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2023 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 2023, The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency **served 174 children and youth** in foster placements while achieving sufficient successful permanency outcomes. Additionally, **13 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 able to provide back to school backpacks and shoes through the generous donation from Ontario Mills Mall, Dave and Busters Ontario, Captain I.T. Skin Rejuvenation Center, Totally Jazz'd, Uncle Drews Shoes, Giving Sole, Hot Topic Foundation, Mazzullis' Family Kitchen, Assistance League Riverside and many individual donors.

Out THP youth were donated an incredible team building experience at Universal Studios by the kind donors at One Simple Wish

All Youth at the Heart Matters received their own Birthday Cake on their birthday due to the incredible donations from For Goodness Cakes and their skilled bakers.

During spring our community and partners joined us in hosting an Easter Egg Event. With the support of our donors and sponsors we were able to provide a day's worth of food, activities, support services, and amazing easter egg hunt to our youth and families. Donors like Assistance LEague Temecula, Hot topic Foundation, In N Out Burger Foundation,

During Fall we were supported by Live Oak Canyon Pumpkin Patch with their donation of Pumpkins for our Mental Health Center youth. Clinicians and youth were able to connect while they carved pumpkins in a safe and healing environment.

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 the Kappas, Sigmas, Bold Church, Active Church, Grand Terrace Women's Club, Patton State Hospital, PSG, March Air Force Base, Fitness Bureau, Downtowne Bookstore, Children's Fund and Mazzullis' Family Kitchen and over 58 Business Donors/100 single individual donors from all over the Inland Empire.

Throughout the year The Heart Matters was supported by Enduring Creationz with an empowering Awareness Month Fundraiser T-Shirt that staff, families, and supporters could purchase where all funds were donated to the Agency.

Our Transitional Housing Program was also supported by the Amazon Distribution Center by Providing monthly donations to our youth for their housing and living needs.

With a staff of **33 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 2024 and 2025.

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 Garippo: Compliance Officer
Karen Watkins: Compliance Assistant

Tana Bakewell, BA Psyc: Resource Parent Coordinator
Mariah Mota: PT Administrative Specialist
Tiffany Chapman-Alen: Finance and Accounting Manager
Kelly Dutton: Accounting Clerk
Madeline Gonzalez: Corporate Relations Program Coordinator
Talesha Harris: Agency RN

Jennifer Reyes MSW: THP Administrator
Rashonda Strange: THP Program Administrator
Danny Gantt: THP Program Assistant
Andrew Caffey: THP Evolution Coach
Elena Shand: THP Evolution Coach

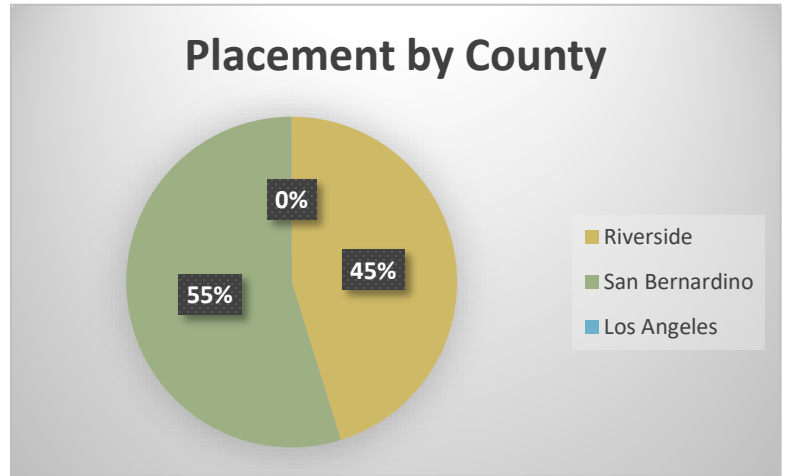
Catiana Huante MSW: Agency Social Worker
Adella Jimenez MSW: Agency Social Worker
LaToya Brown MSW: Agency Social Worker
Mario Sanchez, MA: Agency Social Worker
Vanetta Warrior, MSW: Agency Social Worker
Cederick Victor, MSW: Agency Social Worker
Irad Leon, MSW: Agency Social Worker

Marco Barriga, MSW: PT Clinical Therapist
Donna Cano MSW: Lead Clinical Therapist
Christopher Berrun: Behavioral Rehab Specialist
Sokdina Keo MSW, MFT: Clinical Therapist
Richelle Yap MSW, MFT: Clinical Therapist
Saskia Browning MSW, MFT: Clinical Therapist
Nicholas Marrujo: Administrative Assistant
Jamaal Burrell: Intensive Services Rehab Specialist

2023 The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency Statistics

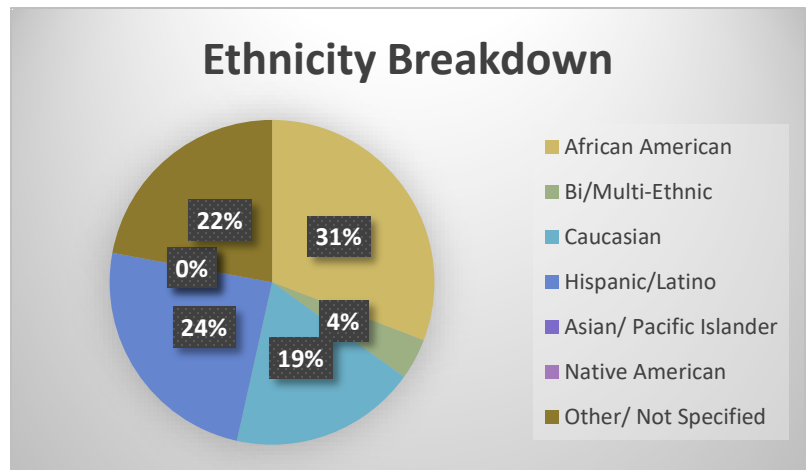
2023 Placements – 73

Riverside	33
San Bernardino	40
Los Angeles	0



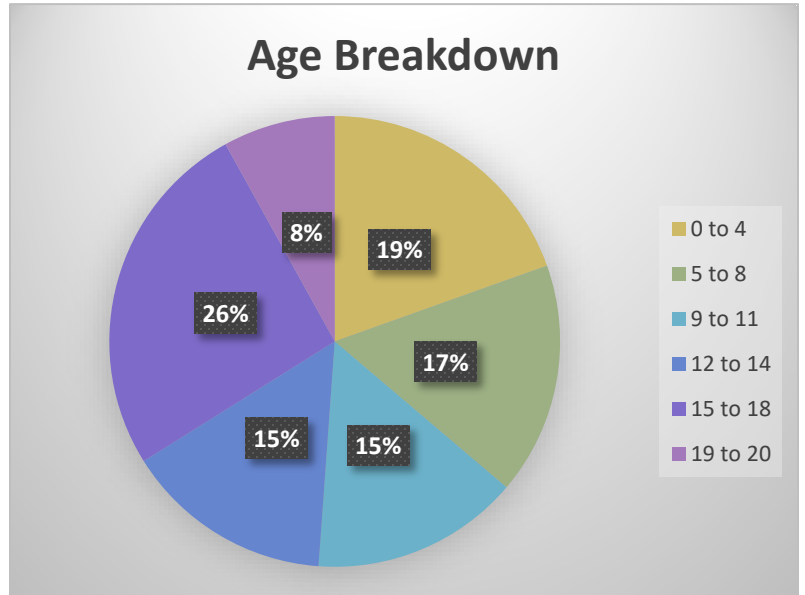
2023 Ethnicity Breakdown

African American	53
Bi/Multi-Ethnic	7
Caucasian (White)	32
Hispanic/Latino	42
Asian/Pac. Islander	0
Native American	0
Other/ Not Specified	38



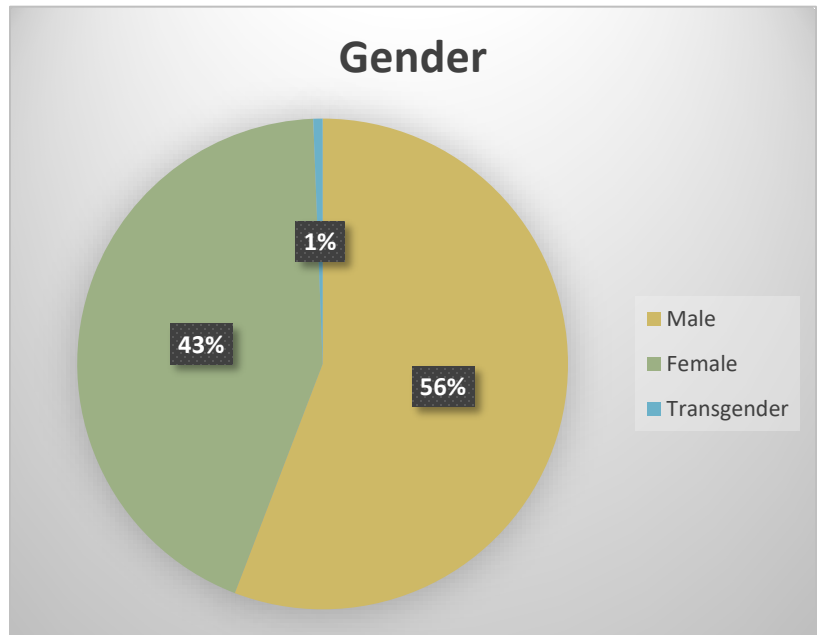
2023 Age Breakdown

0 to 4	34
5 to 8	29
9 to 11	26
12 to 14	26
15 to 18	45
19 to 20	14



2023 Gender Breakdown

Male	71
Female	77
Transgender	1
Not Specified	25

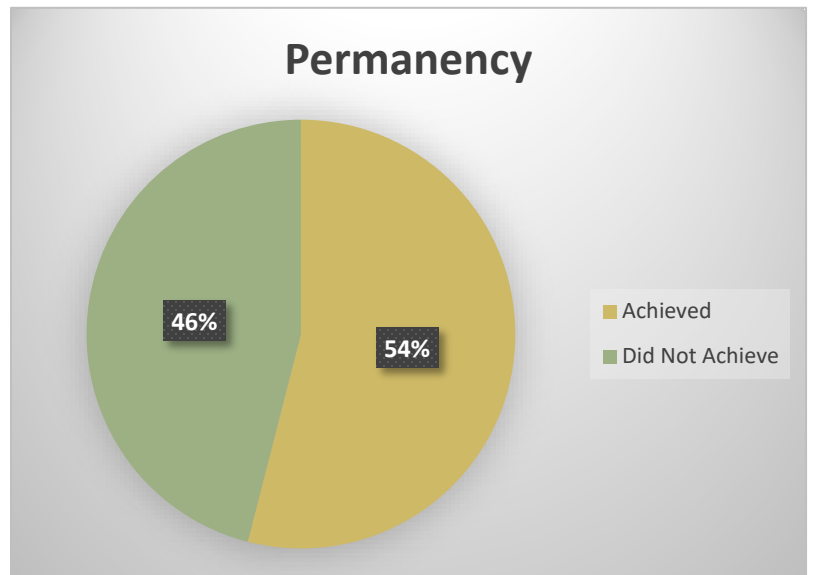


2023 Successful Placements
Achieved

Permanency – (52 Discharges)

Achieved Permanency
31

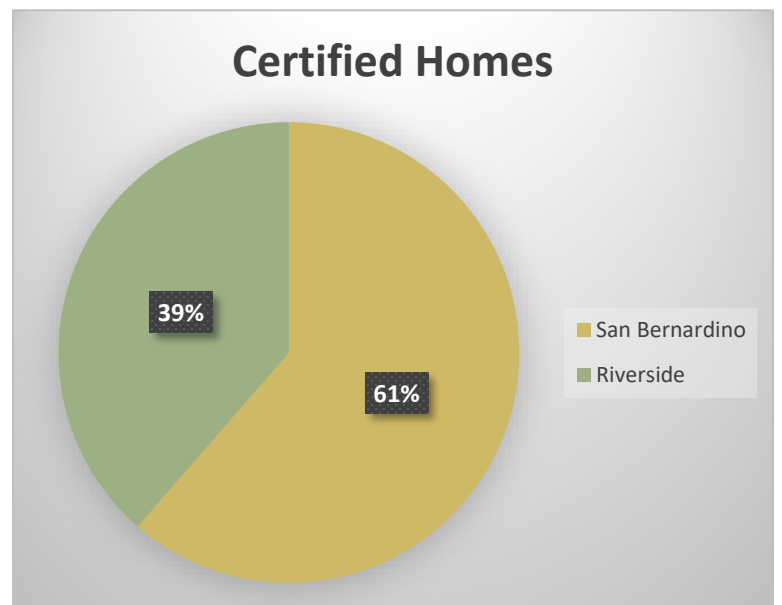
Did Not Achieve Permanency
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2023 Certified Homes

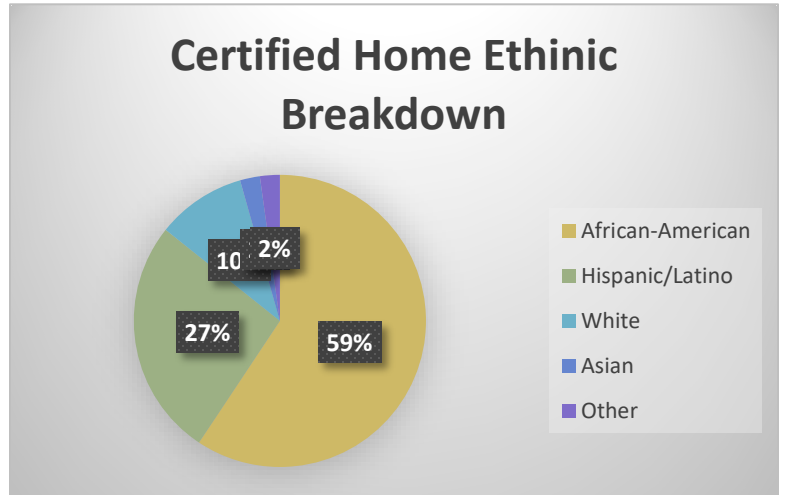
Riverside 16

San Bernardino 35



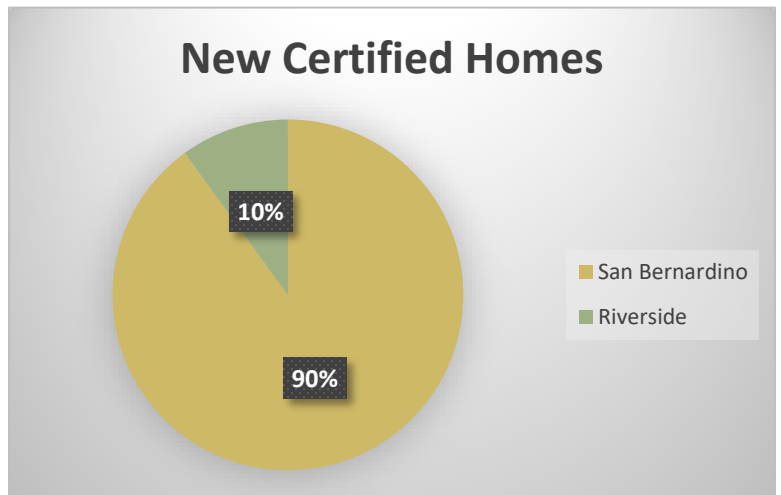
2023 Certified Homes Ethnicity Breakdown

African American	54
Caucasian (White)	9
Hispanic/Latino	24
Asian	2
Other	2



2023 Newly Certified Homes

Riverside	1
San Bernardino	9



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