



Health & Human Services Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: June 27, 2023

Title of Item: Child Protection & Out of Home Placement Presentation

- ☒ REGULAR AGENDA
☐ CONSENT AGENDA
☐ INFORMATION ONLY

Action Requested:

- ☐ Approve/Deny Motion
☐ Adopt Resolution (attach draft)

- ☐ Direction Requested
☒ Discussion Item
☐ Hold Public Hearing*
**provide copy of hearing notice that was published*

Submitted by:
Paula Arimborgo

Department:
H&HS Administration

Presenter (Name and Title):
Jessi Schultz, H&HS Child & Family Services Supervisor

Estimated Time Needed:
20 min

Summary of Issue:
A presentation on Child Protection & Out of Home Placement

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

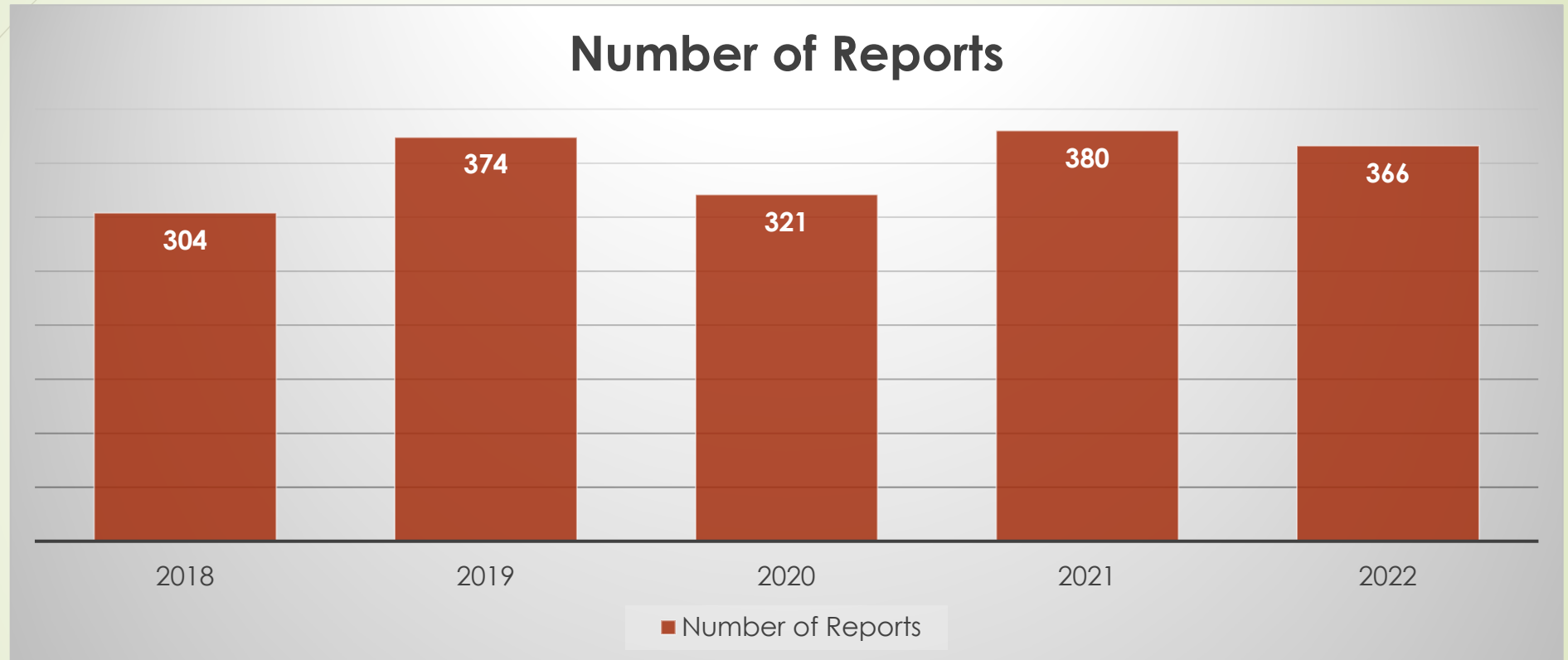
Please Explain:



Child Protection and Out of Home Placement

June 2023

Child Protection Maltreatment Reports

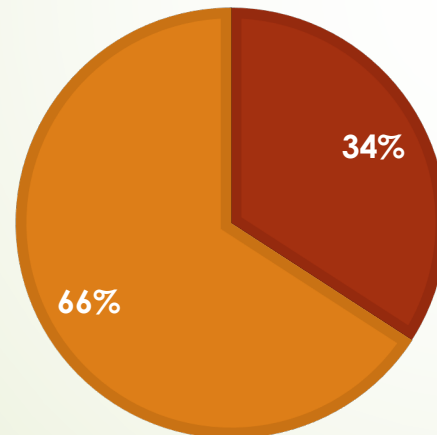


Reporters include mandated reporters such as school personnel, medical and mental health providers and law enforcement as well as voluntary reporters such as neighbors and family members.

All child maltreatment reports must be screened within 24 hours of receiving the report. If they are screened “in” as meeting criteria for a child protection response, it is then determined if they will be addressed as a family assessment, family investigation, or facility investigation.

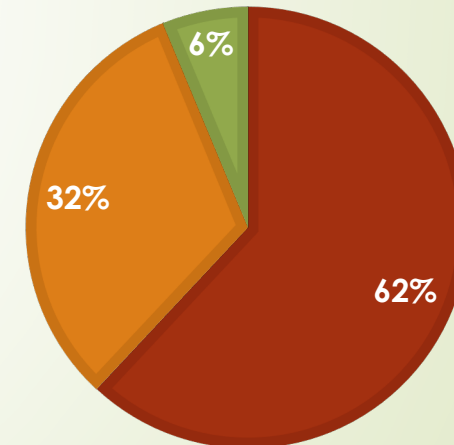
HOW REPORTS WERE SCREENED 2022

■ Screened In ■ Screened Out

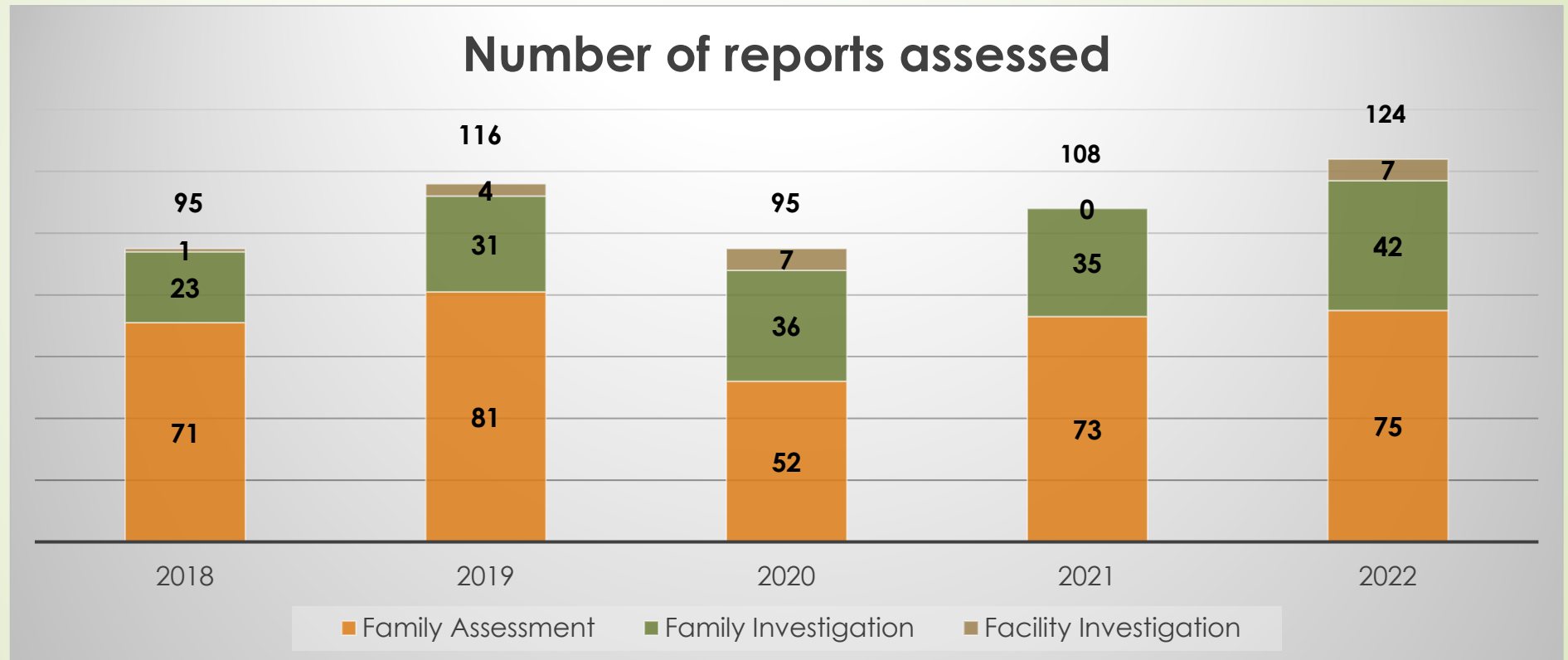


RESPONSE TYPES 2022

■ Family Assessment ■ Family Investigation
■ Facility Investigation



Child Protection Responses



Types of Allegations in 2022 Child Protection Cases

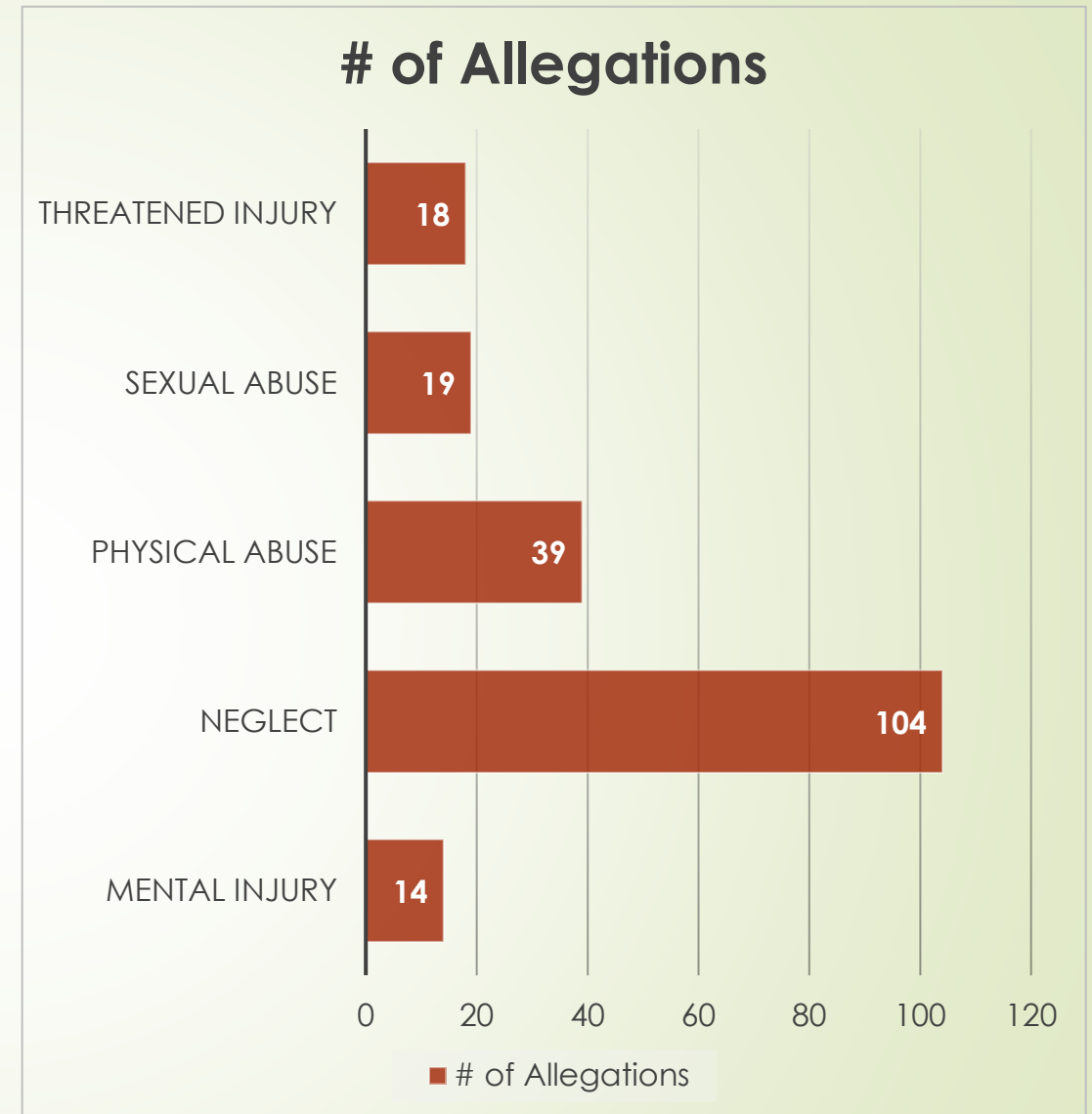
Threatened Injury- A statement, overt act, condition or status that represents a substantial risk of physical abuse, sexual abuse, or mental injury.

Sexual Abuse- Includes sexual contact, penetration, or other sexual conduct by a parent, caregiver or household member

Physical Abuse- Non-accidental physical injury or threatened injury inflicted by a person responsible for a child's care . This does not include reasonable and moderate physical discipline

Neglect- Failure by the person responsible for child's care to provide basic care when reasonably able to do so. Ex: Lack of food, clothing, shelter, medical care, supervision, education and exposure to unsafe or criminal behavior (such as chemical use).

Mental Injury- Substantial and observable injury to a child's psychological capacity or emotional stability which is either inflicted or caused by neglectful behavior on the part of the person responsible for the child's care.



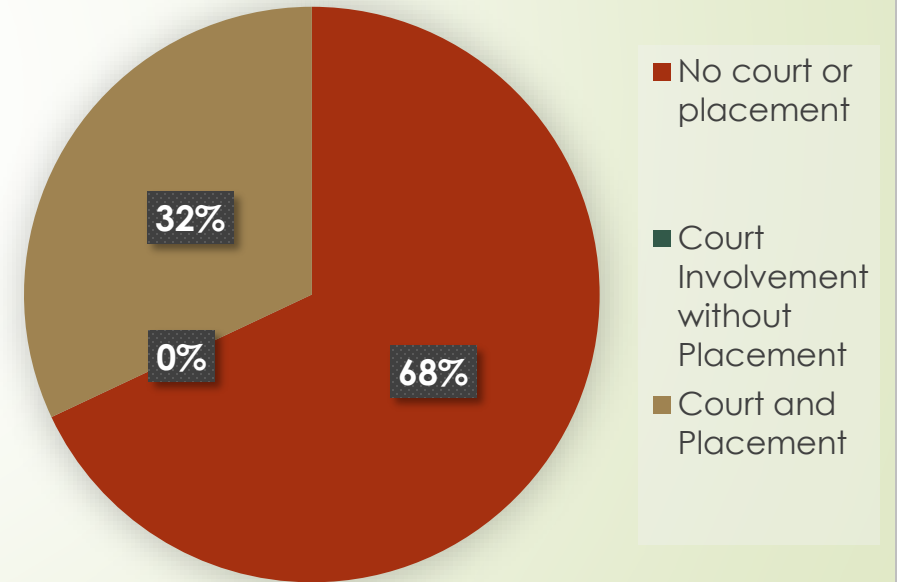
Child Protection Case Management

Case management cases are opened when the child protection assessment determines that the family is in need of ongoing services.

Case Management Cases per Year

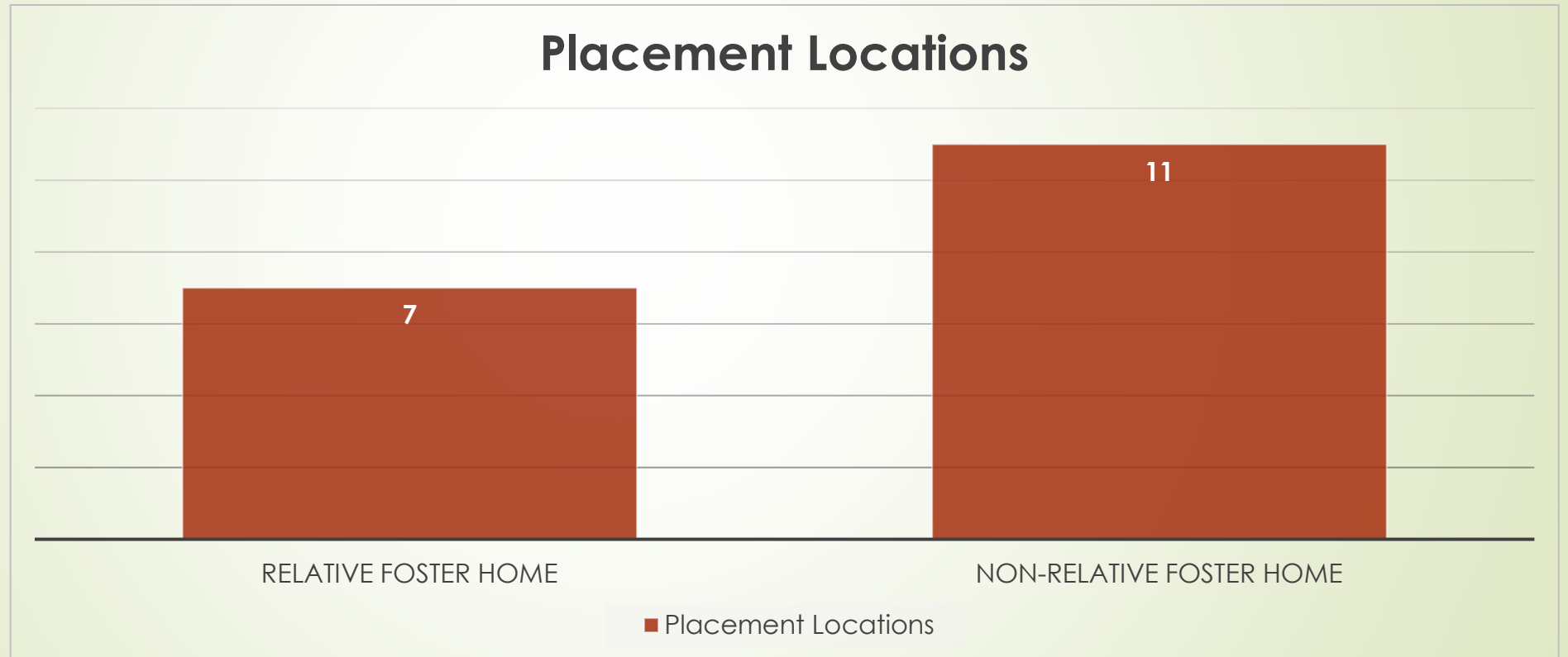


Types of Cases in 2022

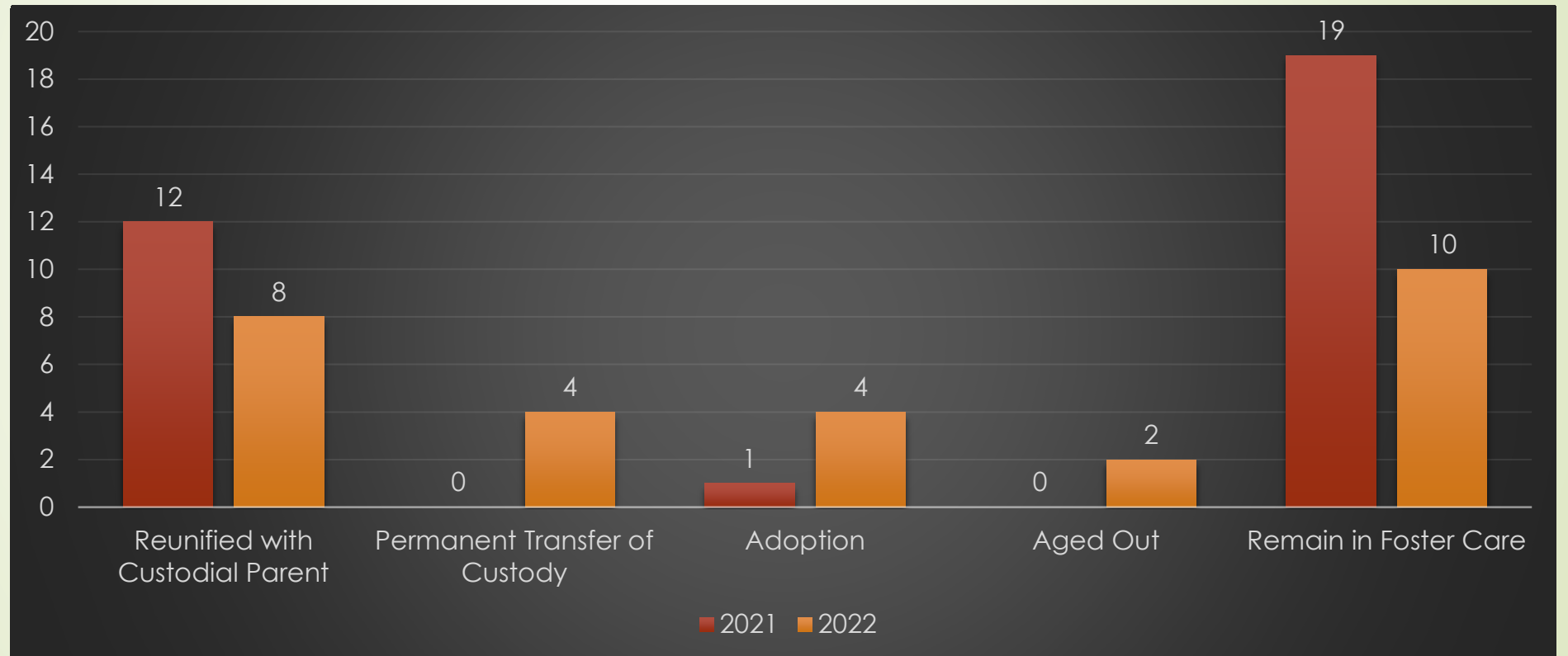


Placement Locations

In 2022, Aitkin County had 28 children in foster care as a result of child maltreatment. Minnesota performance standards expect counties to place children in relative foster homes 35.7% of the time or greater. Aitkin County is meeting this standard.

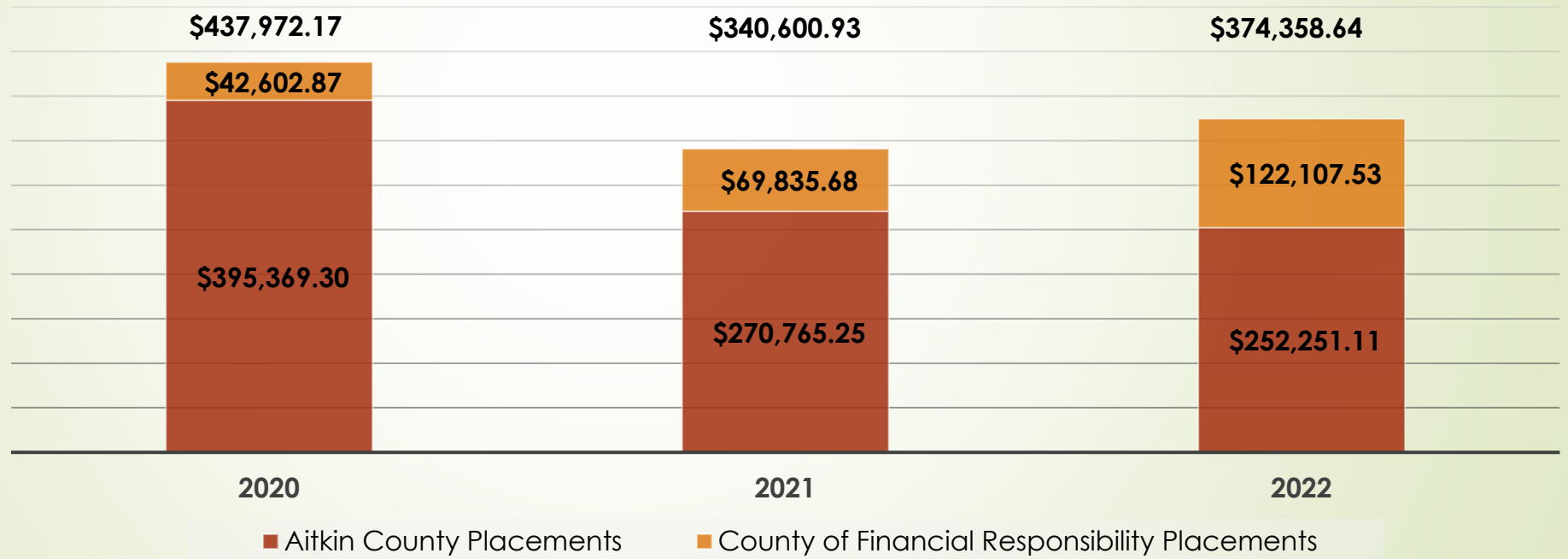


Results of Children in Placement



Placement Costs

Cost of Placement



Federal IV-E Reimbursement

IV-E Reimbursement





Other Services

■ **Truancy**

- The schools petition the court when youth age 12 or older are absent 7 or more class periods unexcused.
- Social workers from ACHHS meet with the family to determine barriers to the child getting to school and develop a case plan to assist with addressing these barriers.

■ **Child Welfare**

- Voluntary service to assist the family with challenges they may be facing
- This could include parenting education, budgeting, household management education and resources, attending school meetings, and referrals to community resources.

■ **Parent Support Outreach Program (PSOP)**

- Voluntary service often offered to families of screened out child protection reports.
- The family must have a child age 10 or younger or be pregnant.
- In 2022, Aitkin County received \$7,690 for this program

■ **Extended Foster Care**

- Youth in foster care prior to their 18th birthday have an option to continue in placement until their 21st birthday.
- In order to qualify, the youth needs to be in school, working, actively searching for a job, or have a medical opinion that they are unable to work.
- Placement can be a traditional foster home setting or a supervised independent living setting such as a dorm or apartment.