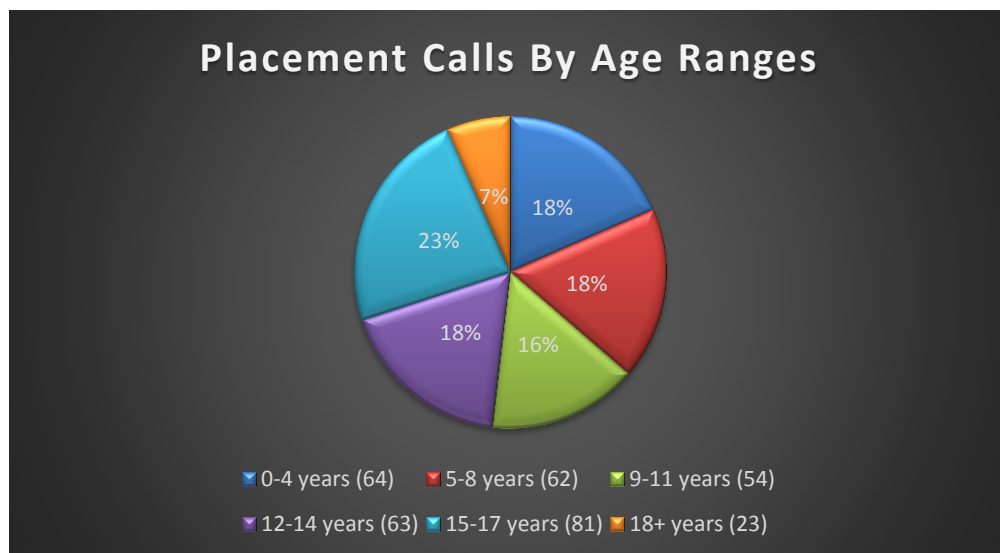


A Coming of Age Foster Family Agency

"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!'"

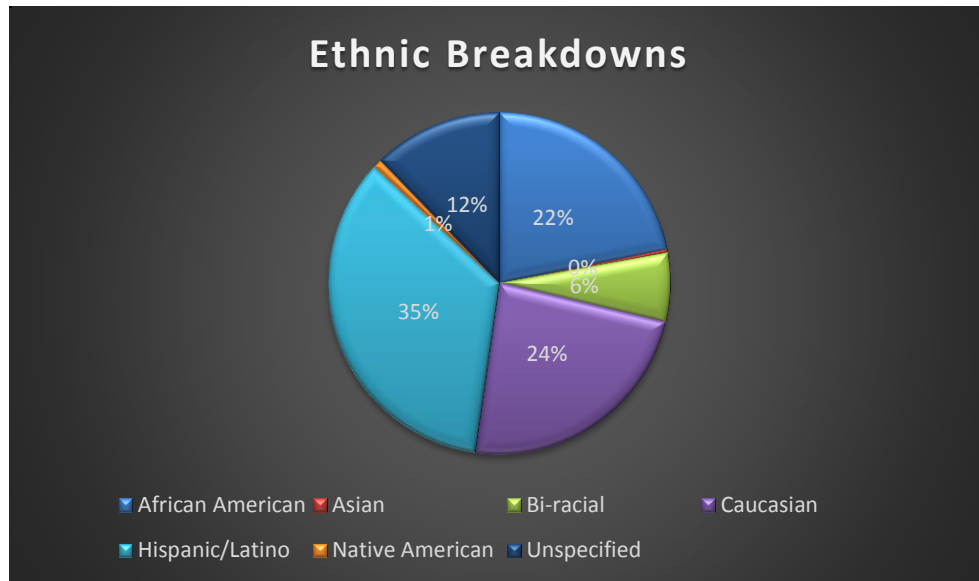
Intake Statistics for March 2016

During the month of March, our agency continued to see an increase in the number of referrals received by both counties from the previous month. Whereas we are still seeing a large number of referrals from Riverside County, our agency has noticed that San Bernardino County is referring a lot of youth to our agency. In addition, San Bernardino County is also willing to place children and youth out of county more frequently than Riverside County.



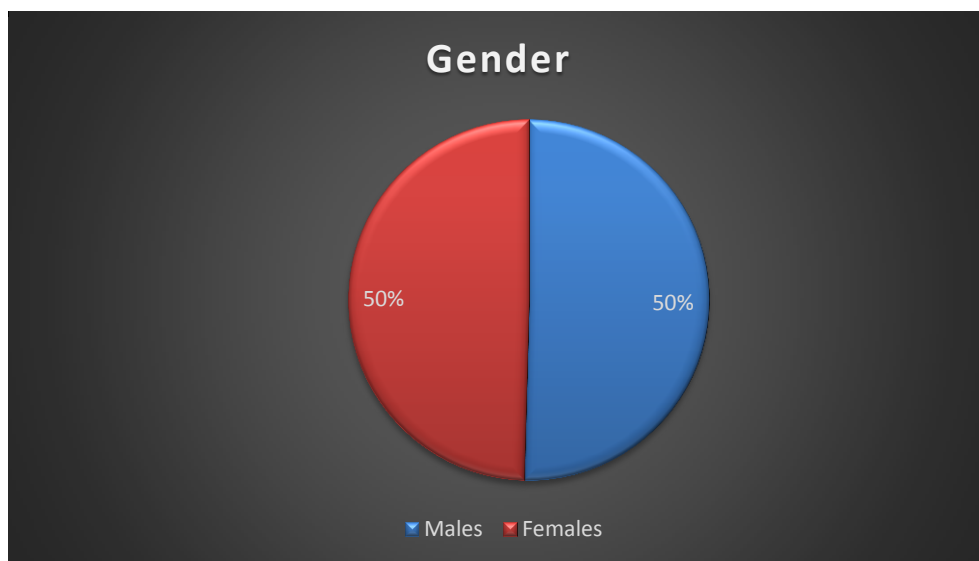
The numbers identified in parenthesis represent the total number of actual calls received for that particular age group. Thus, there were a total of **64** calls for children 0-4 years of age during this particular month which was a drop of roughly 14% from last month where we had 81 calls for youth in this particular age group. To the contrary however, our agency saw a greater demand in the number of teenage youth referred to the agency versus the previous months. In the age range of 15-17 years, the agency saw a total of 81 youth referred for placement which represented a 20% increase in this age range youth from the previous month.

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



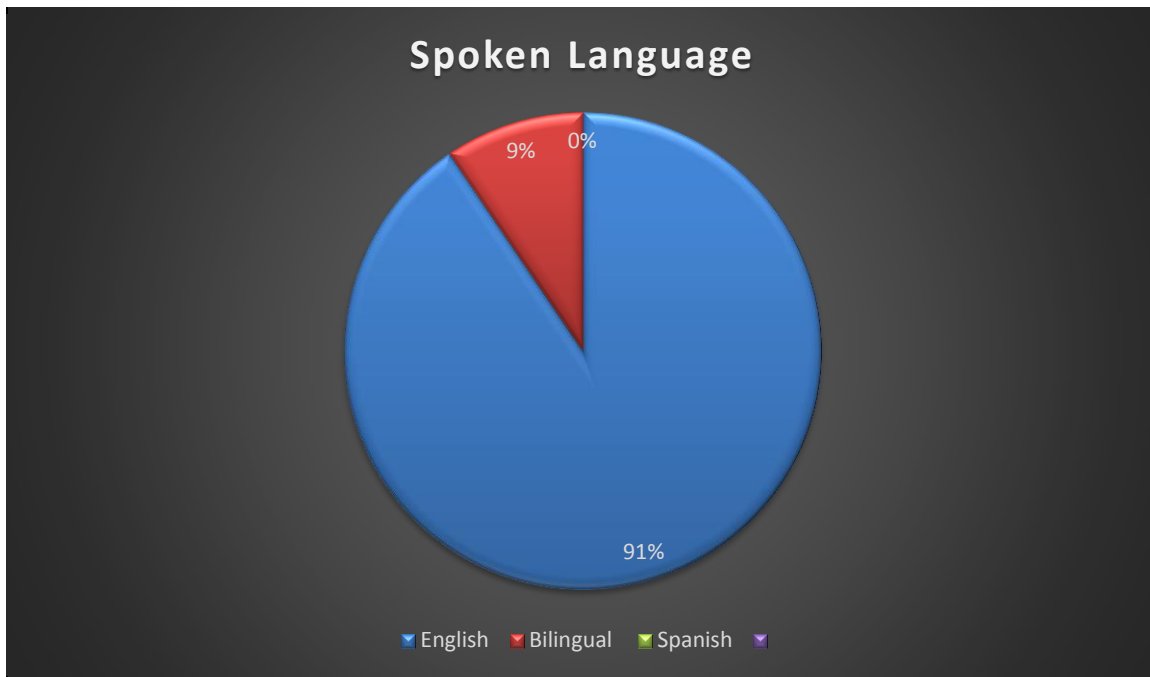
As you can see, Hispanic/Latino children continue to comprise a large number of the youth who are being referred to our agency for placement, however Caucasian children surpassed African American children this particular month as the next highest racial group. Our agency was a bit surprised to see an increase in the number of “Unspecified” youth which is indicative of the immediate need to place a child into a foster home by which CPS is in too much of a rush to specifically identify a particular racial background. It is assumed that many of these unspecified youth were from one of the three larger racial/ethnic groups (Hispanic, Caucasian or African-American).

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.



This particular month, there was a slight increase in the number of females referred to our agency. Thus, the statistical differences between the two genders was insignificant which resulted in a tie between the number of males versus females being referred. Usually, there is a larger number of males referred for placement which then tilts the majority towards males as observed in January and February of this month.

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 speakers, Spanish speakers, or Bilingual speakers. The graph below provided the results.



The majority of the children being referred to the agency for placement continue to be English speakers. It was noticed that there was a slight increase in the number of bilingual children referred to placement this month however there were zero children who only spoke Spanish being referred to our agency this month. The total number of English speakers does include some infants who are non-verbal but identified as being English speakers by the County (i.e. Caucasian and Black infants who will eventually learn English as their primary language). This continues to support the notion that even though the agency has a lot of children who are Hispanic, a large and vast majority of these youth are not Spanish speaking only children and only a small minority of these children and youth are bilingual.