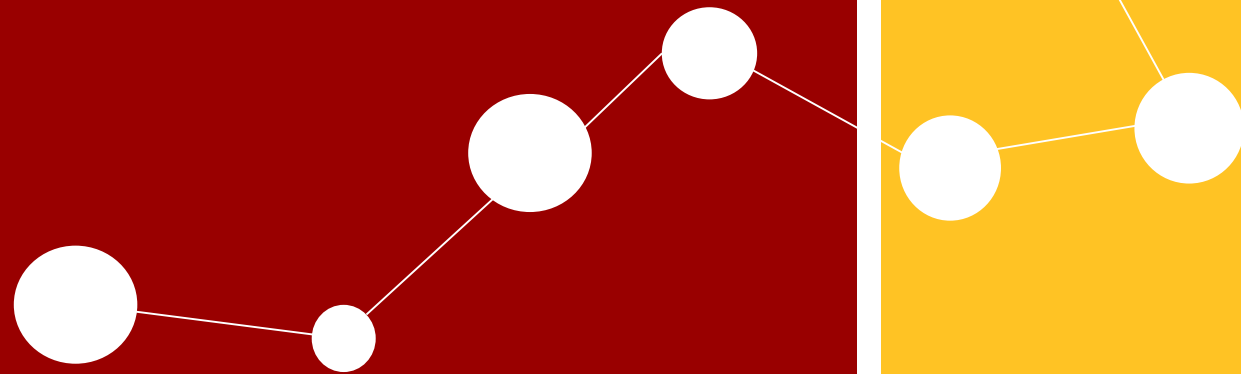


An Exploration into the Characteristics, Service Needs, and Child Protection Involvement of Families Accessing Services through the Los Angeles County Homeless Services Authority: Initial Descriptive Findings

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Thank you!



Agenda

- Project Overview
- Initial Descriptive Findings
- Implications
- Q & A

Project Overview

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Focus:

Family Homelessness



Goals:

- Better characterize the demographics, services, and child protection involvement of parents/families receiving LAHSA services.
- Identify differences between TAY Parents and their older, parenting and homeless counterparts.

Project Overview

Statewide
Child
Protection
Records
(CWS/CMS)



*abused or
neglected, but
never reported*

reported for
alleged
maltreatment
in California
between 1998
and 2016

*involved with child
protection outside
of California*

*homeless, but not
receiving services*

individuals
receiving
homeless
services in LA
between 2013
and 2016

*receiving homeless
support services, but
not in LA County*

LAHSA
Records
(HMIS)



LAHSA Records



HoHs (i.e., Individuals ages 18 and older)

115,175

Parents (i.e., HoHs with 1+ minor child attached)

12,353



TAY Parents (Parents ages 18-24)

2,193

~30K minors were set aside, and then connected to parents once they were identified through the HMIS data

Note: Identification as a Parent was dependent on having a child named in HMIS, so the population of parents does not include parents who do not have physical custody of their children. As such, the total number of parents is likely an undercount.



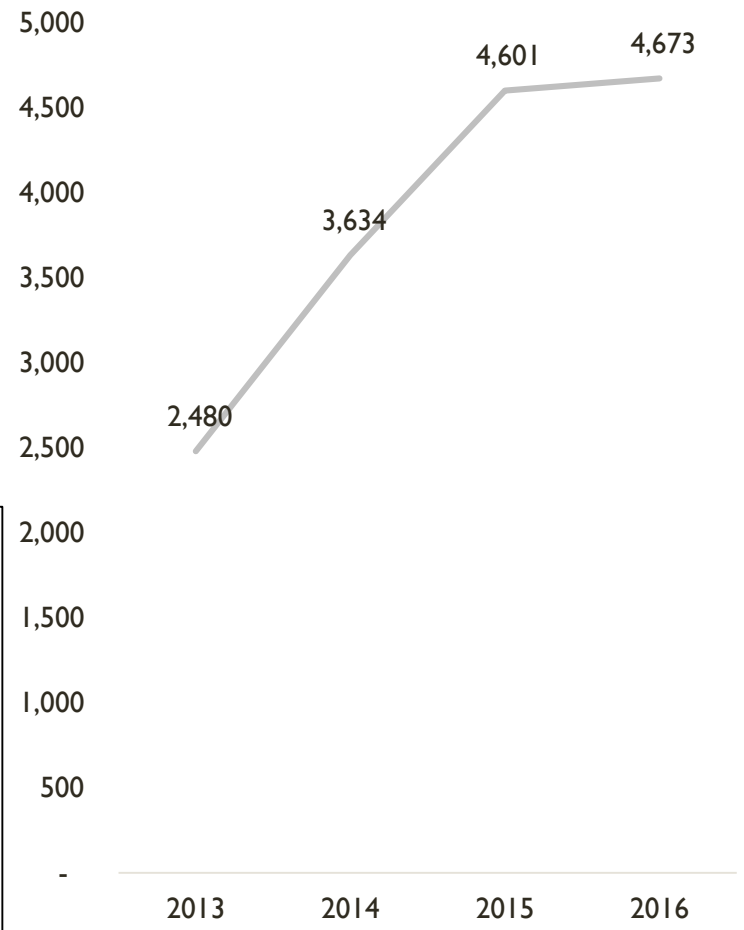
Initial Descriptive Findings

Trends

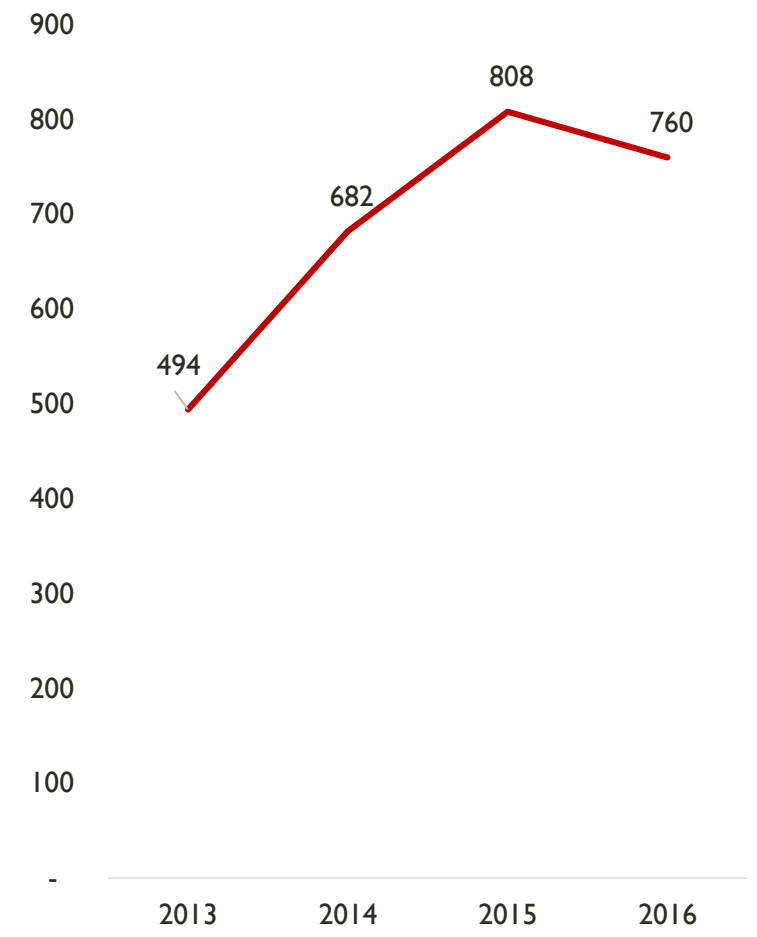
Number of parents accessing homeless services doubled btwn 2013 & 2016



Parents Accessing LAHSA Services



TAY Parents Accessing LAHSA Services



Note: Scale differs between the two graphs!

Parent Demographics

Parents were predominantly Black and Latino, female, with young children



● Black ● Latina ● White ● API ● Other



● Female ● Male



● 1 child ● 2 children ● 3 children ● 4+ children



● Child Under Age 5 at First Encounter ● Child 5 or Older at First Encounter

TAY Parent Demographics

TAY Parents were disproportionately Black, female, with fewer, younger children



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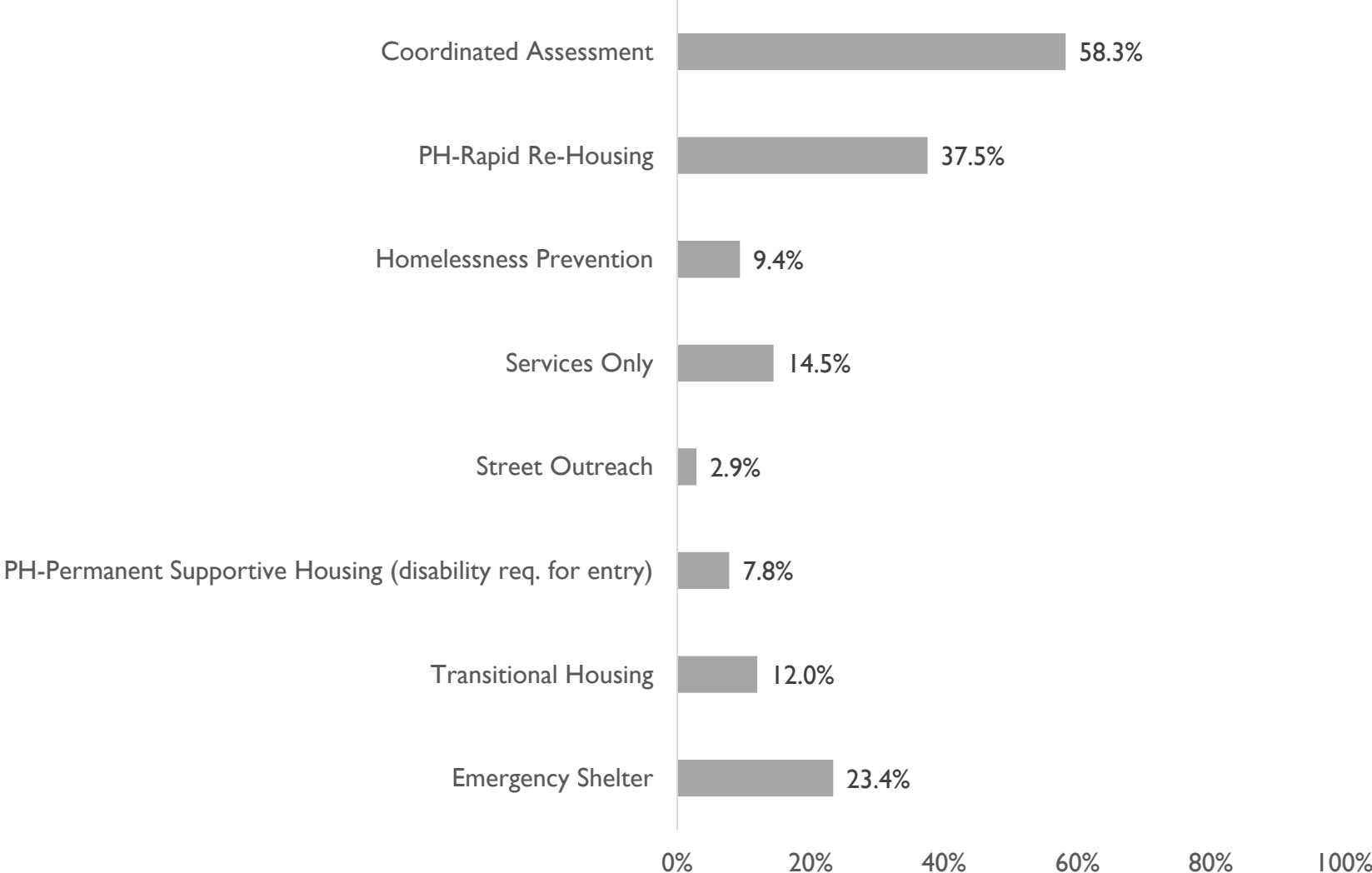


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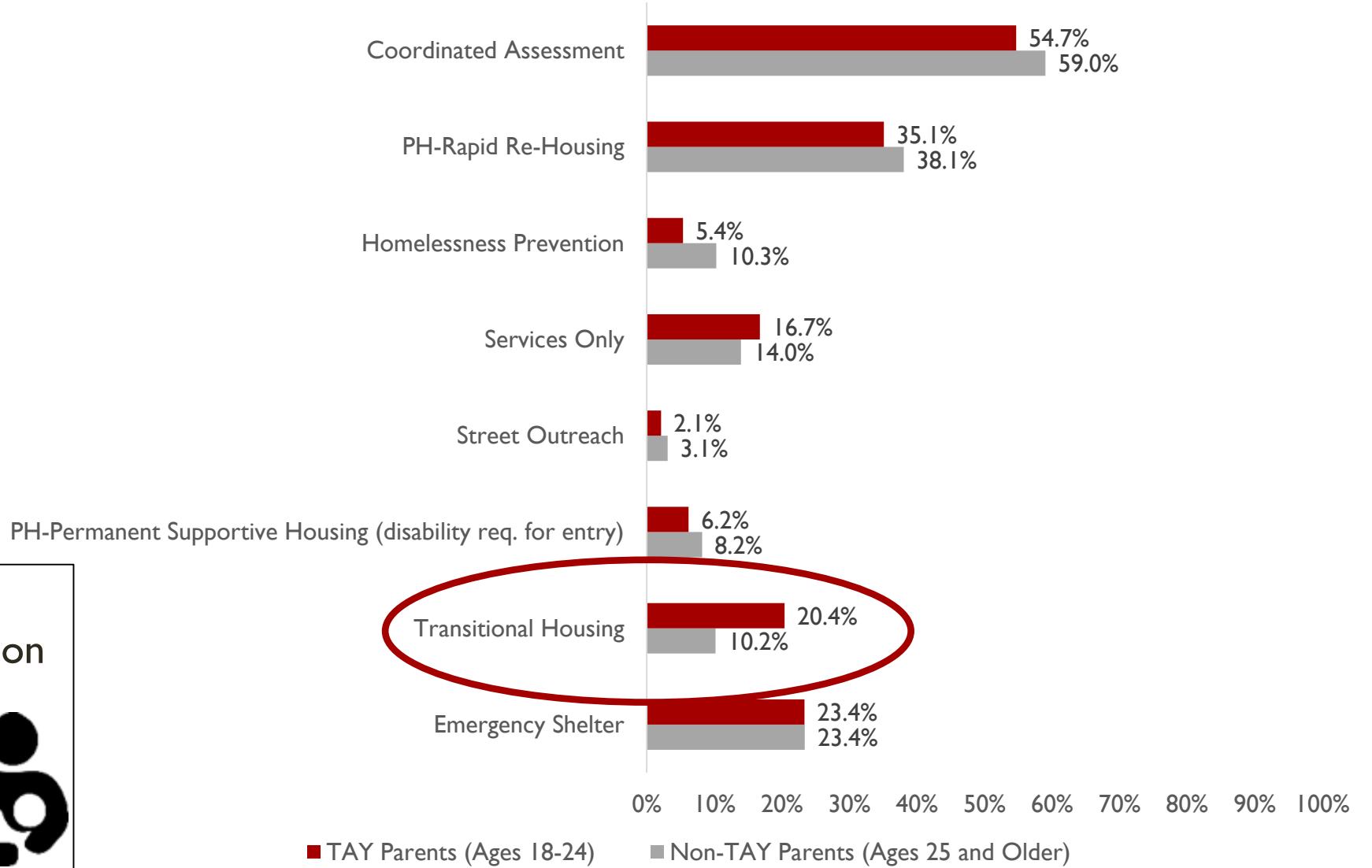
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LAHSA Services



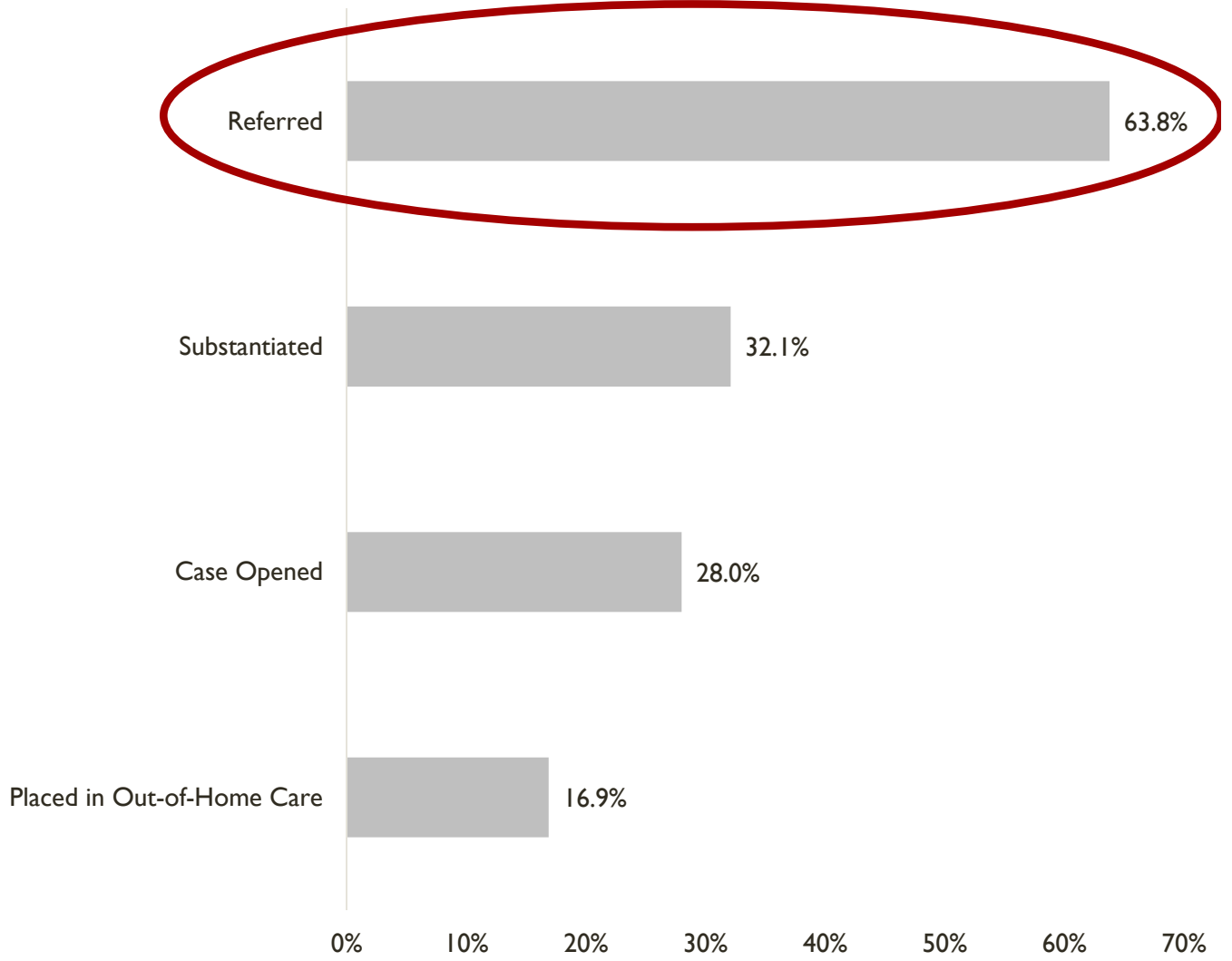
LAHSA Services

A significantly higher proportion of TAY parents received Transitional Housing



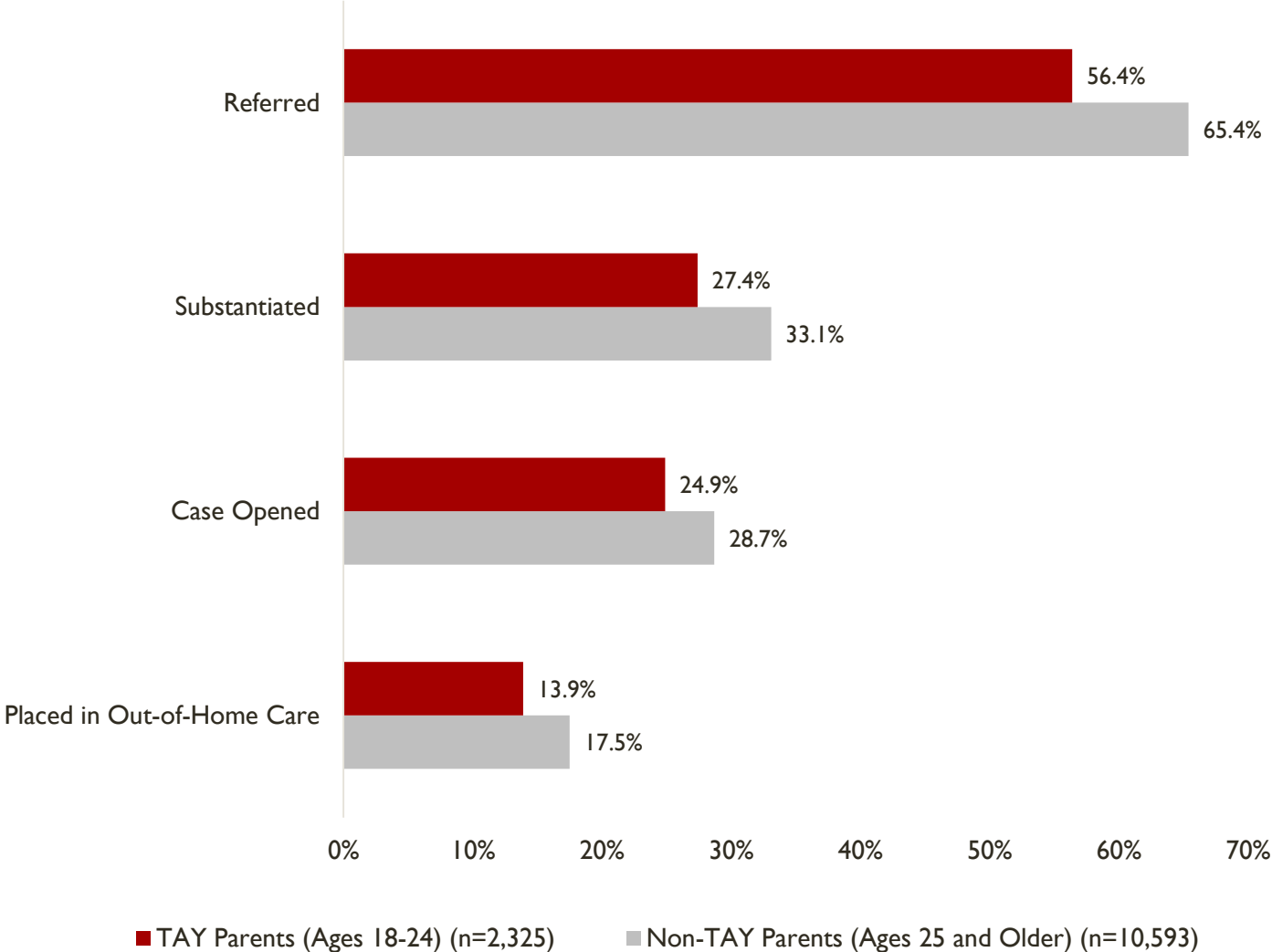
CPS Involvement

Two-thirds of families accessing LAHSA services had been referred for alleged maltreatment



CPS Involvement

A higher proportion of Non-TAY families had CPS involvement
(not statistically significant)



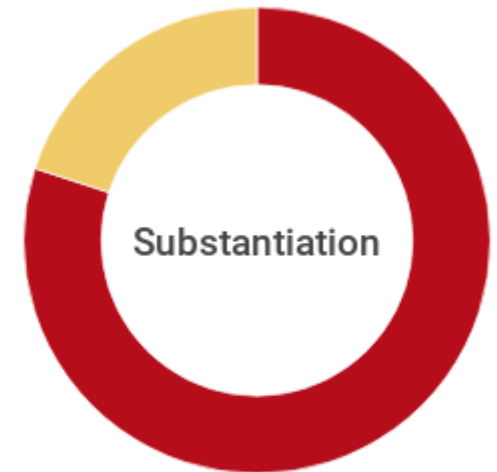
CPS Involvement

For most CPS-involved families, their 1st referral or substantiation occurred *before* their 1st LAHSA encounter



● Occurred before 1st LAHSA Encounter

● Occurred contemporaneously with or after 1st LAHSA Encounter



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Implications

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Number of parents accessing homelessness services in LA appears to be increasing

- *Better data collection through the Family Solutions Centers and other means?*

Implications

Two-thirds of homeless families were CPS-involved

CPS involvement was mostly before their first LAHSA encounter

- *Underscores the importance of providing trauma-informed services, and coordinating supports*
- *Highlights the opportunity for prevention.*
- *Should spark a conversation about the CPS response.*

Questions?

Thank you!

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<http://www.datanetwork.org/research/an-exploration-into-the-characteristics-service-needs-and-child-protection-involvement-of-families-accessing-services-through-the-los-angeles-county-homeless-services-authority/>

Appendix A:
Parent Demographic Information

Parent Demographics

Table I. Parent Age

| | Frequency | Percent | |
|-------|-----------|---------|----------------------|
| 18-19 | 265 | 2.1% | TAY Parents (18%) |
| 20-21 | 590 | 4.6% | |
| 22-24 | 1,470 | 11.4% | |
| 25-29 | 2,923 | 22.6% | |
| 30-34 | 2,583 | 20.0% | |
| 35-39 | 1,926 | 14.9% | |
| 40-44 | 1,359 | 10.5% | |
| 45+ | 1,802 | 14.0% | |

Parent Demographics

Table 2. Parent Race/Ethnicity

| | Overall (n=12,918) | | Non-TAY Parents (Ages 25 and Older) (n=10,593) | | TAY Parents (Ages 18-24) (n=2,325) | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|--|---------|--|---------|
| | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent |
| Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific | | | | | | |
| Islander | 202 | 1.6% | 187 | 1.8%* | 15 | 0.6%* |
| Black | 6,234 | 48.3% | 4,995 | 47.2%* | 1,239 | 53.3%* |
| Hispanic | 4,968 | 38.5% | 4,067 | 38.4% | 901 | 38.8% |
| White | 1,135 | 8.8% | 1,035 | 9.8%* | 100 | 4.3%* |
| Other | 379 | 2.9% | 309 | 2.9% | 70 | 3.0% |

Other includes Non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native, Multiple Race Stated, Missing, and No Race Stated For Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, Black, and White parents, ethnicity equals Non-Hispanic

** Indicates significant differences from the Overall population (p=<0.001)*

Parent Demographics

Table 3. Parent Sex

| | Overall (n=12,918) | | Non-TAY Parents (Ages 25 and Older) (n=10,593) | | TAY Parents (Ages 18-24) (n=2,325) | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|---------|--|---------|--|---------|
| | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent |
| Female | 10,738 | 83.1% | 8,583 | 81.0%* | 2,155 | 92.7%* |
| Male | 2,146 | 16.6% | 1,981 | 18.7%* | 165 | 7.1%* |
| All Other Cases | 34 | 0.3% | 29 | 0.3% | --- | --- |

All Other Cases includes Transgender (i.e., MTF, FTM), Other, Client Doesn't Know, Client Refused, and Data Not Collected

** Indicates significant differences from the Overall population ($p < 0.001$)*

Parent Demographics

Table 4. Number of Distinct Children Per Parent

| | Overall (n=12,918) | | Non-TAY Parents (Ages 25 and Older) (n=10,593) | | TAY Parents (Ages 18-24) (n=2,325) | |
|----|-----------------------|---------|--|---------|--|---------|
| | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent |
| 1 | 5,308 | 41.1% | 3,870 | 36.5%* | 1,438 | 61.8%* |
| 2 | 3,831 | 29.7% | 3,196 | 30.2%* | 635 | 27.3%* |
| 3 | 2,153 | 16.7% | 1,974 | 18.6% | 179 | 7.7% |
| 4+ | 1,626 | 12.6% | 1,553 | 14.7%* | 73 | 3.1%* |

* Indicates significant differences from the Overall population ($p < 0.001$)

Parent Demographics

Table 5. Child Age

| | Overall (n=12,918) | | Non-TAY Parents (Ages 25 and Older) (n=10,593) | | TAY Parents (Ages 18-24) (n=2,325) | |
|---|-----------------------|---------|--|---------|--|---------|
| | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent |
| Parents with children under 5 at first encounter | 7,554 | 58.5% | 5,390 | 50.9%* | 2,164 | 93.1%* |
| Parents without children under 5 at first encounter | 5,364 | 41.5% | 5,203 | 49.1%* | 161 | 6.9%* |

Parents without children under 5 at first encounter includes children whose date of birth is after the household's entrance into the program.

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Appendix B:
Referred Child Demographic Information

Referred Child Demographics

Table 6. Referred Children Attached to a Parent, by Sex

| | Referral | | Substantiation | | Case Open | | Placement | | Universe | |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent |
| Female | 7540 | 60.4% | 3758 | 30.1% | 3326 | 26.6% | 1810 | 14.5% | 12489 | 49.2% |
| Male | 7813 | 60.8% | 3761 | 29.3% | 3364 | 26.2% | 1897 | 14.8% | 12847 | 50.6% |
| All other Cases* | 16 | 51.6% | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 31 | 0.1% |
| Total | 15369 | 60.6% | 7525 | 29.7% | 6695 | 26.4% | 3710 | 14.6% | 25367 | 100.0% |

*Includes Transgender (i.e., MTF, FTM), Other, Client Doesn't Know, Client Refused, and Data Not Collected

Referred Child Demographics

Table 7. Referred Children Attached to a Parent, by Race/Ethnicity

| | Referral | | Substantiation | | Case Open | | Placement | | Universe | |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent |
| Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander | 150 | 49.3% | 73 | 24.0% | 64 | 21.1% | 31 | 10.2% | 304 | 1.2% |
| Black | 6380 | 57.9% | 2776 | 25.2% | 2465 | 22.4% | 1387 | 12.6% | 11026 | 43.5% |
| Hispanic | 7319 | 62.9% | 3928 | 33.8% | 3502 | 30.1% | 1891 | 16.2% | 11637 | 45.9% |
| White | 937 | 67.3% | 477 | 34.2% | 421 | 30.2% | 252 | 18.1% | 1393 | 5.5% |
| Other* | 583 | 57.9% | 271 | 26.9% | 243 | 24.1% | 149 | 14.8% | 1007 | 4.0% |
| Total | 15369 | 60.6% | 7525 | 29.7% | 6695 | 26.4% | 3710 | 14.6% | 25367 | 100% |

*Includes Non-Hispanic American Indian/Alaska Native, Multiple Race Stated, Missing, and No Race Stated
For Asian/Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, Black, and White parents, ethnicity equals Non-Hispanic

Referred Child Demographics

Table 8. Referred Children Attached to a Parent, by Age

| | Referral | | Substantiation | | Case Open | | Placement | | Universe | |
|--------|-----------|---------|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|--------------|-------------|
| | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent |
| 0-4 | 5130 | 54.7% | 2415 | 25.8% | 2243 | 23.9% | 1253 | 13.4% | 9378 | 37.0% |
| 5-9 | 4724 | 63.5% | 2336 | 31.4% | 2038 | 27.4% | 1133 | 15.2% | 7445 | 29.3% |
| 10-14 | 3672 | 66.8% | 1873 | 34.0% | 1623 | 29.5% | 875 | 15.9% | 5501 | 21.7% |
| 15-<18 | 1515 | 64.4% | 719 | 30.5% | 611 | 26.0% | 336 | 14.3% | 2354 | 9.3% |
| Other* | 328 | 47.6% | 182 | 26.4% | 180 | 26.1% | 113 | 16.4% | 689 | 2.7% |
| Total | 15369 | 60.6% | 7525 | 29.7% | 6695 | 26.4% | 3710 | 14.6% | 25367 | 100% |

*Includes children whose date of birth is after the household's entrance into the program

Referred Child Demographics

Table 9. Referred Children Attached to a Parent, by Maternal Age

| | Referral | | Substantiation | | Case Open | | Placement | | Universe | |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|----------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|--------------|------------|
| | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent | Frequency | Percent |
| 18-24 | 1820 | 55.9% | 880 | 27.0% | 818 | 25.1% | 450 | 13.8% | 3254 | 12.8% |
| 25-29 | 3269 | 62.2% | 1608 | 30.6% | 1419 | 27.0% | 813 | 15.5% | 5255 | 20.7% |
| 30-34 | 3388 | 64.5% | 1694 | 32.2% | 1497 | 28.5% | 840 | 16.0% | 5254 | 20.7% |
| 35-39 | 2523 | 64.8% | 1248 | 32.1% | 1131 | 29.1% | 592 | 15.2% | 3891 | 15.3% |
| 40-44 | 1357 | 62.8% | 623 | 28.8% | 523 | 24.2% | 271 | 12.5% | 2161 | 8.5% |
| 45+ | 1013 | 58.5% | 481 | 27.8% | 414 | 23.9% | 222 | 12.8% | 1732 | 6.8% |
| Other (Missing)* | 1999 | 52.3% | 991 | 25.9% | 893 | 23.4% | 522 | 13.7% | 3820 | 15.1% |
| Total | 15369 | 60.6% | 7525 | 29.7% | 6695 | 26.4% | 3710 | 14.6% | 25367 | 78% |

*Maternal Age calculated based on birthdate of attached guardian, who may not be birth mother.

*Missing indicates lack of a attached female parent to the child