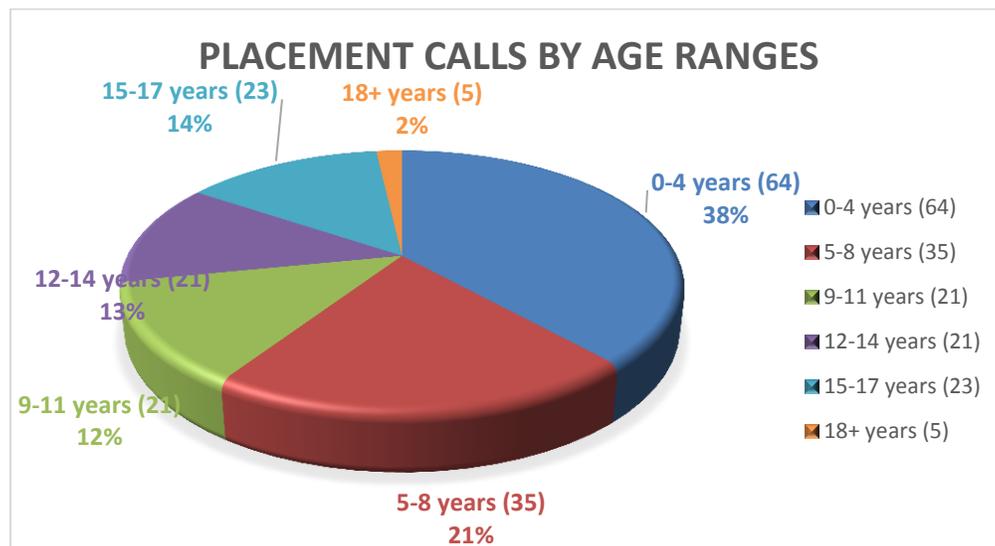




"Facing the challenges of daily life each and every day.....forever struggling, forever maturing, working hard, to one day say, 'I did it! I made it! I have finally come of age!'"

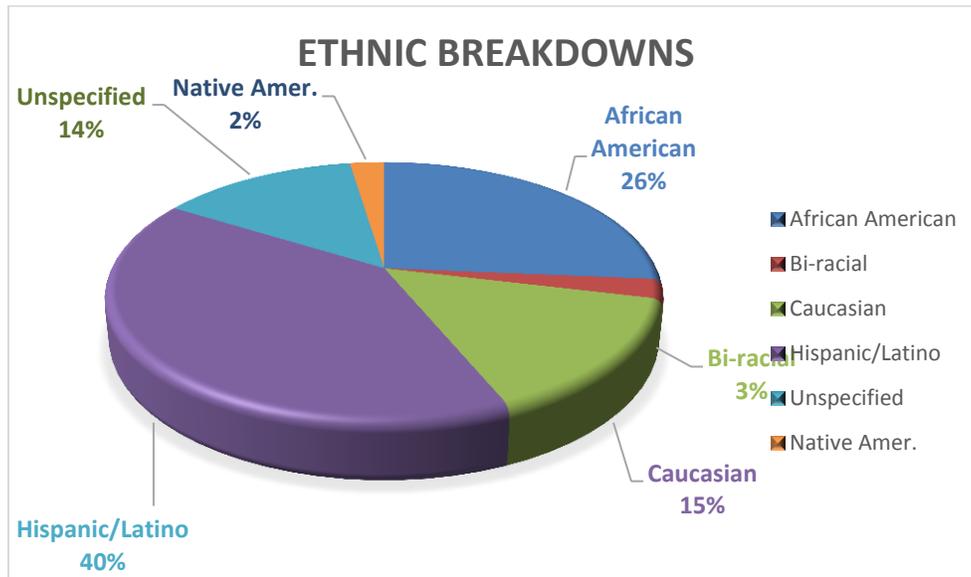
Intake Statistics for September 2017

During the month of September our agency saw that there was a slight drop in the number of youth referred to our agency as was referred the previous month. There continues however to be consistency in that infants between the ages of 0-4 years of age continue to remain the highest age group of children being referred to the agency. Except for the month of May of this year, this has been a consistent pattern that has been observed during the course of this whole year. Thus, for families who are looking to have infants placed in their homes, this will be good news. However, one must remember that often times these infants are referred to care with siblings whom CPS does not want to see separated and thus larger capacity homes are still needed.



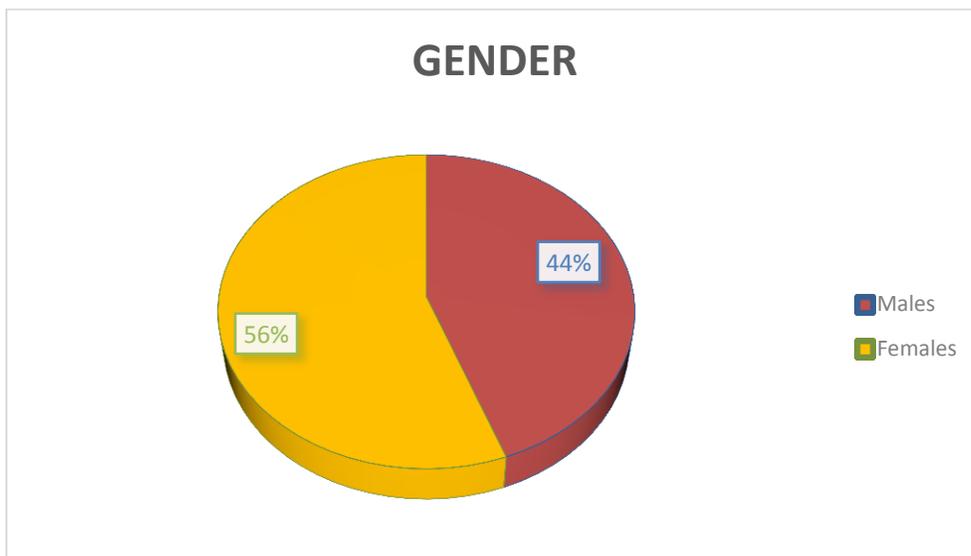
The numbers identified in parenthesis represent the total number of actual calls received for that particular age group. Thus, there were a total of **64** calls for children 0-4 years of age during this particular month.

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



For the month of September, Hispanic/Latino children comprised the largest ethnic group of youth referred to the agency. This was consistent with all months of this year except the previous month (August) where African American children were referred to in larger numbers.

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 during this particular month, the number of females being referred to the agency for placement was far greater than the number of males. There were no transgender youth referred to the agency for placement this particular month.

One final observation to consider is the differences in the languages spoken by those youths who are being referred to our agency for 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, Bilingual, or Unknown due to the County not specifying what their language capabilities were. The graph below provided the results.



During the month of September there were only 5 Spanish-only speaking youth (as compared to 162 English speaking youth) referred to the agency. It must be reiterated that Resource Families need to understand that the agency rarely sees Spanish only speaking children referred for placement. When this does occur, this number is usually very low, as was the case in August when there were only 3 Spanish-only speaking youth referred out of the 204 youth who were referred to placement during that month. With the acknowledgement that Resource Families could now include relatives of youth who are recently placed into foster care, it is possible that this number may increase in the future. However, based on trends observed all throughout this year and the previous year (2016), it does not appear that this will occur in large numbers.