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**Commission on Youth**

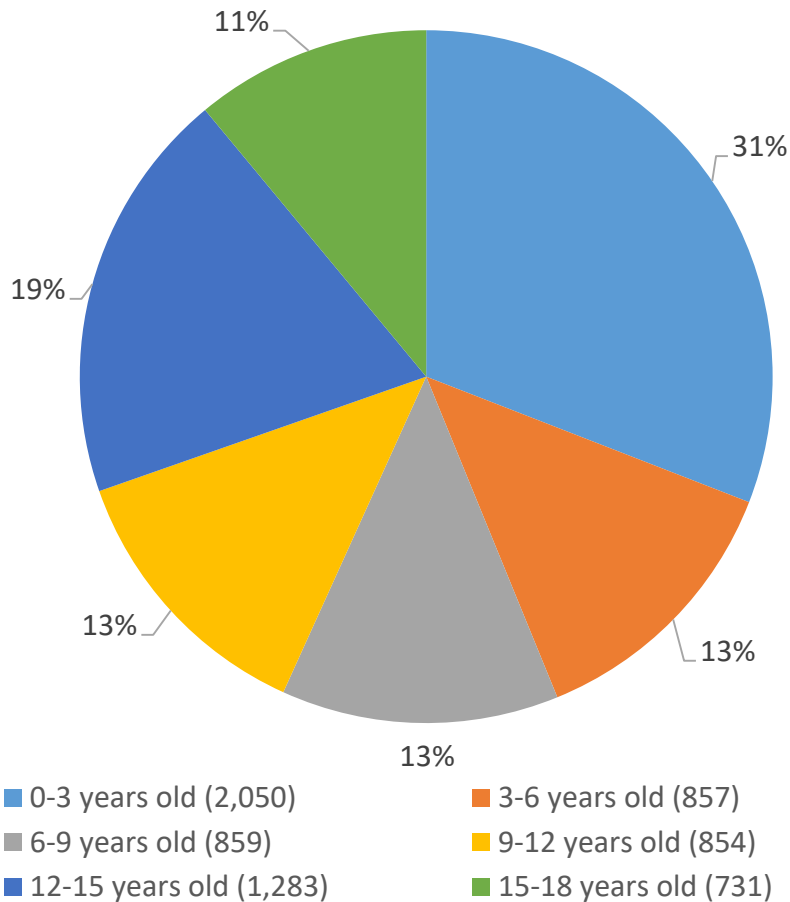
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## SB 1339- Foster Care Omnibus Bill

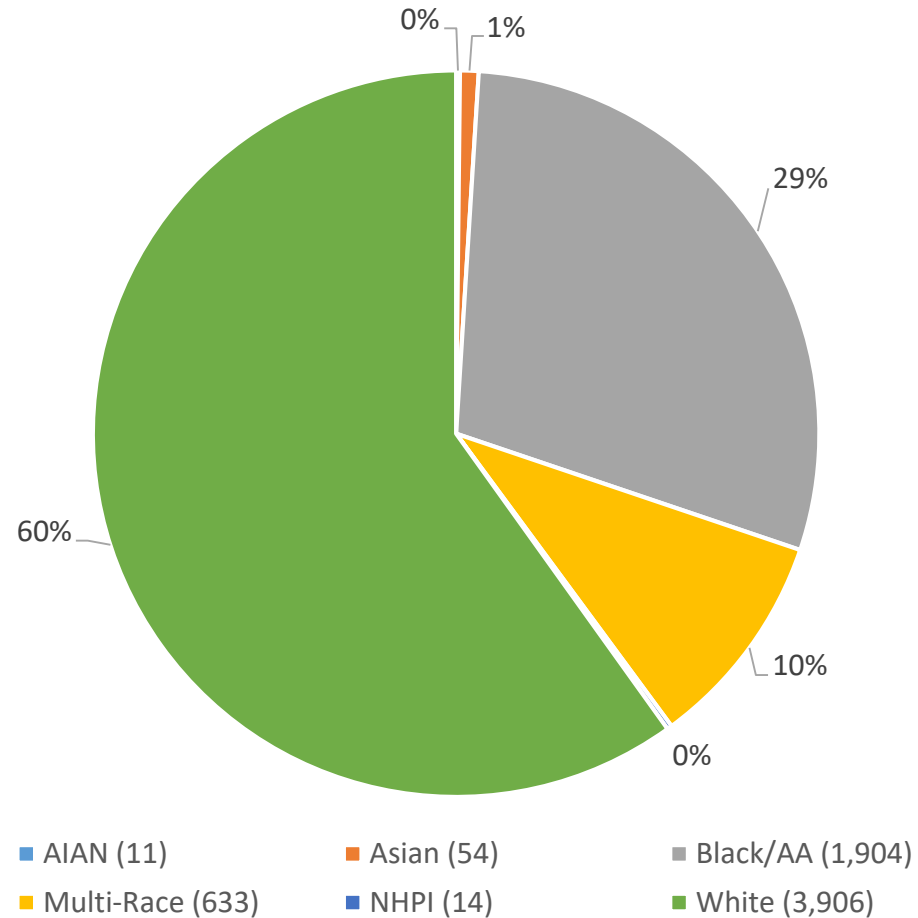
- Resource Family Program – Program Manager & 5 Regional Consultants
- Data driven foster family recruitment plan
- Clear guidance to local department related to approval of relatives as foster parents

# Children and Families

## Age of Child at Entry (Children in Care SFY 2021)



## Primary Race of Child (Children in Care SFY 2021)



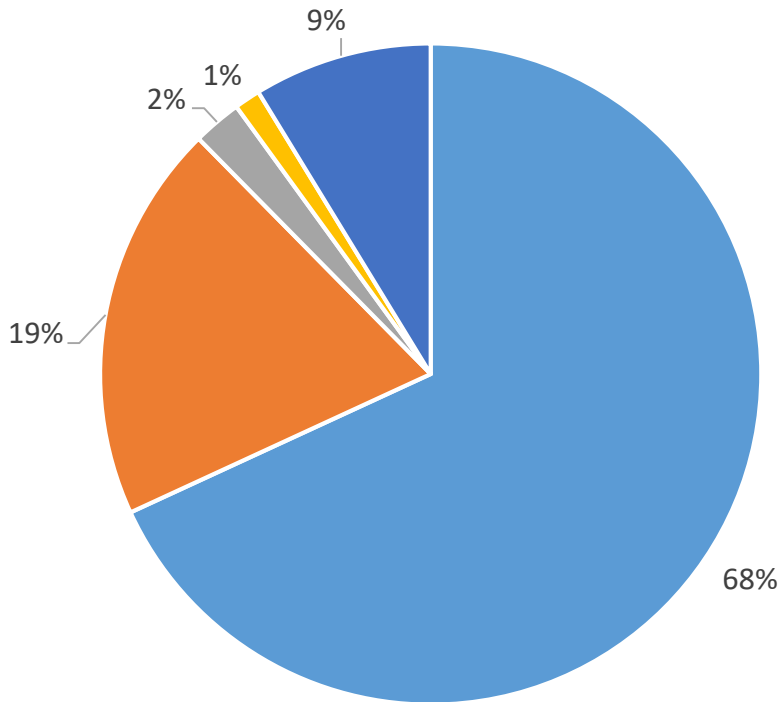
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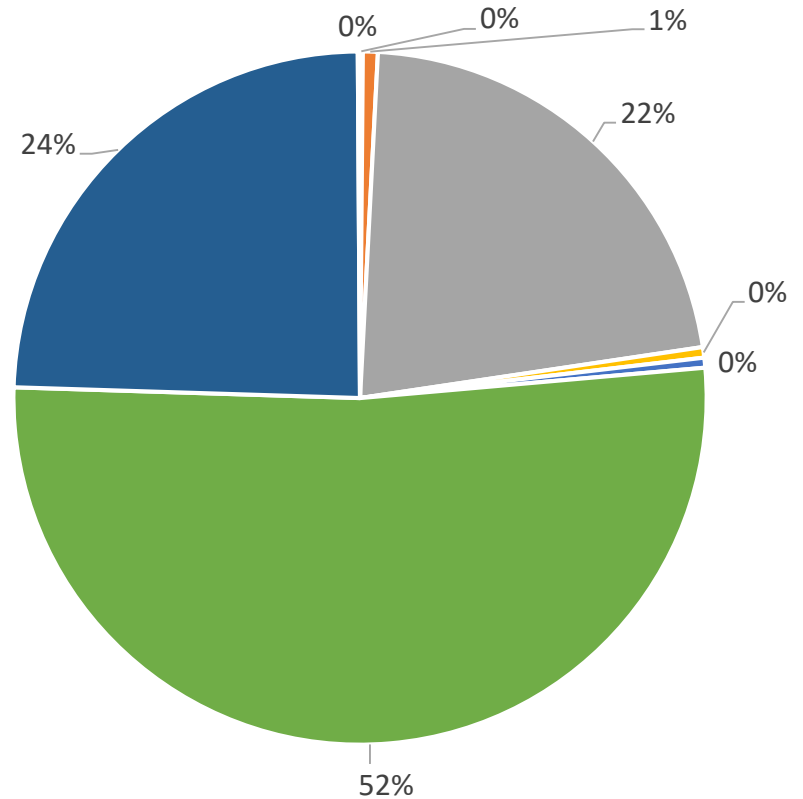
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## Structure of Foster Families (SFY 2021)



- Married Couple (2,629)
- Single Female (752)
- Single Male (92)
- Unmarried Couple (49)
- Unable to Determine (337)

## Race of Head of Household (SFY 2021)



- AIAN (5)
- Multi-Race (19)
- Unknown (947)
- Asian (27)
- NHPI (18)
- Declined (4)
- Black/AA (847)
- White (2,014)

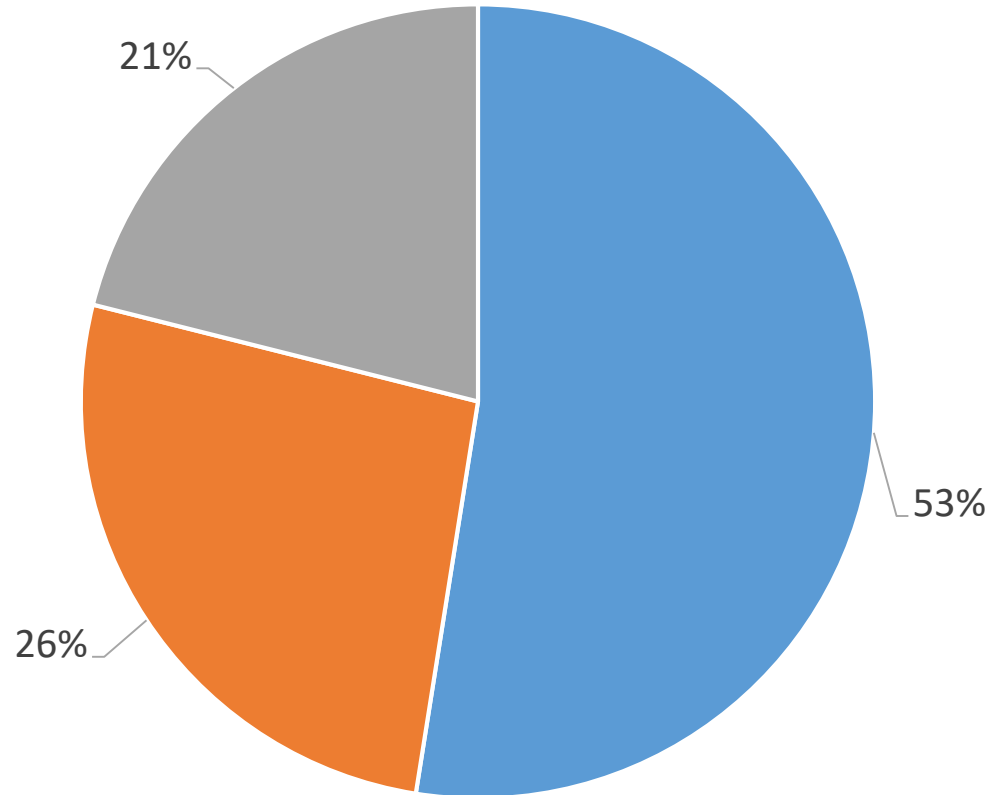


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# Children with Foster Families

## Matching Child and Head of Household Family Foster



■ Same Racial Group (4,464)    ■ Not the Same Racial Group (2,246)    ■ Unknown (1,792)

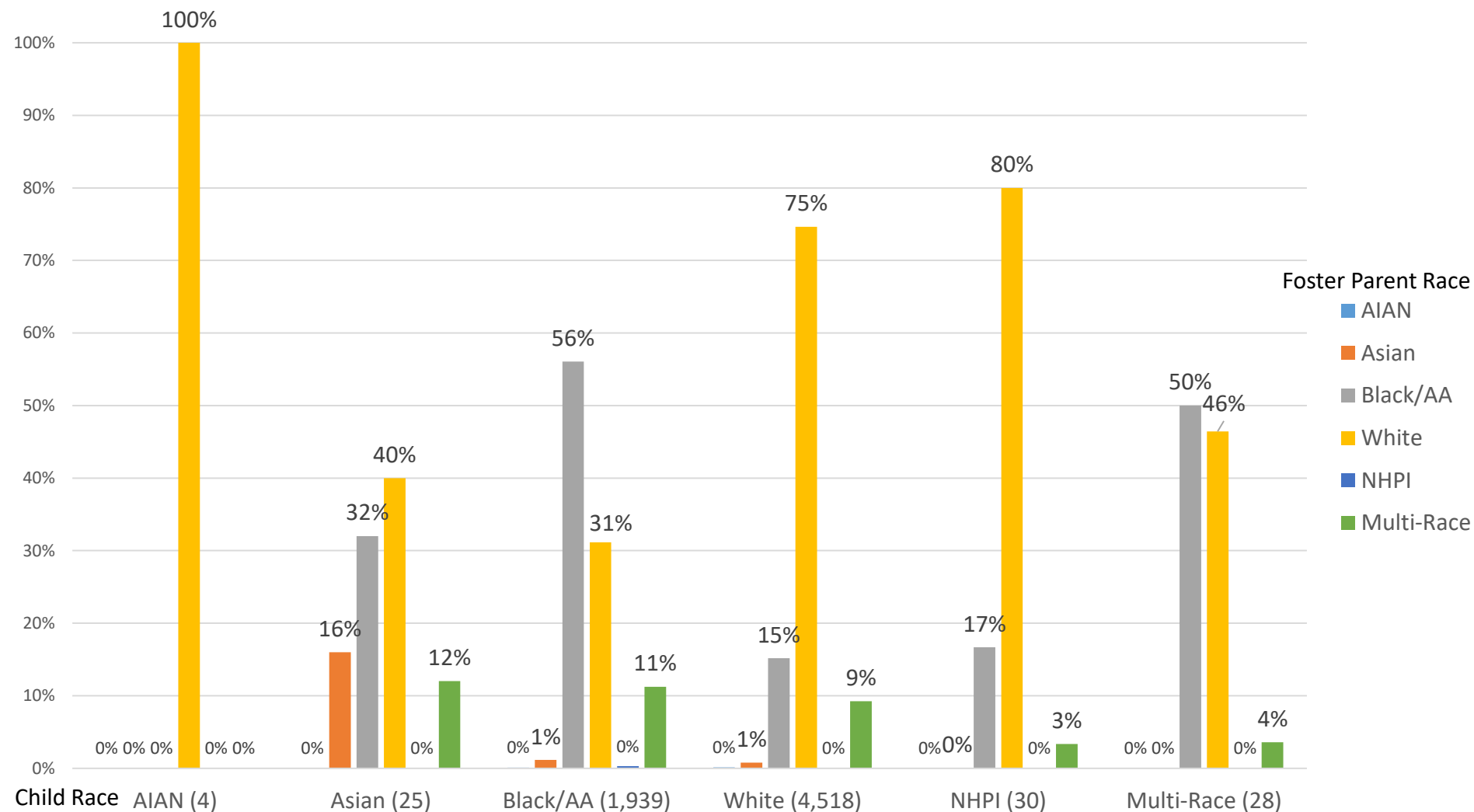


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# Children with Foster Families

## Race of Children and Head of Household for Foster Family



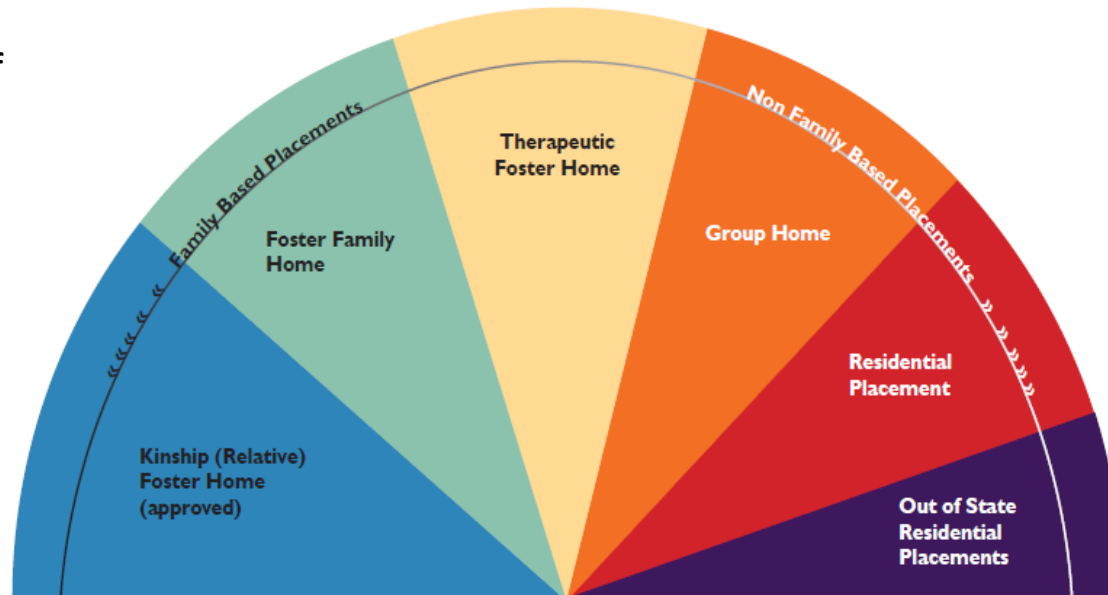
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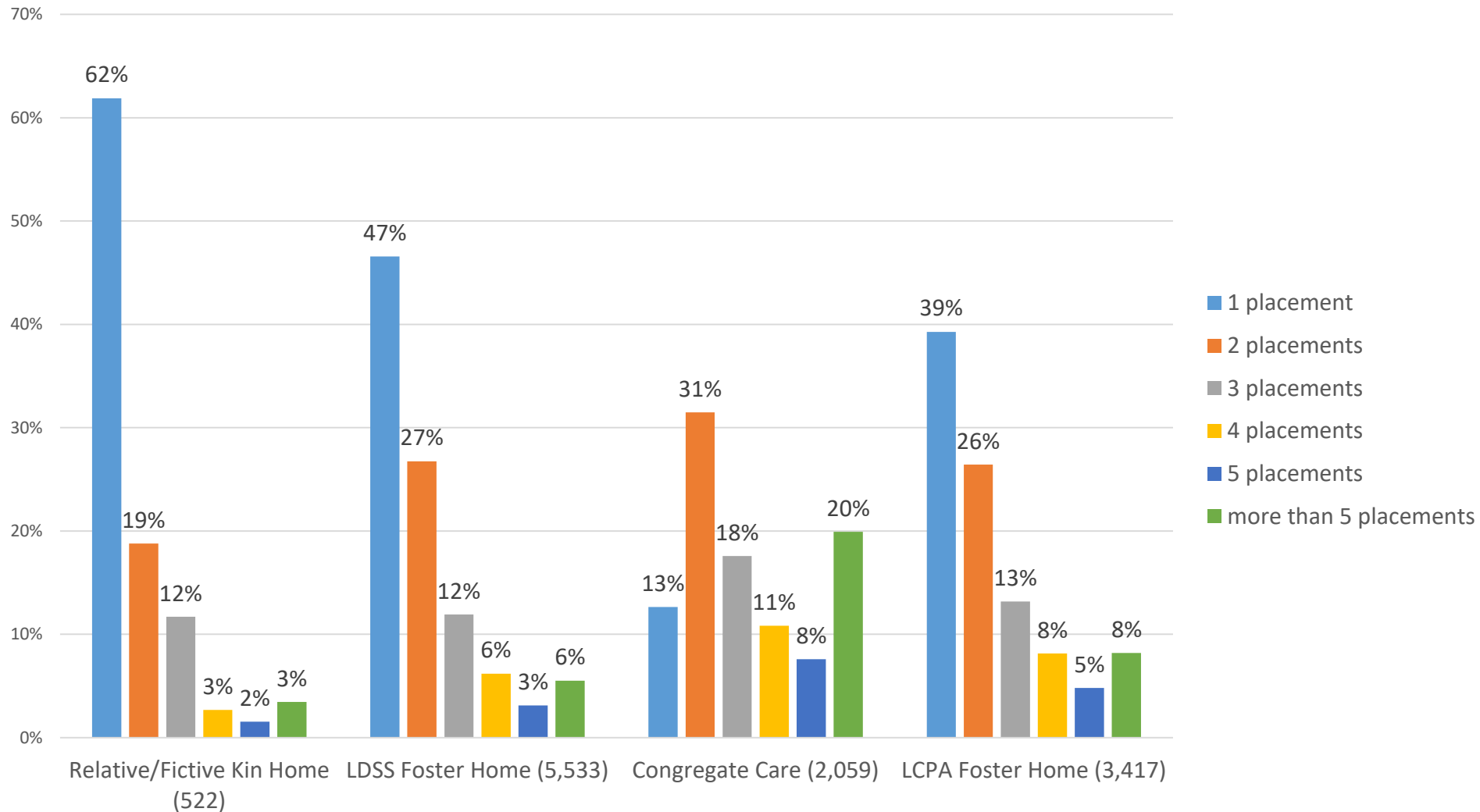
# Family First = Kin First Culture

- ✓ Increase kin/fictive kin placements
- ✓ Increase family-based placements
- ✓ Increase quality of congregate care (QRTP)
- ✓ Decrease use of congregate care



# Impact of Placement Location

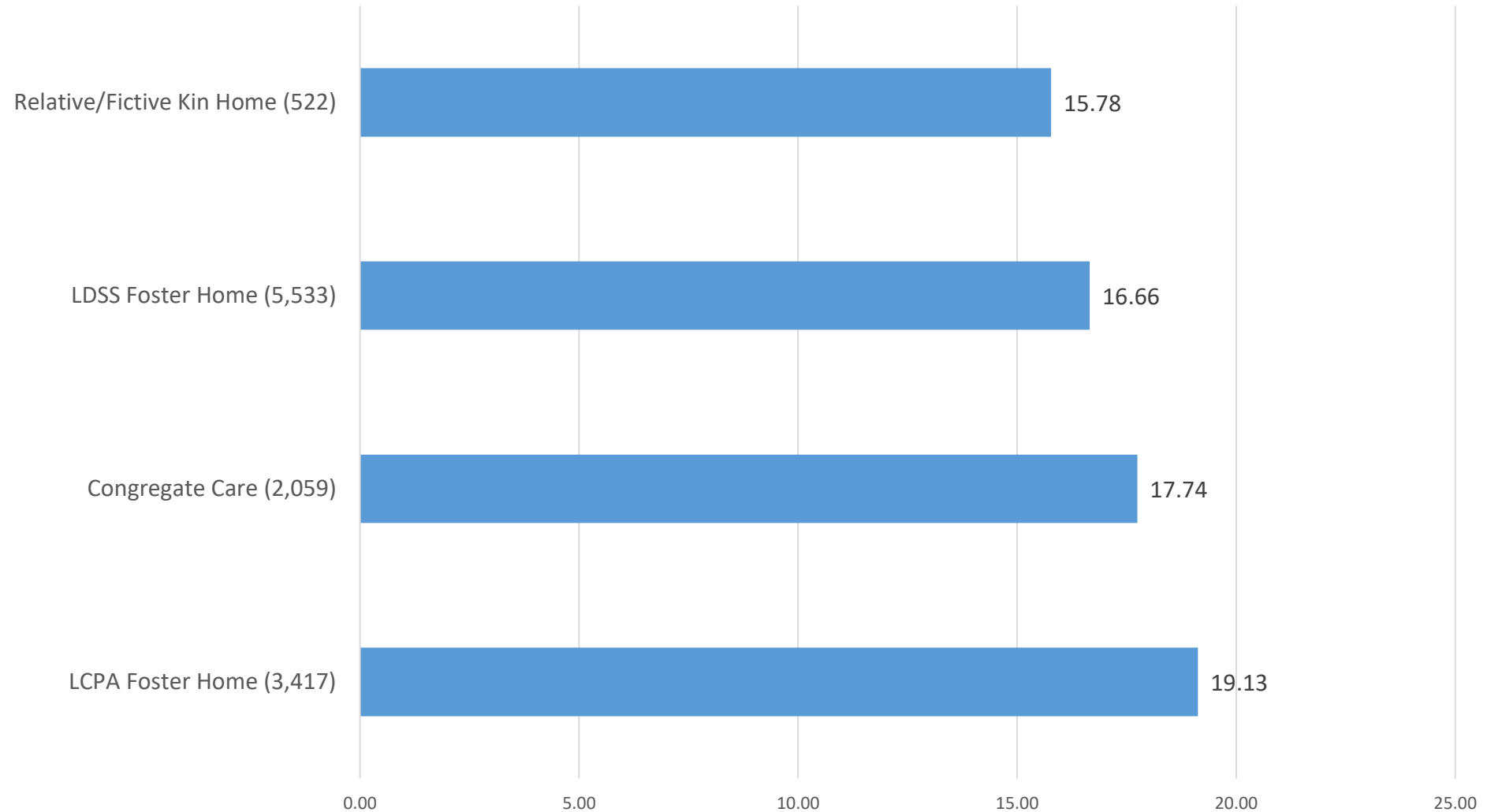
## Number of Placements by Moves by First Placement Location





# Impact of Placement Location

Average Total Time in Care by First Placement Location (in Months)



# Family Based Placements- Increasing Capacity



Revised scope of work for Resource, Foster and Adoptive Family recruitment contractors

Foster Parent Recruitment Portal

Additional Staff to support approving relatives as foster parents

# Next Steps



Improve the quality of data available

Develop collaborative partnerships between LDSS

Create alternatives to congregate care for children needing a higher level of care

Facilitate a broader understanding of social determinants of health