

**“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 2019**

During the month of September, our agency saw a significant increase in the total number of children referred to our agency. It was noticed, however, that children between the ages of 0-8 years of age were referred the most during this particular month and that children between the ages of 12-17 years of age far exceeded the number of children referred in comparison to all other age groups. This demonstrates that there are a large number of both young and older children who were in need of placement this particular month.

During this particular month, there were a total of 267 youth referred to the agency from both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties which are the only two counties that we have a contract with at this time.

The numbers identified in parenthesis represent the total number of actual calls received for that particular age group. Thus, there were a total of **62** 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.

During the month of September, it was noticed that Hispanic children were referred at significantly higher numbers than other ethnicities of children. It is unknown as to why this occurred however, it should be noted that both Caucasian and African American youth were still referred in large numbers which has been consistent in all other months of this particular year. This demonstrates the need for having Resource Parents who are willing to accept children of all ethnic backgrounds into their home due to the changes in ethnic patterns of children referred to our agency for placement.

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 month saw a significant increase in the total number youth that were referred to the agency as compared to the previous month. It was also noted that this particular month saw many more females than males being referred for placement. This was quite different than all previous months of this year where males typically were referred in larger numbers. The agency also had no transgendered youth referred to placemen during 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 in some cases “Unknown” due to the County not stating a language spoken by the child. The graph below provided the results.

During the month of September, there was 2 Spanish only speaking children referred to placement. All of the other children referred to placement were English-only speaking or bilingual (English & Spanish speaking) children. For clarification, only 38 children were identified as bilingual by the County which resulted in the remaining 183 children being English-only speaking. In regards to infants, the County will consider the spoken language by the parents to identify what language the child will most likely speak. This information is used to calculate the language spoken by infants as well. Resource Parents or applicants who are Spanish only speakers need to understand this as placements take considerably longer if the primary caretaker only speaks Spanish as CPS will want to know that the child and caretaker can communicate with one another.