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Child Welfare Services & Initiatives

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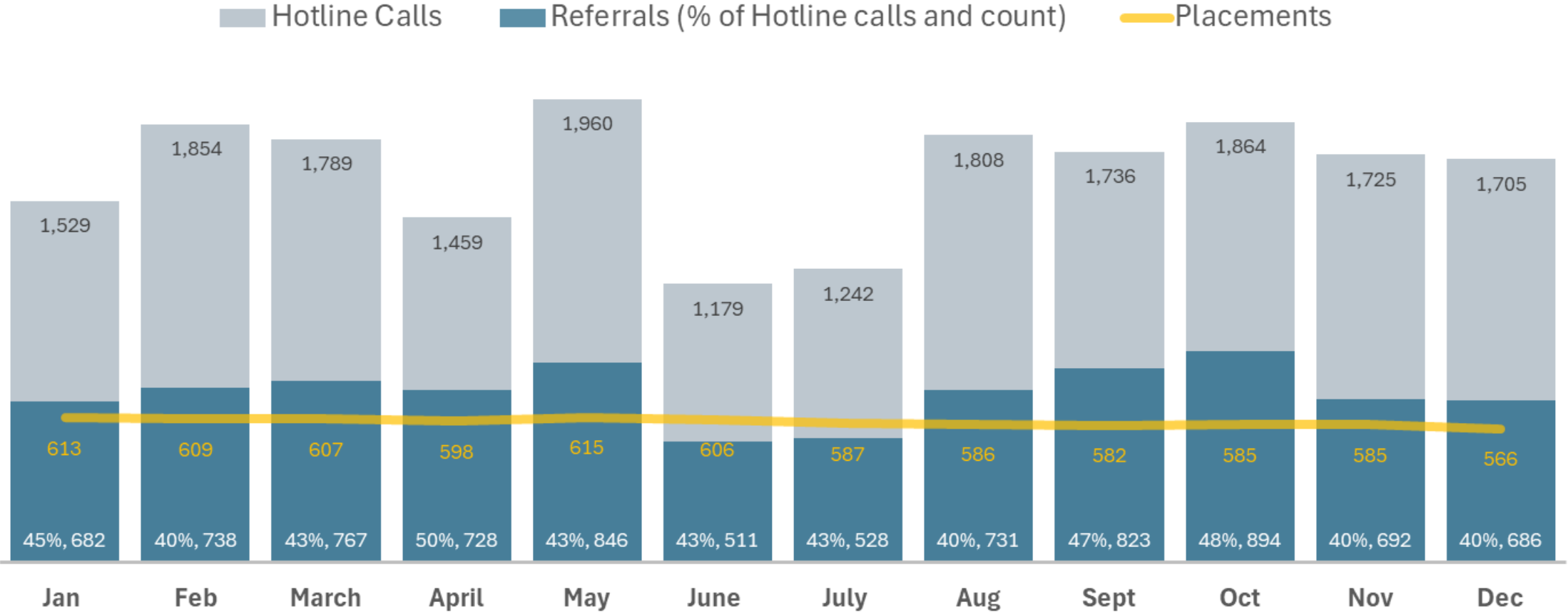
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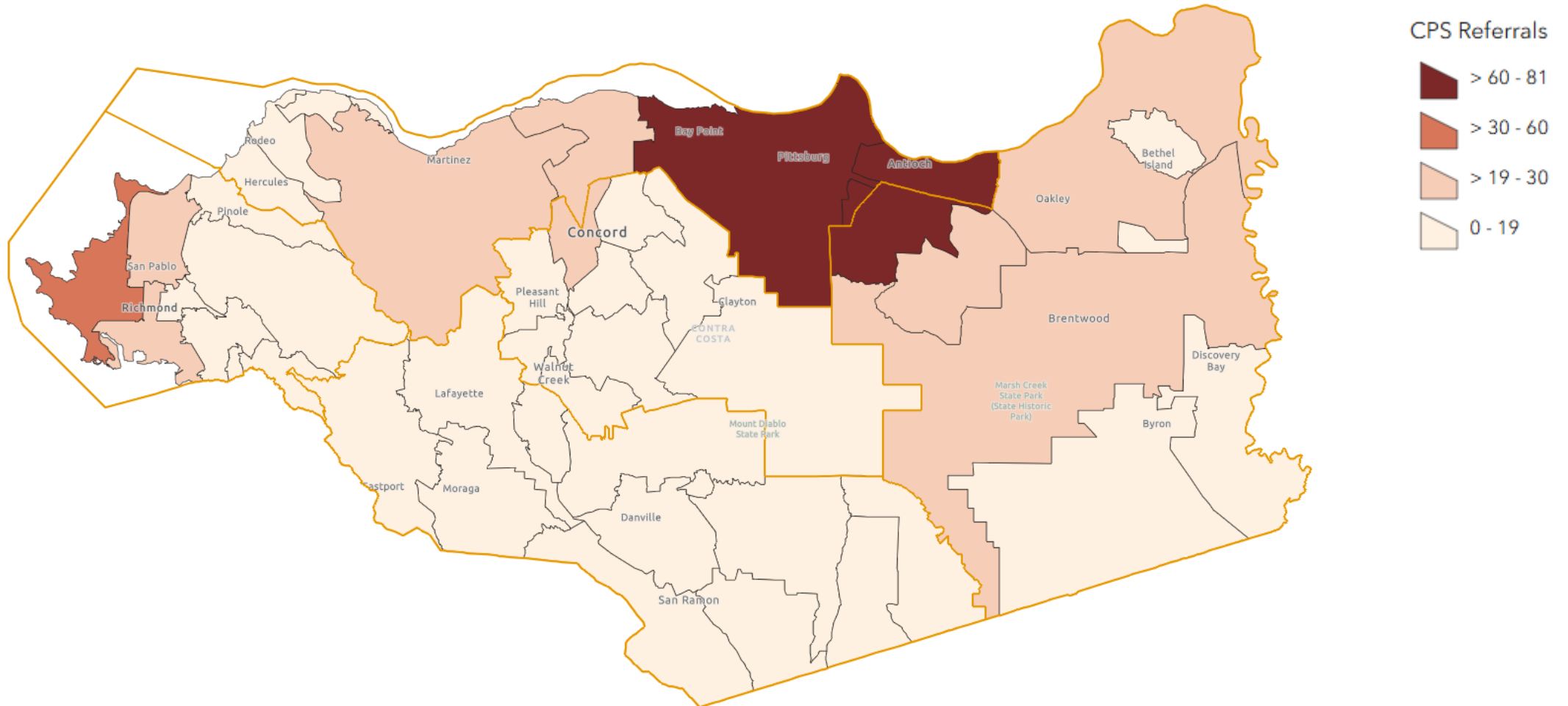
Child Welfare Services Overview

CFS Calls, Referrals, Placements

2024 Hotline Calls, Referrals, Placements by Month



July 2025 CFS Referrals



July 2025 CFS Referrals

District	# of CFS Referrals	% of CFS Referrals
1	112	20%
2	43	8%
3	138	25%
4	96	17%
5	138	25%
Other	31	6%
Total	558	100%

Preventing Youth in Care

- **Community Based Prevention Programs**
 - Family and Children's Trust (FACT): 8
 - Promoting Safe & Stable Families (PSSF): 5
 - Case Management: 4
 - Community Partnership Gatherings: 3
- **Family Maintenance**
 - Children/youth remain safely at home
 - Family supportive services
 - Court-ordered or voluntary
- **Voluntary Family Reunification**
 - Parents voluntarily place child/youth for up to 6 months



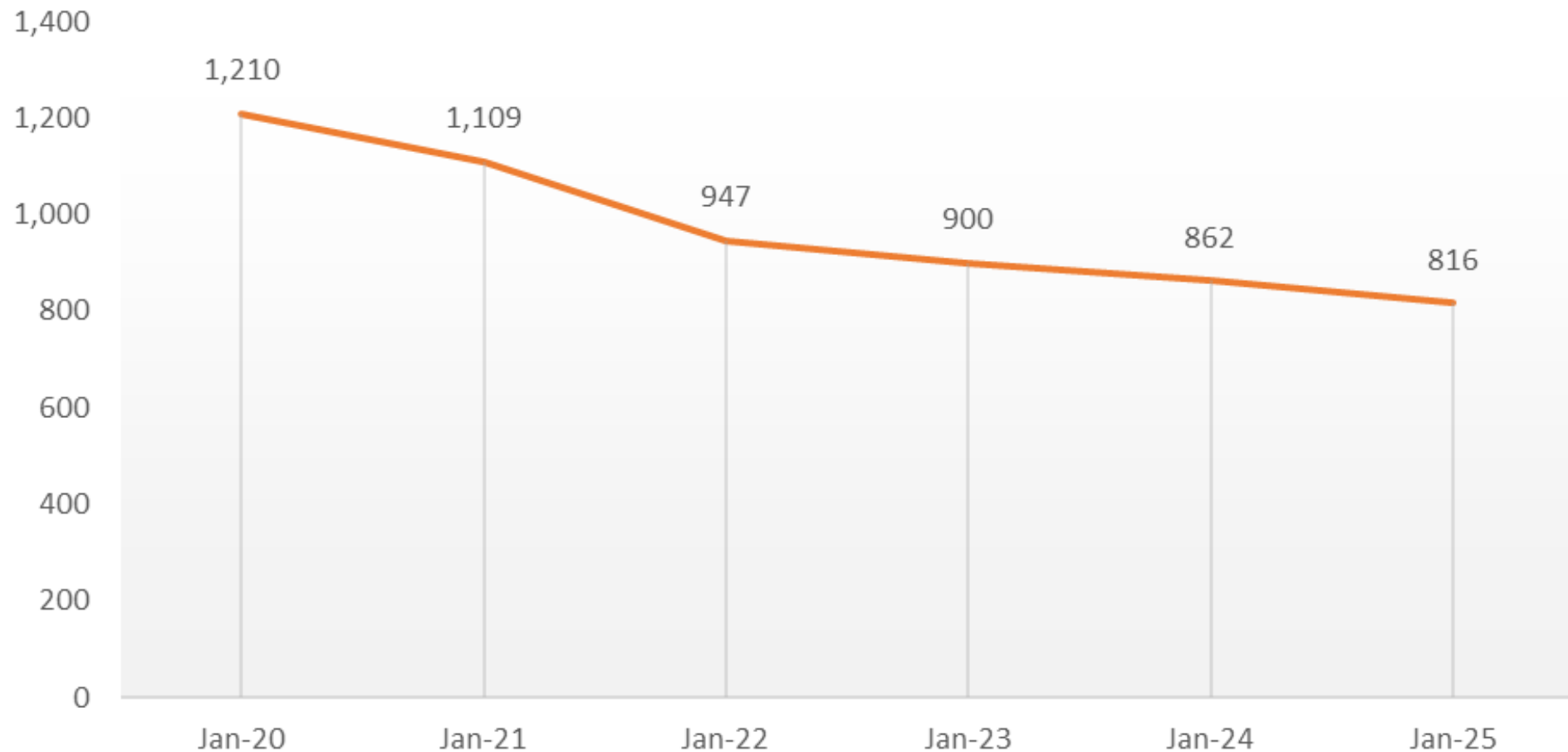
Youth in Care

- **Foster Care**
 - Supportive services to ensure child/youth well-being & strengthen family stability
 - Safe, stable placement pending permanency (reunification, adoption, guardianship)
- **Adoptions**
 - Legal permanency and safety for children
 - Adoption Assistance Program
- **Extended Foster Care**
 - Housing and supportive services for Non-Minor Dependents ages 18-21



Child Welfare Open Cases

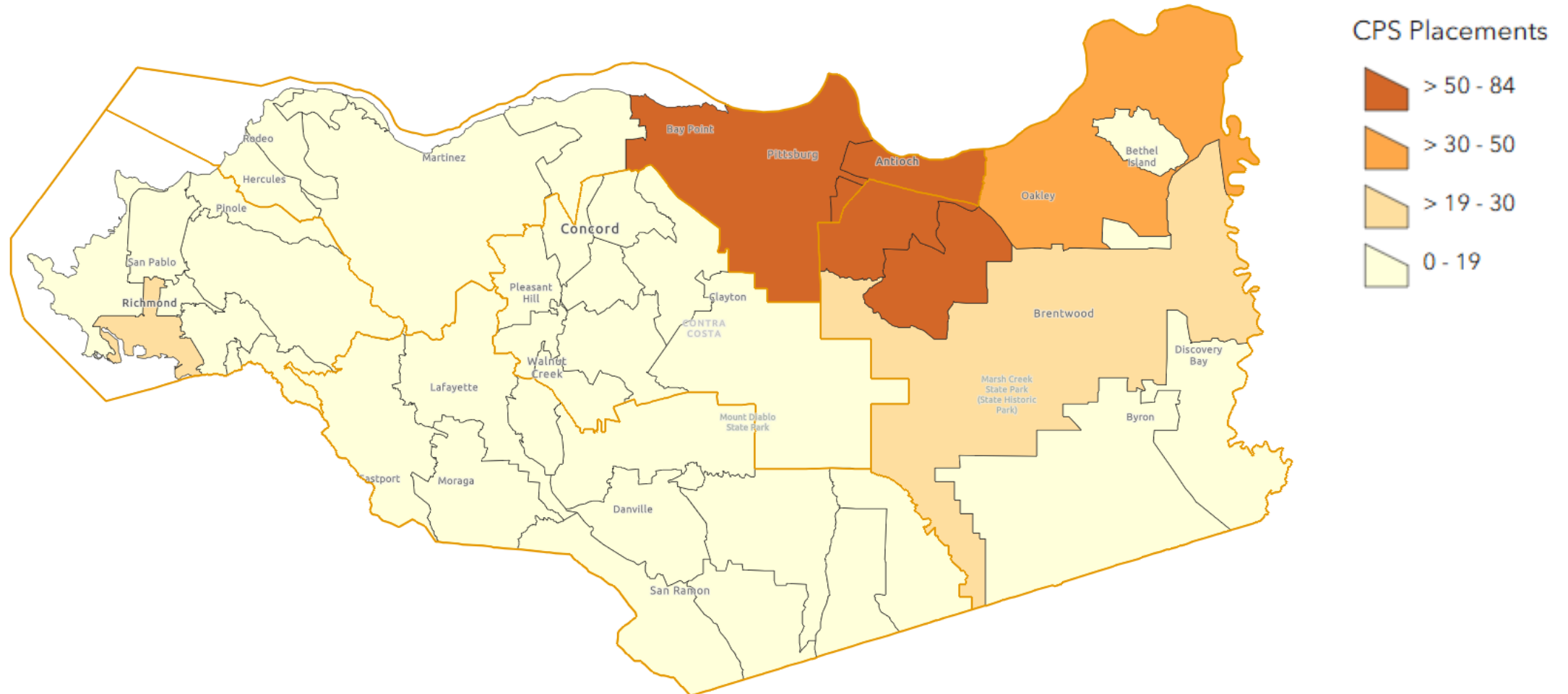
Total Cases Open in the Month



July 2025 Foster Care Placements

District	# of CFS Children/Youth in Placement	% of CFS Children/Youth in Placement
1	63	10%
2	18	3%
3	194	32%
4	73	12%
5	108	18%
Other	156	25%
Total	612	100%

July 2025 CFS Placements



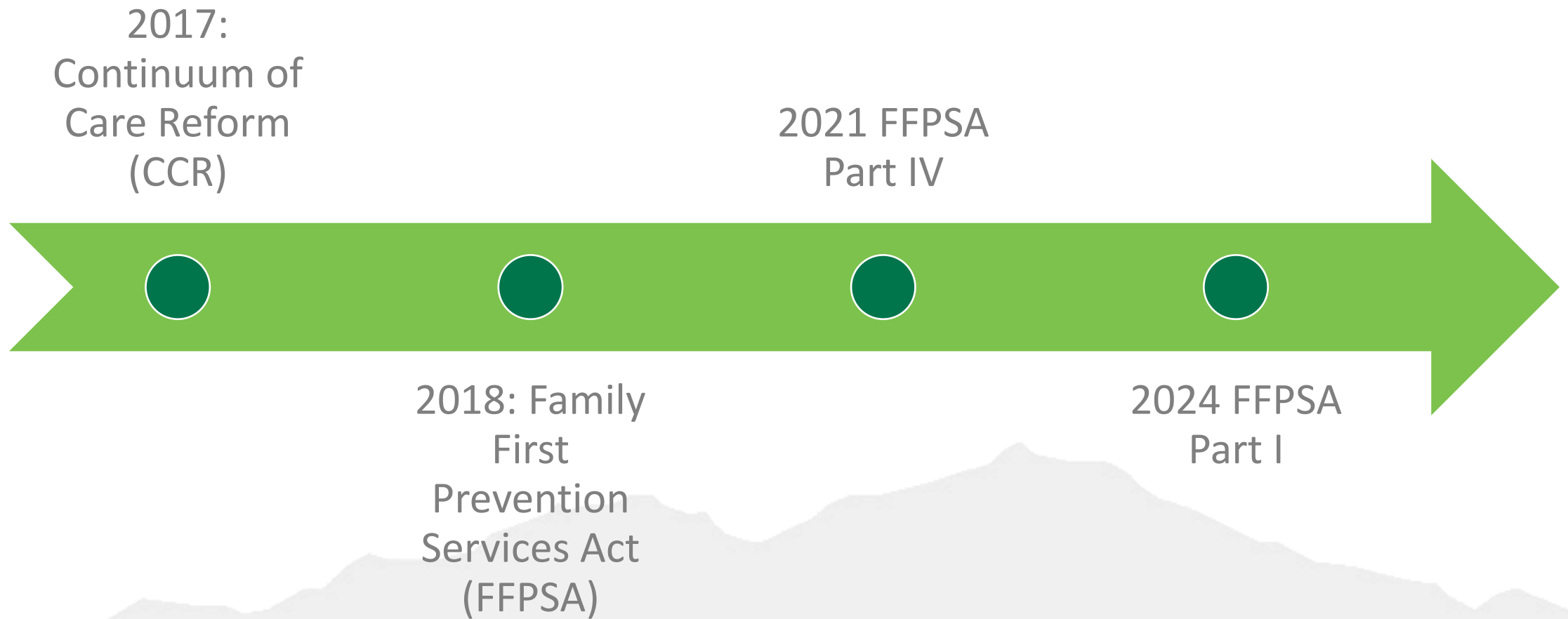
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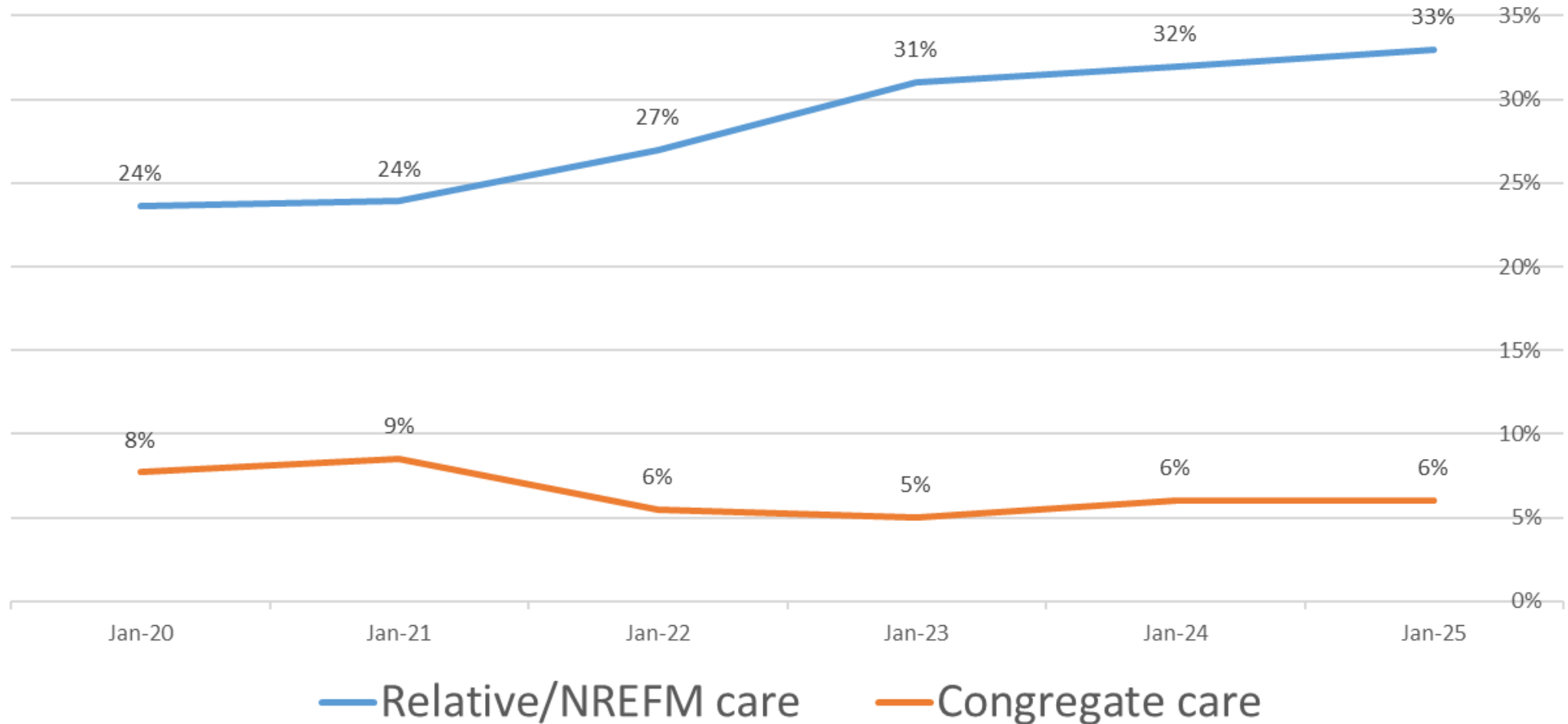
Child Welfare Initiatives



Continuum of Care Reform (CCR)

- Major child welfare reform
- Goals
 - Ensure all needs of youth in foster care are met
 - Opportunity to grow up in permanent and supportive homes
 - Supporting self-sufficient, successful transition to adulthood
- Special areas of focus
 - Increasing relative and home-based placements
 - Reduction of foster youth in congregate care settings

Foster Care Placement Type



Serving High Needs Youth

Capacity Building through contracts with providers

- 2 Enhanced Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs
- 2 Enhanced Intensive Services Foster Care homes
- 1 Enhanced Resource Family Home

Individualized Coaching for Resource Family Homes

Wraparound and Aftercare for youth in and stepping down from congregate care

FFPSA Vision & Goals

Part IV.

Establishes requirements to limit use of higher-level placements so foster youth can have their needs supported in home-based family care

Part I.

Development of a Comprehensive Prevention Plan (CPP) to establish prevention-based services and supports that ensure:

- Fewer families with foster care & juvenile probation involvement
- More children who can remain safely at home with their families
- Addressing disproportionate number of families of color in the child welfare & juvenile justice systems

FFPSA Part IV

- Prioritizes placing foster youth in family-like environments
- Collaboration with Behavioral Health
- Builds upon Child and Family Team (CFT) process

Comprehensive Prevention Plan

More Accessible Resources

- Concrete supports in times of need
- Linkages to services and parenting support

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Community Pathway

- No wrong door to services
- Resources available to families where they are

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Stronger Communities

- Fewer children in foster care and probation
- Improved outcomes in schools, health
- Decreased disproportionality

Motivational Interviewing: evidence-based intervention

CPP Pilot Program – Antioch & East County

Antioch C.A.R.E.S. (Collaboration, Adaptation, Respect, Empowerment, Support/Strengths)

- 64 Families served
- 5 Received rental assistance
- 2 Received utility assistance
- 28 Received other basic needs

Child Abuse Prevention Council's Basic Needs

- 16 Received rental assistance
- 30 Received utility assistance
- 23 Received other basic need
- 210 Food boxes distributed

First 5 Family Resource Centers in East County

- 3 Family Resource Centers expanded concrete needs pantries
- 63 families served

Hygiene kits at Antioch schools for children, youth, and families with housing insecurity

- 96 kits created for distribution during 2025-26 academic year

CPP Pilot Goals

Antioch & East County

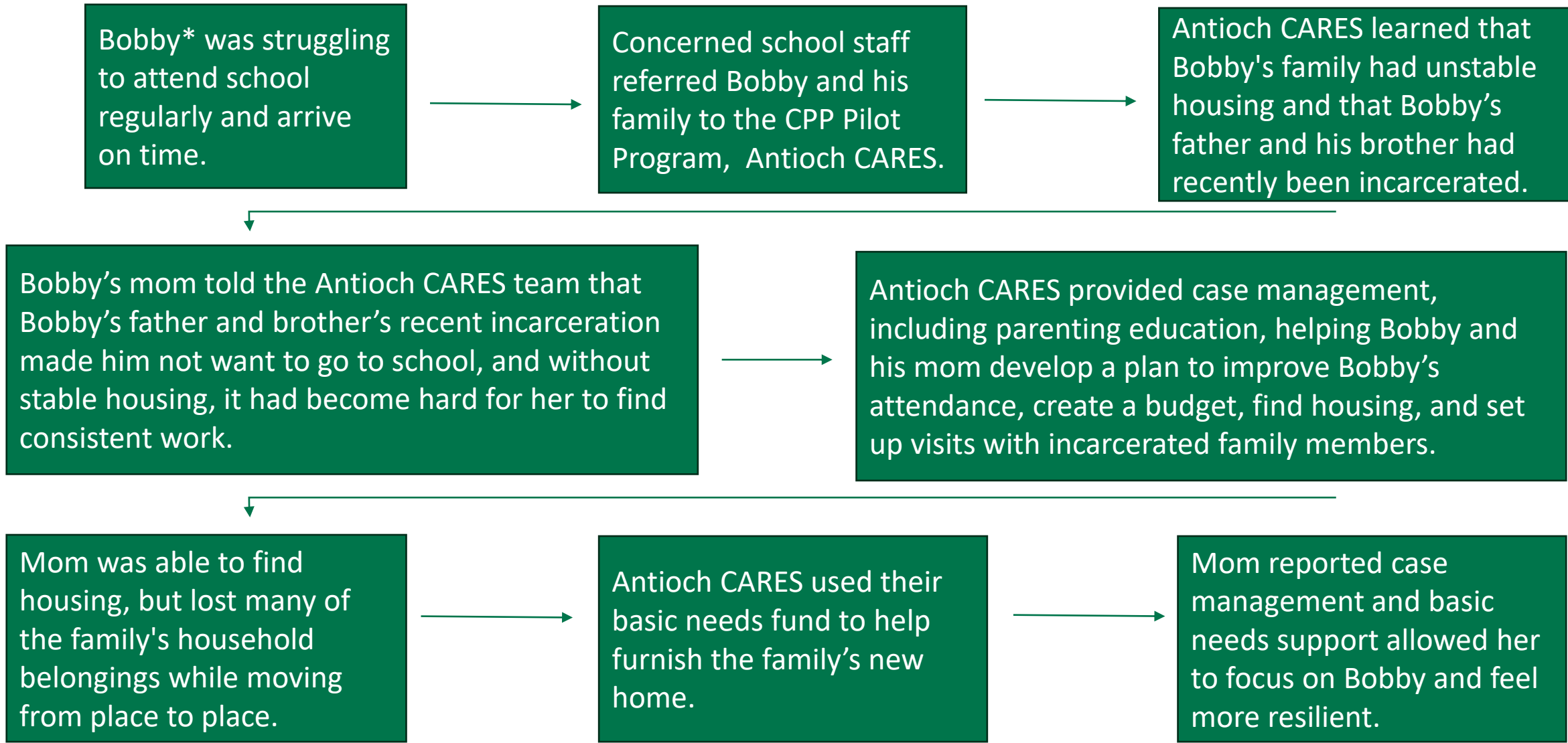
- Decrease number of families involved in child welfare
- Decrease number of child welfare investigations
- Decrease number of referrals to the child welfare hotline for families
- Decrease number of calls to the child welfare hotline for families
- Increased school attendance
- Families report they can access support in times of need

Prevention Informed by Measure X

- \$200,000 of Measure X funds allocated to prevention services, specifically to expand the CFS Parent Partner Program
- CFS and the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) are coordinating next steps for implementation
- Program goals will be aligned with existing county prevention goals



Stability & Strong Families through Prevention



*name changed to protect client confidentiality

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