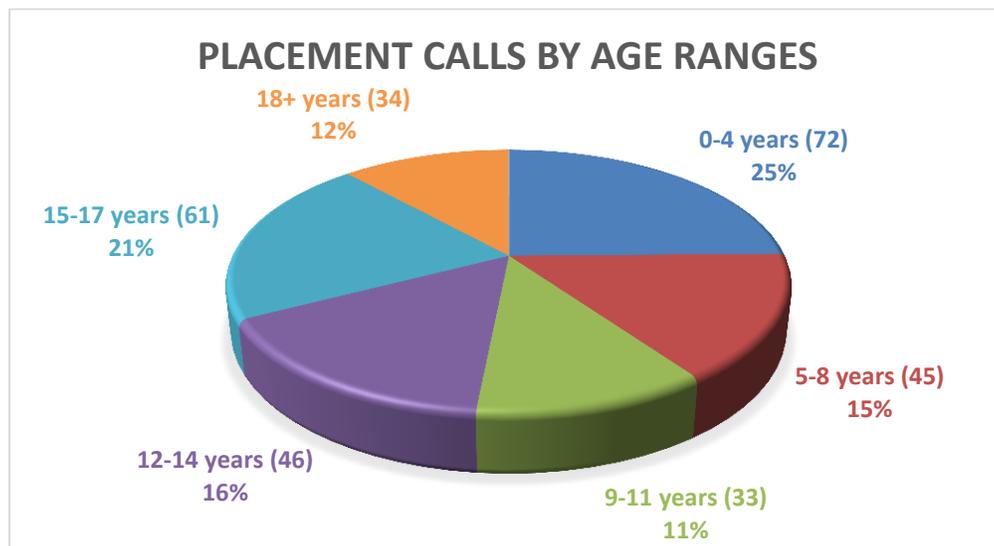




"Facing the challenges of daily life each and every day.....forever struggling, forever maturing, working hard, to one day say, 'I did it! I made it! I have finally come of age!'"

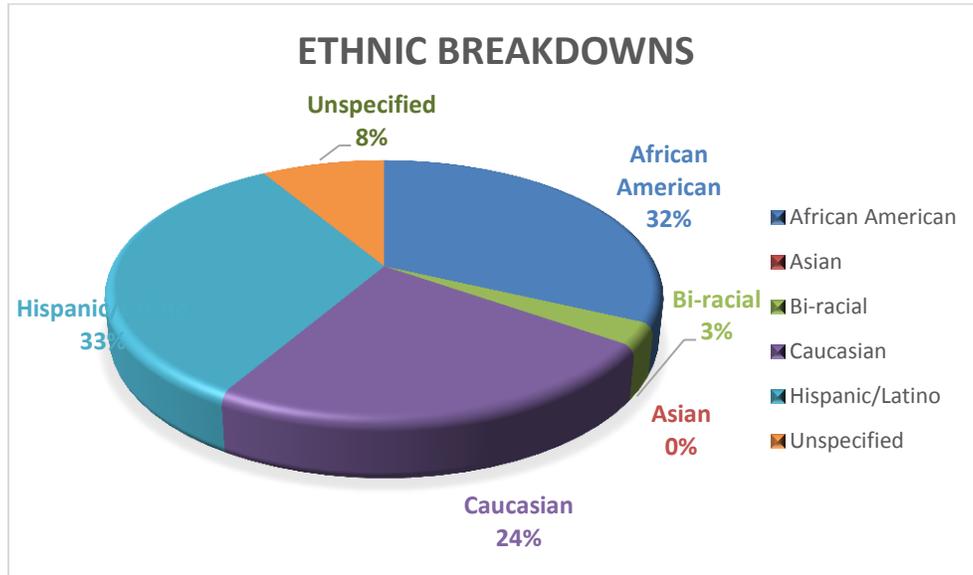
Intake Statistics for June 2016

During the month of June, our agency saw an overall decrease in the age ranges of all children referred to our agency except for those children ages 0-4 in which there was a significant increase in the number of children referred to us during the course of this particular month. Again, this demonstrates the realization that children entering into the foster care system are continuing to be in large overall numbers and that the children entering into the foster care system are indeed quite young in age. Those children entering into care in this age group are usually found to be pulled from their parents due to drug use or positive toxicology at birth, domestic violence, or caretaker absence in which the children are dropped off with a friend or relative who is unable to care for them any longer.



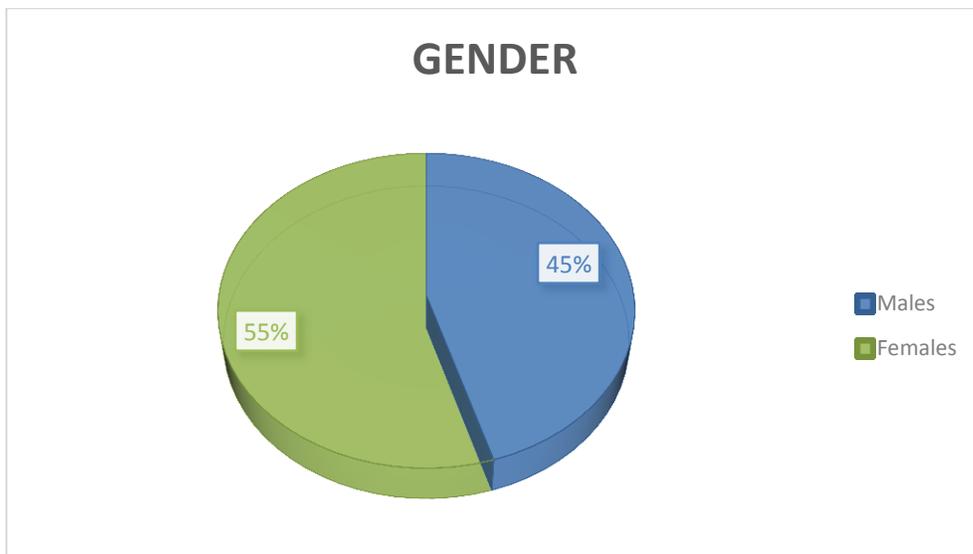
The numbers identified in parenthesis represent the total number of actual calls received for that particular age group. Thus, there were a total of **72** calls for children 0-4 years of age during this particular month which was significant increase from last month where we had 61 calls for youth in this particular age group.

A breakdown of the various ethnicities of those children being referred to placement is identified below.



As you can see, Hispanic/Latino children continue to comprise the largest percentage of the youth who are being referred to our agency for placement, however African American children showed a significant increase in the number of children who were referred to our agency during the month of June. Caucasian children showed a significant decrease in the number of referrals made to our agency this past month.

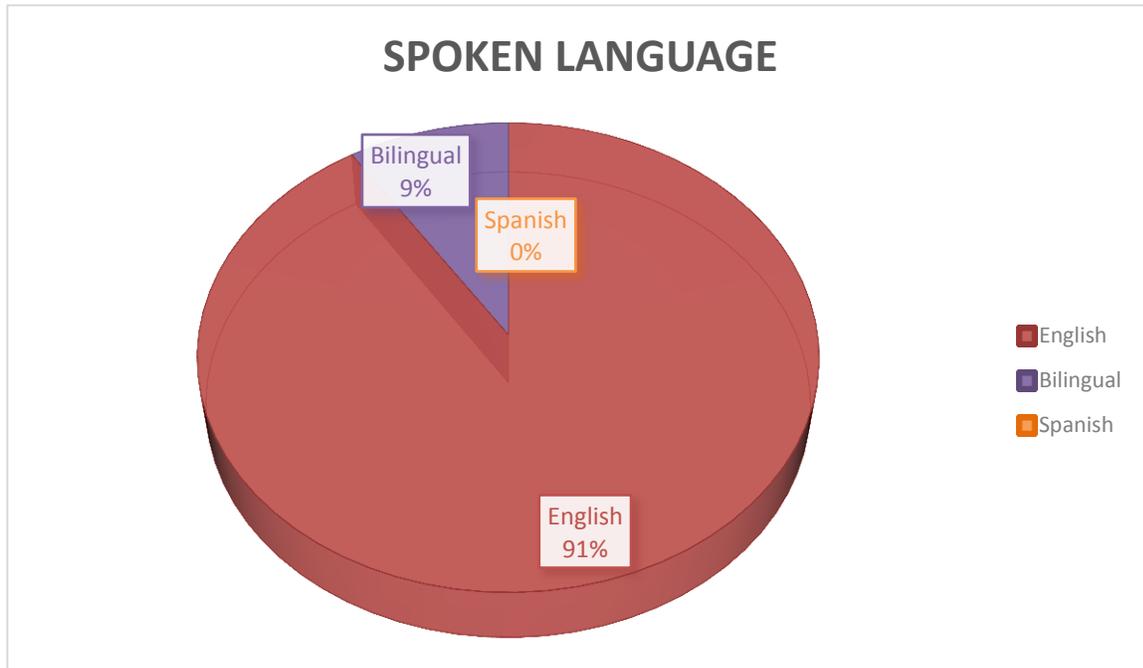
When considering the issue of gender, the chart below provides a general overview for this month as to what the gender breakdown looked like this month.



The same trend was acknowledged this month as was the case last month in that there were a significant increase in the number of females referred to the agency versus males for this particular month. It may appear that this is a growing trend although one can not be too sure. Agency personnel and resource

parents are however being notified of this insight and are being encouraged to shift their thoughts in regards to children referred to their respective homes.

One final observation to consider is the differences in the languages spoken by those youths who are needing placements. To consider this, the agency looked at the total number of youth who were referred for placement in the month and identified which youth were classified by the County as English only speakers, Spanish only speakers, or Bilingual. The graph below provided the results.



All of the children referred to the agency for placement during the course of June were English speakers. It was noticed that there was a slight decrease in the number of English speakers referred to us during the month of June as compared to the previous month, however the trend is obvious that children being referred to the agency are English speaking. There were no Spanish **only** speaking children and the number of bilingual children saw no change in comparison to the number of bilingual children referred to the agency from the previous month. The fact that there are very little Spanish only speaking children is a trend that has continued since the beginning of the year when we began keeping data on behalf of those youth in our care. Thus, resource parents need to understand that even though our agency has a lot of children who are Hispanic, a large majority of these youth are not Spanish speaking only children and only a small minority of these children and youth are actually bilingual.