

# Addressing Service Gaps in California for Youth in Foster Care



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# Providing Expedited Transition Services to OOS Youth



# Built a 45-day plan

- Met with CDSS regarding possible ways to ease the transition of youth and ensure individualized assessment
- Discussed options for how to effectively support the rapid transition of youth
- Alliance member agencies offered Expedited Transition Services to 60 total youth (probation and child welfare) from 16 counties



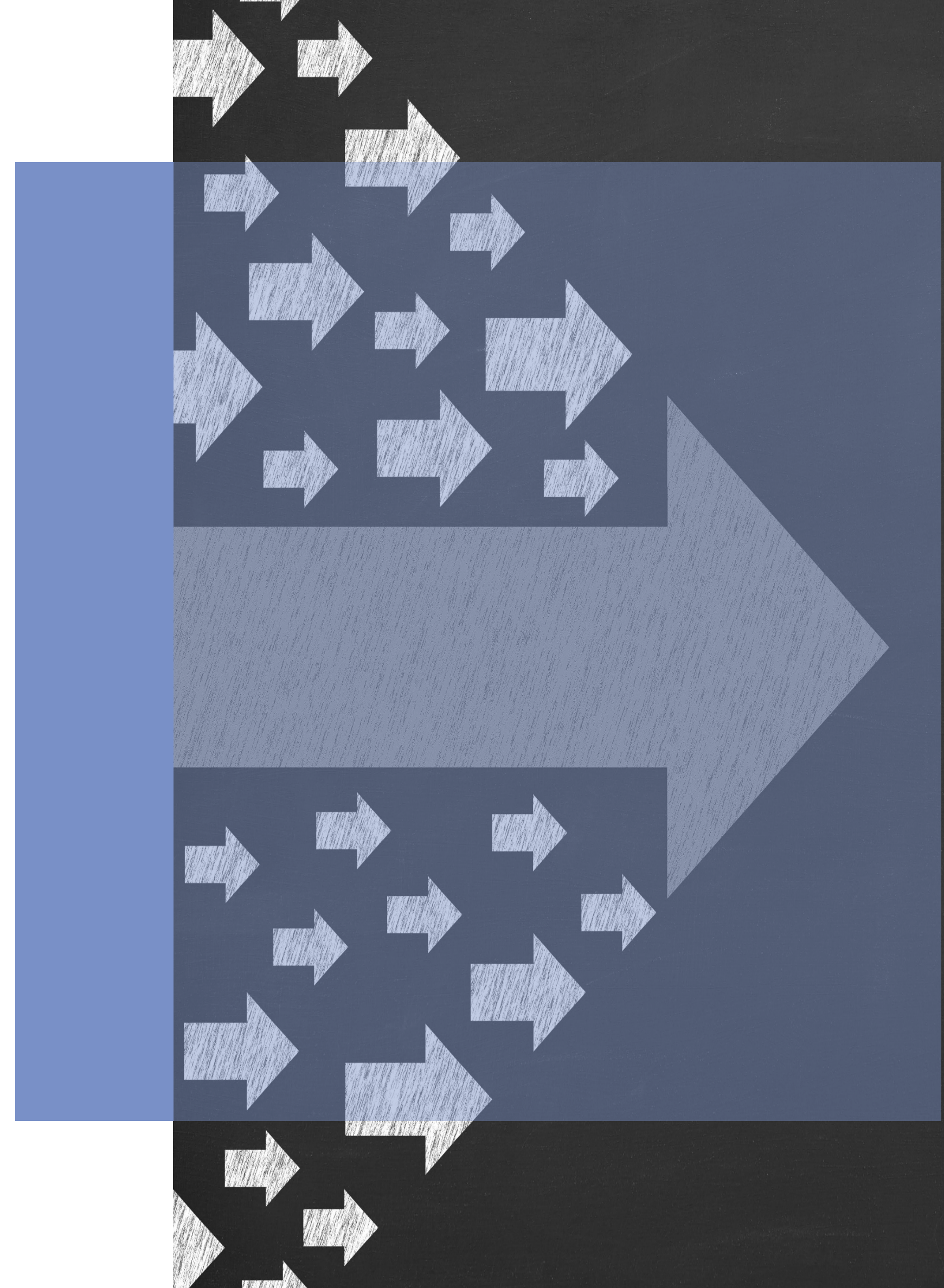
# Expedited Transition Services

- Wraparound providers
- Worked closely with county placing workers and behavioral health departments
- Weekly meetings with state departments
- Weekly TA calls
- Individualized assessments
- Engaged family members

- Developed individualized plans specific to youth needs
- Worked with Catalyst Center to identify potential placements
- Created vacancy report that provided up to date information on vacancies
- Developed a mechanism for invoicing in the event that county could not develop contract immediately

# Systems Gaps

- Communication of review process for Out of State Youth
- Use of individualized approach to identifying youth's placement needs
- Lack of information on potential programs statewide
- Need for local interagency work
- Regulatory issues (secure perimeters, delayed egress) in CA limit facilities ability to manage crisis situations



# Identified Service Gaps

- Youth requiring distance from traffickers
- Process of looking at all potential options for a young person and individualizing care
- Crisis Services consistently available
- High End Services (above STRTP) for youth with complex needs
- Lack of support for STRTPs that could assist in taking youth with more complex needs



- ✓ Use of AB2944 approaches
- ✓ Statewide approach is key
- ✓ Build on TA process
- ✓ Ensure that family members, youth are engaged
- ✓ Collaboration is essential



# Catalyst Center Efforts Now



# Our Team

- **Our diverse, highly skilled Catalyst Helpline team is dedicated to ensuring accessible and compassionate customer service, while providing responsive guidance, up-to-date information and resources to foster care and youth residential service providers and other state and county partners.**
- Access Catalyst Program Analysts who are trained to provide guidance and technical assistance around state regulations and informational notices, provider placement vacancies, and other resources and services.
- **Call toll-free 1-833-99YOUTH (999-6884)**



# What We Offer

- On-demand, Monday to Friday, from 8AM to 5PM.
- Up-to-date resources about state regulations, notices, and funding.
- Live program analysts to respond to your technical assistance and referral needs.
- Identify potential vacancies in STRTPs, THPs and FFAs and assist with matching youth with those vacancies.
- And all for FREE!

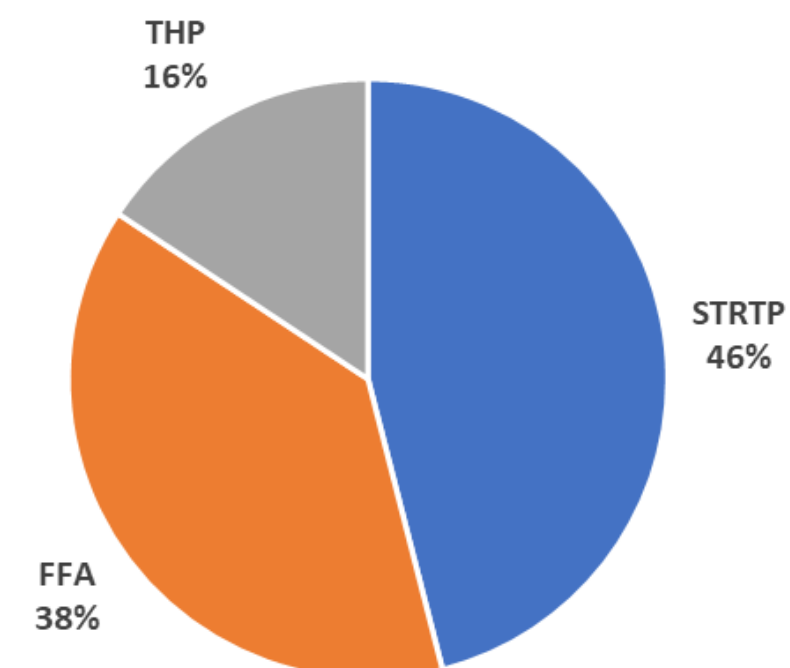
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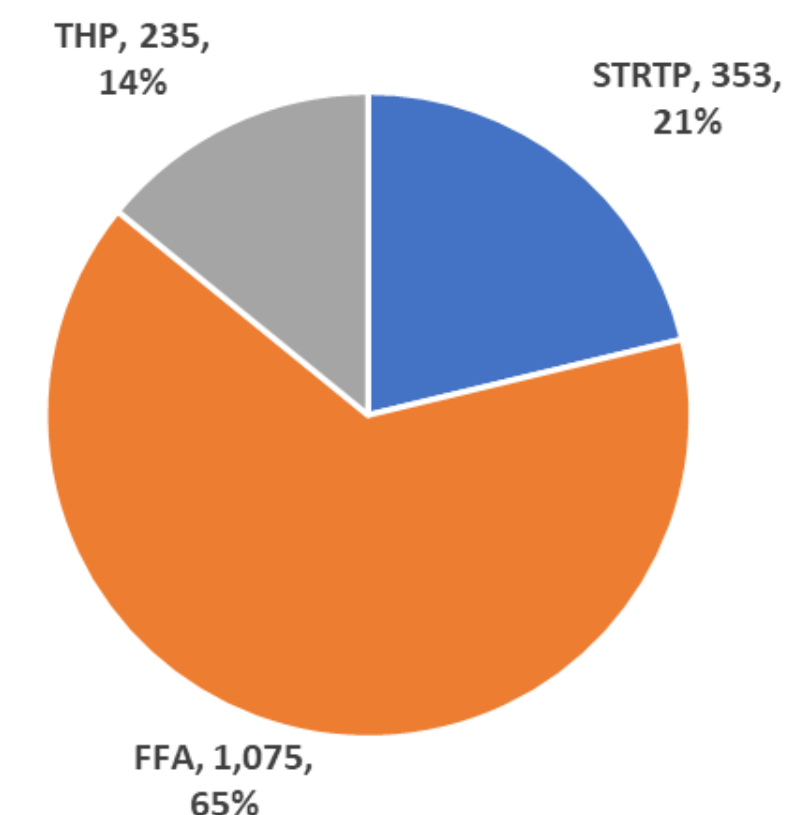
# Vacancy Report

- Began collecting facility-specific vacancy data the week of 12/20/2020.
- Vacancy data from 188 Providers encompassing 364 facilities around CA.
- Participating facilities have a combined 10,177 bed capacity.
- Data includes 45 counties (78% of CA).
- Average of 71 facilities submitting updated vacancy information each week.
- Vacancy report identifies Probation and Child Welfare contracts.

Responding Facilities by Program Type



Available Vacancies by Program Type



# Example Vacancy Report

Facility Number	Facility City	Provider Name	Facility Name	Type	Intake Contact	Total Vacan...	Group 1 Vacanci...	Group 1 Demos	Group 2 Vacanci...	Group 2 Demos	Group 3 Vacanci...	Group 3 Demos	Provider Age Range	Provider Gender Admitted	Provider Referrals
<b>Total</b>						Sum	<b>41</b>								
▼ Provider Name <b>Boys Republic</b>						Sum	<b>28</b>								
360900096	Chino Hills	Boys Republic	BOYS REPUBLIC	STRTP	Ray Esparza, Intake@boysrepublic.org, 626-290-3790	28	18	13-17yo / Male identifying only/ NMD-No	10	13-17yo / Male identifying only/ NMD-No	0		13 to 18	M/ Trans/ Non-binary	Probation Only
▼ Provider Name <b>Diakonia Inc.</b>						Sum	<b>5</b>								
360911229	RIALTO	Diakonia Inc.	MAYWRIGHT GROUP HOME	STRTP	Danette Seay, info@diakoniainc.org, 951-453-6979	5	1	12-18yo / Male identifying AND transitioning/non-binary/ NMD-No	2	12-18yo / Female identifying AND transitioning/non-binary/ NMD-No	2	12-18yo / Female identifying AND transitioning/non-binary/ NMD-No	13 to 21	M/ Trans/ Non-binary	Child Welfare and Probation
▼ Provider Name <b>Eggleston Yout</b>						Sum	<b>1</b>								
366426270	Upland	Eggleston Youth Centers, Inc.	EGGLESTON UPLAND GROUP HOME	STRTP	Jacqueline Suarez, jsuarez@egglestonyouthc 6263490478	1	1	13-17yo / Male identifying only/ NMD-No	0		0		13 to 17	M/ Trans/ Non-binary	Child Welfare and Probation
▼ Provider Name <b>Ettie Lee Home</b>						Sum	<b>1</b>								
360900339	FONTANA	Ettie Lee Homes, Inc	ETTIE LEE HOME-FONTANA HOME	STRTP	leyla rasooli, ettieleeintake@gmail.com 9094557492	1	1	14-18yo / Male identifying only/ NMD-No	0		0		13 to 21	M/ Trans/ Non-binary	Child Welfare Only
▼ Provider Name <b>Fields Comprel</b>						Sum	<b>4</b>								
366402086	Alta Loma	Fields Comprehensive Youth Services	FIELDS COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES I	STRTP	Towana Bryant, tbryant@fcys1.com, 9099451318	3	3	13 to 17 yrsyo / Male identifying AND transitioning/non-binary/ NMD-No	0		0		13 to 18	M/ Trans/ Non-binary	Child Welfare and Probation
366407025	Upland	Fields Comprehensive Youth Services	FIELDS COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES I	STRTP	Towana Bryant, tbryant@fcys1.com, 9099451318	1	1	13 to 17 yrsyo / Male identifying AND transitioning/non-binary/ NMD-No	0		0		13 to 18	M/ Trans/ Non-binary	Child Welfare and Probation
▼ Provider Name <b>Luvlees Reside</b>						Sum	<b>2</b>								
360908565	Chino	Luvlees Residential Care, Inc	NEW DAWN	STRTP	Sean Hardge/ Angel Broadhurst, Shardge@sbcglobal.net, 19095697244	2	1	12-18yo / Male identifying AND transitioning/non-binary/ NMD-No	1	14-18yo / Male identifying AND transitioning/non-binary/ NMD-No	0		11 to 18	M/ Trans/ Non-binary	Child Welfare and Probation

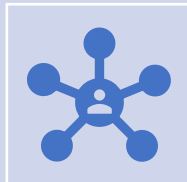
## Criteria:

- San Bernardino County
- Male
- 15 y.o.
- STRTP placement

# Current Activities



Maintain weekly provider vacancy report in order to identify potential placements in STRTPs, THPs and FFAs for youth in need of placements.



Ongoing outreach to providers to ensure that information on their services is accurate and to assist with appropriate “matching” between youth and placements.



Participation in TA calls for out of state youth and development of specialized programming as needed.

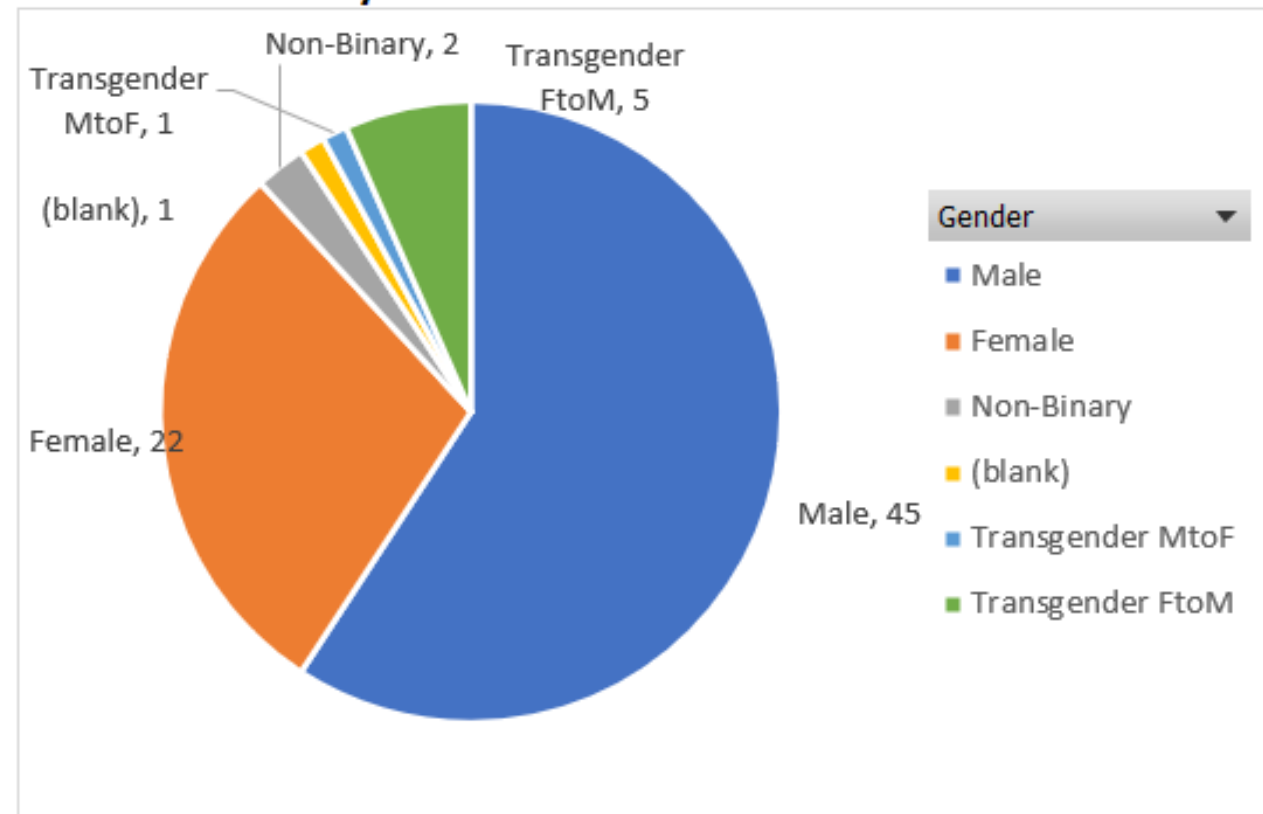


Respond to inquiries from county officials on placement options.

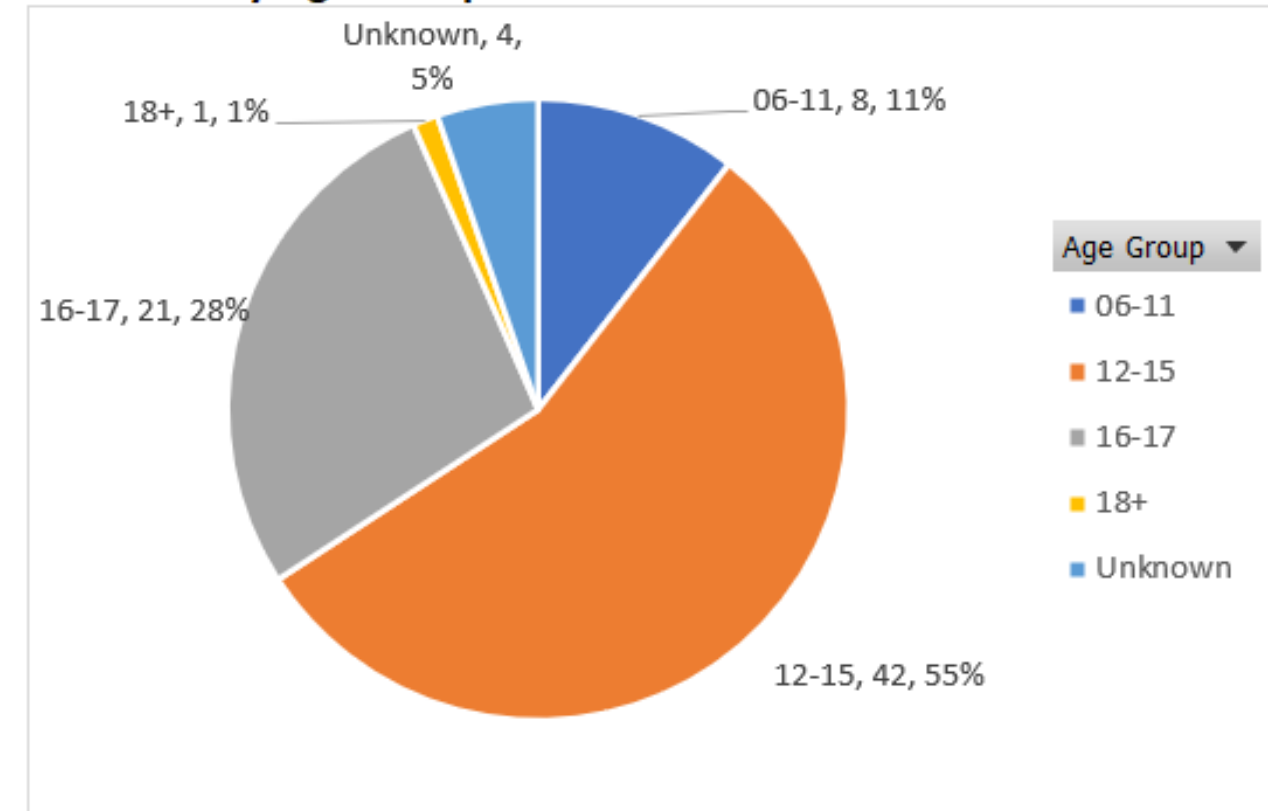
- Reach out to providers/assist with matching by bridging connections with counties and providers.
- Facilitate weekly meetings with providers and state officials to develop individualized programming for complex care youth.
- Individual emails, calls and Zoom introduction meetings with providers and county placement officials.
- Coordinate statewide “Meet and Greet” between providers and county placement officials.

# Referral Demographics (includes Probation and Child Welfare)

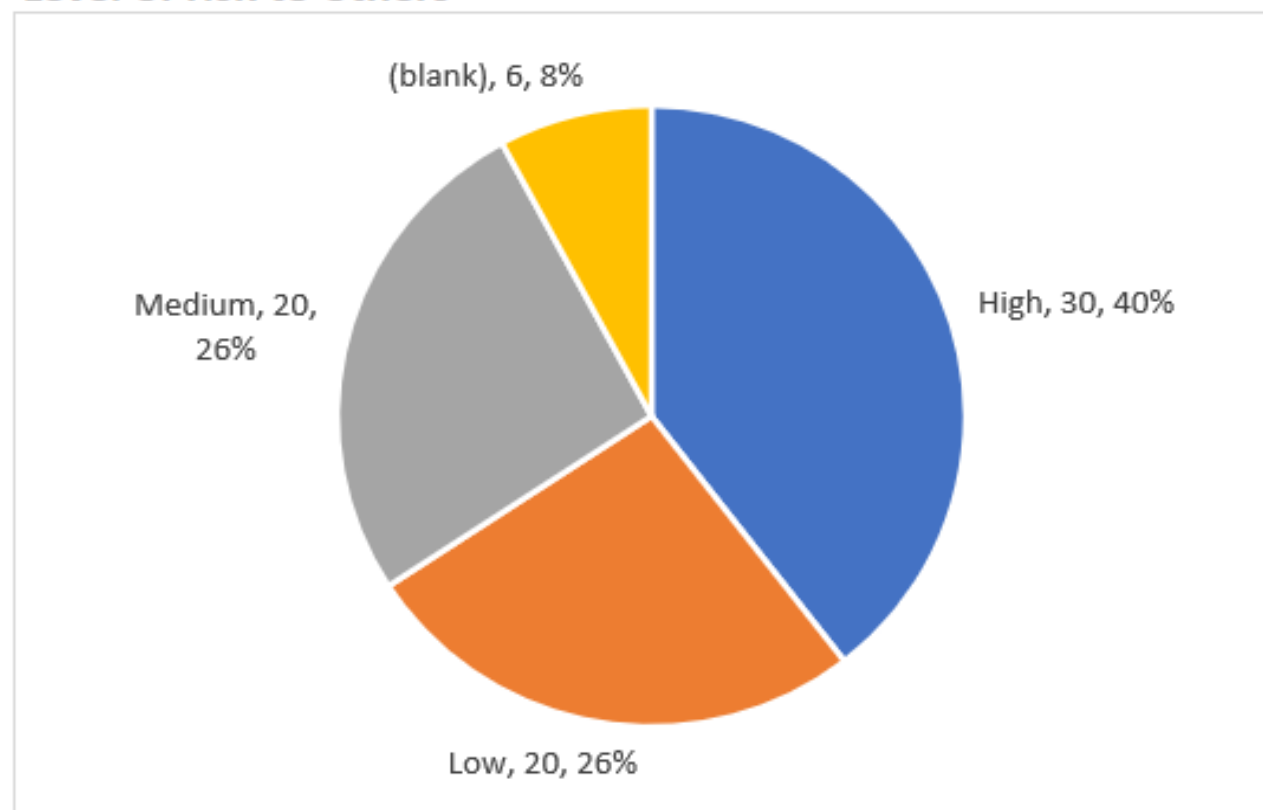
Youth referrals by Gender Identification



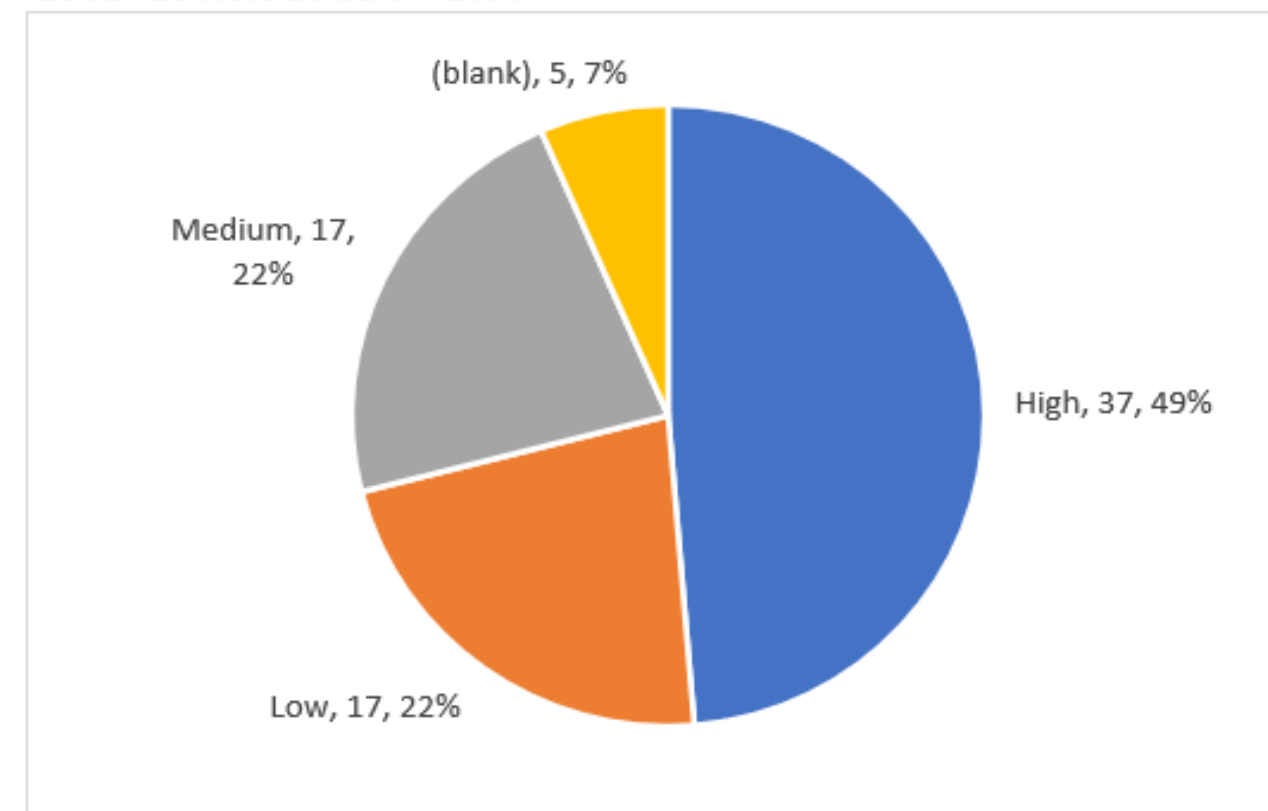
Referrals by Age Group



Level of risk to others



Level of risk of self-harm



# Addressing Gaps in the Continuum

## STRTPs Serving Higher Acuity Youth

- Minimum set of mental health services
- Changes to staff educational requirements
- Changes to STRTP rate structure

## Limited Alternatives

- Crisis Residential Services (PRTF)
- Crisis Continuum Services
- Specialized Programs that allow capacity for delayed egress

# Bills/Budget Items in Process to Address Gaps

- AB226 (Ramos) – Creates a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Program Model for Crisis Residential
- AB 808 (Stone) – Creates a pilot Crisis Continuum of Care
- AB 1283 (Stone) – CCR Clean Up Bill; proposed language that addresses STRTP gaps
- \$42.1M (May Revise and Legislature's Budget) for Addressing Complex Care Needs of Youth (individualized services)
- \$100M (Legislature's Budget) for pilot Crisis Continuum of Care programs

# THANK YOU

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