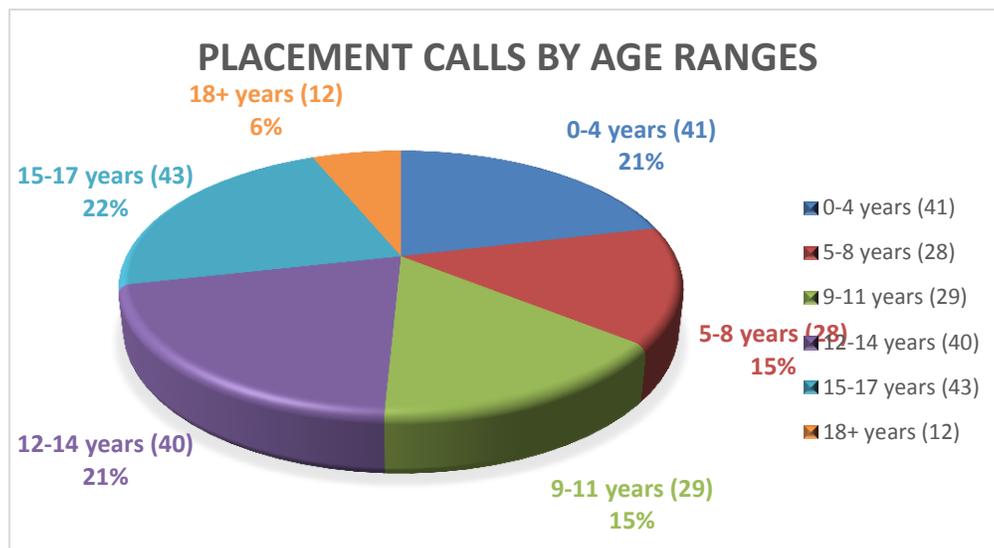




“Facing the challenges of daily life each and every day.....forever struggling, forever maturing, working hard, to one day say, ‘I did it! I made it! I have finally come of age!’”

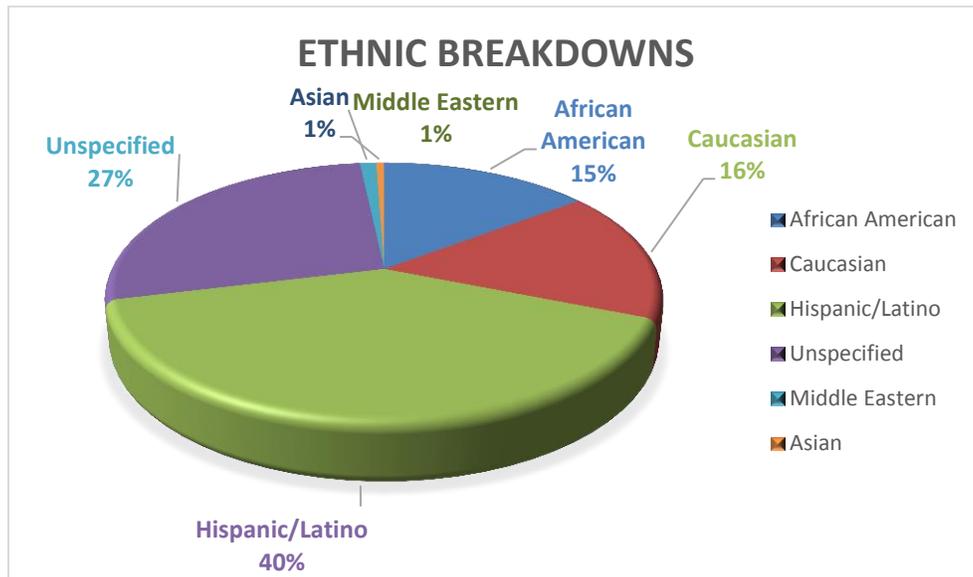
Intake Statistics for November 2016

During the month of November, our agency again saw an overall decrease 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 9-14 which had a slight increase 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 15-17 years. It should however be noted that during this particular month, the number of children between the ages of 0-4 years of age were significantly less than children referred in previous months. This was a bit of a surprise in that a consistent pattern had been emerging that younger children ages 0-4 years of age had been repeatedly referred in larger numbers for several previous months.



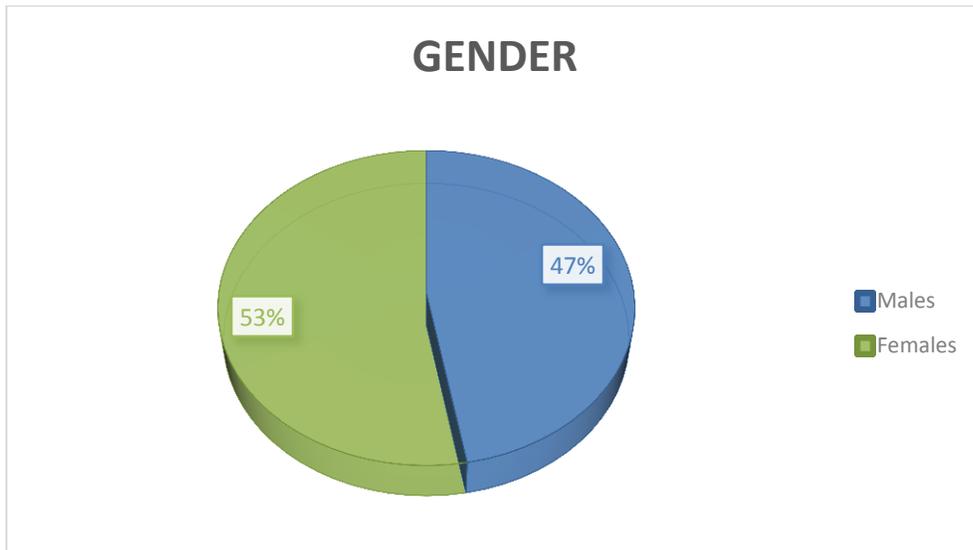
The numbers identified in parenthesis represent the total number of actual calls received for that particular age group. Thus, there were a total of **41** calls for children 0-4 years of age during this particular month.

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 was an increase in the number of children who's ethnic backgrounds were unspecified as well as a significant decrease in the number of children who were being referred to the agency that were 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.



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

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, or Bilingual. The graph below provided the results.



During this particular month, all of the children referred to the agency for placement during the course of November were English speakers. In addition, a small number of youth were also considered bilingual. There were no children who were Spanish only speaking that were referred to our agency during the month of November. 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.