



# THE HEART MATTERS FOSTER FAMILY AGENCY

## 2019 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 FFA 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 FFA 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 2019, The Heart Matters FFA served 227 children and youth in foster placements while achieving sufficient successful permanency outcomes. Additionally, 23 new resource homes were certified throughout both Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

With the support of our key champions, The Heart Matters FFA has been able to provide support programs and services to our youth and families such as Placement Bags provided by Assistance League, MyStuff Bags, and Together We Rise, Back to School backpacks and shoes provided by Monterey Apartment Homes, Arrowhead United Way, and Shoes That Fit, and Christmas gifts provided by ROAK – Riverside, Kappa Alpha Psi, and Graceway Community Church.

With a staff of 24 full-time and part-time professionals, The Heart Matters FFA continues to strive for excellence in new program implementation and support services moving into 2021 and 2022.

## The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency Board of Directors

**Rodney Mathews:** Board President

**Asia Williamson, MSW:** Vice President

**Rorrie Aubry:** Treasurer

**Leesa Ybarra:** Secretary

## The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency Staff

**Carrie Mathews, MPA:** Executive Director

**Lia Andrews, MSW:** Social Worker Supervisor

**Deborah Scott, MSW:** Social Worker Supervisor

**Veronica Paniagua:** Office Manager

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

**Jessa Garippo, BSW:** Compliance Officer

**Lance Graham:** Compliance Technician

**Heather Ford:** Corporate Relations Specialist

**Mariah Mota:** Office Support

**Yvette Rudolph:** Bookeeper

**Amanda Madrid:** Agency RN

**Lenai Carraway, MSPsy:** Agency Social Worker

**Sandra Replogle, MAPsy:** Agency Social Worker

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

**Nancy Vargas, MSPsy:** Agency Social Worker

**Lorre Hendricks, MSW, MFT.:** Agency Social Worker

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

**Apryl Amerson:** Agency Social Worker

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

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

**Misty Foster, BSW:** Agency Social Worker

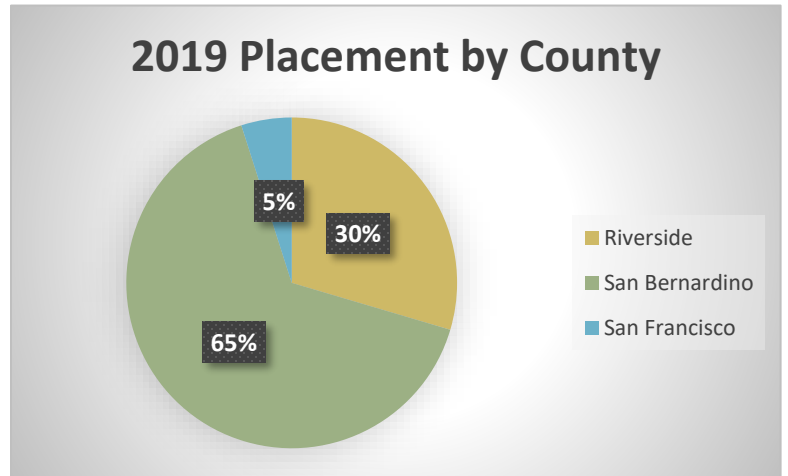
**Ester Campbell, MSW:** Agency Social Worker

**Mary Gray, MSW:** Agency Social Worker

## 2019 The Heart Matters Foster Family Agency Statistics

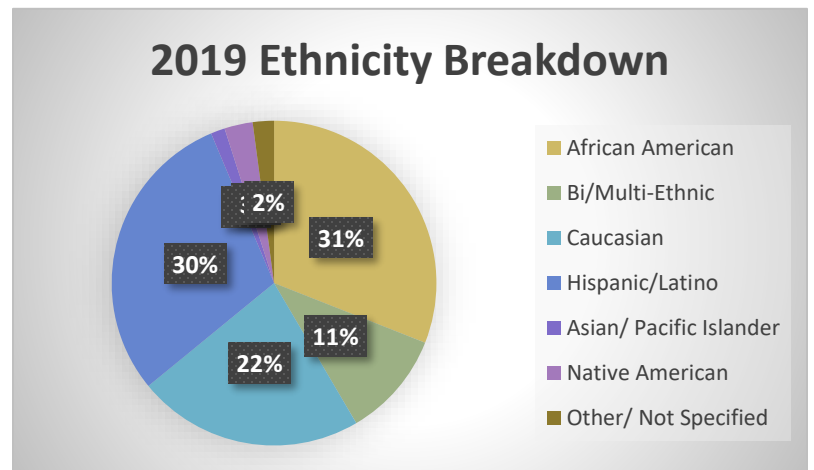
### 2019 Placements - 142

Riverside	42
San Bernardino	93
San Francisco	7



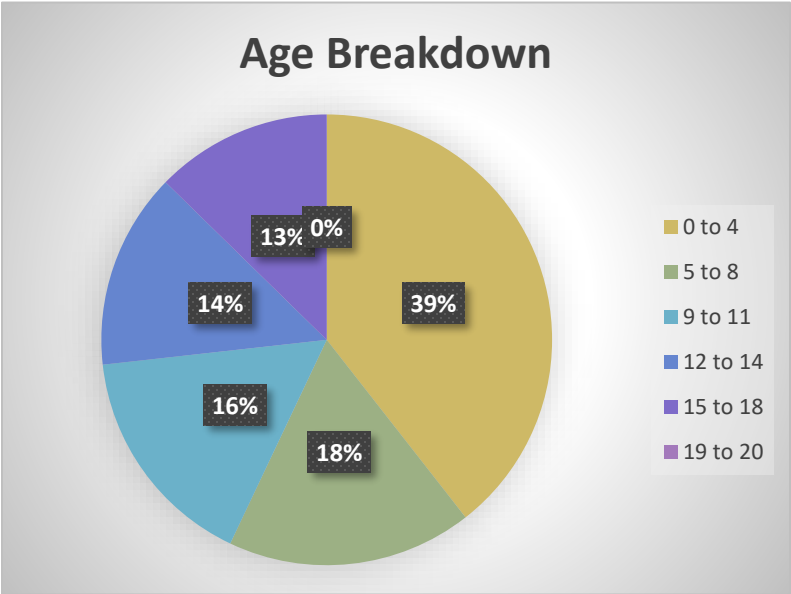
### 2019 Ethnicity Breakdown

African American	44
Bi/Multi-Ethnic	15
Caucasian (White)	32
Hispanic/Latino	42
Asian/Pac. Islander	2
Native American	4
Other/ Not Specified	3



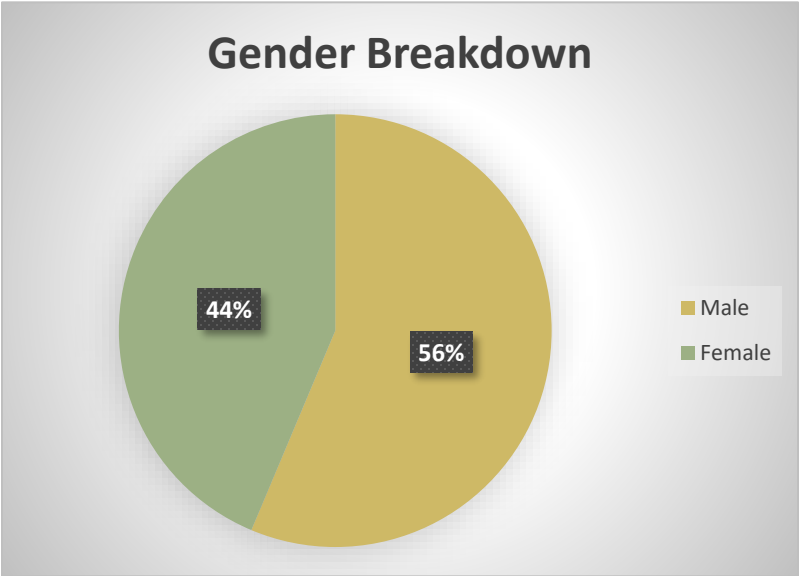
2019 Age Breakdown

0 to 4	56
5 to 8	25
9 to 11	23
12 to 14	20
15 to 18	18
19 to 20	0



2019 Gender Breakdown

Male	80
Female	62

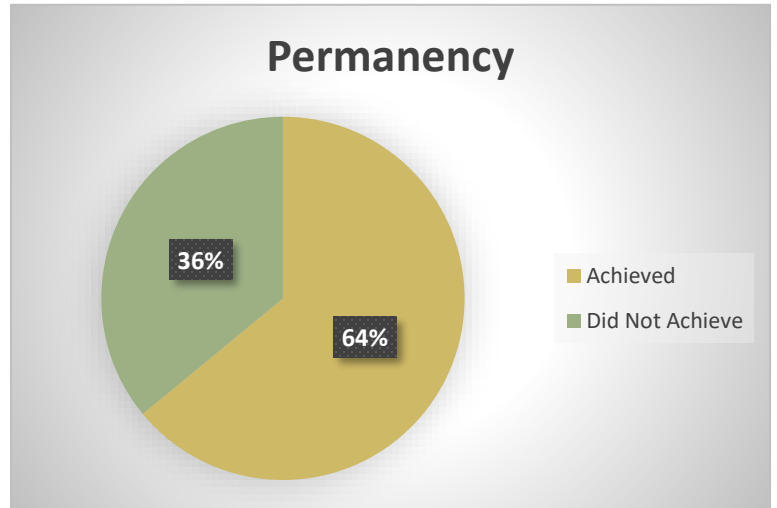


2019 Successful Placements Achieved

Permanency – (106 Discharges)

Achieved Permanency 74

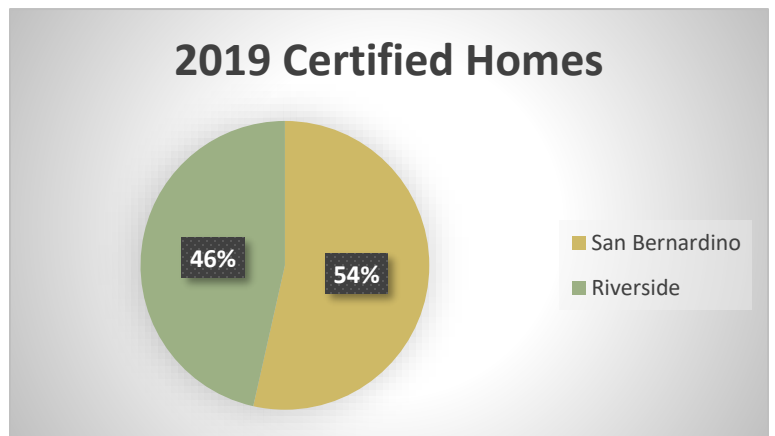
Did Not Achieve Permanency 32



2019 Certified Homes

Riverside 33

San Bernardino 38



2019 Certified Homes Ethnicity Breakdown

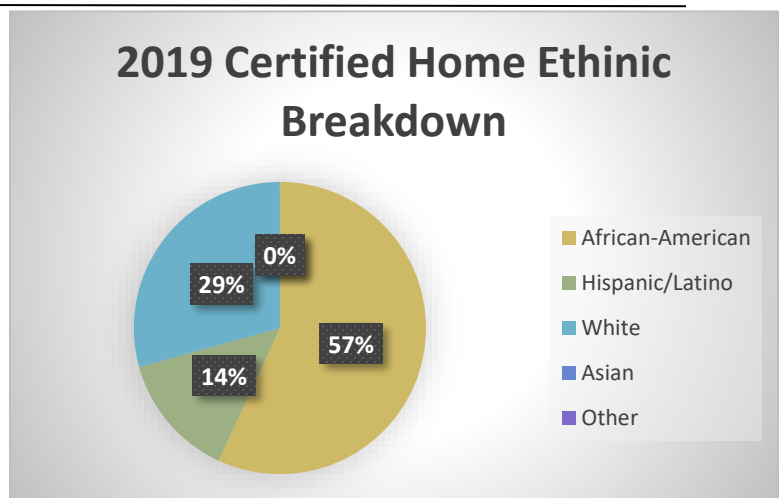
African American 33

Caucasian(White) 8

Hispanic/Latino 17

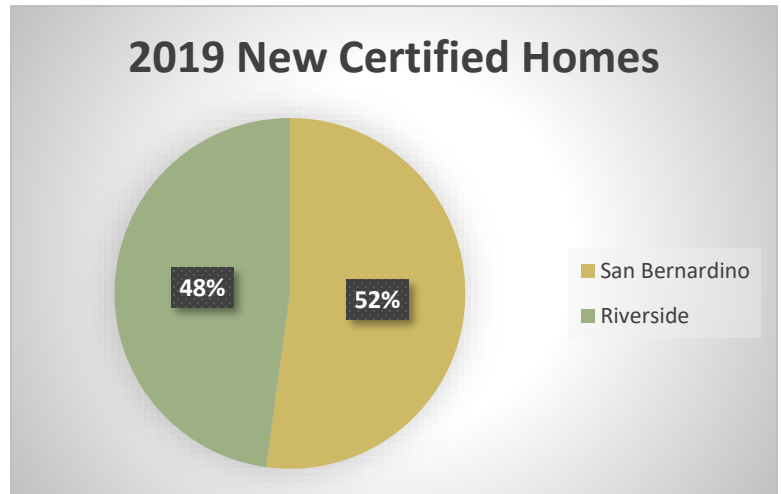
Asian 0

Other 0



2018 Newly Certified Homes

Riverside	11
San Bernardino	12

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