



# THE HEART MATTERS FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY

## 2021 Annual Report



## Our Mission

The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency's mission is to provide youth with safe homes, healing and healthy environments and encouraging youth empowerment.

## Our Vision

The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency's vision is to impact the life of every youth we serve, leaving a positive and enduring effect on their lives.



## The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency, Inc.

Established in 2016, The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency provides excellent treatment-level foster care services to children and families in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency looks to provide for the needs in the communities it serves by providing quality trained families who nurture, support and guide children who are placed in foster care due to suffering from various forms of abuse and/or neglect. One of the common phrases heard at The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency is "from placement until reunification". Through the services that we provide children are able to be placed in a loving home that encourages them to grow into positive participants in their communities, empowered with the skills to not just survive but to reach their individual goals.

In 2021, The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency served 267 children and youth in foster placements while achieving sufficient successful permanency outcomes. Additionally, 10 new resource homes were certified throughout both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

With the support of our key champions, The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency has been able to provide support programs and services to our youth and families such as Intake Bags provided to us by Assistance League Temecula, Together We Rise, and Comfort Cases. These intake bags are given to children as soon as they are placed in the home as a welcome gift. We were also able to provide back to school backpacks and shoes through the generous donation from Ontario Mills Mall and many individual donors. At the end of the year our community and partners came together to provide Christmas gifts to each child. Some of our community partners that helped to that make this happen include Monterey Pines Apartments, Chase Bank, Active Church and over 100 single individual donors from all over the Inland Empire.

With a staff of 31 full-time and part-time professionals, The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency continues to strive for excellence in new program implementation and support services moving into 2022 and 2023.

## The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency Board of Directors

**Rodney Mathews:** Board President

**Asia Williamson, MSW:** Vice President

**Rorrie Aubry:** Treasurer

**Denise Reynolds:** Secretary

**Arby Fields:** Voting Board Member

## The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency Staff

**Carrie Mathews, MPA:** Executive Director

**Lia Andrews, MSW:** Agency Administrator

**Lorre Hendricks, MSW, MFT:** Social Worker Supervisor

**Deborah Scott, BSW:** Foster Care Program Supervisor

**Jessa Garippo, BSW:** Compliance Administrator

**Bonny de la Cruz:** Compliance Officer

**Christopher Myers:** Compliance Technician

**Ashley Cusack:** Accounting Clerk

**Tana Bakewell, BA Psyc:** Resource Parent Coordinator

**Mariah Mota:** Administrative Specialist

**Madeline Gonzalez:** Administrative Assistant

**Rachel Ramirez:** Executive Assistant

**Heather Ford:** Corporate Relations Coordinator

**Kaitlyn Keefe:** Community Marketing Specialist

**Erica Brown:** Agency RN

**Tyiesha Coulson:** Transitional Housing Program Administrator

**Camilo Aguirre:** Educational and Employment Specialist

**Akillah Miles, MSW:** Agency Social Worker

**Monique Bautista, MSW:** Agency Social Worker

**Catiana Huante, MSW:** Agency Social Worker

**Mario Sanchez, MA:** Agency Social Worker

**Tabatha Sebastian, MSW:** Agency Social Worker

**Vanetta Warrior, MSW:** Agency Social Worker

**Cederick Victor, MSW:** Agency Social Worker

**Kyndle Crigler, MSW:** Agency Social Worker

**Marco Barriga, MSW:** Clinical Therapist

**Katrina Jimenez, MSW:** Clinical Therapist

**Leslie Bartholomew, MSW:** Clinical Therapist

**Christopher Berrun, BASW:** Behavioral Rehab Specialist

**Skye-Bleu Vickers:** Administrative Assistant

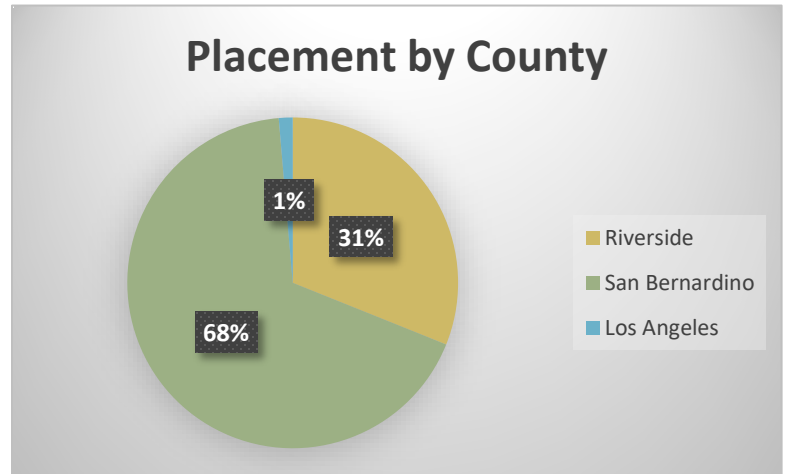
**Britney Johnson:** Administrative Assistant



## 2021 The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency Statistics

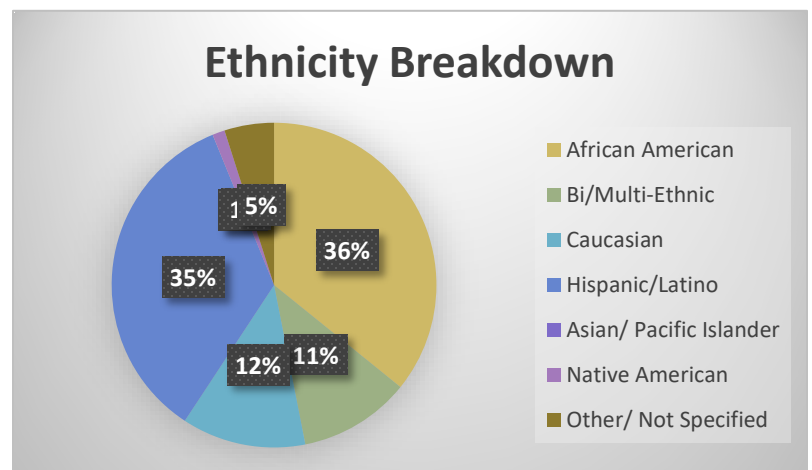
### 2021 Placements - 74

Riverside	23
San Bernardino	50
Los Angeles	1



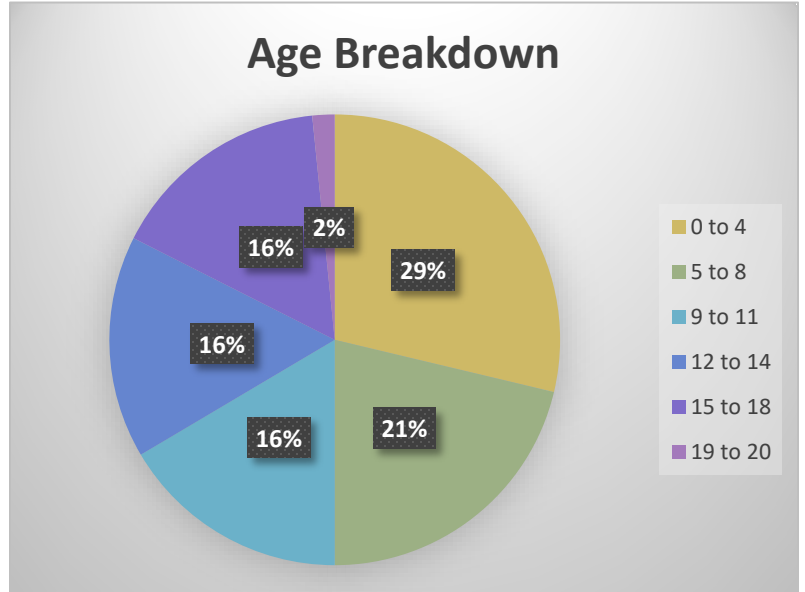
### 2021 Ethnicity Breakdown

African American	58
Bi/Multi-Ethnic	18
Caucasian (White)	20
Hispanic/Latino	56
Asian/Pac. Islander	0
Native American	2
Other/ Not Specified	8



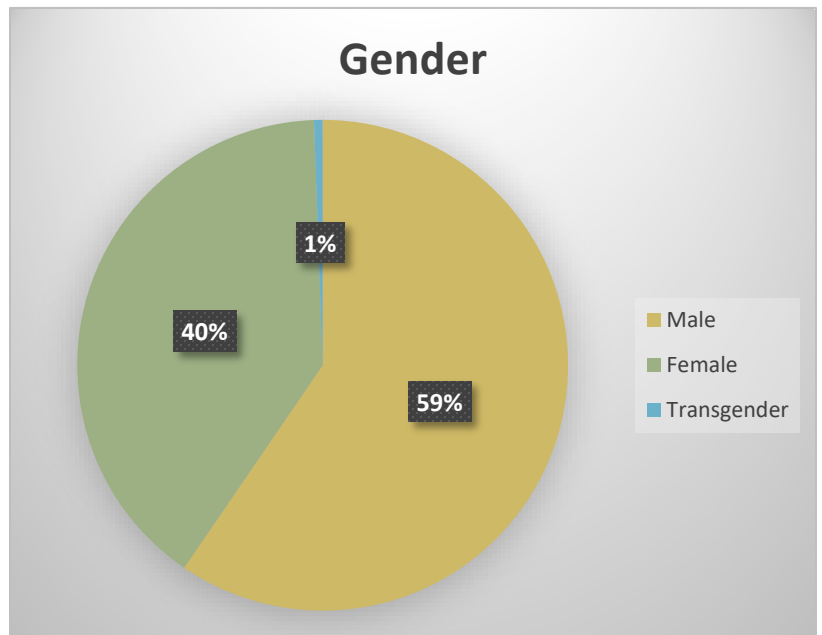
2021 Age Breakdown

0 to 4	54
5 to 8	40
9 to 11	31
12 to 14	30
15 to 18	30
19 to 20	3



2021 Gender Breakdown

Male	106
Female	71
Transgender	1

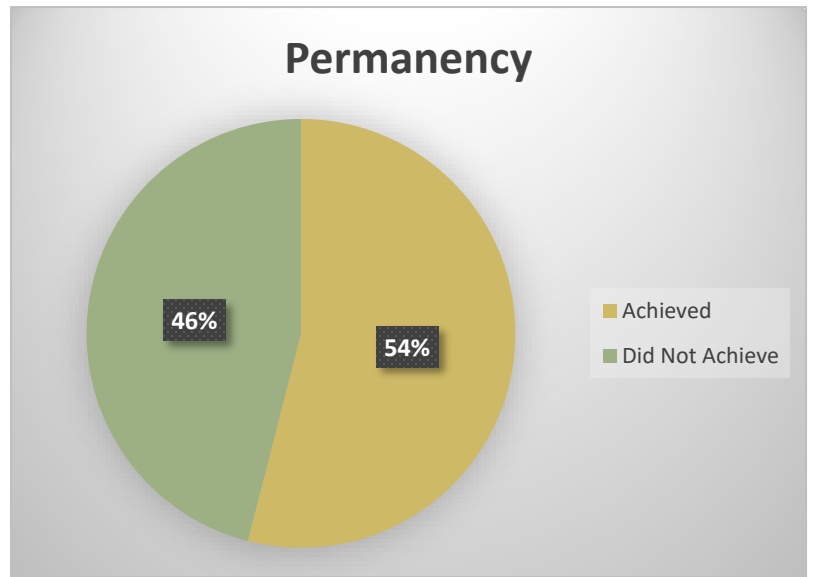


2021 Successful Placements  
Achieved

Permanency – (101 Discharges)

Achieved Permanency 54

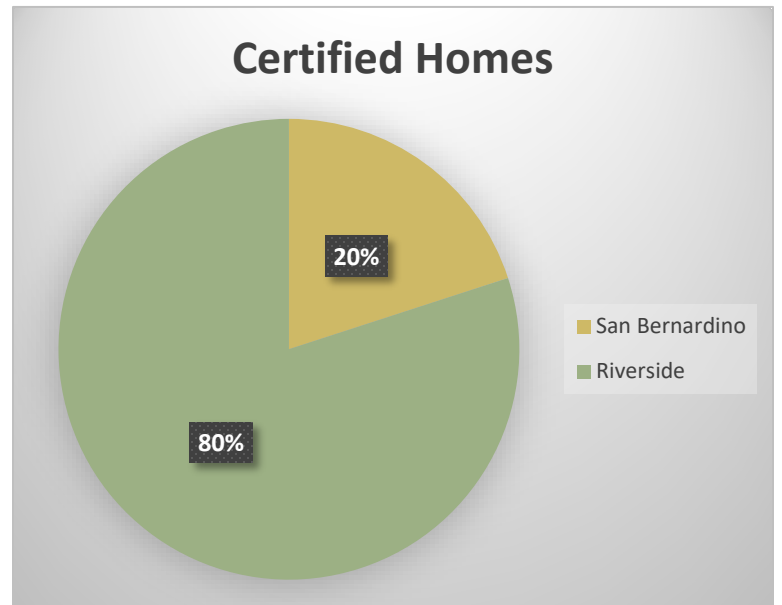
Did Not Achieve Permanency 46



2021 Certified Homes

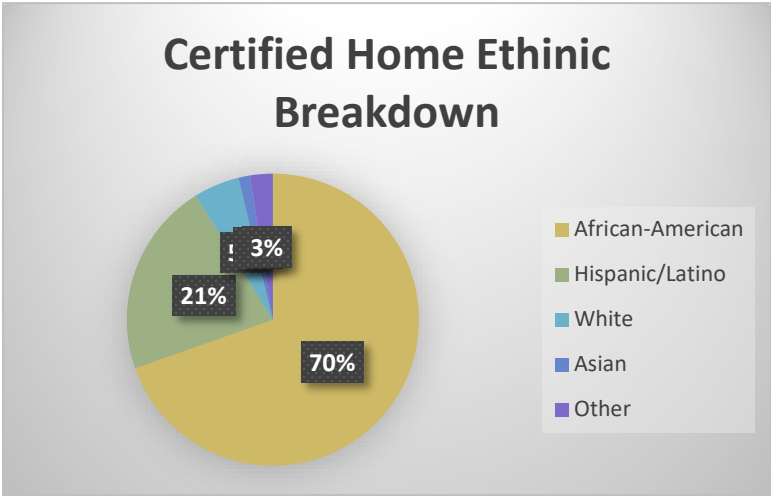
Riverside 27

San Bernardino 34



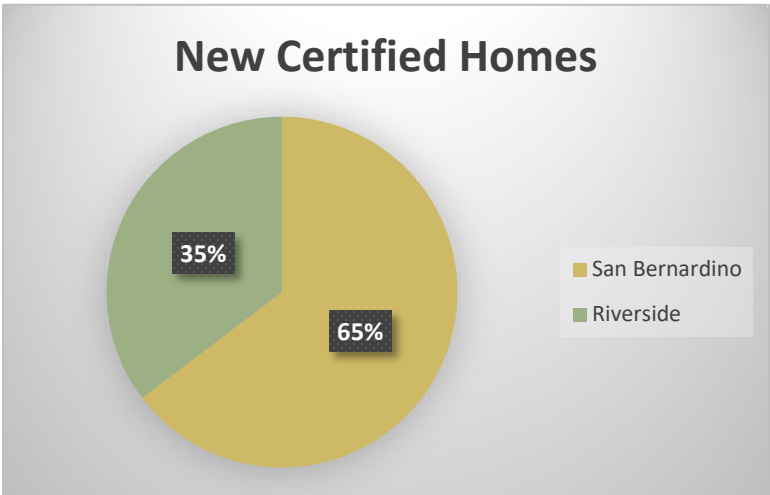
2021 Certified Homes Ethnicity Breakdown

African American	55
Caucasian (White)	17
Hispanic/Latino	4
Asian	1
Other	2



2021 Newly Certified Homes

Riverside	6
San Bernardino	11





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