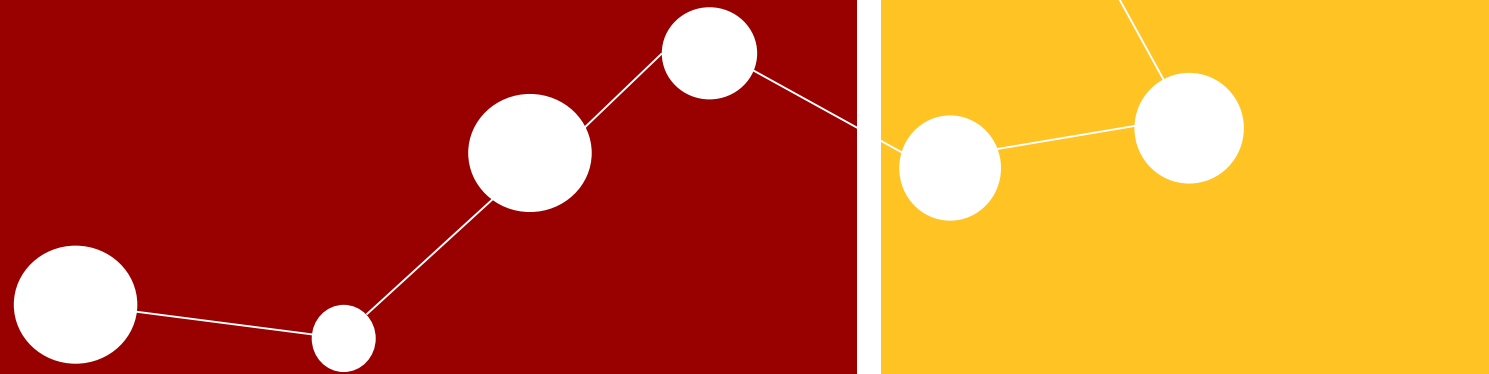


At the Intersection of Two Systems: Child Welfare and Early Care and Education

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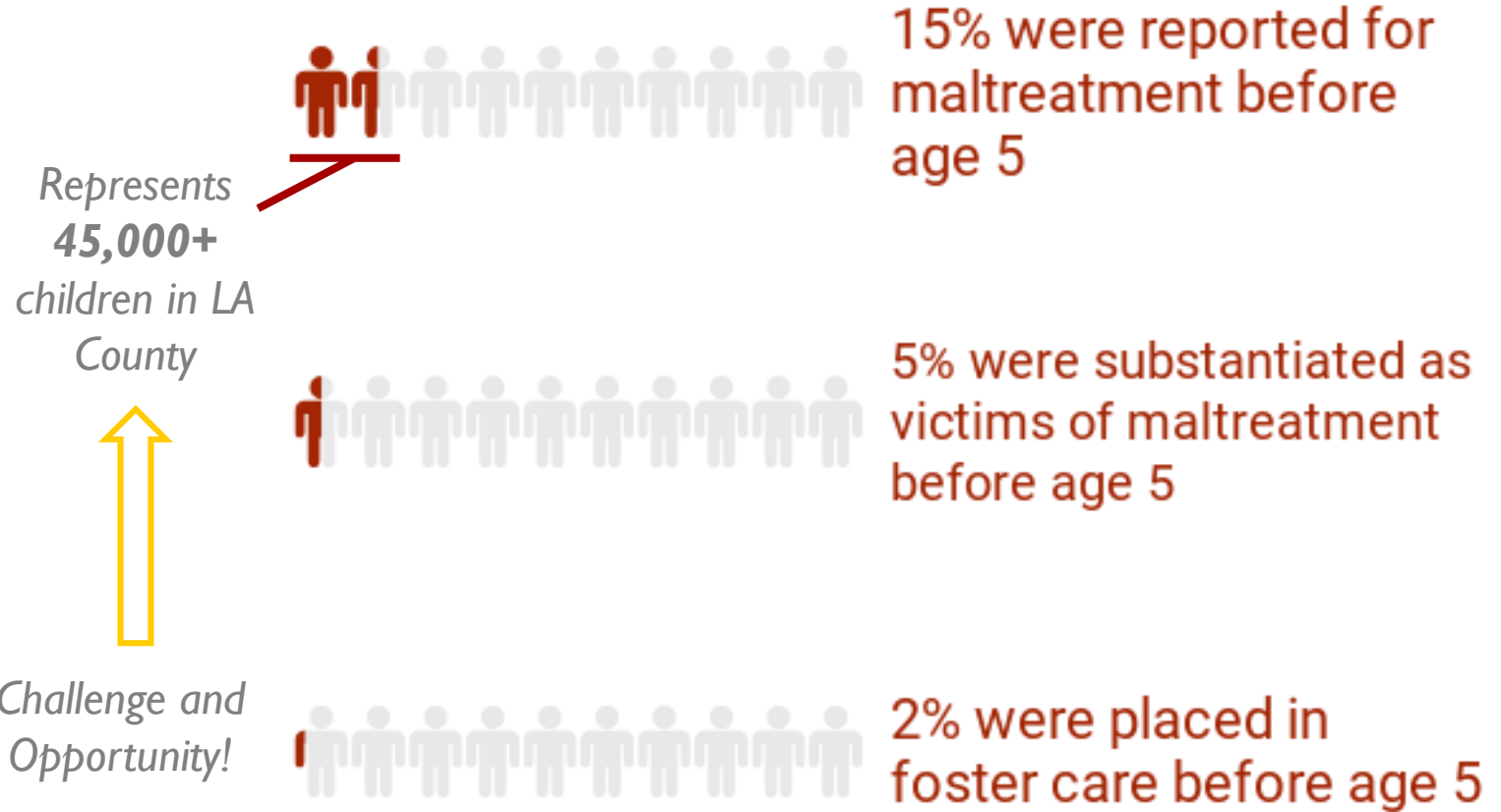
Agenda

- Introduction
- Findings and Implications
- Q & A

Project Introduction

The Child Welfare Challenge

Of all children born in California and LA County...



The Early Care and Education (ECE) Opportunity



Cognitive
Development



Parental
Support



Social-
Emotional
Development



Safety,
Permanency,
Well-being

Early Care and Education

*But ECE may be underutilized by the children
and families who could benefit from it the
most...*

LA has a strong
history of cross
sector
collaboration

But...

There is still has a long way to go in making the promise of access to subsidized ECE a reality for all of those who need it, including families involved with CPS.

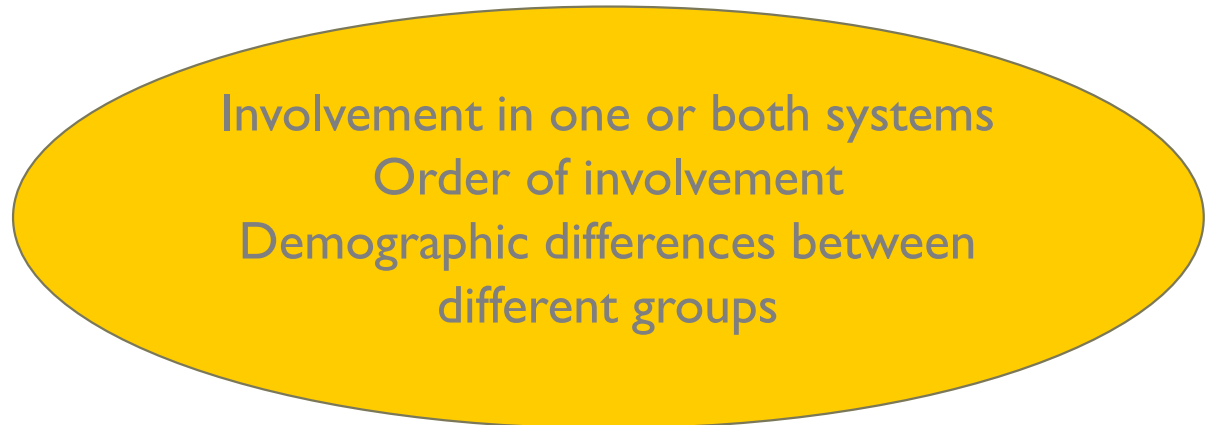
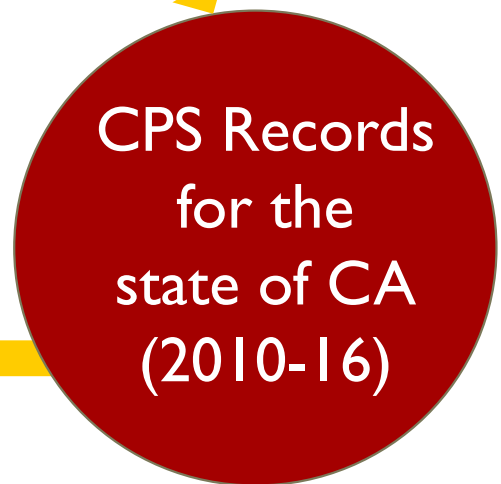
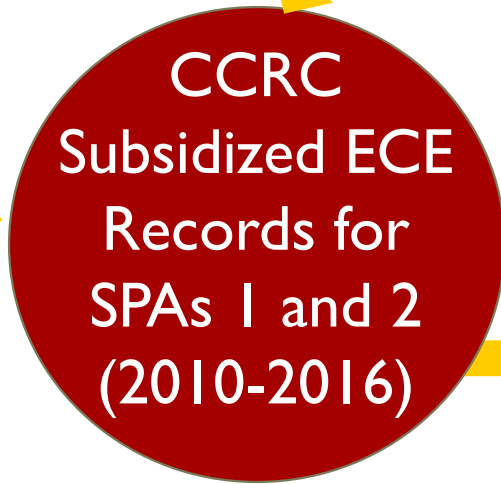
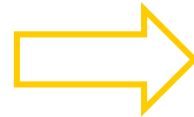
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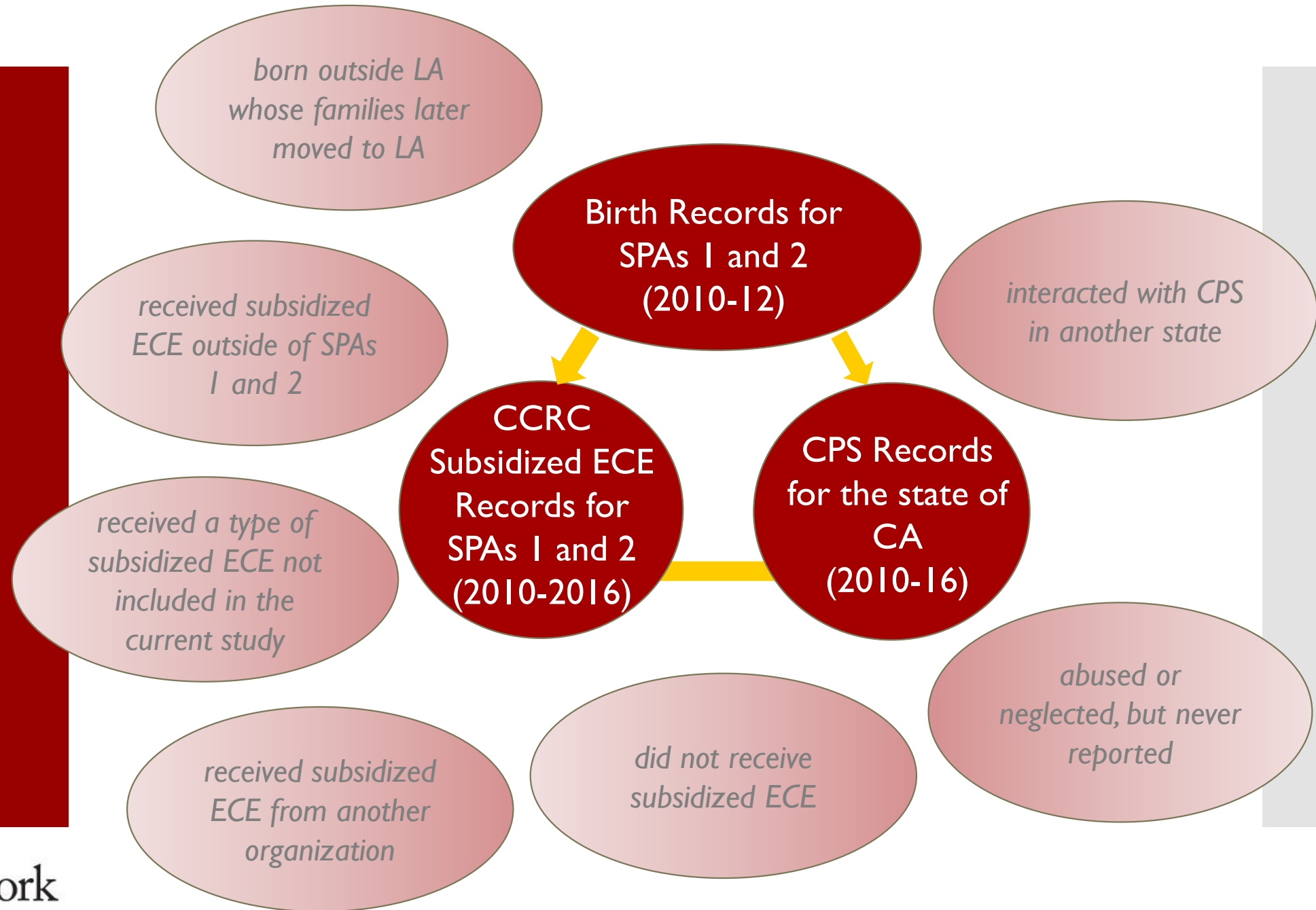
- Explore the extent to which the families of children born in LA County -- and especially those who become involved with the CPS system -- manage to access and enroll young children in subsidized ECE services
- Observe how families interact with these two complex service systems
- Explore demographic differences among these groups using characteristics known to be predictive of CPS-involvement that are captured on the birth record.

Methods

CaWORKs
Stage 1, Stage 2,
Stage 3,
Alternative
Payment, Family
Child Care
Home Education
Network, and
Early/Head Start



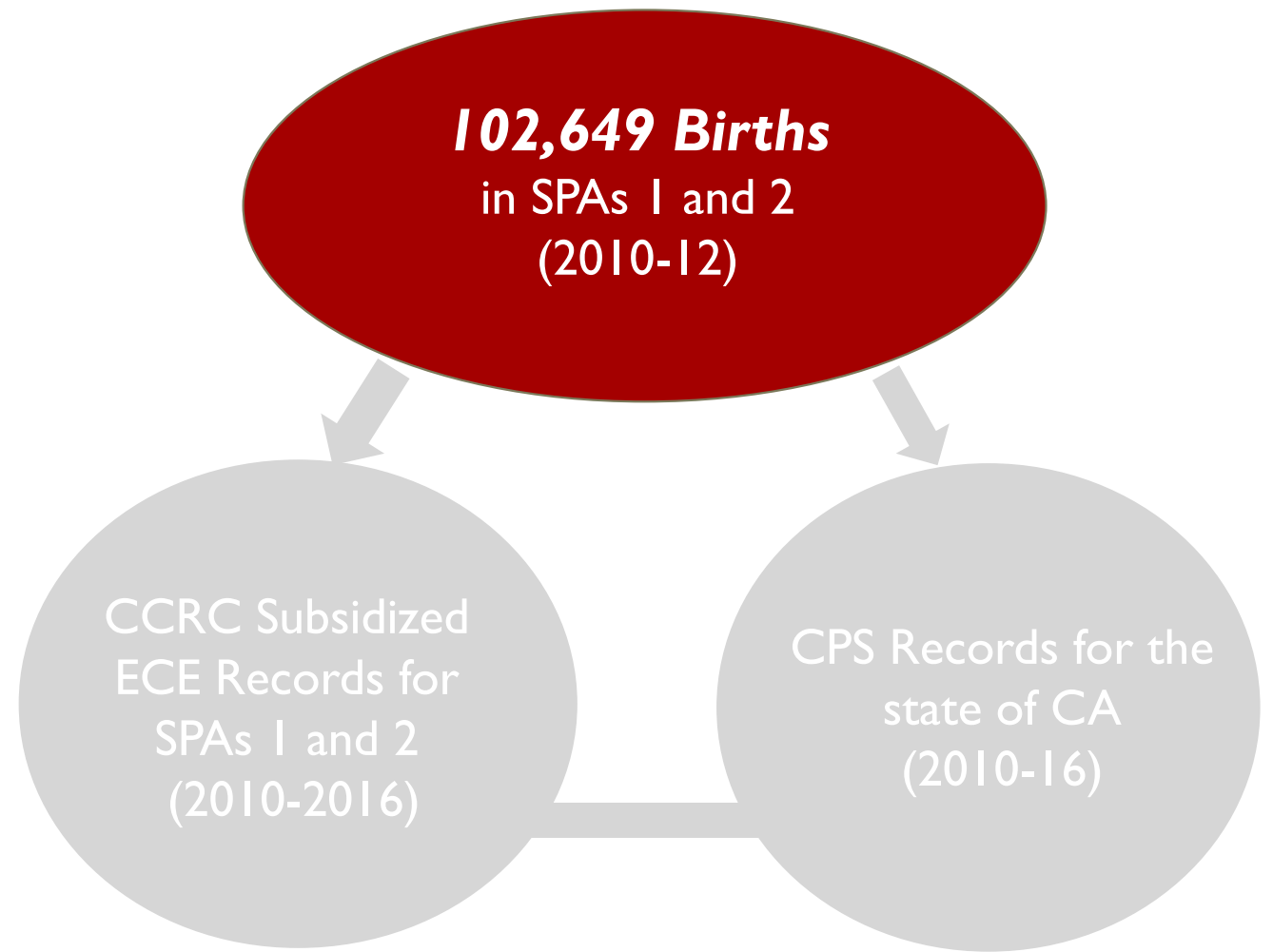
**Limitations:
Missing or
Inaccurate
Data, and...**



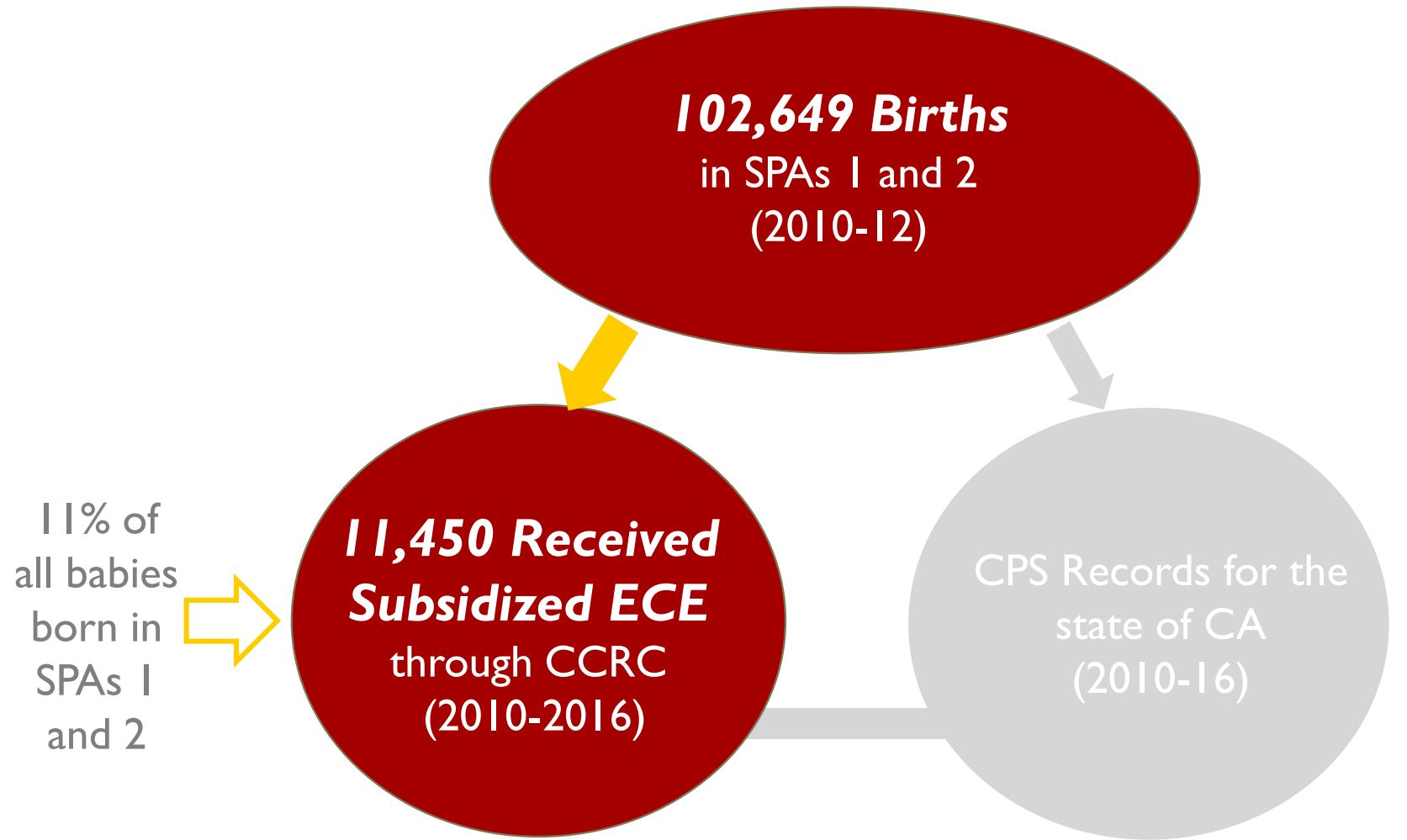


Findings and Implications

Births



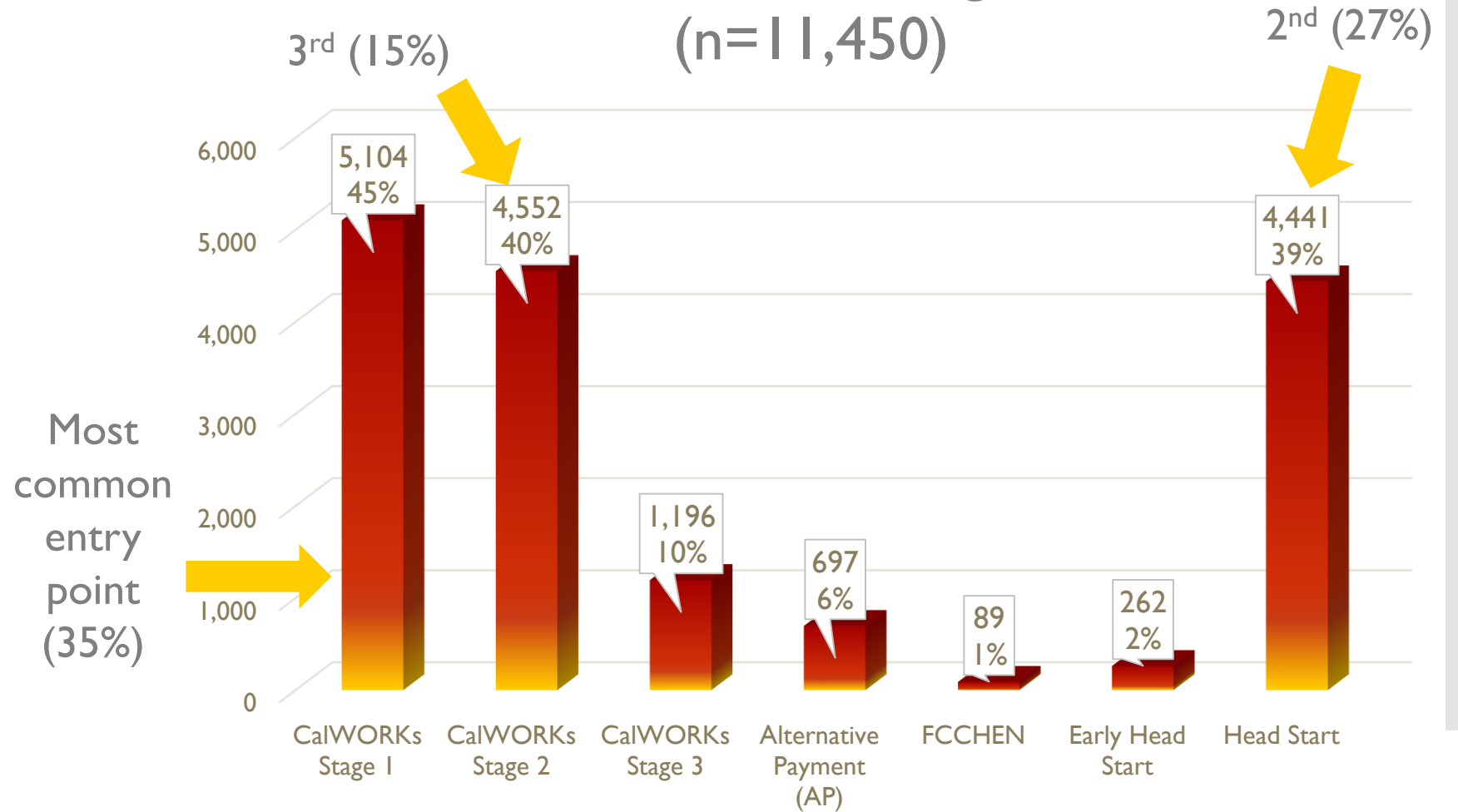
ECE
Population



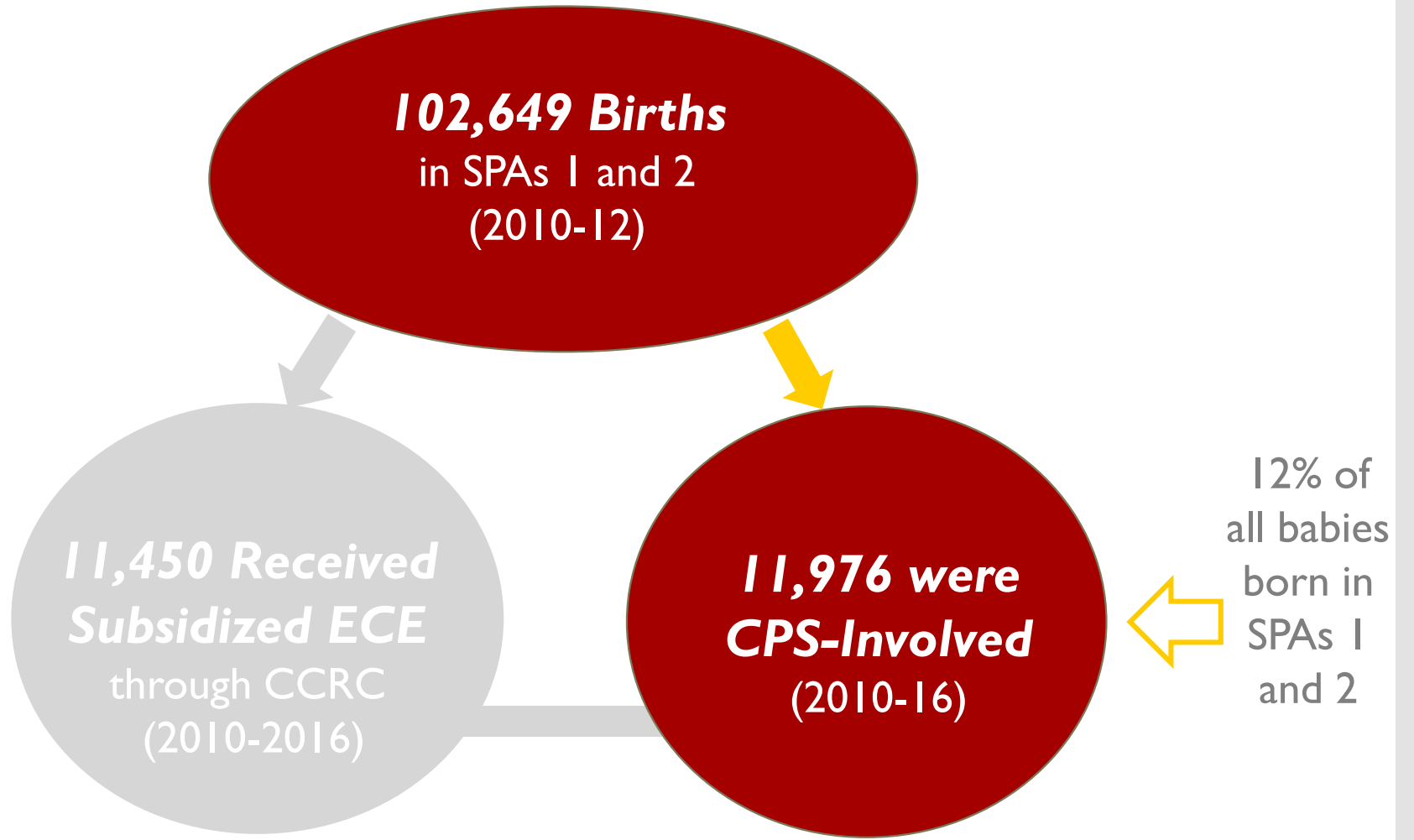
ECE Population

Children Born in 2010-2012 who Received Subsidized ECE through CCRC Before Age 5

(n=11,450)

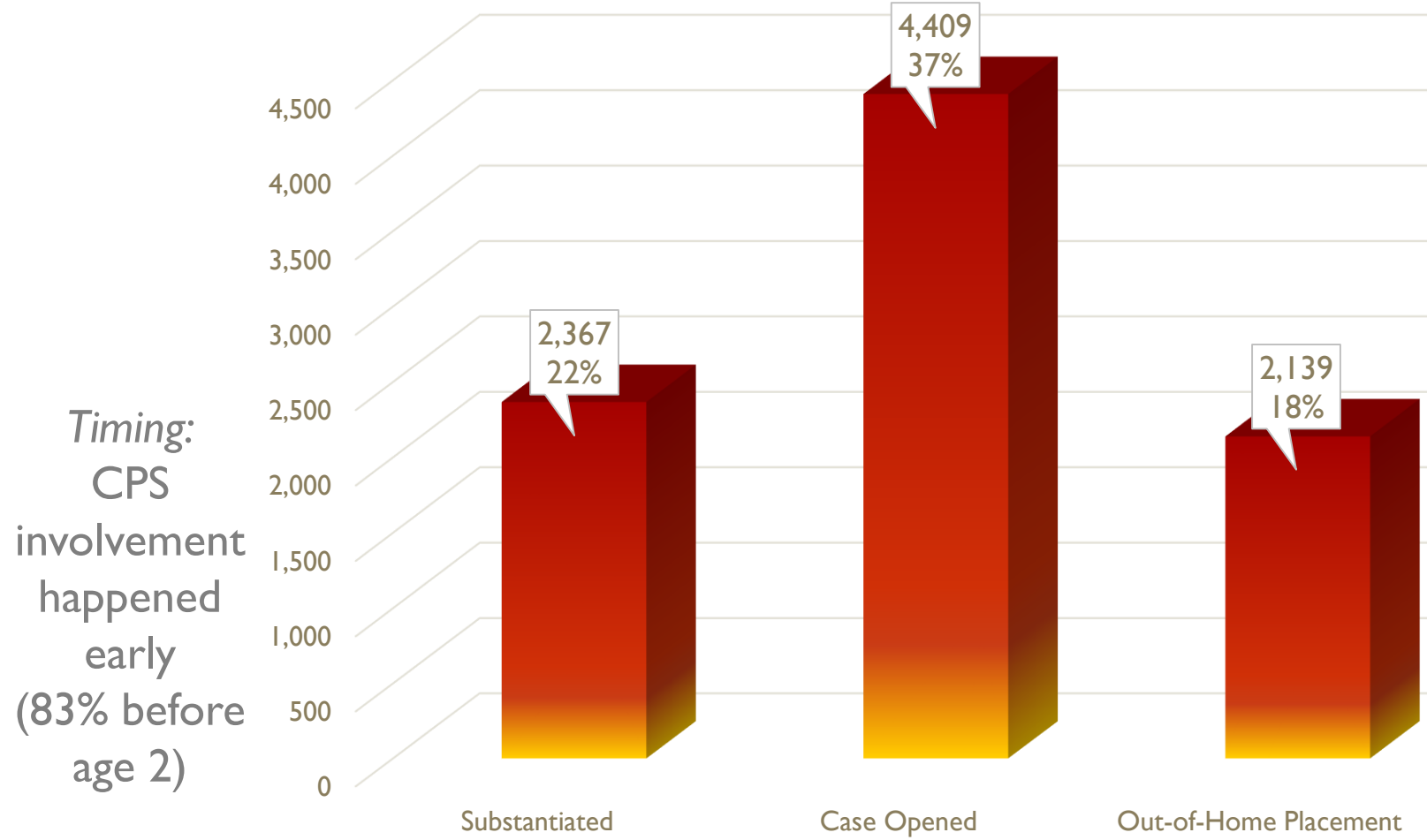


CPS
Population

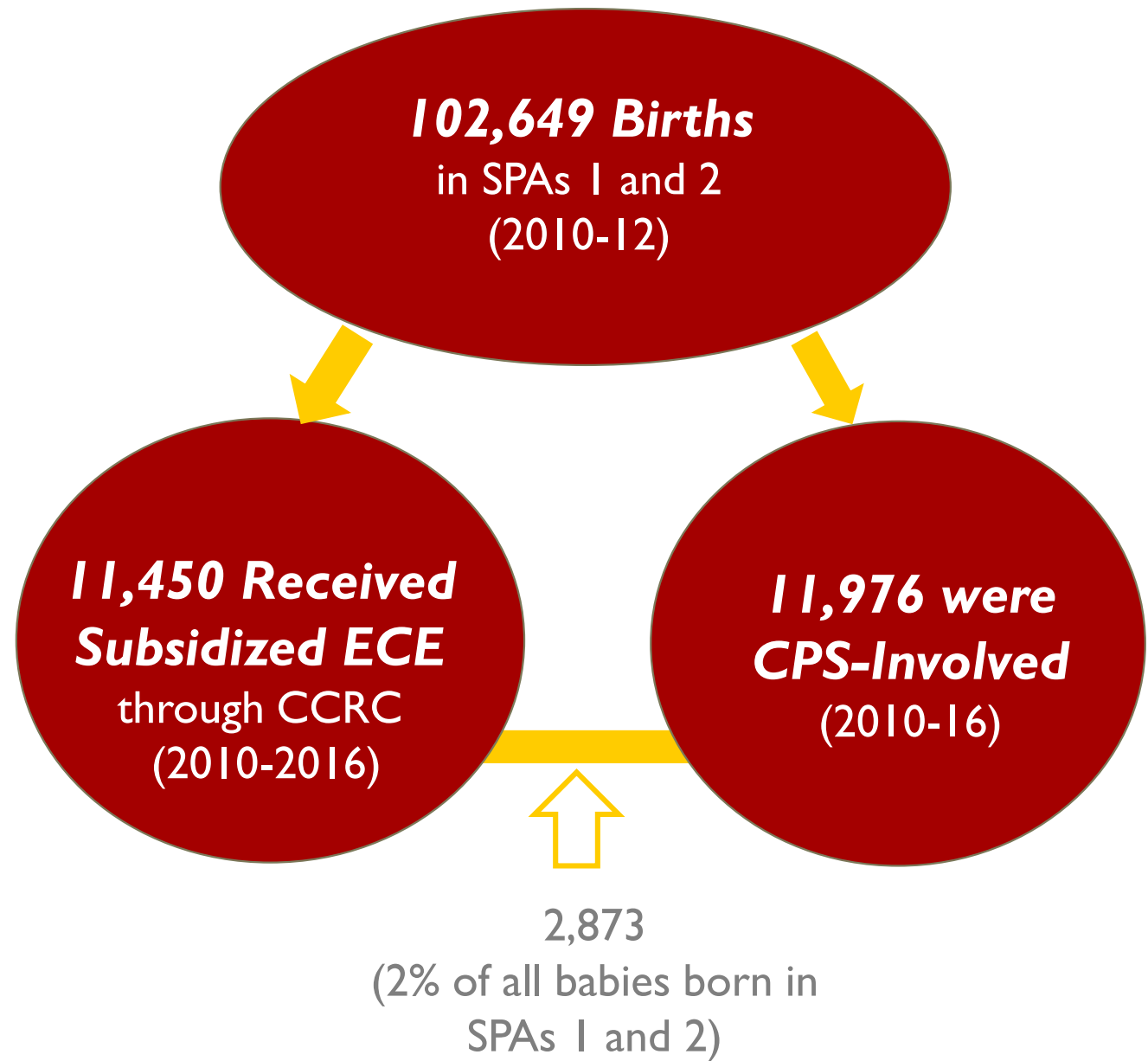


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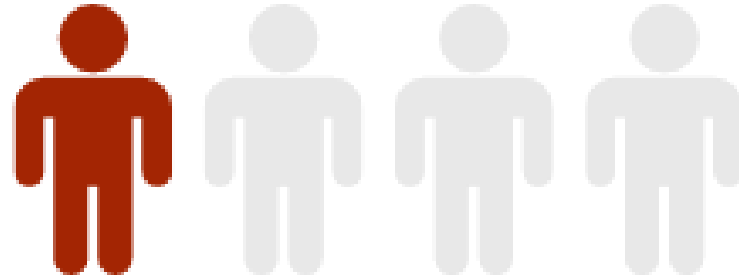
Children Born in 2010-2012 who were CPS-involved Before Age 5 (n=11,976)



CPS-ECE
Population

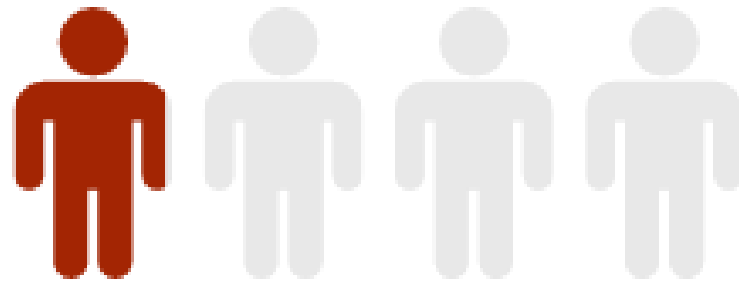


CPS-ECE Population



25% of all children
receiving subsidized
ECE were CPS-involved

And 4% experienced foster care



24% of all CPS-involved
children were receiving
subsidized ECE

CPS-ECE Population

Of the 2,873 children served by both systems:

- 62% were first served by CPS
- 83% were first served as infants and toddlers

Of the subgroup (1,078) who entered ECE before CPS:

- 90% entered through CalWORKs-based child care
 - 58% entered through Stage 1
 - 32% entered through Stage 2 or 3

CPS-ECE Population



31% of CalWORKs
Stage 1 children were
CPS-involved

18.9%



30% of CalWORKs
Stages 2 and 3 children
were CPS-involved

14.5%



22% of AP/FCCHEN
children were CPS-
involved

17.3%



19% of HS/EHS children
were CPS-involved

17.0%

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

■ Out-of-Home Placement

Finding 1

The Likelihood of Involvement in ECE and CPS Systems in This Sample
Was Almost Equal - 1 in 9



11% (n=11,450)
received subsidized
ECE through CCRC

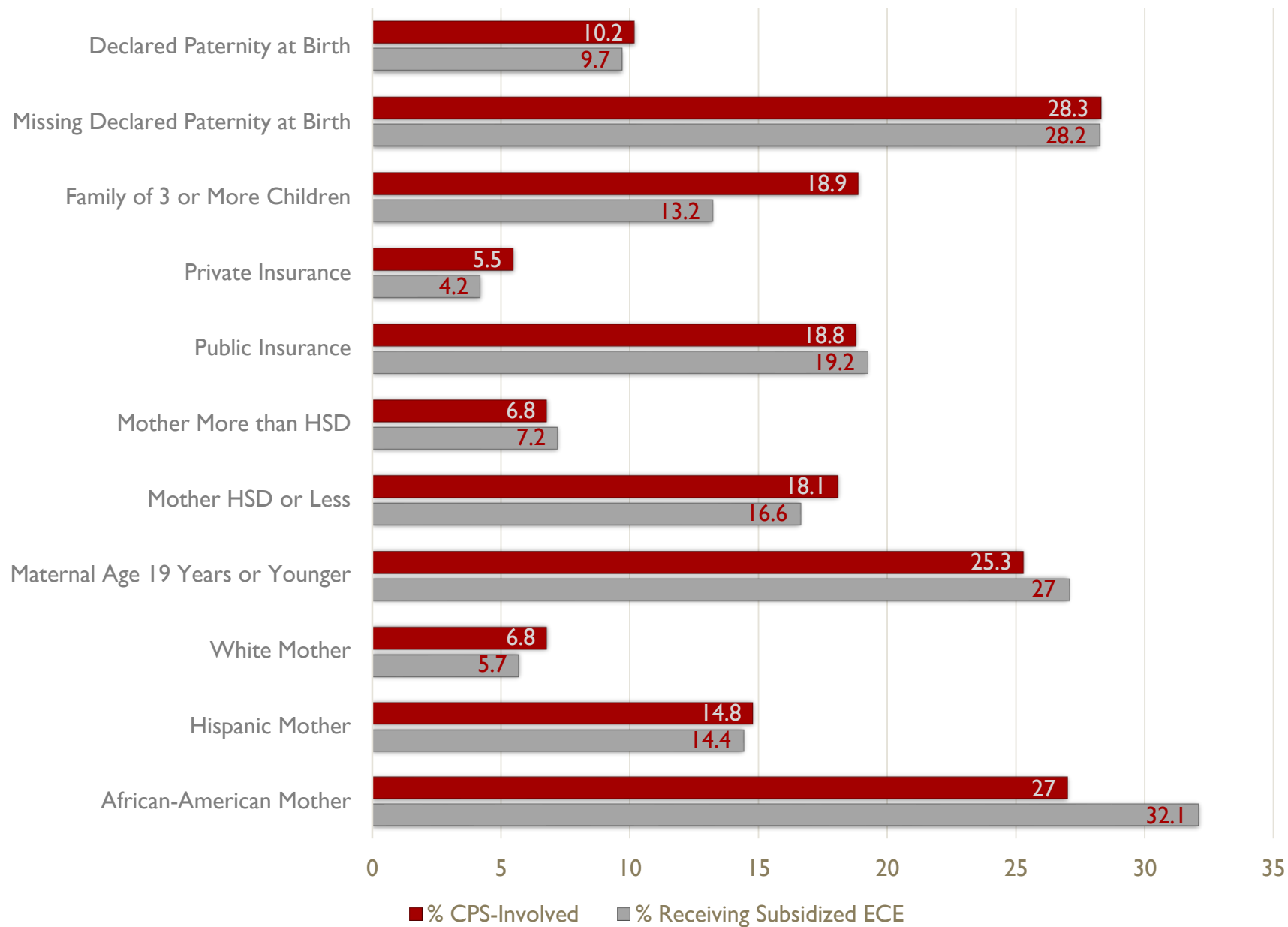


12% (n=11,976) received
a referral to CPS for
alleged abuse or neglect

Finding 1

For this cohort, there was a nearly equal likelihood of involvement in ECE and CPS

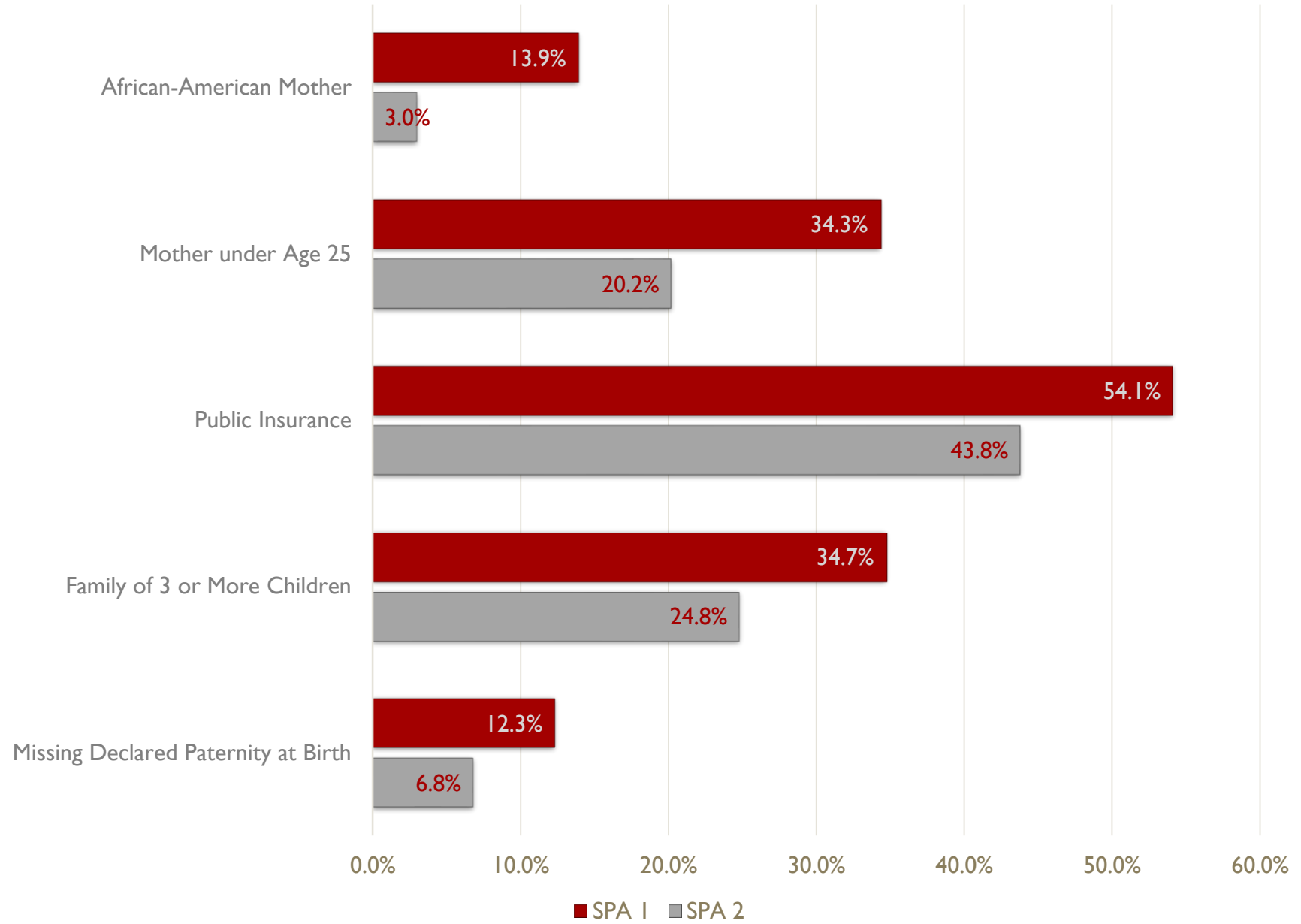
Demographics Associated with CPS and ECE Participation



Finding 2

*The subsidized ECE and CPS populations
had a lot in common*

Geographic Differences



Finding 3

Characteristics associated with system involvement were more prevalent among children born in SPA 1 than 2

Finding 4

*Entry points can provide opportunities
for prevention*

Finding 5

These systems can work together to connect the dots for families

Finding 6:
*Data Already Available
Through Birth and
Other Administrative
Records Can Help
Make the Case for
Connecting Families to
Supportive Services
and Cross-System
Coordination*

Los Angeles County has a long way to go in ensuring access to subsidized ECE for all (and especially CPS-involved) families.

But, existing partnerships, shared purpose, and lessons learned from previous efforts form a firm foundation on which to build.

We should continue to leverage resources and data to create lasting ECE-CPS connections.

Questions?

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