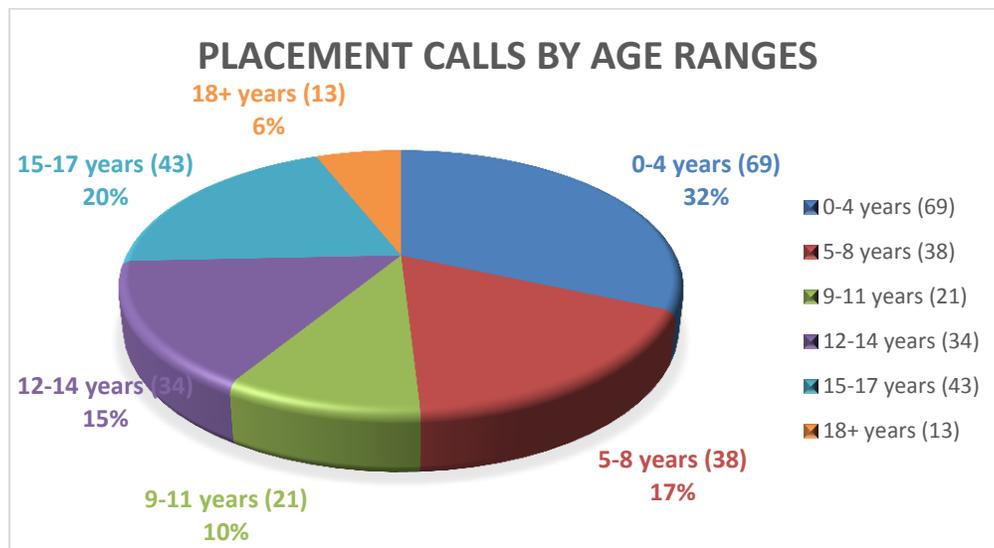


A Coming of Age Foster Family Agency

"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!'"

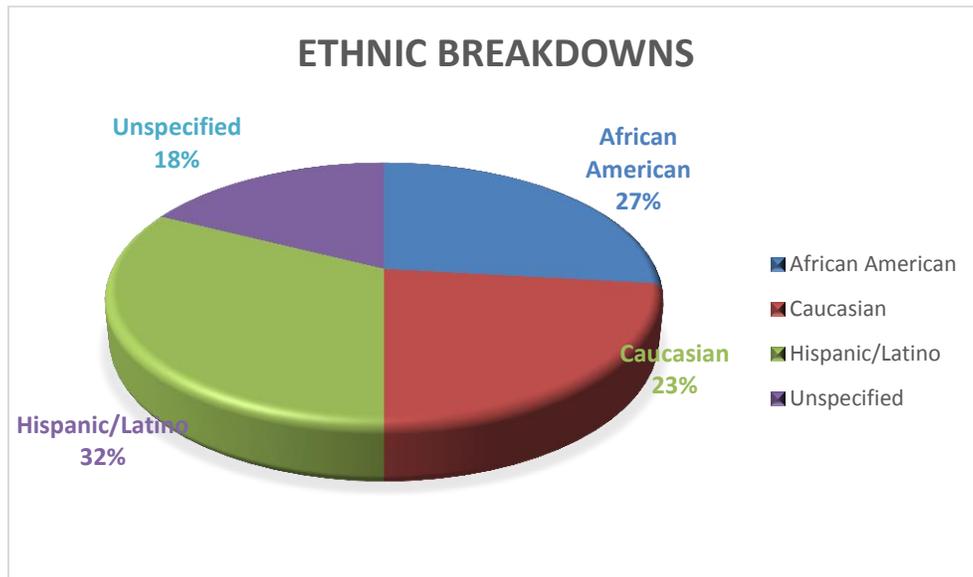
Intake Statistics for October 2016

During the month of October, our agency again saw an overall increase in referrals across most of the age ranges of children referred to our agency. The exception to this was for those children between the ages of 5-11 which had a slight decrease in referrals from the previous month. It should be noted that the largest number of referrals made to the agency during this particular month were children between the ages of 0-4 years. As previously acknowledged, this is a very consistent pattern and only confirms that the number of children entering into foster care is not reducing and the age ranges of these children include children at very young ages being placed into foster care. It should be noted that the reason for this appears to lie in the fact that more children are being drug exposed and thus are being removed immediately at birth from their birth parents. Unfortunately, this leads to increased medical and developmental problems of these youth upon placement into the homes of certified foster parents.



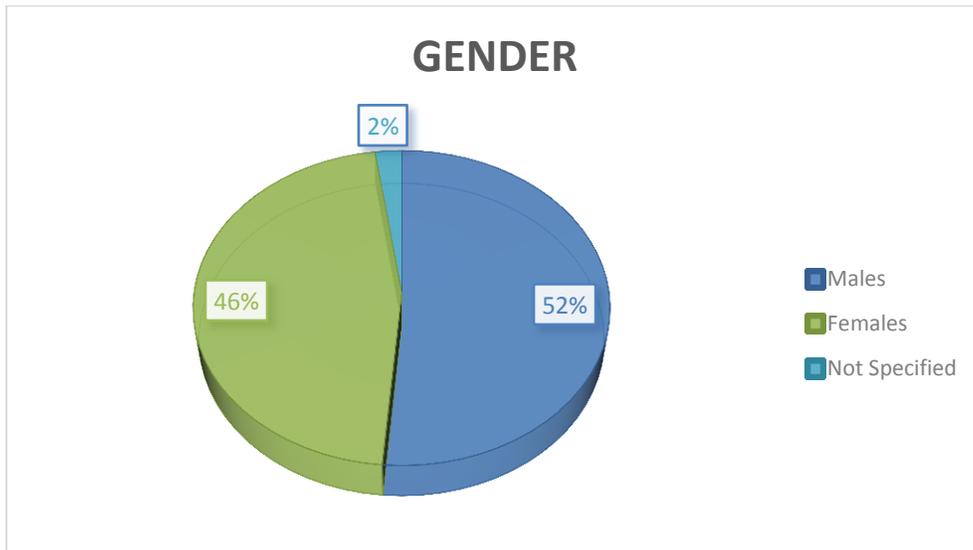
The numbers identified in parenthesis represent the total number of actual calls received for that particular age group. Thus, there were a total of **69** calls for children 0-4 years of age during this particular month.

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



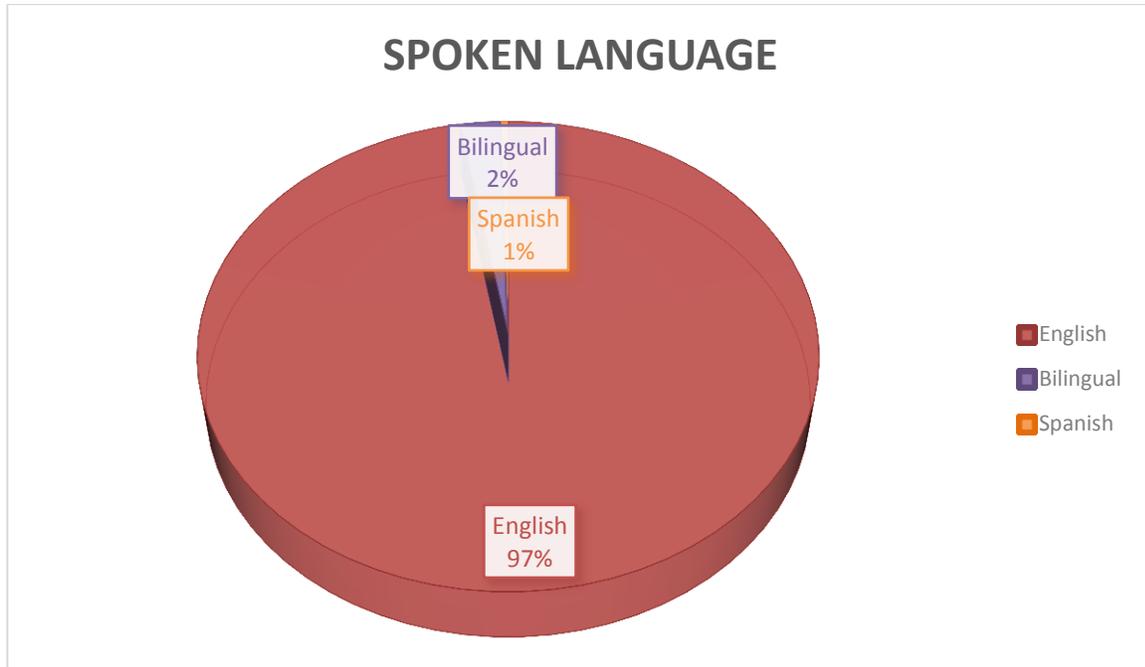
As you can see, Hispanic/Latino children continue to comprise the largest percentage of the youth who are being referred to our agency for placement. For this particular month however, there were an increase in the number of Caucasian children being referred to the agency in comparison to the previous month. The number of African American children saw no change from the previous 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.



It was noticed that this particular month, there were substantially more males versus females referred for placement into the agency.

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.



Almost all of the children referred to the agency for placement during the course of October were English speakers. In comparison to last month, there were more English speaking children referred to the agency.

There was only 1 Spanish **only** speaking child that was referred to our agency during this particular month. Resource Families need to understand that recruitment efforts of the agency center around English speaking or bilingual foster parents who speak English due to the fact that those children referred to the agency in large part are not Spanish only speakers.