Date

A young boy with short dark hair, wearing a grey sweater, is sitting at a desk in a classroom. He is looking off to the side with a thoughtful expression. In the background, another student is visible, slightly out of focus.

**Children & Family Services
Report to Measure X Community Advisory Board**

**Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Department
June 9, 2021**



Our Mission



EHSD partners with the community to deliver quality services to ensure access to resources that support, protect, and empower individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency.



Children & Family Services

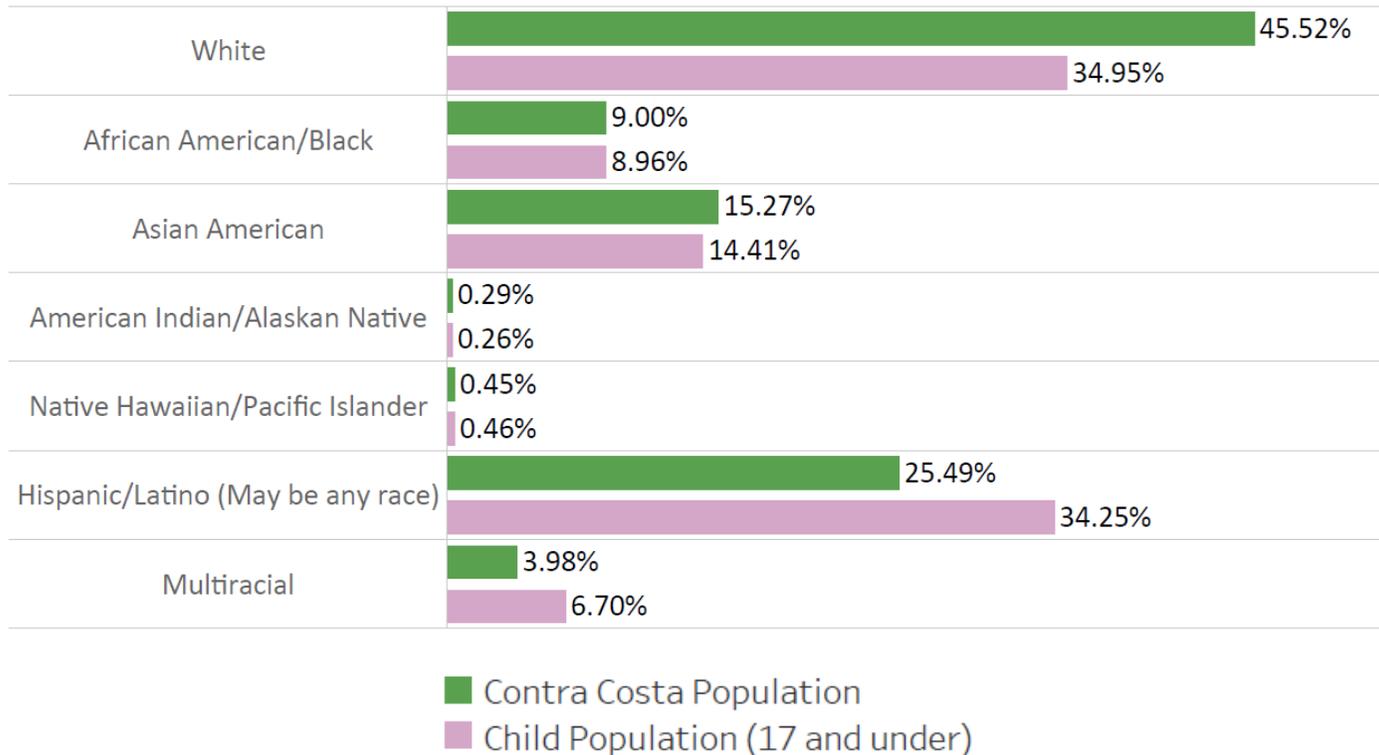
Who We Are

- The Child Welfare agency for our County.
- Mandated by Federal law and guided by the California Welfare & Institutions Code, Sections 300 and 16500.
- Responsible for assessing and responding to child abuse and neglect.
- Three main goals: to achieve safety, permanency, and well-being for all children.

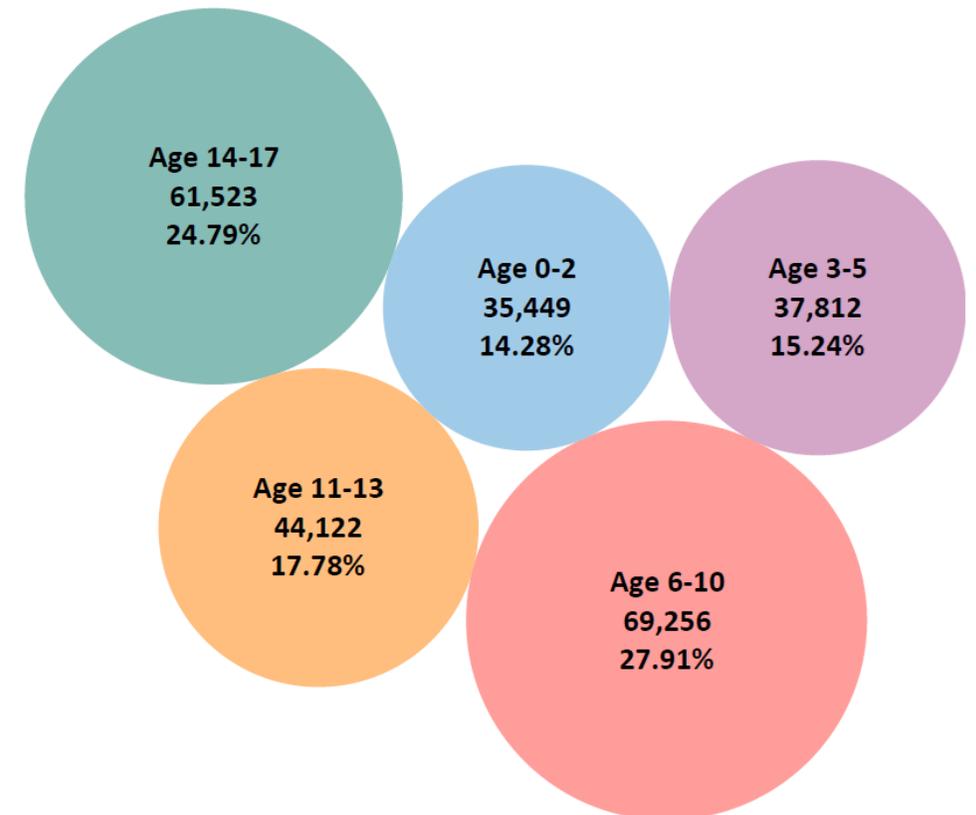


A Snapshot of Contra Costa's Child Population

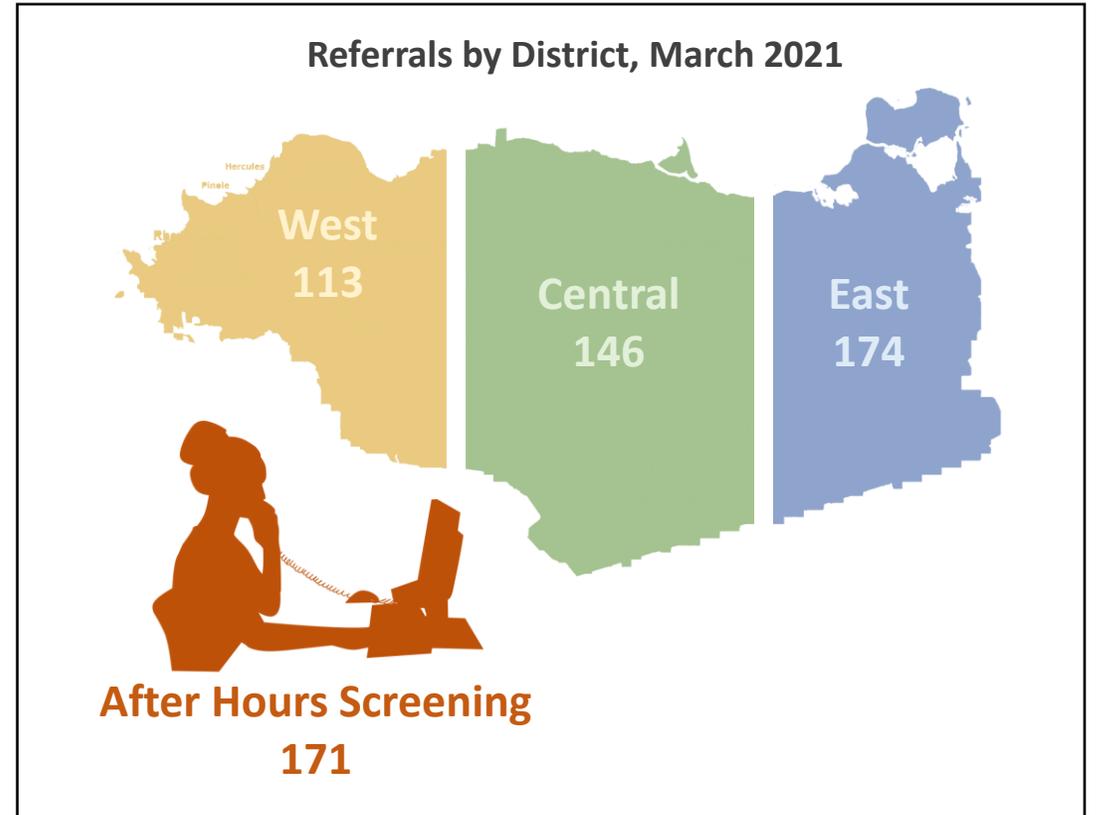
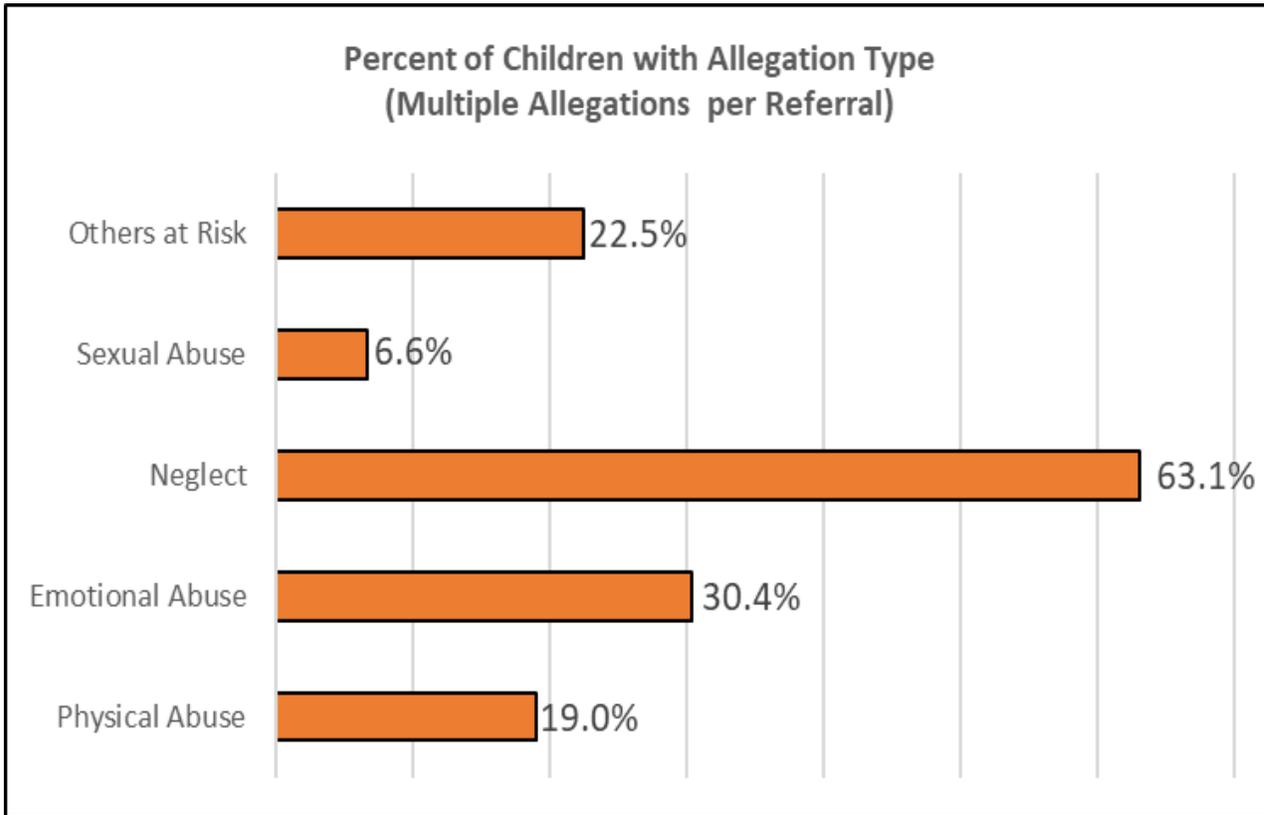
Contra Costa Total Population vs. Child Population (17 and Under)



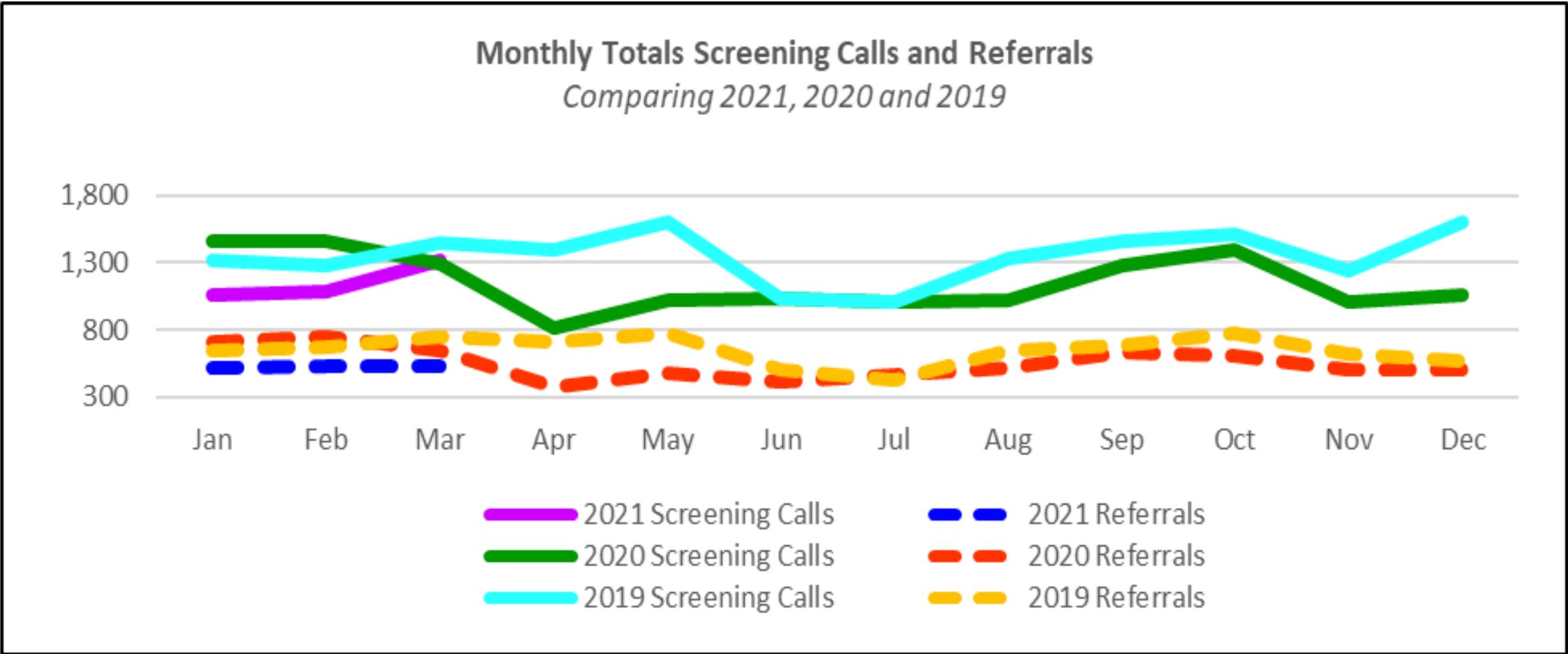
Contra Costa Children 17 and Under, by Age Group



Monthly Referrals by District and Types of Abuse



Calls to Hotline – Monthly Averages

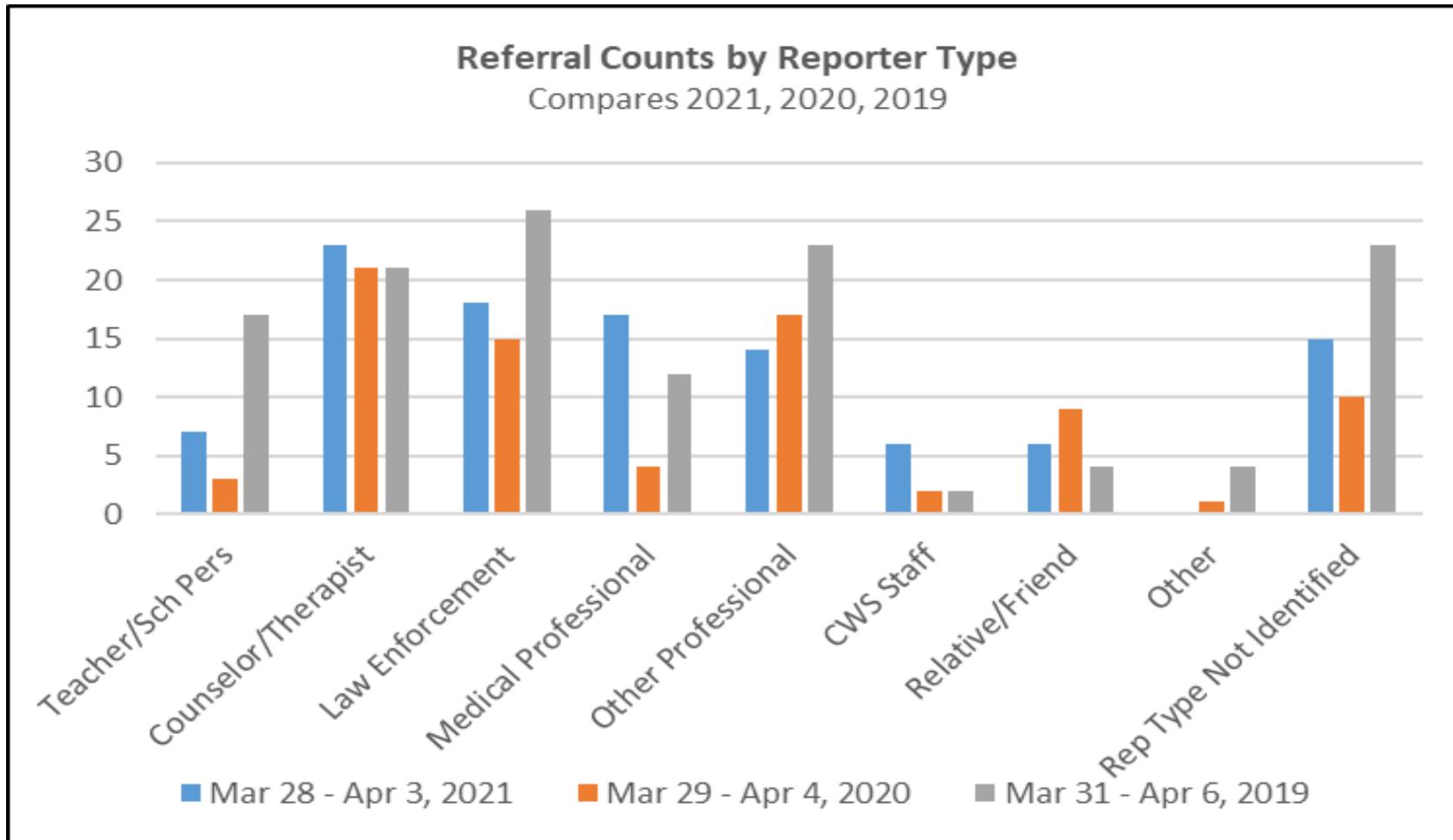


Allegations and Children In Care by Race and Ethnicity

Race and Ethnicity	Allegations 2020 Per 1,000	In Care July 1,2020 Per 1,000
Black	87.7	13.1
White	22.9	2.1
Latino	33.0	2.3
Asian/P.I.	14.3	0.7
Nat Amer	47.1	M

Source: Webster, D., Lee, S., Dawson, W., Magruder, J., Exel, M., Cuccaro-Alamin, S., Putnam-Hornstein, E., Wiegmann, W., Saika, G., Chambers, J., Hammond, I., Ayat, N., Misirli, E., Hoerl, C., Yee, H., Flamson, T., Gonzalez, A., & Briones, E. (2021). *CCWIP reports*. Retrieved May 21, 2021, from University of California at Berkeley California Child Welfare Indicators Project website. URL: <https://ccwip.berkeley.edu>

Who is the Reporting Party?



Family Maintenance Services

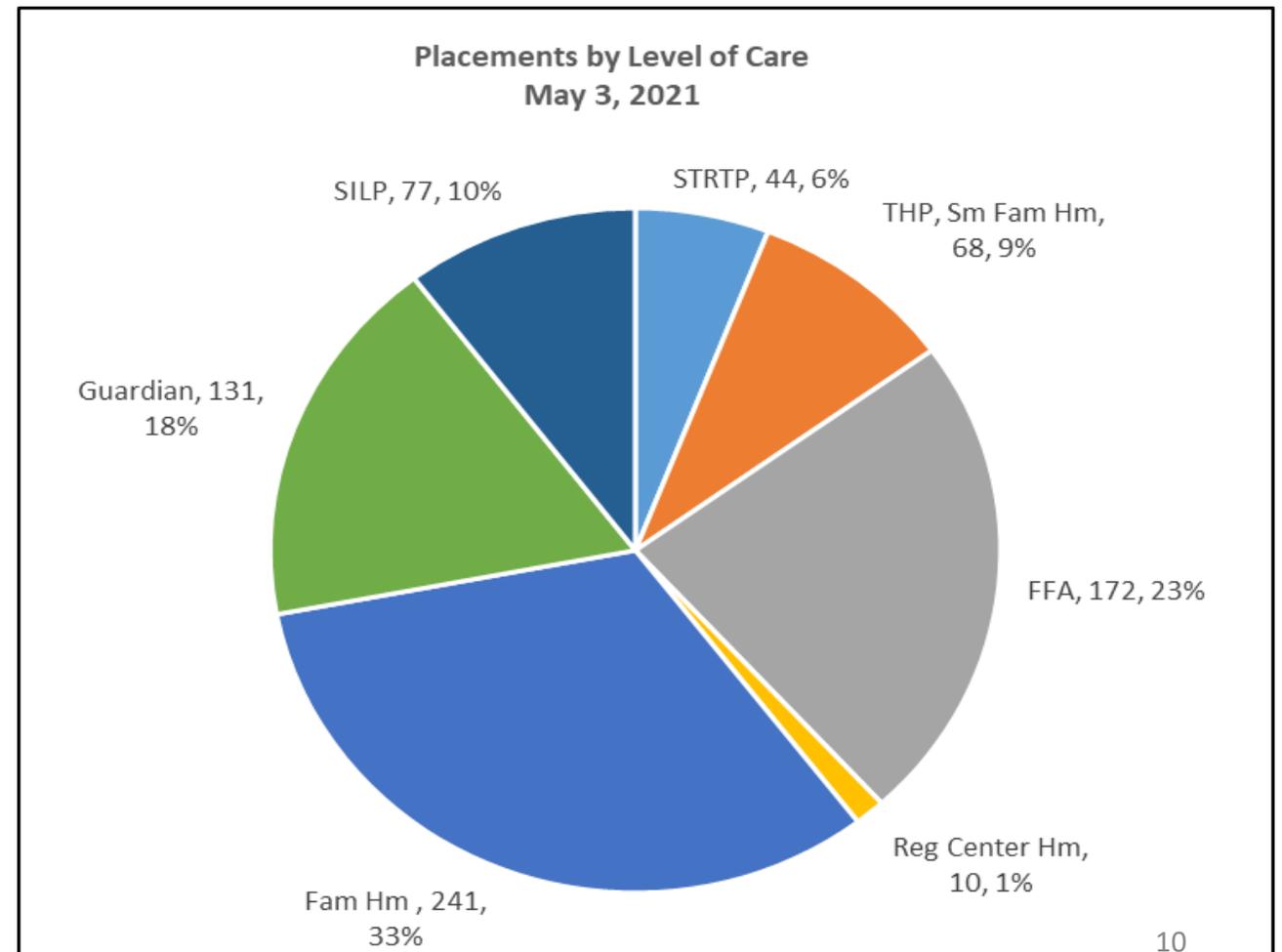
- Some children are not removed from their parents when they can safely remain in their homes with added supports and services.
- The supports are provided by CFS, Community Based Organizations and the Courts.

Point in Time – May 5, 2021	East	Central	West	Total
<i>Voluntary FM</i>	38	24	2	64
<i>Family Maintenance</i>	77	37	74	188
<i>Total</i>	115	61	76	252



When Children Cannot Remain Safely at Home Number of Children in Placement and Types of Placement

Congregate Care	54	7.3%
Family Home Relative/ NREFM Care	184	24.8%
Family Home Community Care	361	48.6%
Self Care	144	19.4%
Total in Care	743	100.0%



National Data: Poverty and Child Welfare

Family income is the greatest predictor of maltreatment & child welfare entry. Economic hardships increase risk of child welfare involvement, e.g. utility shutoffs, difficulty paying for housing, inadequate housing, food insecurity and material economic stress.

Children in low socioeconomic status families are...

7x more likely to
experience neglect

5x more likely to
experience abuse

40x more likely to enter child welfare
than middle income families



National Data: Poverty & Children of Color

73% of children in poverty are children of color

- **1 in 3** Black children
- **1 in 3** Native American children
- **1 in 4** Latino children
- **1 in 11** White children

14% of US children are Black, but are **27%** of children in poverty

- **53%** of Black children are investigated by CPS by age 18
- **23%** are in foster care

Emerging Themes and Trends



COVID impacts on children and families: home schooling, job losses and hours reductions, childcare issues for parents



Behavioral Health: more support and services needed for children and parents



Continuum of Care Reform (CCR): placements for children with very high needs are hard to find in County or nearby



Families First Prevention Services Act: New Child Welfare Initiative launches October 2021

Gaps



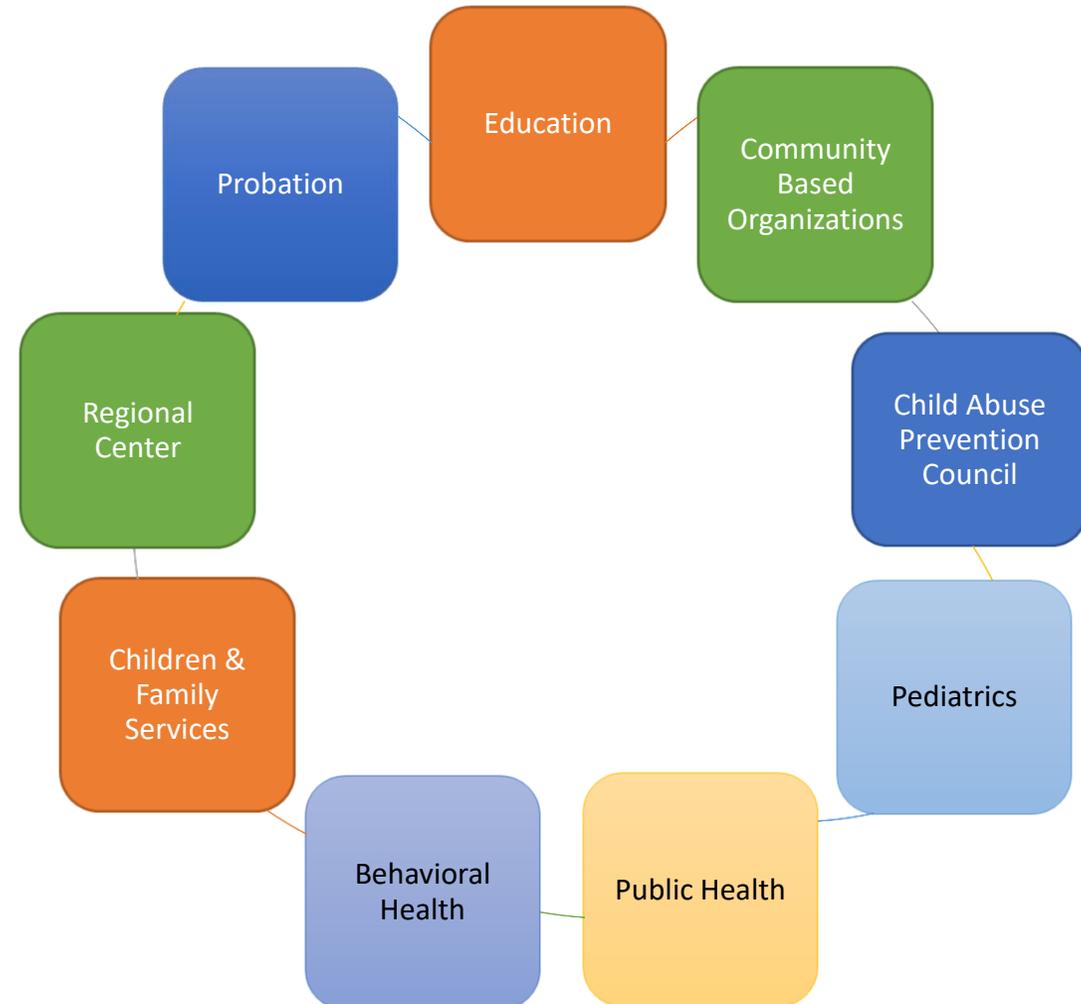
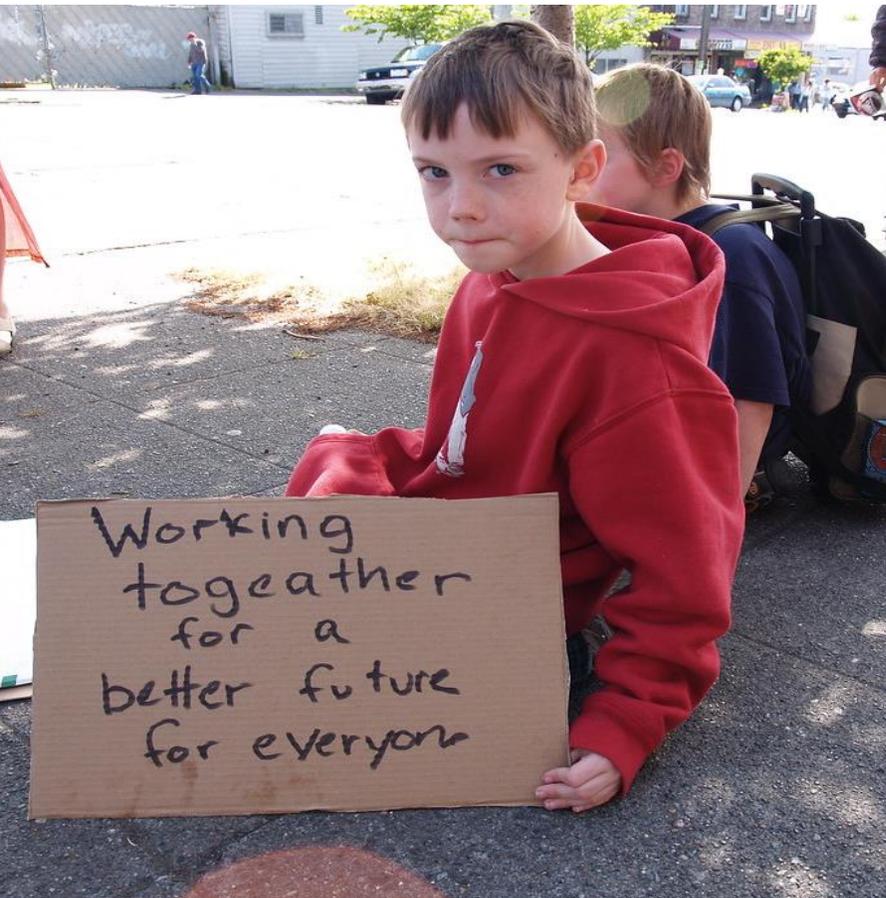
- Limited funding for **discretionary items** for children in foster care.
- Limited **concrete services for families** needing very basic help to avoid child welfare: housing, livable wages, childcare, substance abuse treatment and mental health supports for children and parents.
- Lack of safe very **high-level respite options** for children who need treatment and can't stay safely in the home.
- Insufficient **number of foster homes** in County willing to take in medically needy children, sibling groups, developmentally delayed children or children with high-level behavioral health needs.
- Lack of **Regional Center placements and services** for developmentally delayed, non-ambulatory and equipment dependent Regional Center children.

Prevention

- A variety and volume of **easily accessible services** for families and children to avoid entering the Child Welfare system.
- **Behavioral Health** placements and services for parent whose children need extra support.
- Services and supports that **ease parents' stress**.
- **Mental health and parenting supports** for parents with mild to moderate mental health needs to avoid involvement with Child Welfare.
- Nationally, when **concrete supports** are offered, there are fewer subsequent neglect reports and **fewer removals** into foster care.



Intersections



Transformational Bold Ideas

Whole family living resources with case management in the community meeting the entire family's needs outside of Court involvement

A **Family Visitation Center Home** that allows supervised overnight visits for parents/children in a home setting. Allows cooking with children, playing in back yard, bathing, preparing for bedtime, etc.

Respite Programs for children of **all ages** for 24 hours or more if needed



Permanent Housing Subsidies result in 50% reduction in foster care removals. Access to high-quality **Child Care** with subsidies reduces neglect by 20%.
Minimum Wage – every \$1 increase results in 10% fewer neglect reports.*



*Chapin Hall, University of Chicago. Family and Child Well-being System: Economic & Concrete Supports as a Core Component. April 2021.

Success

Children are safe, healthy,
and not in foster care

Parents have the supports they need
to raise their children and keep them
safe and free from abuse and neglect

If children must enter foster care,
they get supports and resources
to heal and experience
a safe, healthy childhood



Children in foster care achieve
permanency timely and do not grow
up in the child welfare system

The Families First Prevention Services
Act (FFPSA) will fund and support
prevention efforts, but only for
families coming to CFS' attention.
Ideally, families could have proper
community resources, not escalate
risk & not become involved with CFS.

Thank You



Building Brighter Futures Together...



YES, I would like to help!

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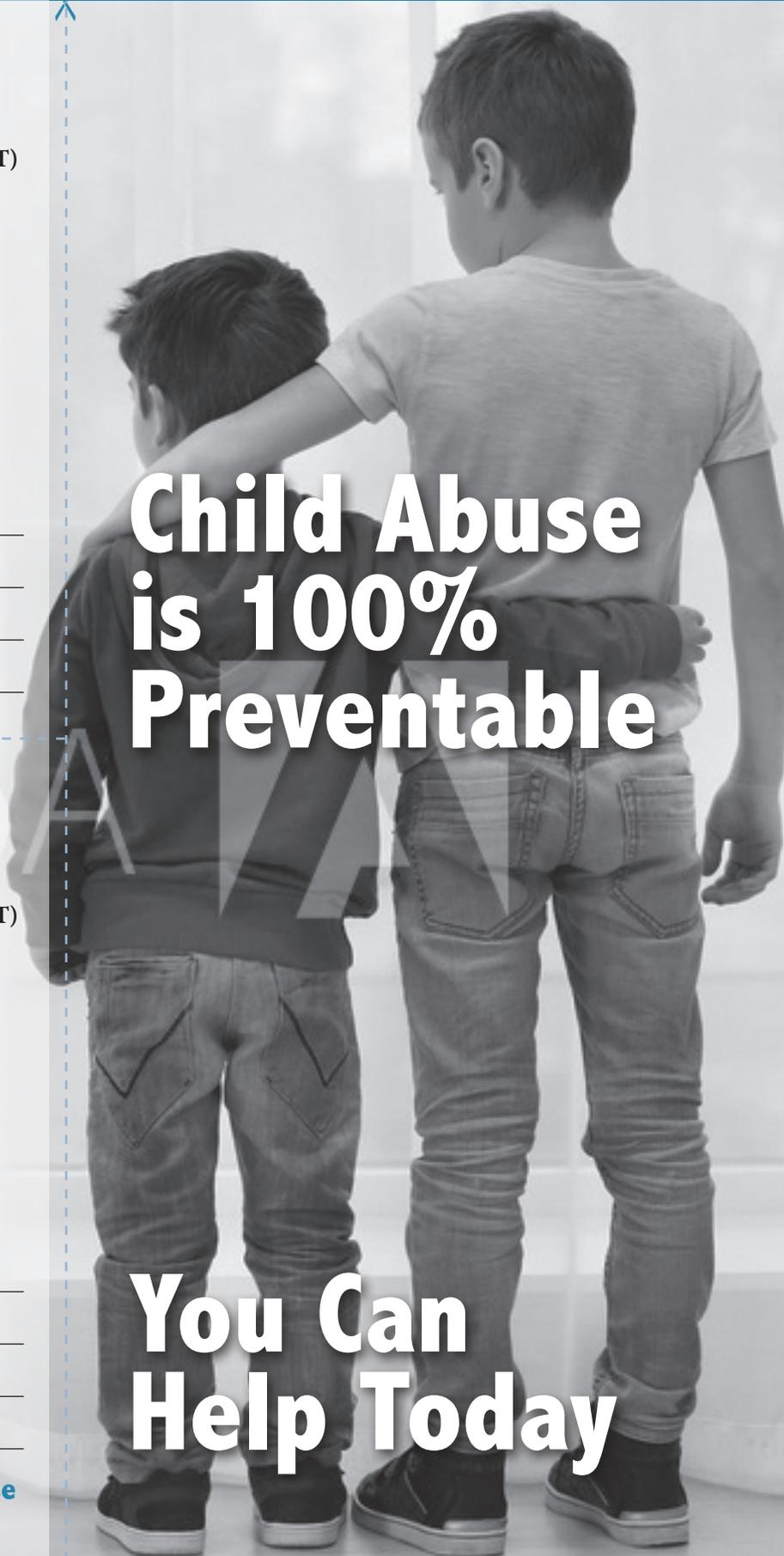
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**Thank you for helping to prevent child abuse
in your community!**



Child Abuse is 100% Preventable

You Can Help Today

Why Donate

Consider these startling facts:

- Research has demonstrated a strong link between abuse in childhood and poor school performance, increased violence, and unstable family situations.
- Children who have been abused are more at risk to continue the cycle of violence.
- For every \$1 spent on prevention, at least \$4 in treatment costs are avoided.

Each year there are approximately 10,000 reports of child abuse that require intervention in Contra Costa County.

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How Your Donation Helps

Your contribution to FACT will help support programs in your community for at-risk children and their families to provide:

- Treatment for child abuse victims
- Support services for substance abuse
- Multi-cultural parent education
- Parenting education and life skills for pregnant and parenting teens
- Services for children with special needs and their parents

This is one of the most important tax deductible contributions you'll make all year.

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