



ADOPTION INCENTIVE

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Executive Summary

In 2015, the Florida Legislature created the Adoption Incentive Program pursuant to Section 409.1662, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Through the development of specific and measurable performance standards, the Adoption Incentive Program was intended to improve the achievement of permanency, stability, and well-being for children residing in foster care who cannot be reunited with their families.

Section 409.1662(4), F.S., requires the Florida Department of Children and Families (Department) to report to the Governor and Legislature on the negotiated measurable outcome-based targets derived from the baseline assessment set for, outcomes achieved, and incentive payments made to each Community-Based Care Lead Agency (Lead Agency) during the previous Fiscal Year (FY) and discuss program enhancements made by each lead agency and its subcontracted providers to achieve negotiated outcomes.

While the implementation of the Community-Based Care Adoption Incentive Program has historically assisted in increasing the rates of children adopted from care, it should be noted that no allocation of funding for the Adoption Incentive Program has been made since FY 2018-2019. As such, the Department did not negotiate measurable outcome-based targets or make any incentive payment to any lead agency during the previous fiscal year. Should funding be allocated for FY 2025-2026, specified adoption performance measures will once again be identified and negotiated with each Lead Agency.

Nevertheless, s. 409.1662(2)(a), F.S., requires the Department to conduct a baseline assessment of Community Based Care Lead Agencies' and sub-contracted providers' performance in eight areas related to adoption of children in foster care. This report includes the most recent five years of available data.

Key Findings in the FY 2023-2024 report include:

- As the number of children in out of home care has been reduced, the number of total children exiting to adoption has also declined. However, the percentage of children exiting to adoption has increased over last five fiscal years.
- A total of 962 responses were received from the Annual Adoption Survey. Overall, participants reported that Lead Agencies excelled in the timely completion of the adoption home study, responding timely to questions, and offering transparency during the adoption process.

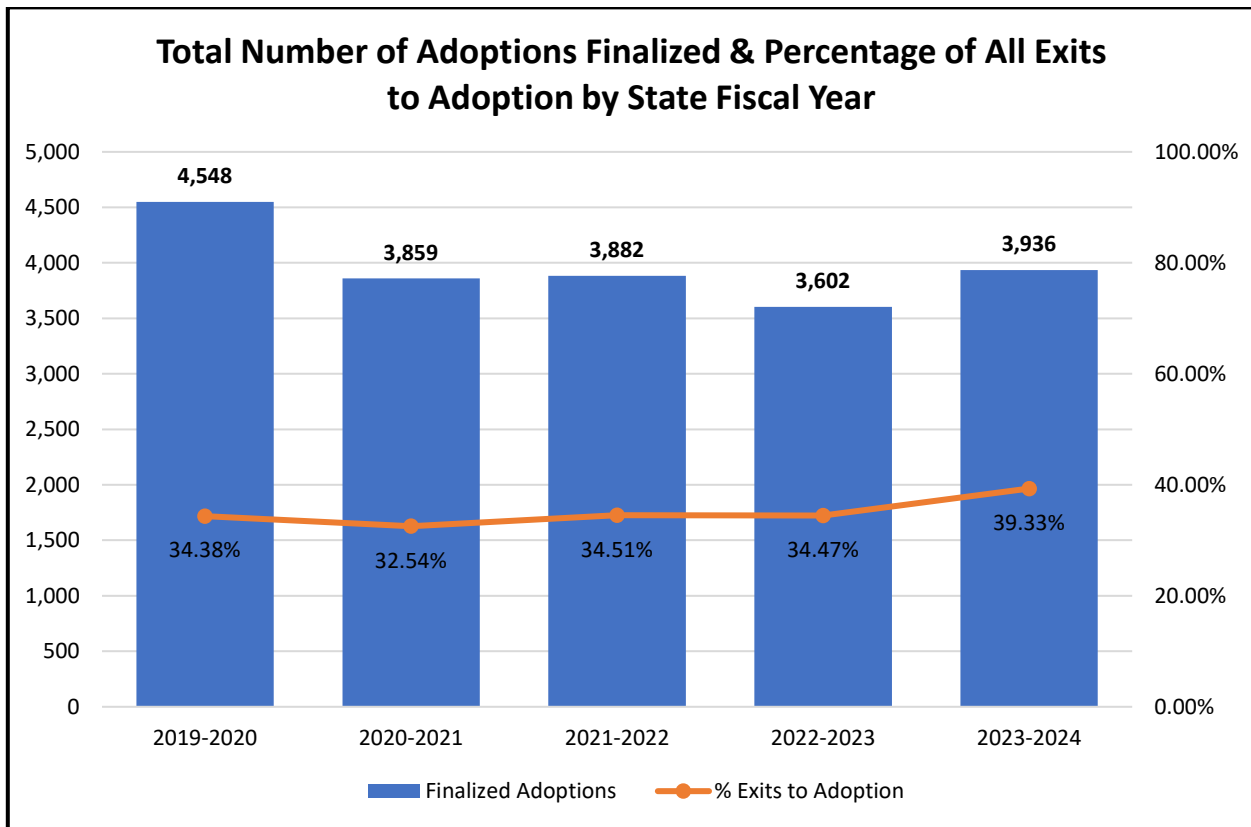
Comprehensive Baseline Assessment

Pursuant to s.409.1662(2)(a), F.S., the Department conducted a comprehensive baseline assessment of the eight required adoption performance areas, with five years of available data analyzed for each. To compile this report, the available data was extracted from the Child Welfare Information System.

2024 Adoption Baseline Data

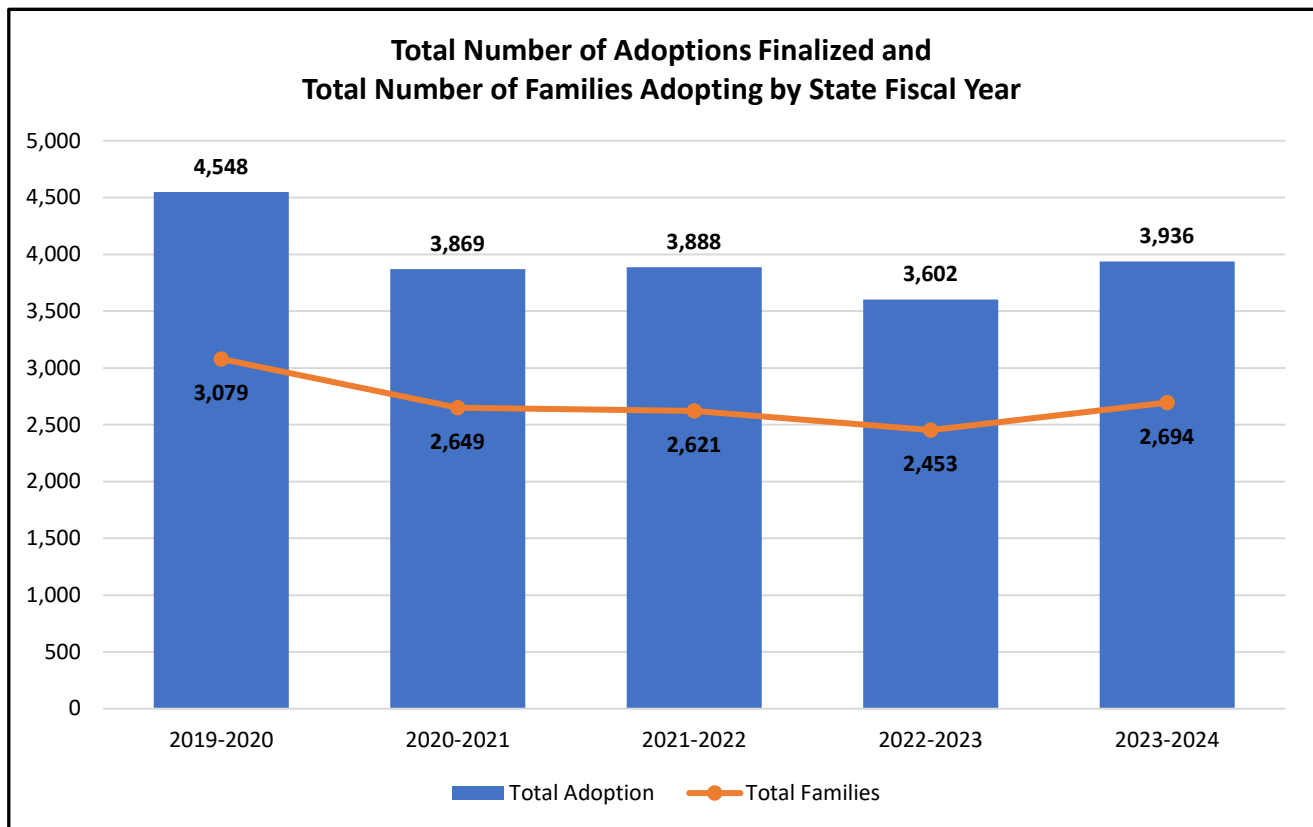
1. The number and percentage of children exiting to adoption.

The chart below illustrates the total number of finalized adoptions and the percentage of all exits resulting in adoption.



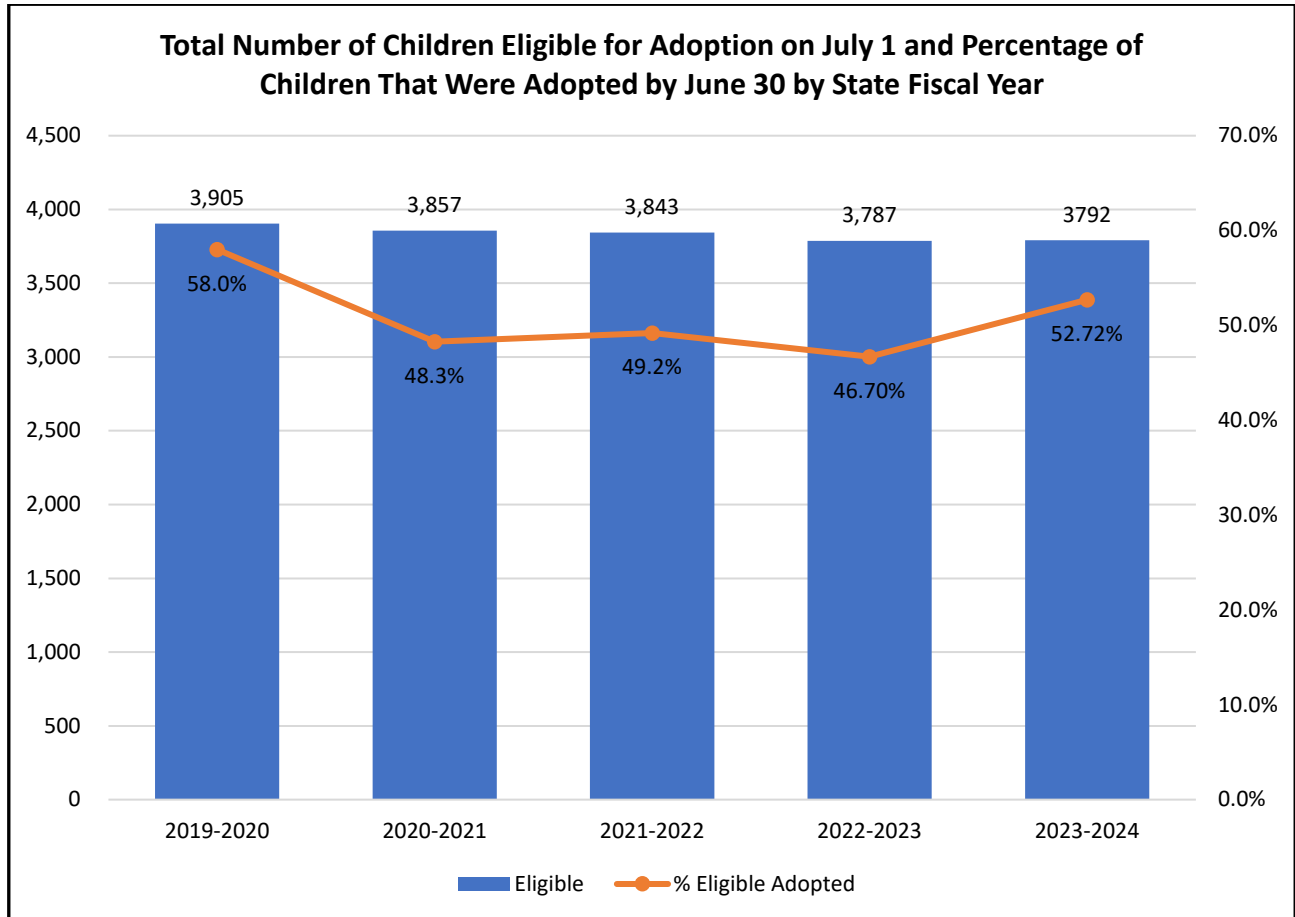
2. The number of families attempting to adopt children from foster care and the number of families completing the adoption process.

The chart below depicts the total number of adoptions through the Department and the actual number of families who adopted at least one child each fiscal year during the five-year assessment period. Refer to Appendix A for Lead Agency data.



3. The number of children eligible for adoption and the number of children whose adoptions were finalized.

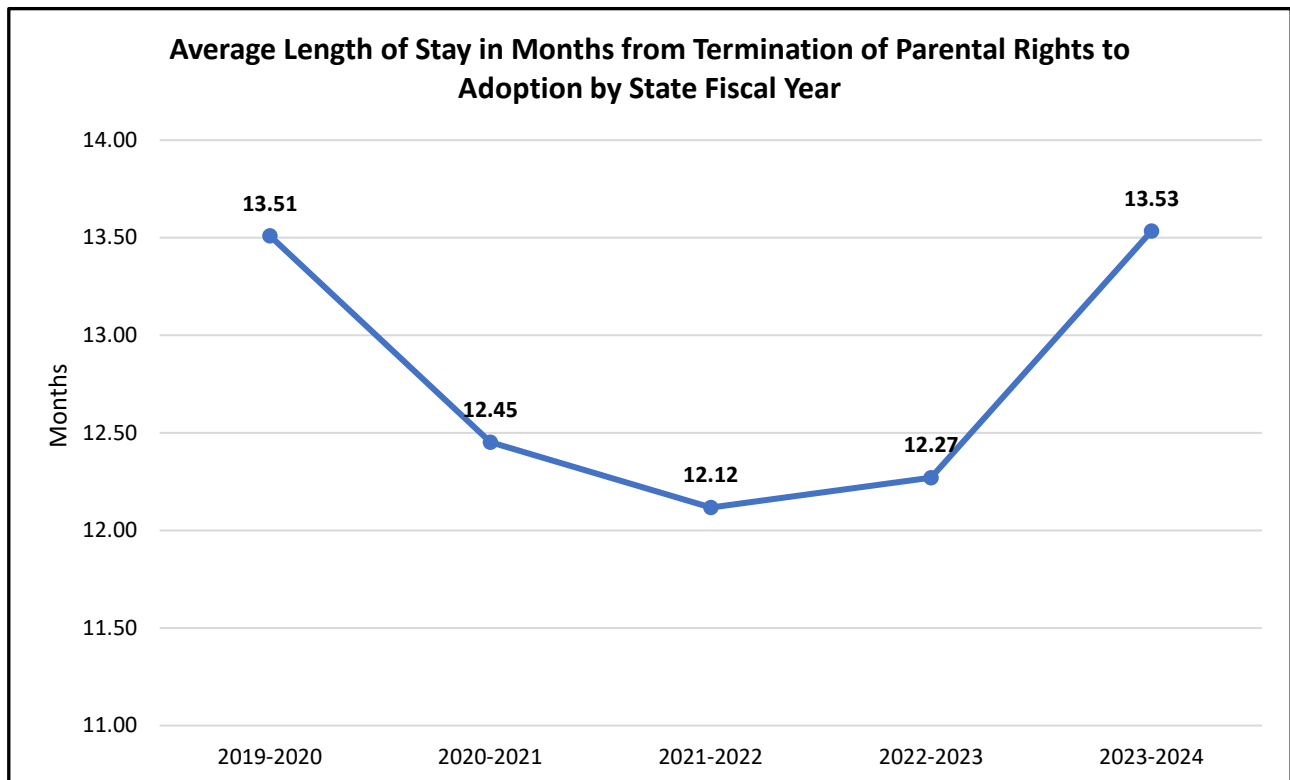
The chart below illustrates the overall trend in the number of children eligible for adoption on July 1st of the fiscal year and the subset of those children who were subsequently adopted by June 30th of that fiscal year. Refer to Appendix B for Lead Agency data.



4. The length of time eligible children waited for adoption.

In Florida, children are not eligible for adoption until the parental rights of their legal and/or biological parents have been terminated. It should be noted that as there has been a reduction in children entering out-of-home care, there has been an increase in the length of stay in out-of-home care.

The chart below represents the average length of time from the termination of parental rights (TPR) to adoption for children who had a finalized adoption during the five-year baseline assessment period. Refer to Appendix C for Lead Agency data.



5.The number of adoptions that resulted in disruption or dissolution and the subset of those disrupted adoptions that were preventable by the Lead Agency or the subcontracted provider.

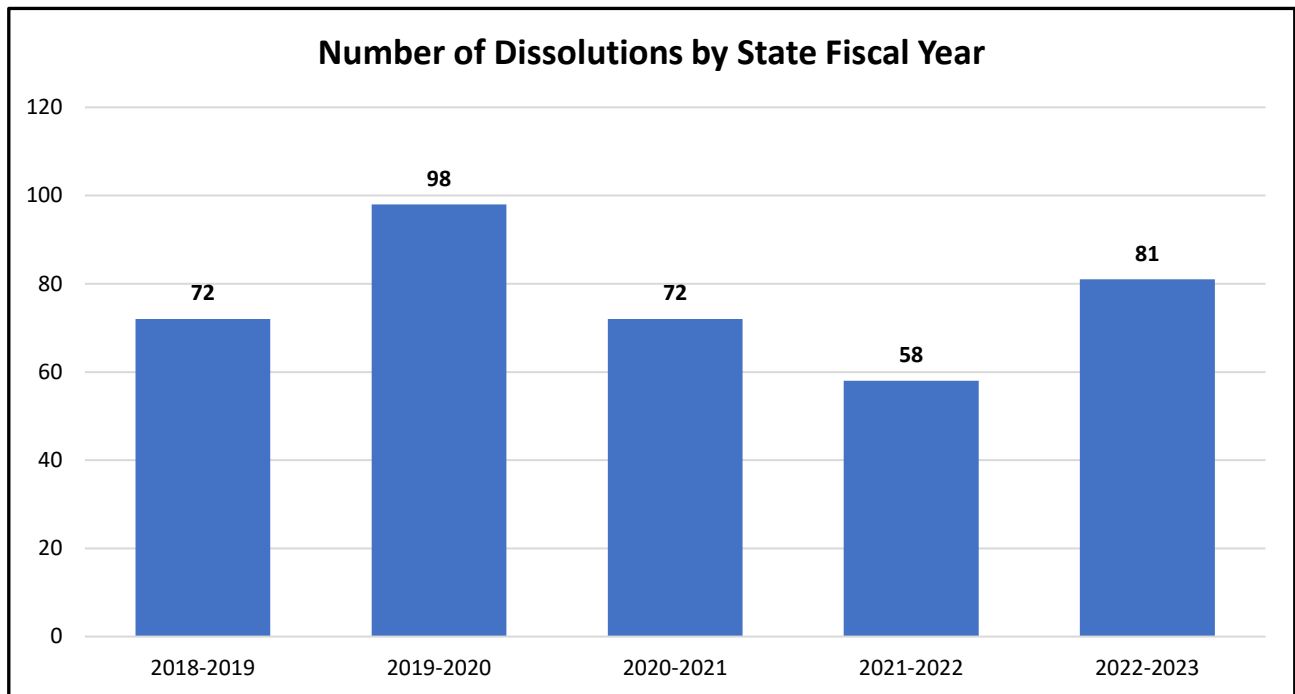
The following chart shows a listing of the total disruptions and those that were preventable by the Lead Agency or the subcontracted provider, as reported by the Lead Agencies. An adoption disruption is defined as removing a child from a pre-adoptive placement prior to adoption finalization. A prospective adoptive parent who expresses their intent to adopt has been approved to adopt a specific child(ren) through completion of the adoption application and an approved adoption home study. If a prospective adoptive parent withdraws their expressed intent to adopt prior to the finalization of the adoption this is considered a preventable disruption. The data indicates there were a total of 78 preventable disruptions statewide for FY 2023-2024. The Department continues to work with Lead Agencies to provide technical assistance around engagement and support to address placement disruptions as needs are identified.

Number of Total and Preventable Disruptions July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024			
Primary Agency	Number of Preventable Disruptions	Total Disruptions	Percent Preventable
ChildNet Inc	1	3	33.33%
ChildNet Palm Beach	4	4	100.00%
Childrens Network Hillsborough	5	7	71.43%
Children's Network of SW Flori	2	2	100.00%
Citrus Health Network	6	9	66.67%
COMM. PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN	0	0	0.00%
Communities Connected for Kids	0	0	0.00%
Family Partnerships Central FL	8	8	100.00%
Family Support Services	3	4	75.00%
FSS SUNCOAST	2	3	66.67%
HEARTLAND FOR CHILDREN INC	4	5	80.00%
Kids Central, Inc.	5	6	83.33%
Kids First of Florida Inc	0	1	0.00%
NWF Health Network-East	6	8	75.00%
NWF Health Network-West	20	41	48.78%
Partnership for Strong Families	3	4	75.00%
Safe Children Coalition	9	16	56.25%
St. Johns County Commission	0	0	0.00%
Statewide	78	121	64.46%

Source: OCWDRU Report #1219 - Expressed Intent to Adopt Withdrawn Listing

An adoption dissolution occurs when an adoptive child returns to out-of-home care and the parental rights of the adoptive parents are terminated. Dissolutions are tracked manually by the Lead Agencies and reported to the Department.

Lead Agencies report that most dissolutions occurred due to behavioral challenges and mental health needs that some adoptive parents indicated they were unable to manage. Additional recurring funding received through the 2022 legislative session is being provided to Lead Agencies to expand post adoption services to better support families to prevent dissolutions.

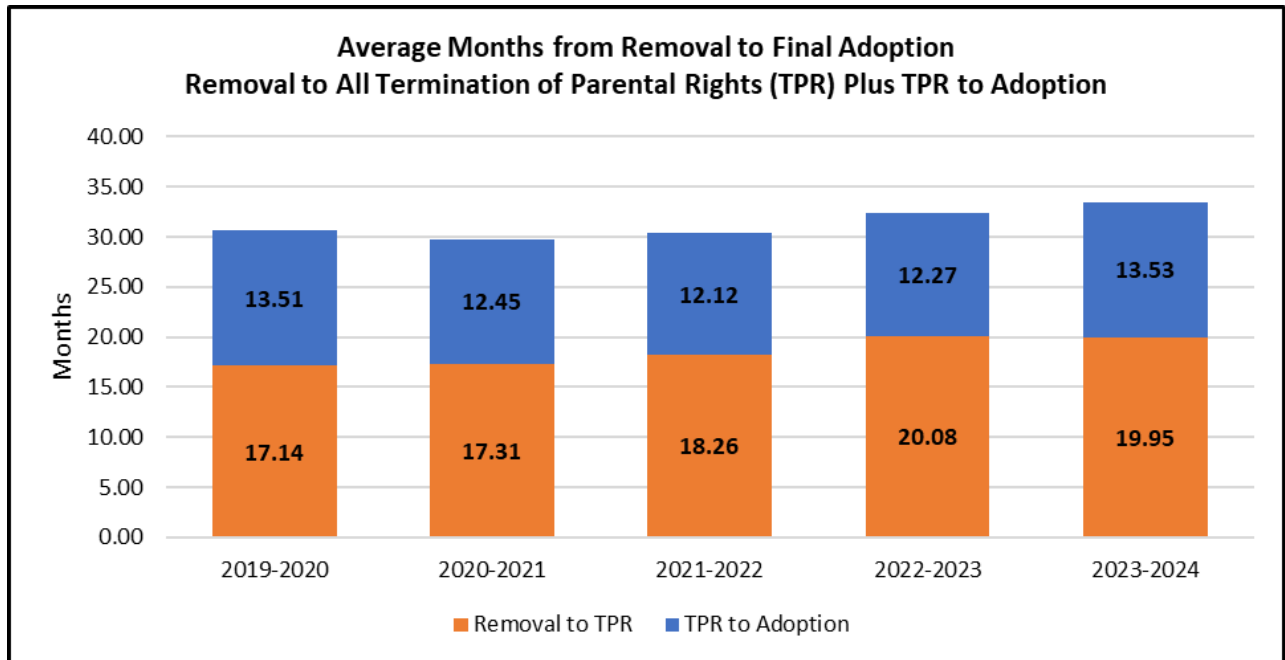


Note: Dissolutions are tracked a year behind.

6. The time taken to complete each phase of the adoption process.

There are two clear phases of the adoption process. The first is the time between the removal of the child from their biological and/or legal parents to the termination of paternal rights of both parents. The second phase begins with the termination of parental rights of both parents and ends with the finalized adoption of the child.

The chart below displays the length of time to complete each phase of the adoption process during the last five fiscal years, as well as the total length of time it took to reach adoption completion. Refer to Appendix C for Lead Agency data.



7. The expenditures made to recruit adoptive homes and a description of any initiatives to improve adoption performance or streamline the adoption process.

Lead Agencies and their subcontracted providers utilize several resources, such as foster and adoptive parent support groups, community fairs, churches, local media outlets, and social media to recruit adoptive homes for available children throughout the state. For FY 2023-2024, there were a total of eight Lead Agencies who were able to provide data on completed recruitment activities. The total expenditures reported by Lead Agencies for adoption-related activities was \$21,892.

Primary Agency	# Child Specific Activities	Child Specific Expenditures	# General Activities	General Expenditures	# Targeted Activities	Targeted Expenditures	# Other Activities	Other Expenditures	Total Events	Total Expenditures
Northwest Region	0	\$0	21	\$2,499	9	\$0	11	\$1,107	41	\$3,606
NWF Health Network-West	0	\$0	21	\$2,499	9	\$0	11	\$1,107	41	\$3,606
Northwest Region	3	\$2,600	23	\$7,672	5	\$1,950	0	\$0	27	\$12,222
Family Support Services	3	\$2,600	23	\$7,672	5	\$1,950	0	\$0	27	\$12,222
Central Region	0	\$0	6	\$25	2	\$0	1	\$0	9	\$25
Family Partnerships Central FL	0	\$0	2	\$25	0	\$0	1	\$0	3	\$25
Heartland for Children	0	\$0	4	\$0	2	\$0	0	\$0	6	\$0

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Suncoast Region	8	\$0	11	\$525	5	\$5,193	1	\$125	23	\$5,843
Childrens Network Hillsborough	8	\$0	10	\$0	1	\$325	0	\$0	19	\$325
FSS Suncoast	0	\$0	1	\$525	1	\$200	1	\$125	3	\$850
Safe Children Coalition	0	\$0	0	\$0	3	\$4,668	0	\$0	1	\$4,668
Southeast Region	0	\$0	3	\$0	7	\$196	0	\$0	10	\$196
ChildNet Inc	0	\$0	3	\$0	7	\$196	0	\$0	10	\$196
Statewide	11	\$2,600	64	\$10,721	28	\$7,339	13	\$1,232	110	\$21,892

8. The results of any specific effort to gather feedback from prospective adoptive parents, adoptive parents, children in the child welfare system, adoptees, and other stakeholders.

Annual Adoption Survey

The Department, in conjunction with the Lead Agencies, conducted an Annual Adoption Survey to gather feedback from prospective and adoptive parents, children in the child welfare system, adoptees, and other stakeholders.

The survey inquired as to the participants' overall adoption experience, the quality and timeliness of services, and post-adoption services/supports in their area. A total of 962 responses were received which is an 18 percent increase over last year's response rate. A copy of the survey instrument, along with the outcomes, is attached to this report.

Overall, participants reported their Lead Agencies excelled in three areas: the completion of the adoption home study, responding to questions timely, and offering transparency during the adoption process. Most participants expressed Lead Agencies could improve with post-adoption services/supports and negotiating adoption subsidies. The Department utilizes these survey results to inform training topics for the adoption community and technical assistance provided to Lead Agencies.

Post Communication Survey

Per s. 39.812(7)(a), F.S., once a child's adoption is finalized, the Lead Agency must make a reasonable effort to contact the adoptive family by telephone one year after the date of finalization as a post-adoption service. The intent of this survey is to determine the types of services received by the family and the quality of those services. There was a total of 3,936 finalized adoptions this fiscal year. Although the post adoption survey was provided to each family who requested and received services, there were only 21 responses received. Recognizing that the response rate for this survey has been historically low, the Department will continue to work in conjunction with the Florida Adoption Information Center and Lead Agencies to increase the number of respondents to the Post Communication Survey in the future. To this end, the Department has begun monthly calls with the post adoption workers statewide to inquire about the unique needs of families that make up this population to discuss more effective ways in which the Department can maintain contact

with them and improve service delivery. The survey instrument and outcomes are included in this report.

Most families who responded to the survey indicated that the services for which they requested assistance most frequently were adoption subsidies, assistance with Medicaid, and assistance for mental health services. The Department continues to offer in-dept annual statewide training to direct field staff, their supervisors, private adoption entities and other key stakeholders regarding maintenance adoption subsidies, Medicaid and post adoption services and supports. The Department also offers tailored training to the Lead Agencies addressing identified needs within the associated area. The Department provides additional training supports in conjunction with national experts.

9. The use of evidence-based, evidence-informed, promising, and innovative practices in recruitment, orientation, and preparation of appropriate adoptive families, matching children with families, supporting children during the adoption process, and providing post-adoptive support.

Statewide Practices

Lead agencies have implemented various evidence-based, evidence-informed, promising, and innovative practices in recruitment, orientation, and preparation of appropriate adoptive families, supporting children during the adoption process, and providing post-adoptive support. Some examples include the following:

Children's Network of Southwest Florida

Children's Network of Southwest Florida contacts families who have adopted through their agency at the 30-day, 60-day, and one year mark, with contacting being made annually each year thereafter until the child reaches the age of 18. In addition, families who adopted children that are ages 7, 13, and 17 are contacted as these ages have been identified as critical developmental years for which the families may need additional support.

Safe Children Coalition

Safe Children Coalition has increased the number of recruitment events for approved adoptive families. TreeUmph is a new recruitment event which involves a rope course and interactive picnic for approved families and waiting children; Painting with a Twist holds a smaller targeted event for families to meet harder to place children; and a round robin matching Halloween bowling event with available children and approved families is held in the fall.

Family Support Services

Family Support Services (FSS) uses social media pre-and post-adoption pages that offer families updates on adoption needs, news, available trainings, events, new providers, and inspirational posts to create a supportive community for families at all stages of their adoption journey. This level of social media has increased family recruitment rates, highlighted the need for foster/adoptive parents, and provided additional support by connecting post adoptive families. Currently, FSS has 4,043 Facebook followers and a post reach of over 7,000 members.



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	Removal to TPR	TPR to Adoption	Total LOS	Removal to TPR	TPR to Adoption	Total LOS	Removal to TPR	TPR to Adoption	Total LOS	Removal to TPR	TPR to Adoption	Total LOS	Removal to TPR	TPR to Adoption	Total LOS
ChildNet Inc	18.14	14.75	30.51	17.09	13.68	30.92	16.32	14.70	31.02	19.56	11.56	28.61	20.45	12.16	30.24
ChildNet Palm Beach	16.36	17.53	26.66	18.07	9.71	27.78	18.51	9.47	27.99	21.58	11.09	27.72	18.08	10.22	25.04
Childrens Network Hillsborough	21.26	14.05	32.77	20.99	14.78	36.04	21.61	16.05	37.66	24.95	18.40	41.78	26.41	17.72	42.02
Children's Network of SW Flori	19.81	11.66	28.18	19.65	9.97	29.96	17.42	11.19	28.61	17.93	10.59	28.85	19.03	11.94	29.37
Citrus Health Network	16.85	14.97	28.41	16.34	11.53	28.11	17.43	13.74	31.17	19.60	11.53	29.71	18.54	11.51	28.75
Community Partnership for Children	18.94	13.94	30.43	18.12	11.40	29.64	20.43	11.61	32.04	23.12	11.16	31.53	19.93	12.23	31.25
Communities Connected for Kids	15.35	10.71	26.05	16.89	11.50	28.88	16.66	10.49	27.15	16.53	11.69	27.50	13.90	13.16	27.04
Family Partnerships Central FL	19.17	9.81	29.47	19.81	11.46	31.16	22.12	8.55	29.47	21.46	11.11	30.91	20.67	10.84	29.83
Family Support Services	18.73	14.49	18.23	17.74	14.36	19.55	12.01	8.51	20.52	11.78	11.30	23.87	12.09	12.01	25.02
FSS SUNCOAST	16.29	15.17	30.40	16.58	14.33	31.32	18.45	16.65	35.10	21.63	14.96	35.20	17.95	16.16	34.44
Heartland for Children	19.10	16.72	30.61	17.95	15.72	32.50	19.92	11.63	31.55	22.18	12.58	34.41	22.10	14.35	35.64
Kids Central, Inc.	16.71	11.69	33.48	18.77	11.63	34.17	19.26	13.96	33.22	22.67	16.18	37.35	26.36	15.34	38.66
Kids First of Florida Inc	13.40	11.95	25.78	13.57	10.13	30.65	17.12	13.09	30.21	22.33	9.46	29.23	16.70	10.80	26.16
NWF Health Network-East	16.99	11.08	26.91	16.96	11.66	29.14	20.82	10.19	31.01	21.96	12.23	32.57	19.51	11.64	30.53
NWF Health Network-West	15.70	15.68	31.92	17.04	14.32	31.91	17.85	14.13	31.98	19.31	14.17	32.29	18.00	13.52	30.48
Partnership for Strong Families	19.54	14.85	23.04	18.65	5.82	24.02	16.06	10.43	26.50	14.94	11.99	29.50	18.04	13.83	30.03
Safe Children Coalition	17.29	11.41	29.61	15.41	14.75	30.72	17.72	15.99	33.71	18.15	15.13	32.85	20.37	16.39	33.01
St. Johns County Commission	10.17	9.19	24.12	11.20	7.95	24.57	18.43	7.35	25.78	22.47	7.22	28.02	15.91	8.18	25.44
Statewide	17.14	13.51	28.15	17.31	12.45	30.09	18.26	12.12	30.38	20.08	12.27	31.13	19.95	13.53	32.04

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ChildNet Inc	296	178	60.1%	228	94	41.2%	172	79	45.9%	149	72	48.3%	148	62	41.9%
ChildNet Palm Beach	101	47	46.5%	85	31	36.5%	70	27	38.6%	59	24	40.7%	78	41	52.6%
Childrens Network Hillsborough	386	197	51.0%	424	200	47.2%	407	127	31.2%	449	162	36.1%	506	283	55.9%
Children's Network of SW Flori	136	94	69.1%	176	95	54.0%	200	120	60.0%	202	113	55.9%	153	90	58.8%
Citrus Health Network	281	150	53.4%	262	90	34.4%	254	96	37.8%	207	84	40.6%	206	93	45.1%
Community Partnership for Children	227	154	67.8%	159	58	36.5%	234	131	56.0%	279	133	47.7%	250	134	53.6%
Communities Connected for Kids	160	120	75.0%	159	84	52.8%	139	94	67.6%	83	40	48.2%	71	39	54.9%
Family Partnerships Central FL	208	132	63.5%	243	130	53.5%	274	164	59.9%	310	164	52.9%	344	174	50.6%
Family Support Services	222	150	67.6%	124	52	41.9%	143	72	50.3%	165	78	47.3%	183	79	43.2%
FSS SUNCOAST	402	208	51.7%	564	266	47.2%	562	247	44.0%	545	219	40.2%	588	334	56.8%
Heartland for Children	134	71	53.0%	147	82	55.8%	188	105	55.9%	166	65	39.2%	180	84	46.7%
Kids Central, Inc.	385	192	49.9%	341	167	49.0%	256	127	49.6%	224	99	44.2%	177	72	40.7%
Kids First of Florida Inc	83	55	66.3%	59	34	57.6%	81	43	53.1%	58	27	46.6%	40	27	67.5%
NWF Health Network-East	174	96	55.2%	164	84	51.2%	190	113	59.5%	177	97	54.8%	174	96	55.2%
NWF Health Network-West	341	202	59.2%	378	215	56.9%	344	172	50.0%	385	235	61.0%	380	242	63.7%
Partnership for Strong Families	166	123	74.1%	140	83	59.3%	139	69	49.6%	130	34	26.2%	159	76	47.8%
Safe Children Coalition	182	81	44.5%	185	90	48.6%	180	102	56.7%	175	105	60.0%	155	73	47.1%
St. Johns County Commission	21	13	61.9%	19	6	31.6%	10	3	30.0%	24	17	70.8%	19	11	57.9%
Statewide	3,905	2,263	58.0%	3,857	1,861	48.2%	3,843	1,891	49.2%	3,787	1,768	46.7%	3,811	2,010	52.7%

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Family Partnerships Central FL	19.17	9.81	29.47	19.81	11.46	31.16	22.12	8.55	29.47	21.46	11.11	30.91	20.67	10.84	29.83
Family Support Services	18.73	14.49	18.23	17.74	14.36	19.55	12.01	8.51	20.52	11.78	11.30	23.87	12.09	12.01	25.02
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NWF Health Network-East	16.99	11.08	26.91	16.96	11.66	29.14	20.82	10.19	31.01	21.96	12.23	32.57	19.51	11.64	30.53
NWF Health Network-West	15.70	15.68	31.92	17.04	14.32	31.91	17.85	14.13	31.98	19.31	14.17	32.29	18.00	13.52	30.48
Partnership for Strong Families	19.54	14.85	23.04	18.65	5.82	24.02	16.06	10.43	26.50	14.94	11.99	29.50	18.04	13.83	30.03
Safe Children Coalition	17.29	11.41	29.61	15.41	14.75	30.72	17.72	15.99	33.71	18.15	15.13	32.85	20.37	16.39	33.01
St. Johns County Commission	10.17	9.19	24.12	11.20	7.95	24.57	18.43	7.35	25.78	22.47	7.22	28.02	15.91	8.18	25.44
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ANNUAL ADOPTION SURVEY

July 2023 – June 2024

Department of Children and Families

Office of Child and Family Well-Being

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Introduction

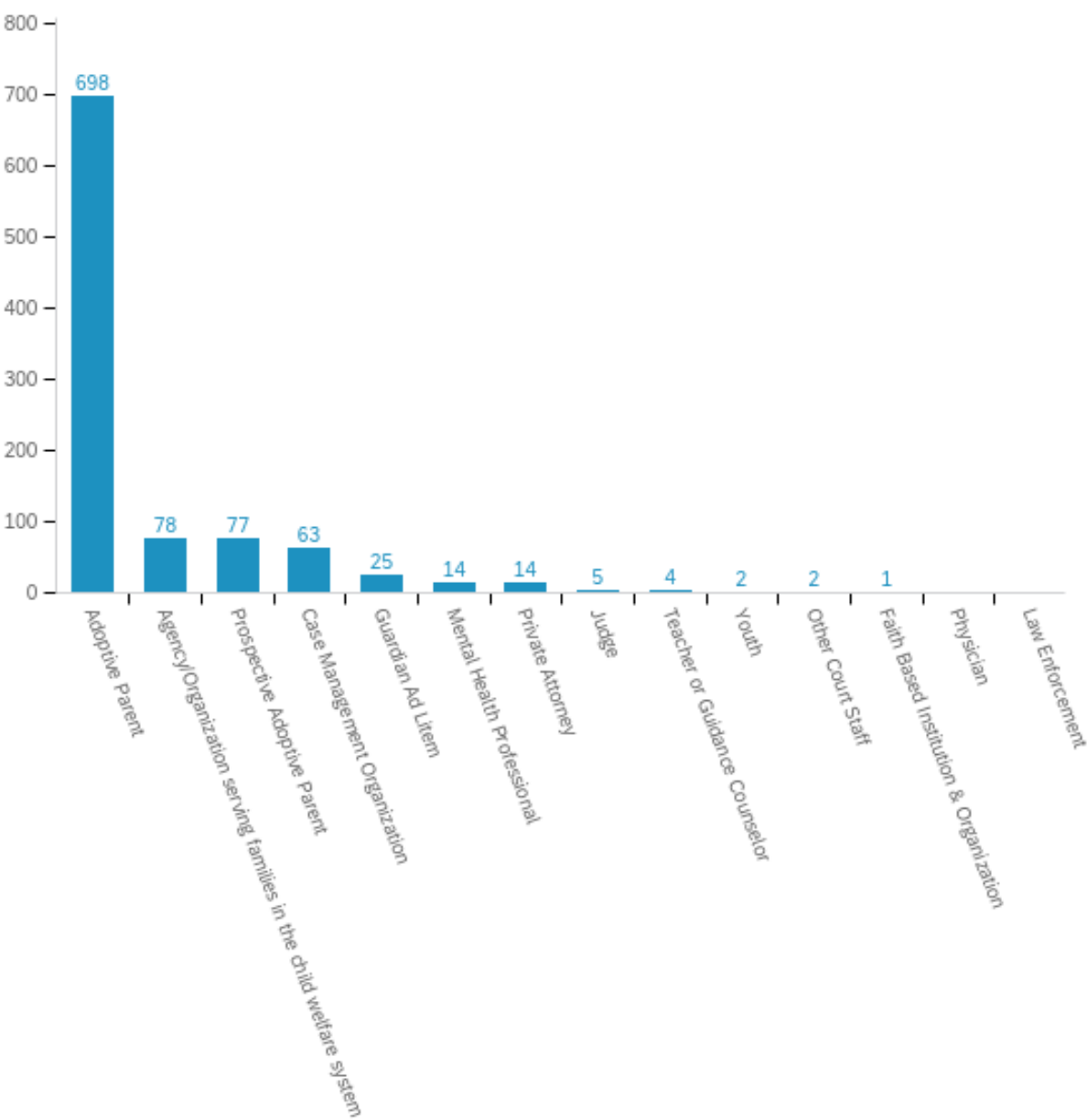
In an effort to improve adoption services, the Department of Children and Families (Department), in conjunction with Community-Based Care Lead Agencies, are conducting an Annual Adoption Survey to gather feedback from adoptive parents, adoptees and other stakeholders.

The Department is soliciting your feedback through this Annual Adoption Survey. Your perspectives, input and support are critical to the continued health of the child welfare system.

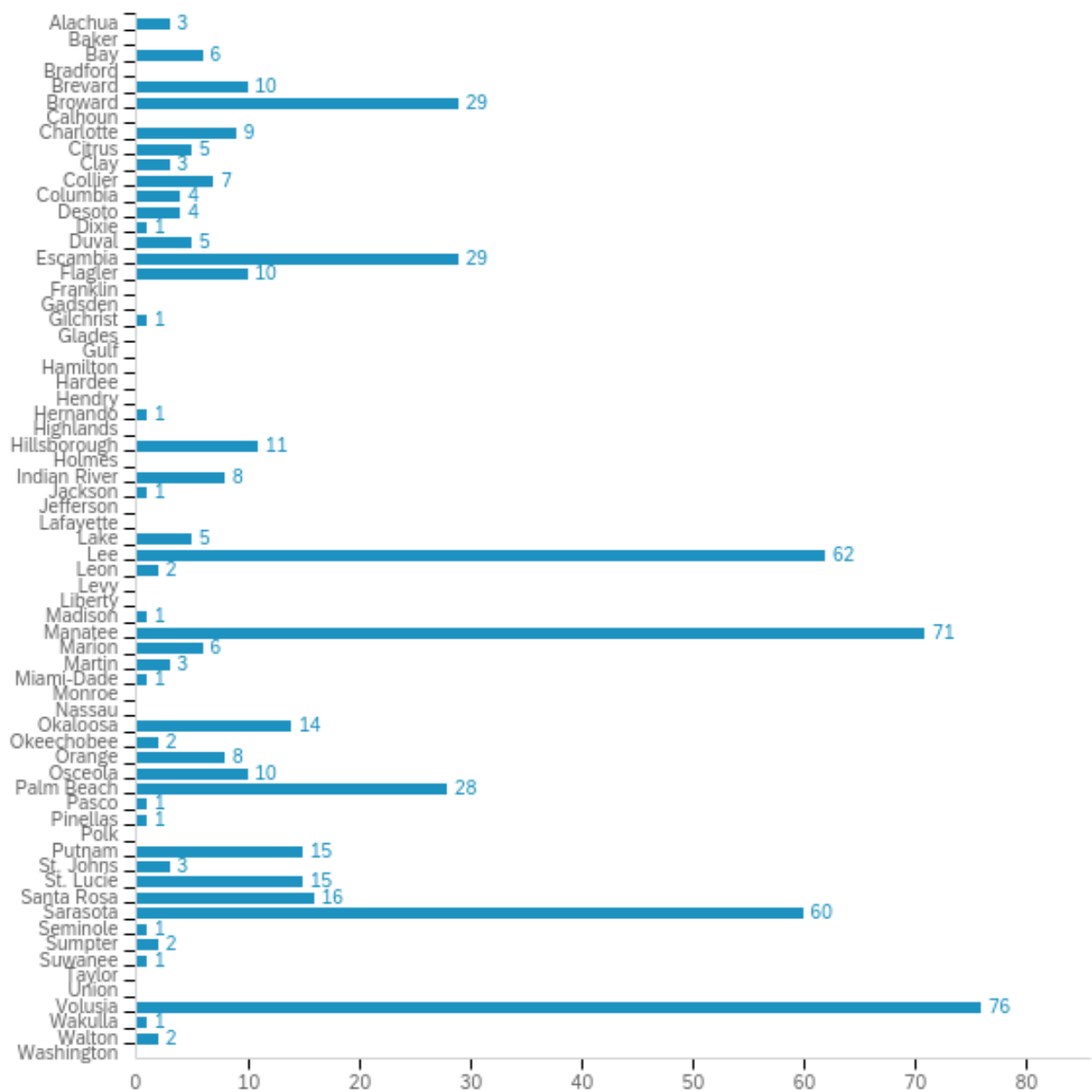
The Annual Adoption Survey should take approximately **7 minutes** to complete. Responses to this survey are anonymous.

Thank you in advance for your response.

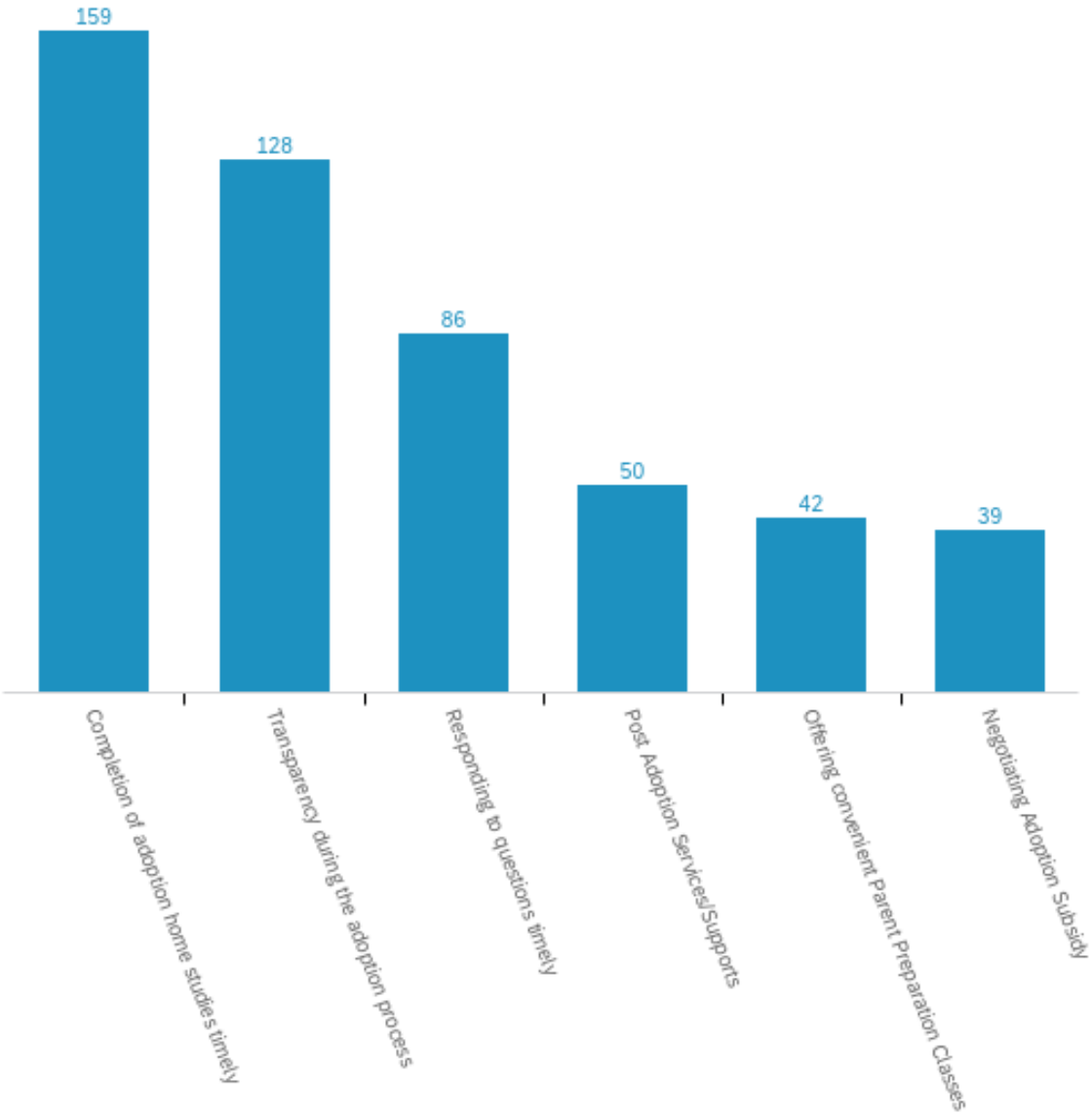
Please select your primary involvement in the adoption process, if any:



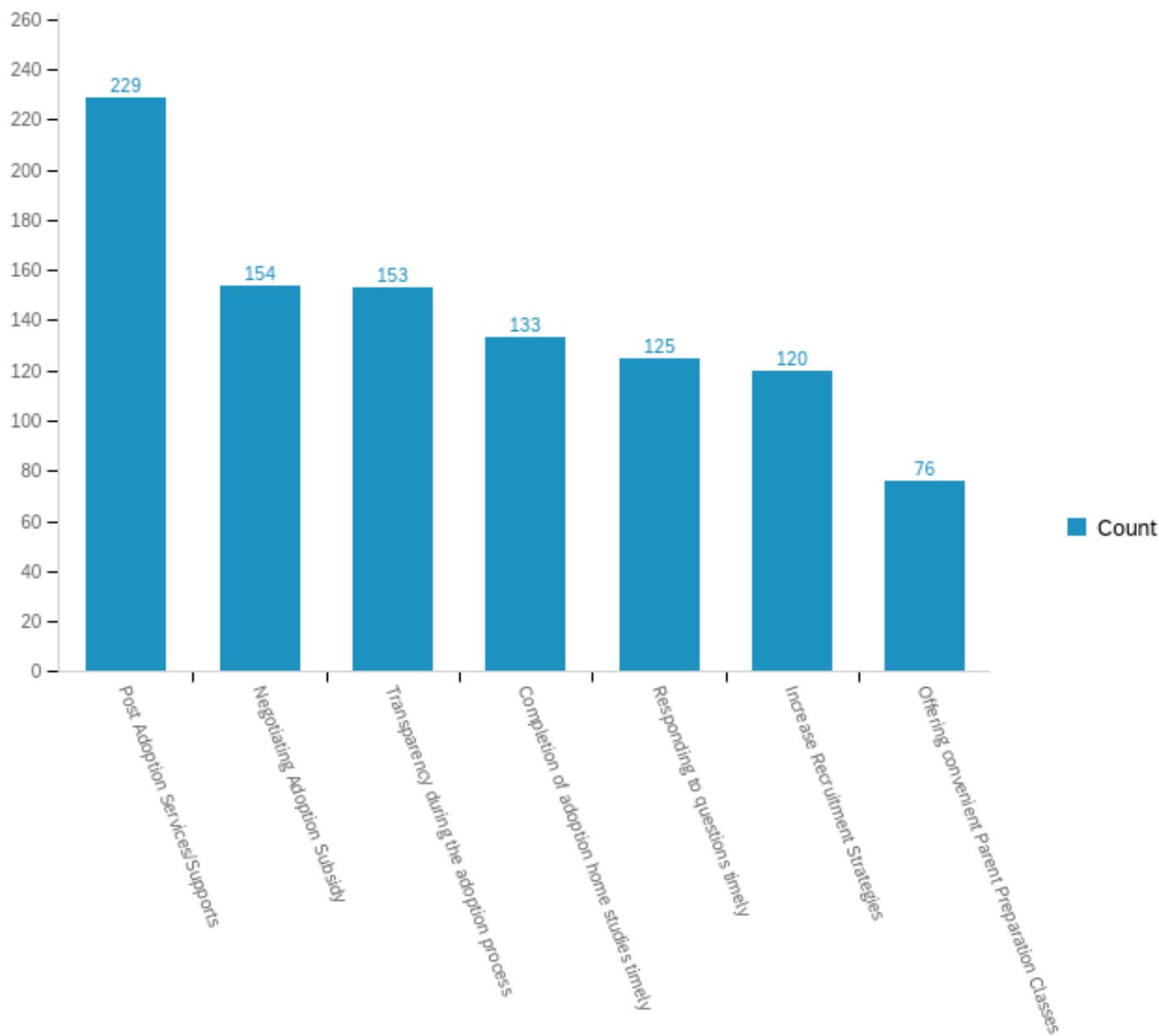
What is the primary county you work in or worked with during your adoption process?



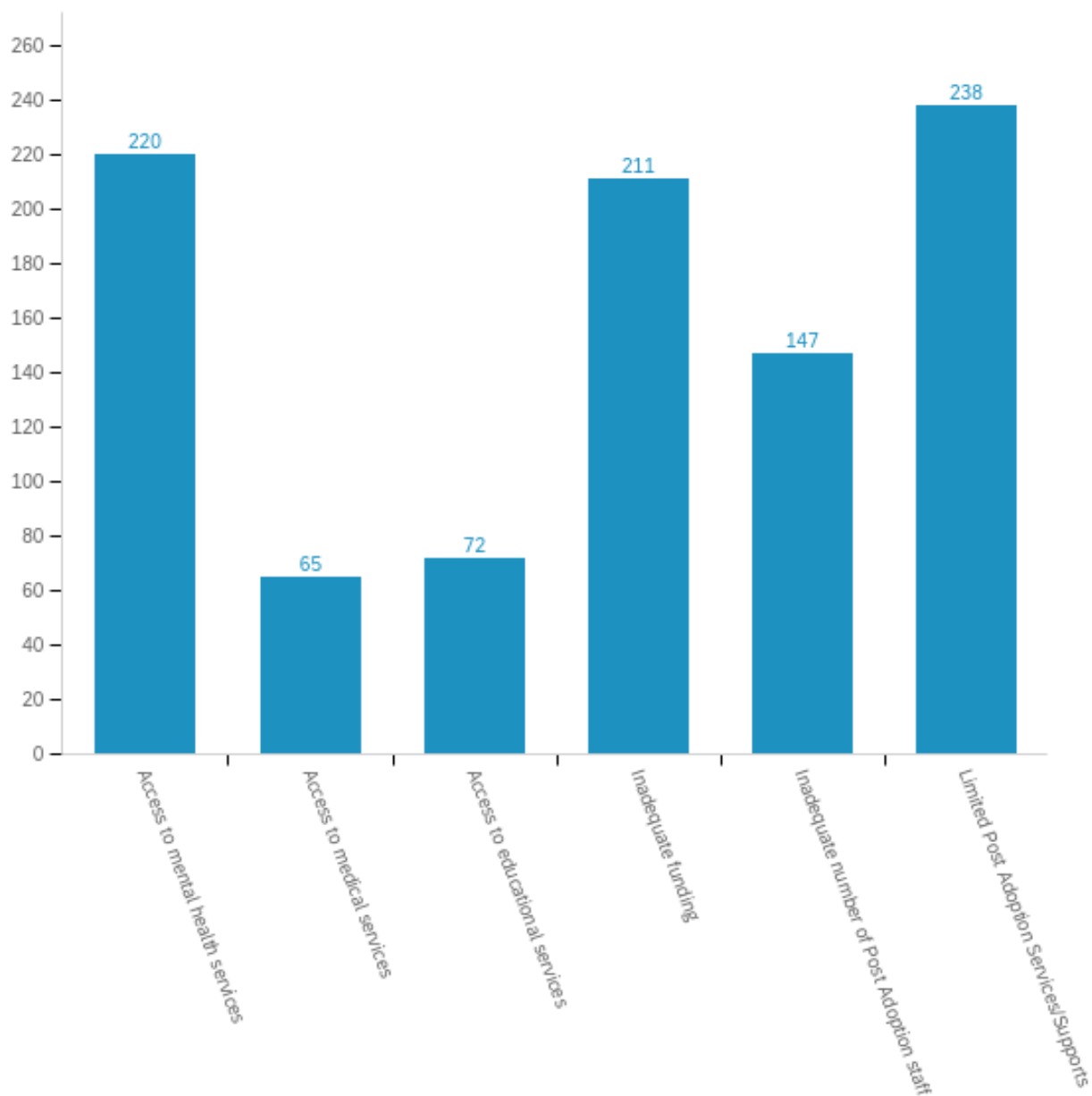
What area(s) does your lead Community Based Care Lead Agency and/or Case Management Organization Agency excel in? Please select all that apply.



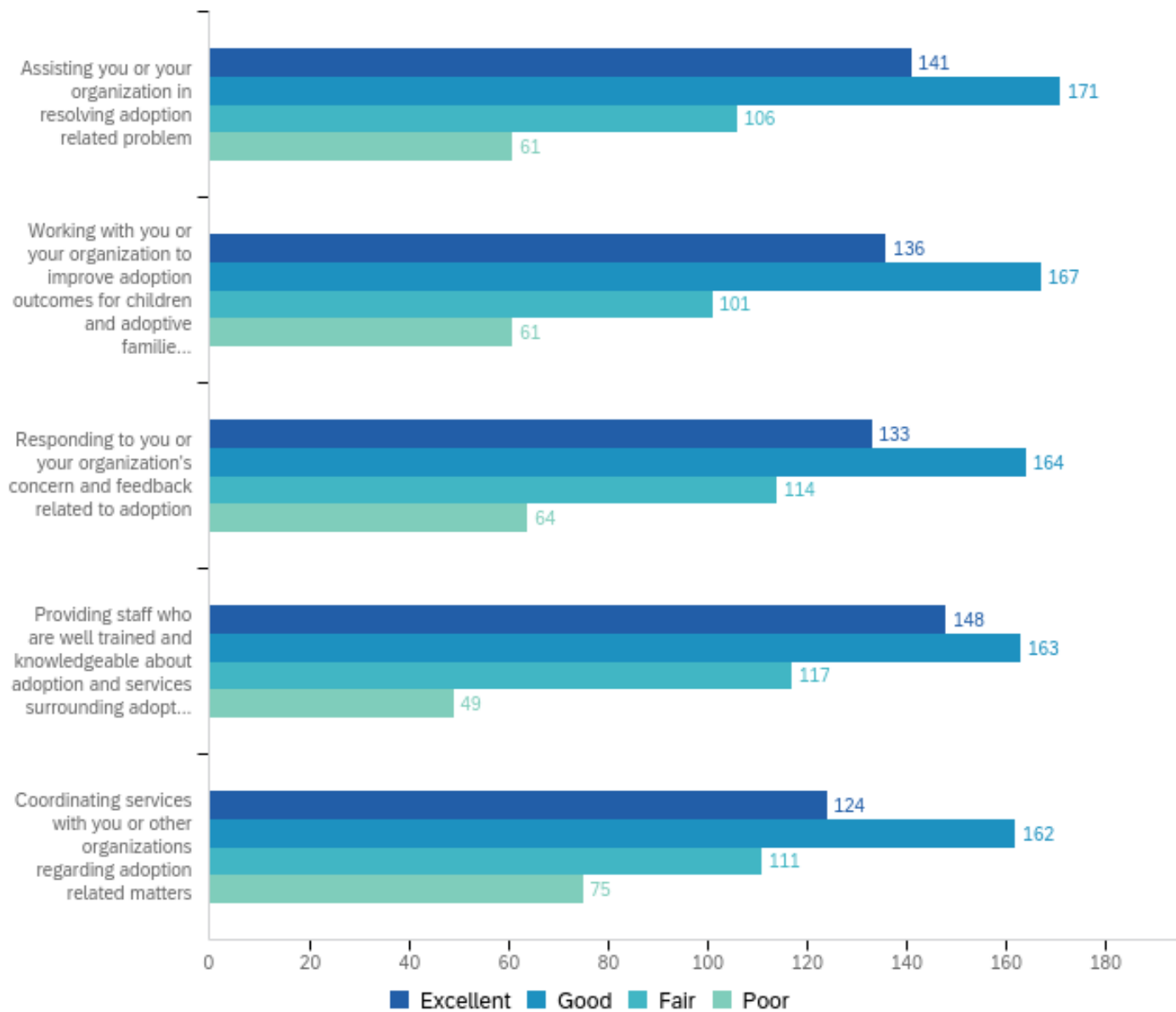
What area(s) does your lead Community Based Care Lead Agency and/or Case Management Organization Agency need to improve in? Please select all that apply.



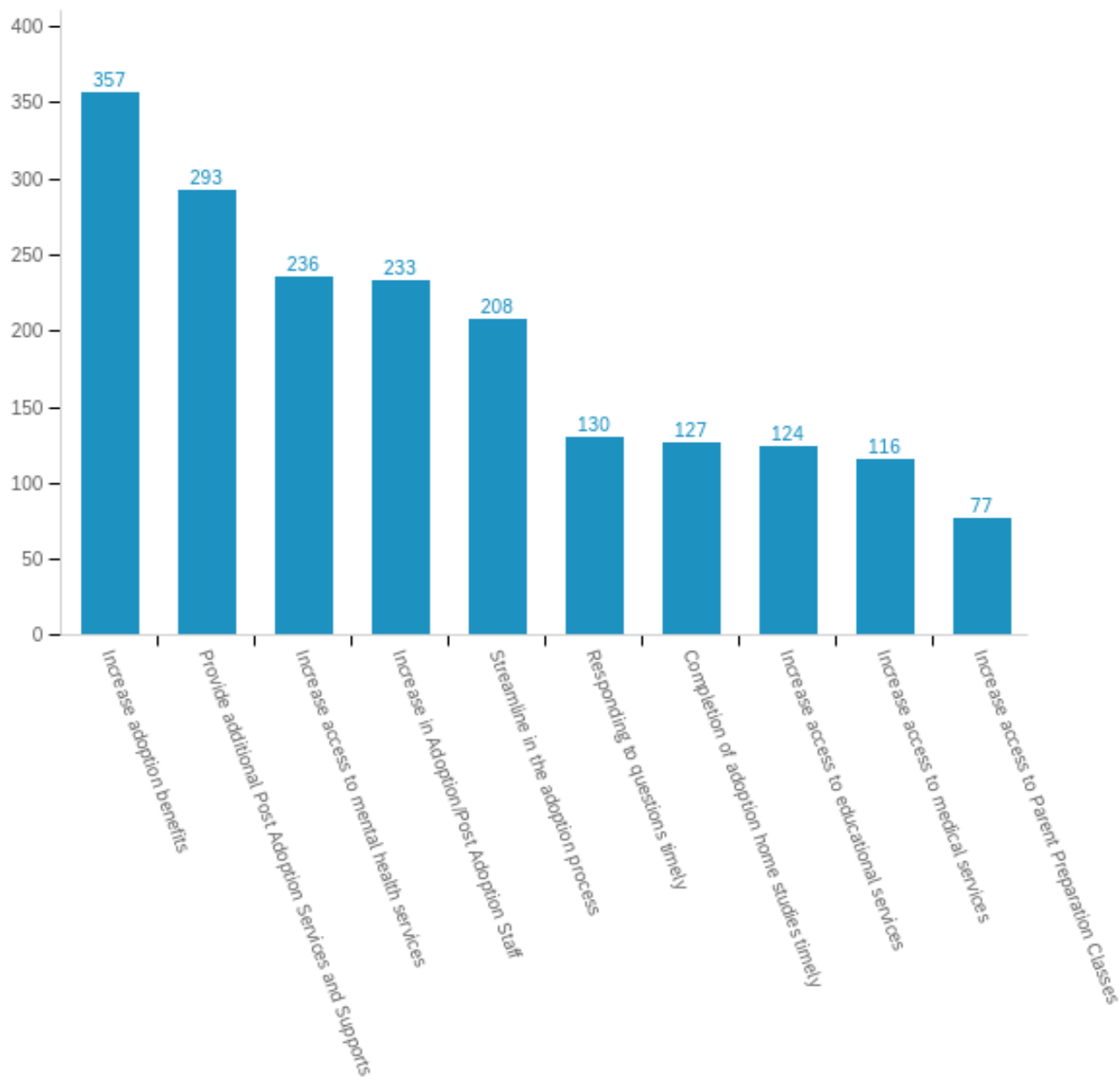
What do you believe is the number one challenge affecting the stability and well-being of Florida’s adoptive children?



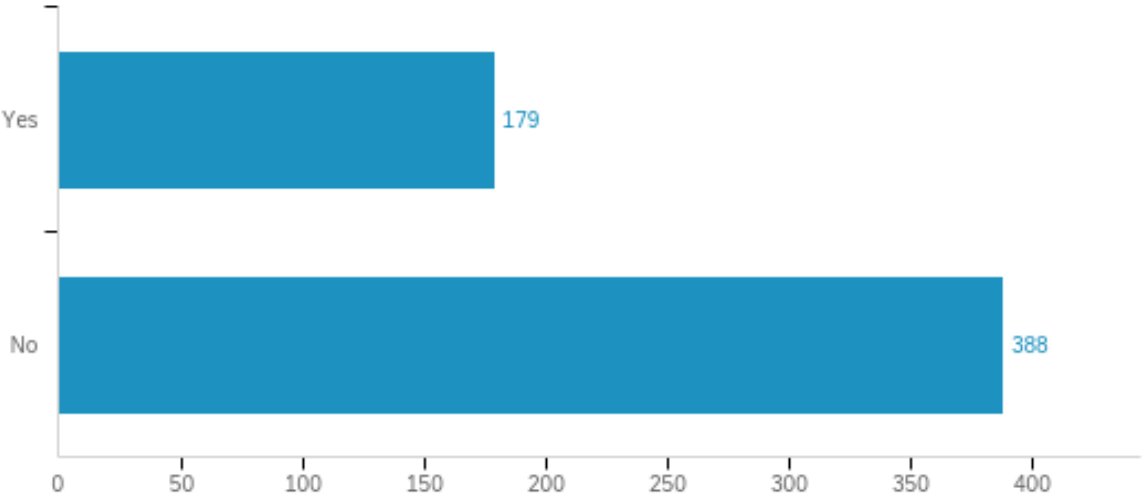
Based on your experience during the last 12 months, please rate the quality and timeliness of the following:



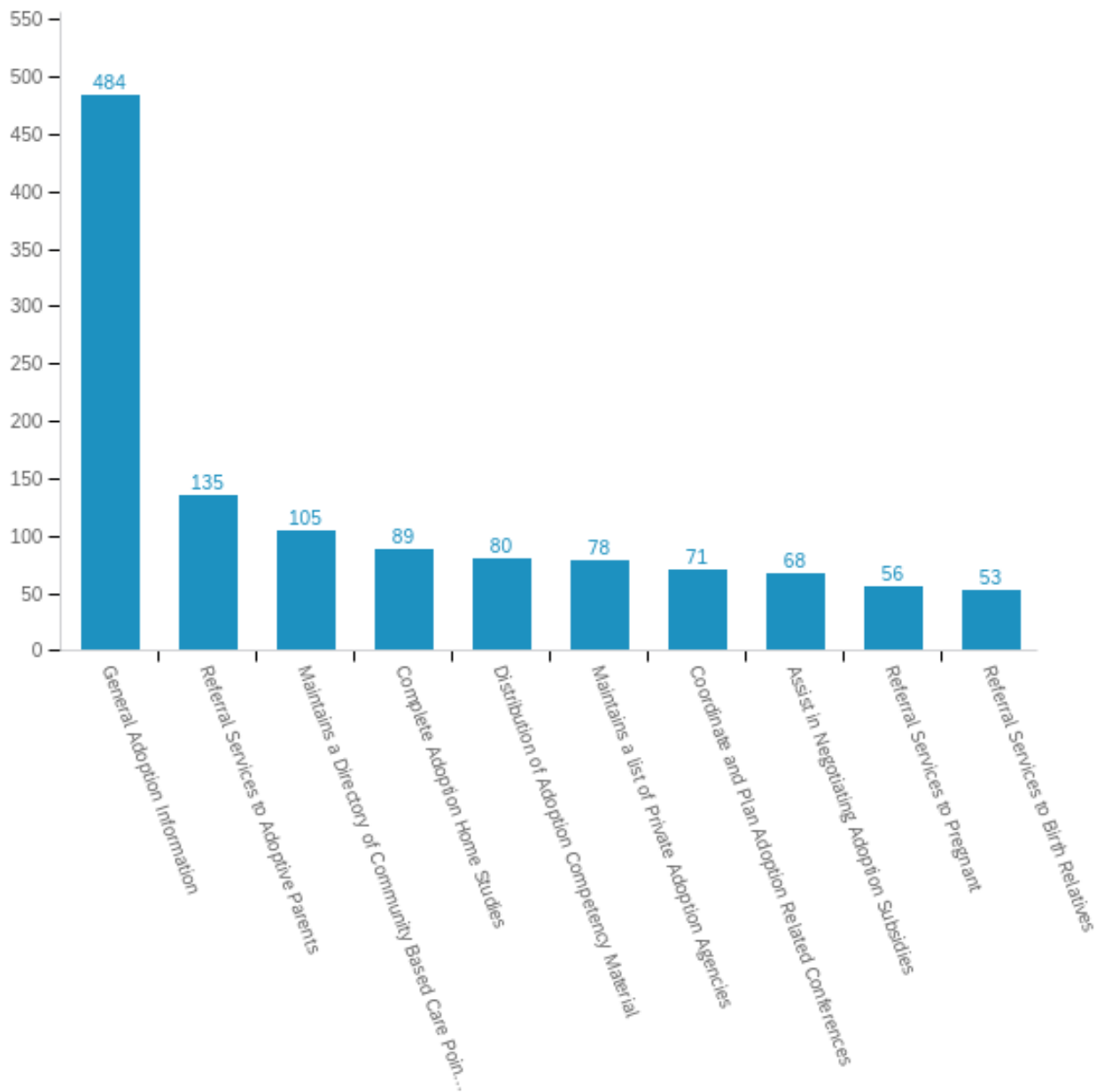
In what way can the State of Florida improve their adoption service delivery? Please select all that apply.



Are you aware that the State of Florida has an Adoption Information Center?



Based on that knowledge, what services does Florida's Adoption Information Center offer?
Please select all that apply.





POST COMMUNICATION SURVEY

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Office of Child Welfare

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Introduction

Each year the Department of Children and Families (Department), in conjunction with Community-Based Care Lead Agencies, conducts a Post Communication Survey to gather feedback from families that requested and received post-adoption services. The intent of the survey is to determine the types of services received by the family and the quality of the services provided.

In order to assess the quality and quantity of our post-adoption programs, we need to hear from our adoptive parents who are the true customers of post-adoption services. Post-adoption services include all services and staff available to assist you as an adoptive parent and your adopted child, until the child turns age 18.

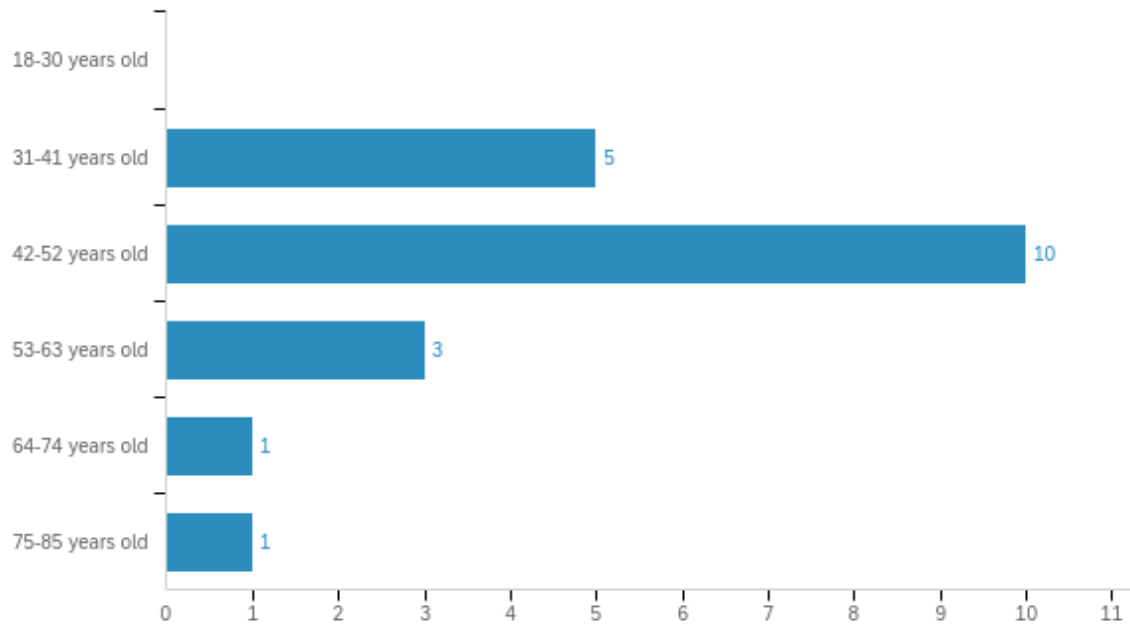
Please help us by taking a little time to answer the questions below. The Post-Adoption Communication Survey should take less than **15 minutes** to complete. Responses to this survey are anonymous.

We very much want to hear from you and appreciate your input. Please call 1-800-96-ADOPT if you have questions.

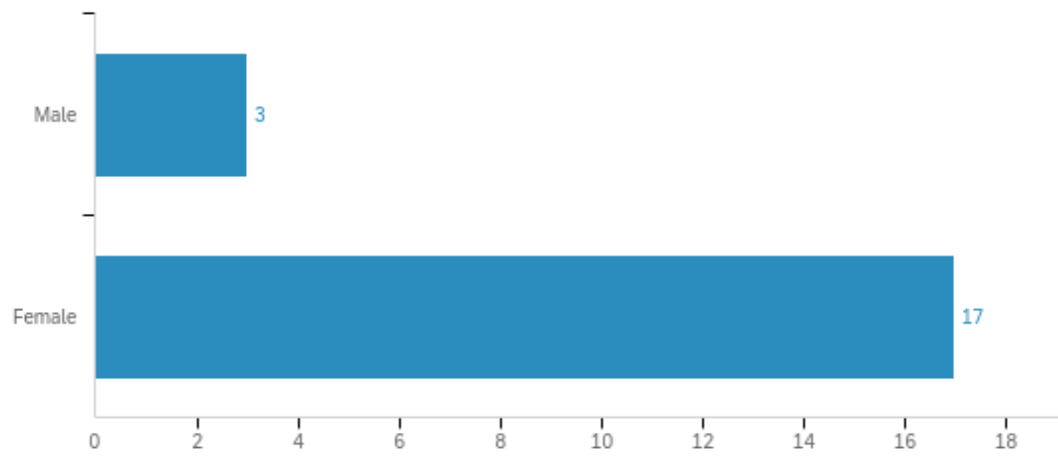
Thank you in advance for your response.

Annual Post Adoption Services Communication Survey-2023-2024

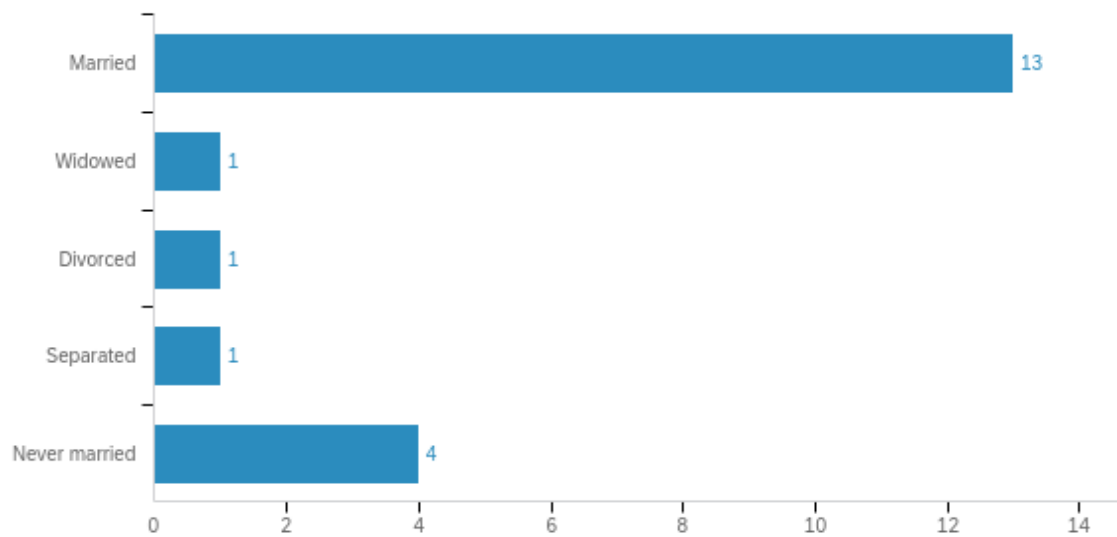
Please indicate your current age range:



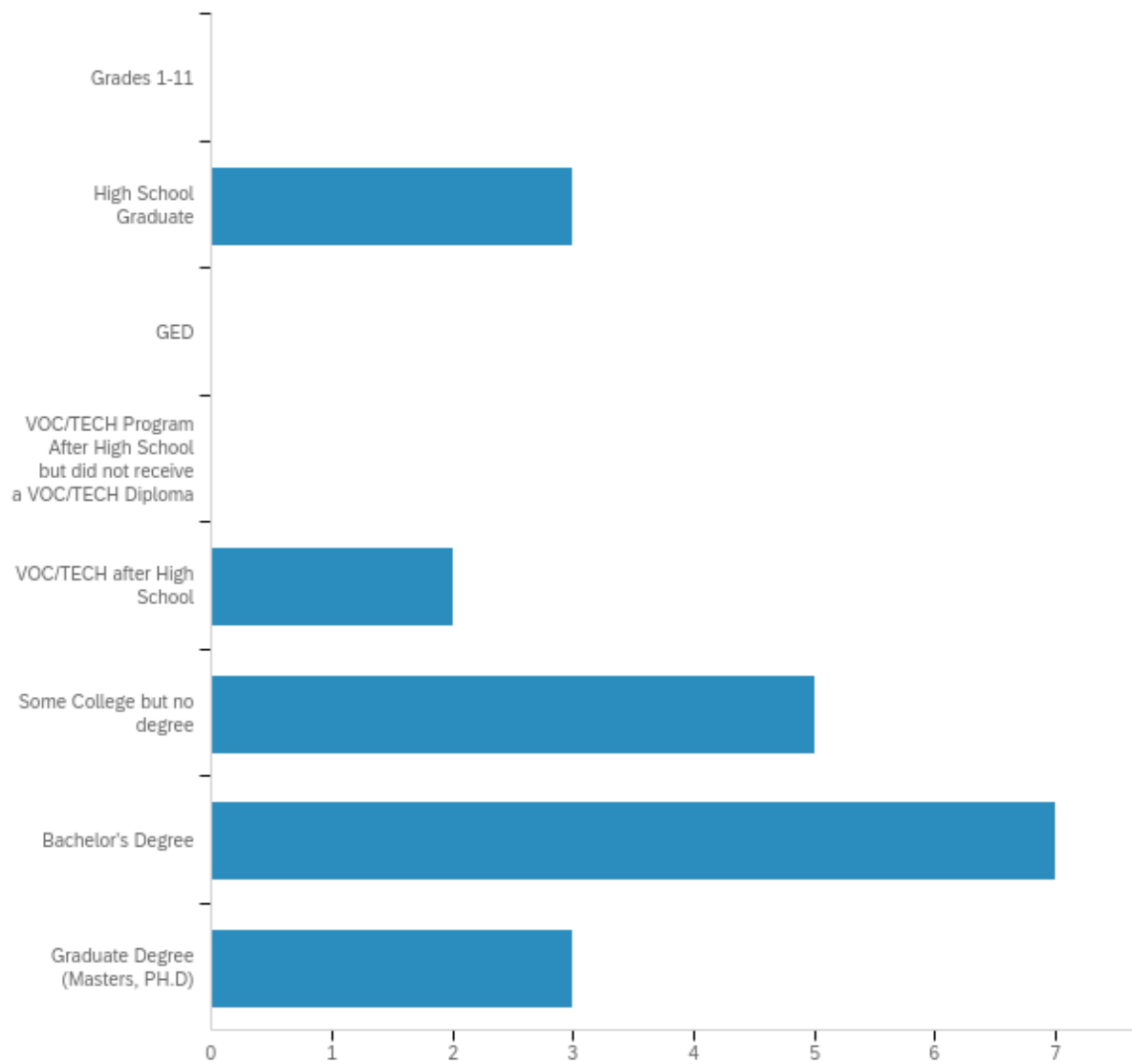
Please indicate your gender:



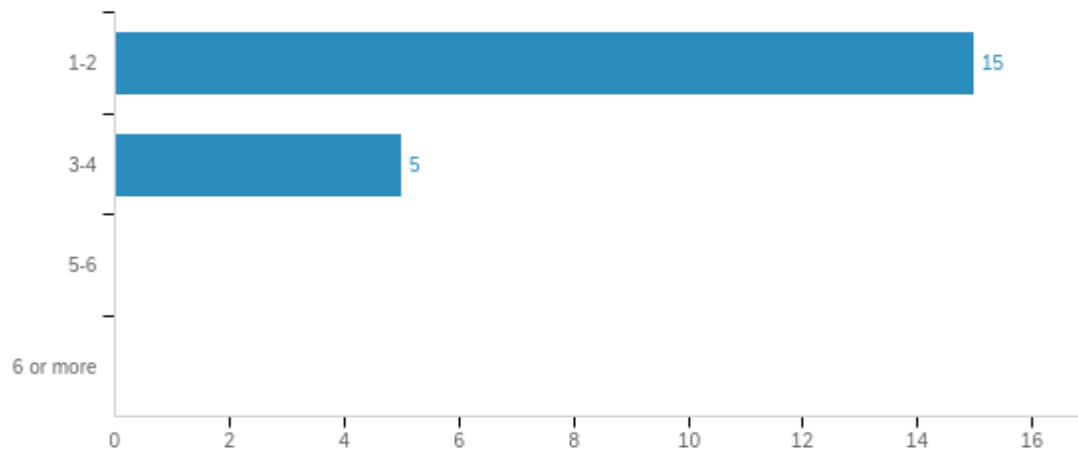
Are you currently ...



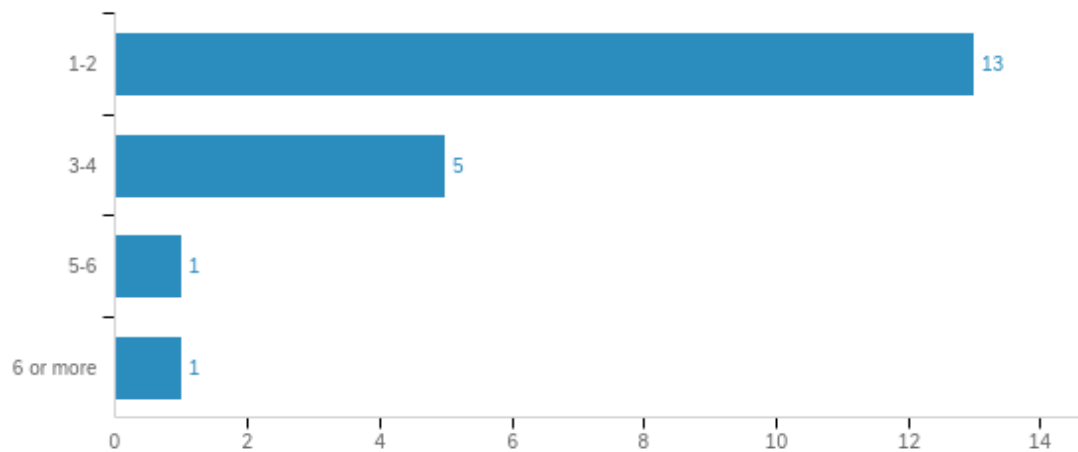
What is the highest level of schooling you have completed?



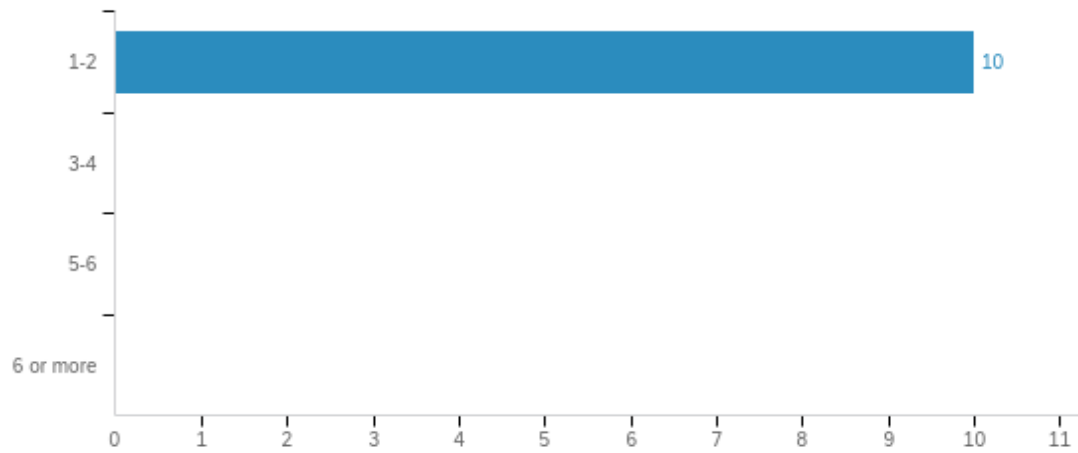
Please indicate how many adults aged 18 and older, including yourself, currently reside in your household?



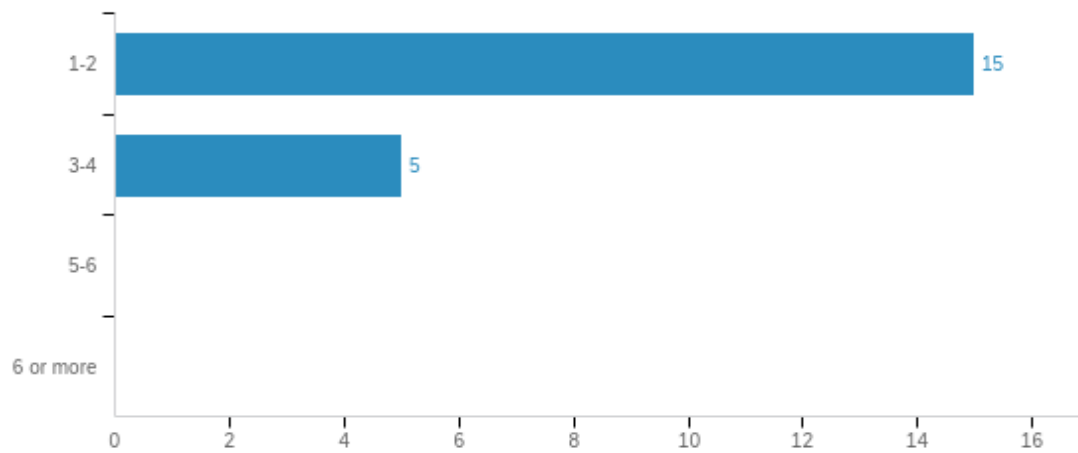
Please indicate how many children (under age 18) currently reside in your home?



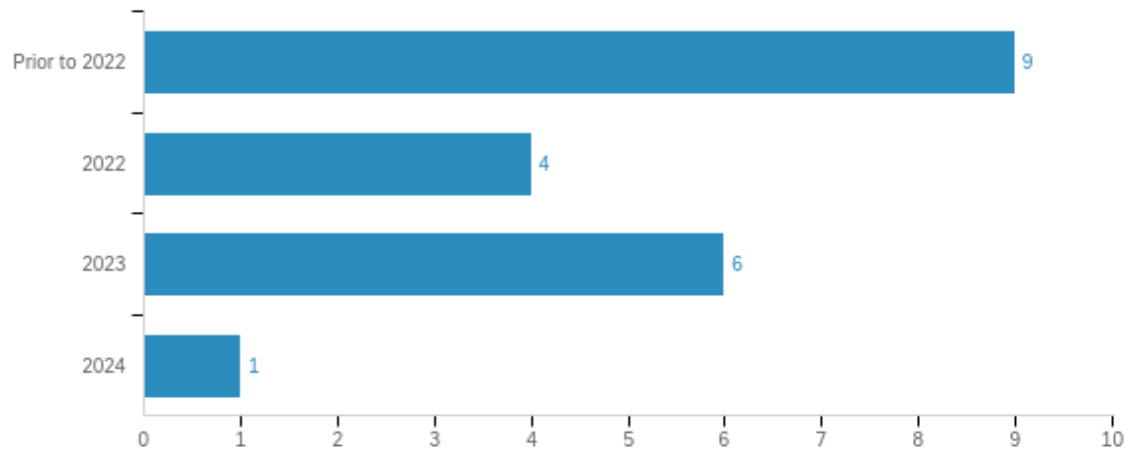
Of the children living in your home, how many are your biological children?



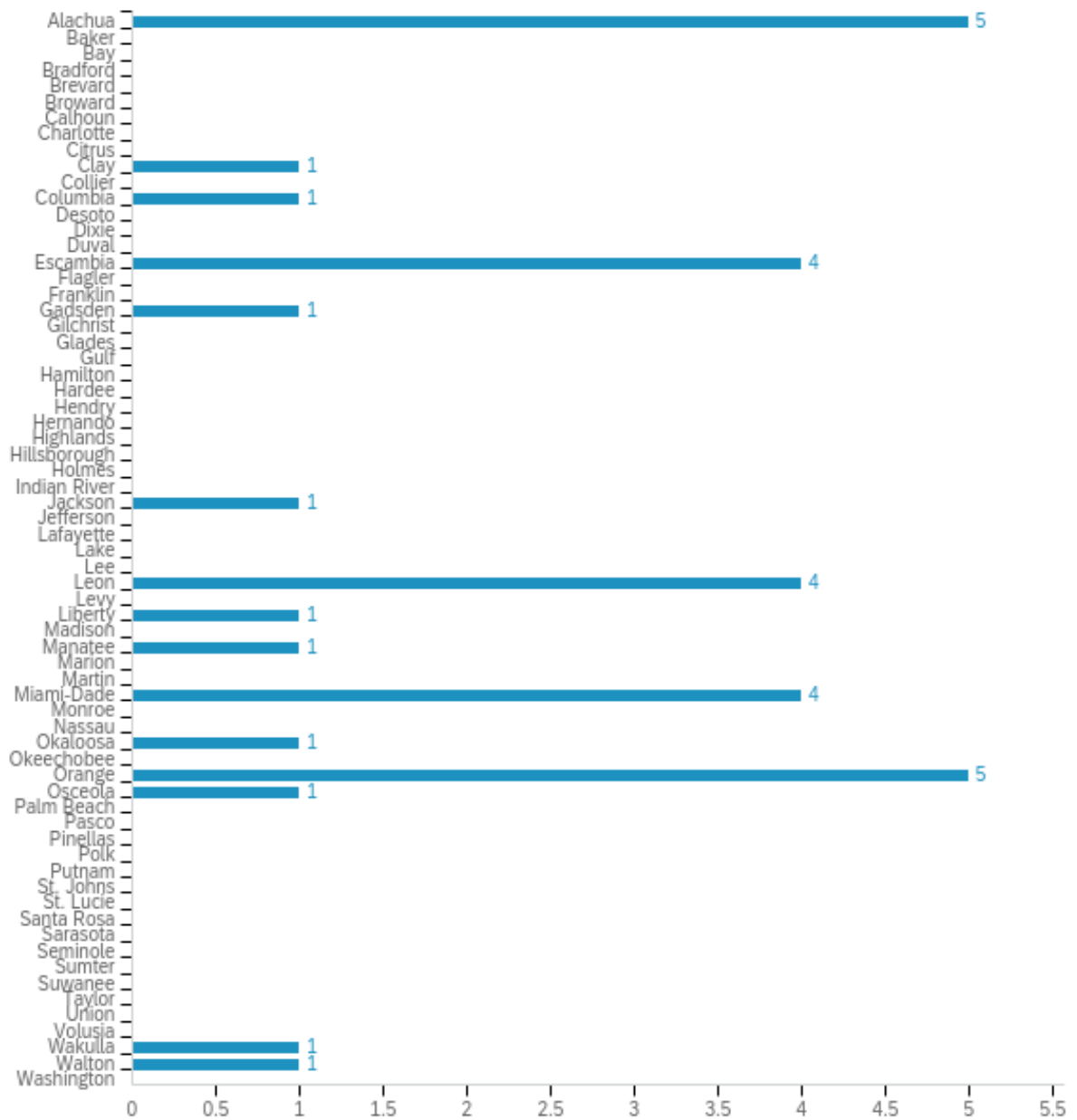
Of the children living in your home, how many were adopted?

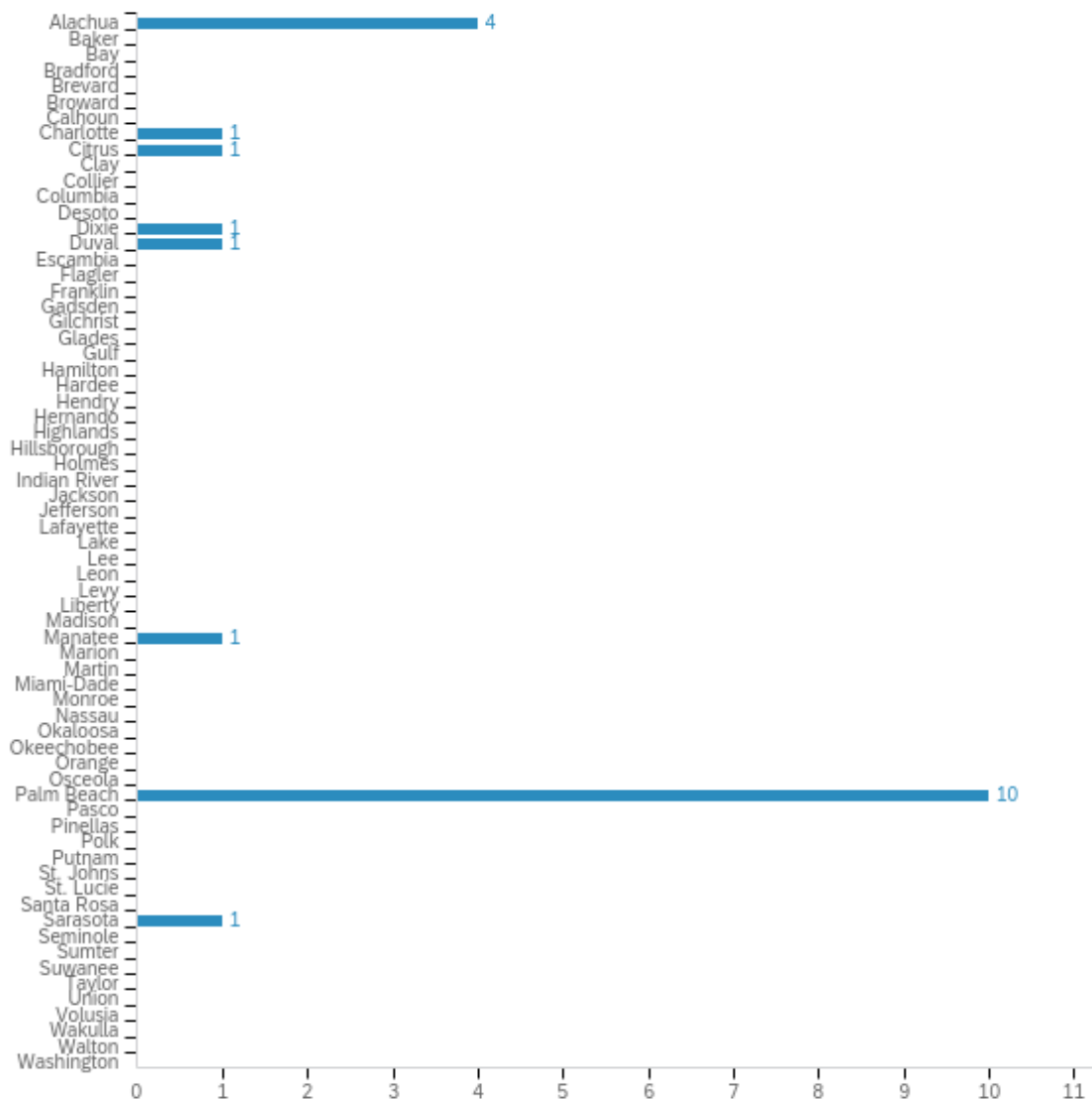


In what year did your first adoption finalize?

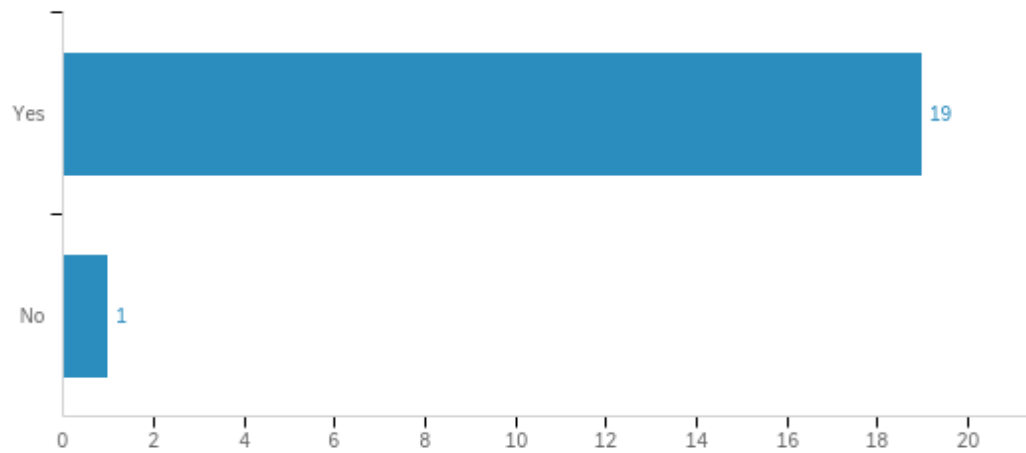


In what county did you finalize your Adoption:

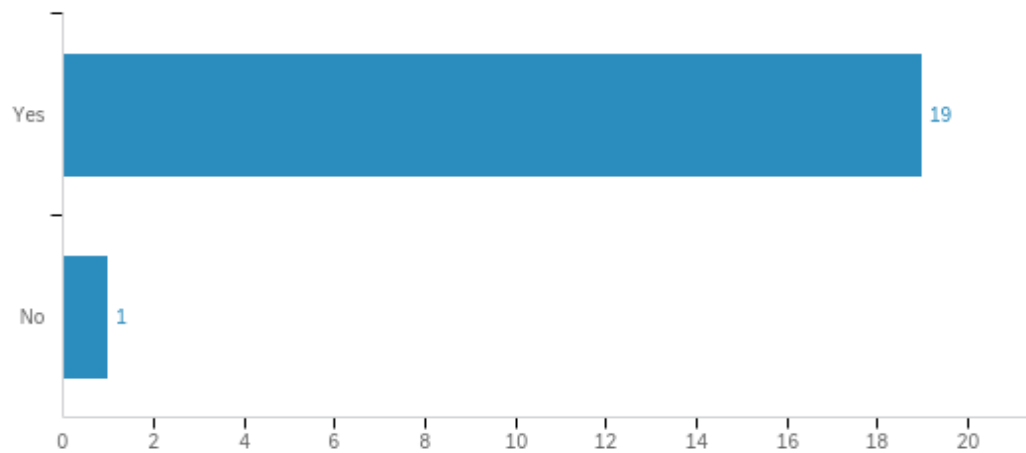




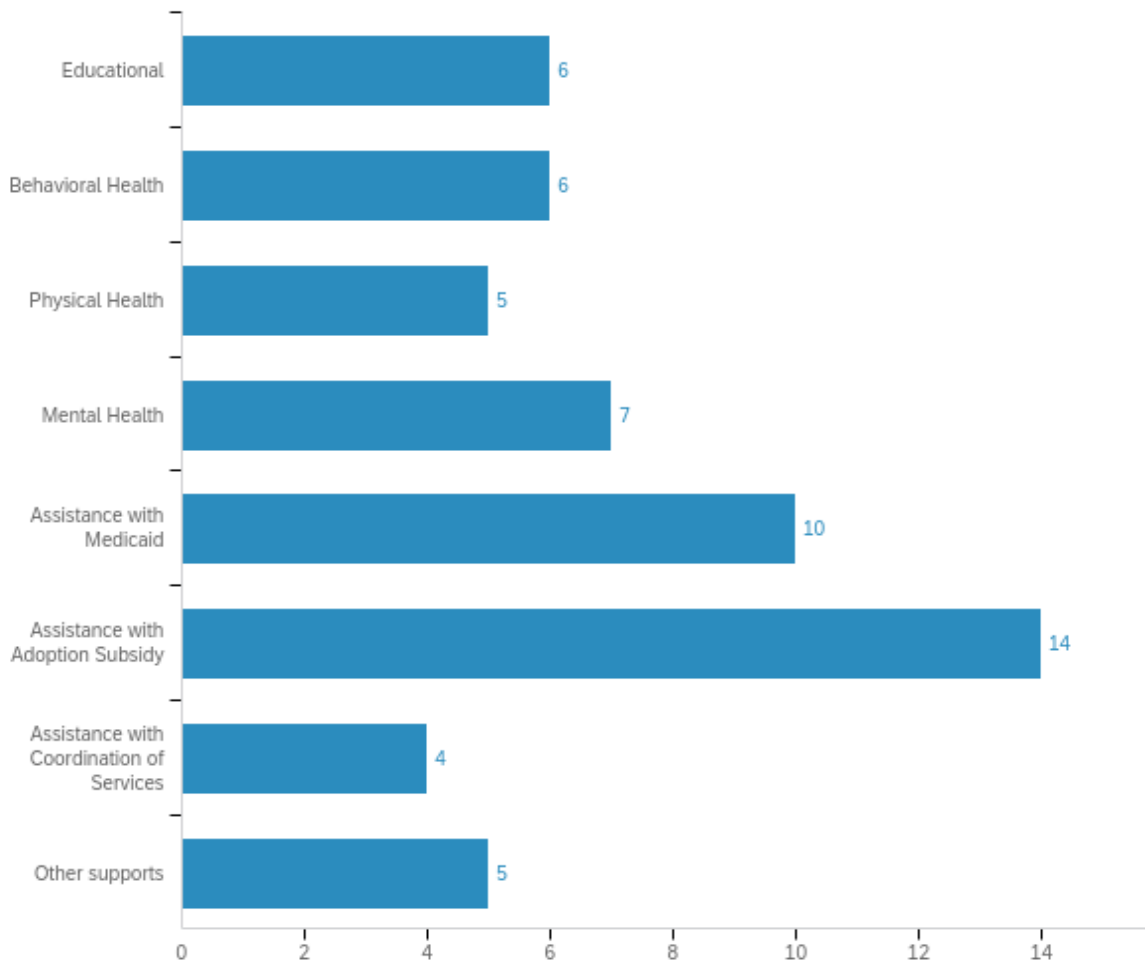
Do you know how to contact your Post Adoption Service worker if services are needed?



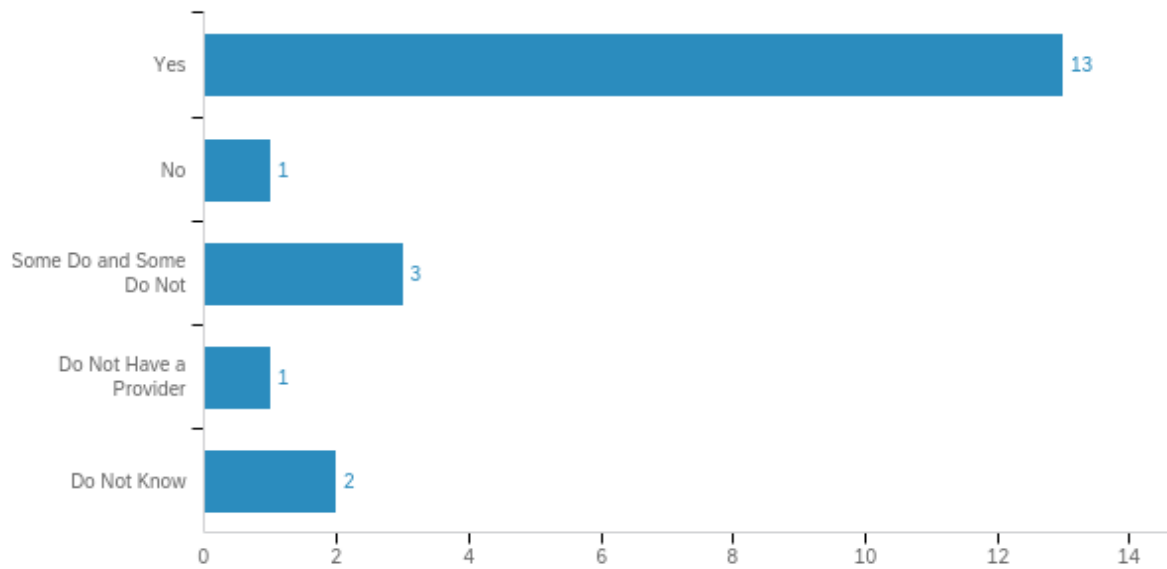
Has your family received Post Adoption Services/Supports since finalization?



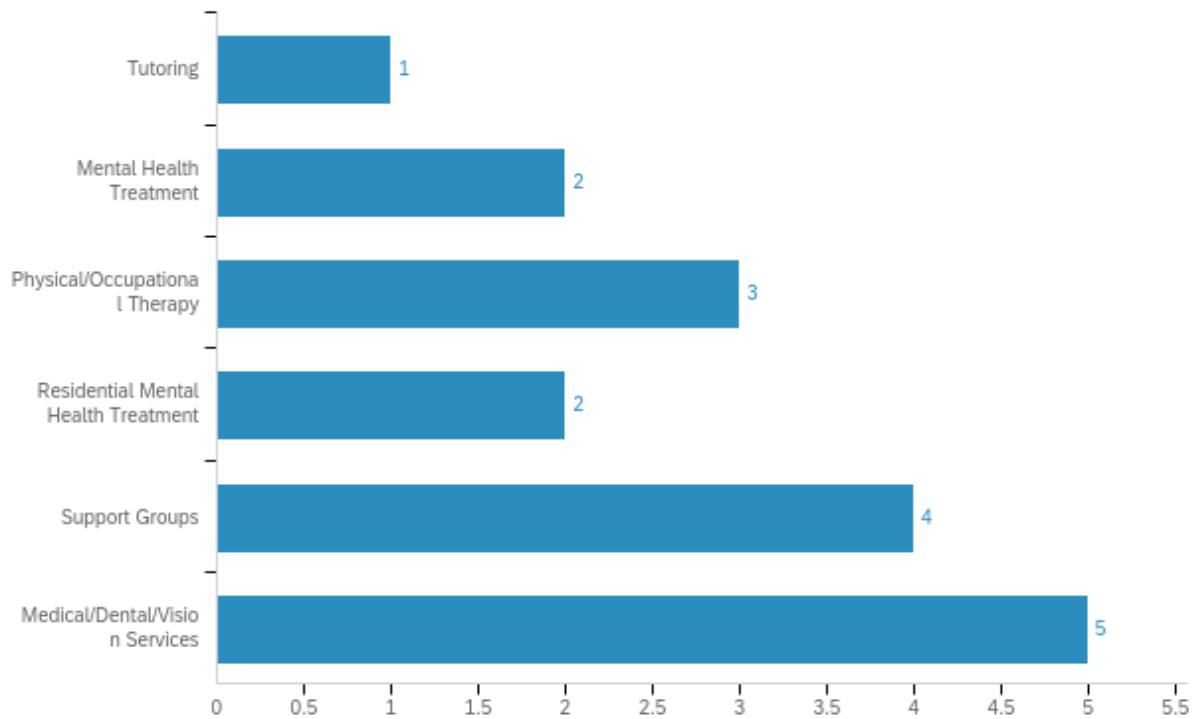
What type of Post Adoption Services has your family received. Please select all that apply.



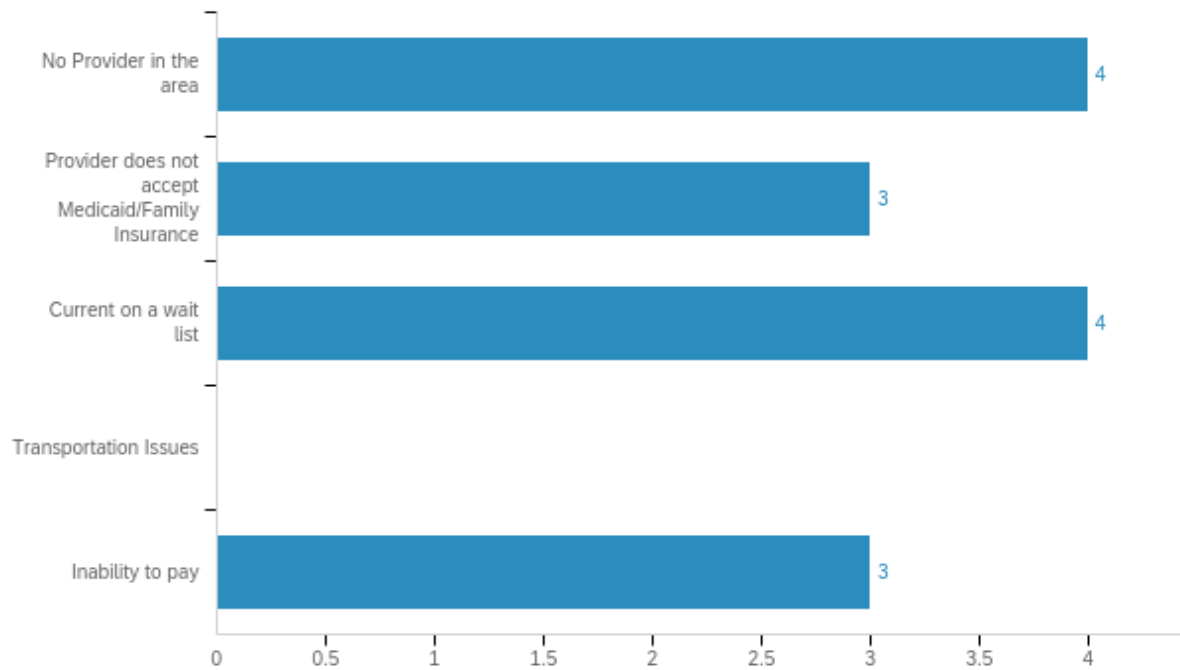
Do you feel the providers of the Post Adoption Services that you received understood the issues that your adopted child and family have related to adoption?



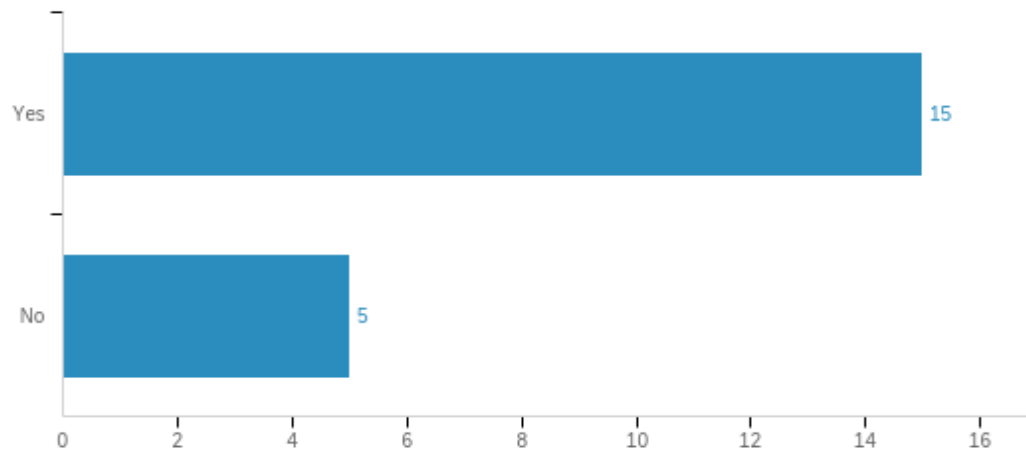
What services have you tried to access but are unable to receive? Please select all that apply.



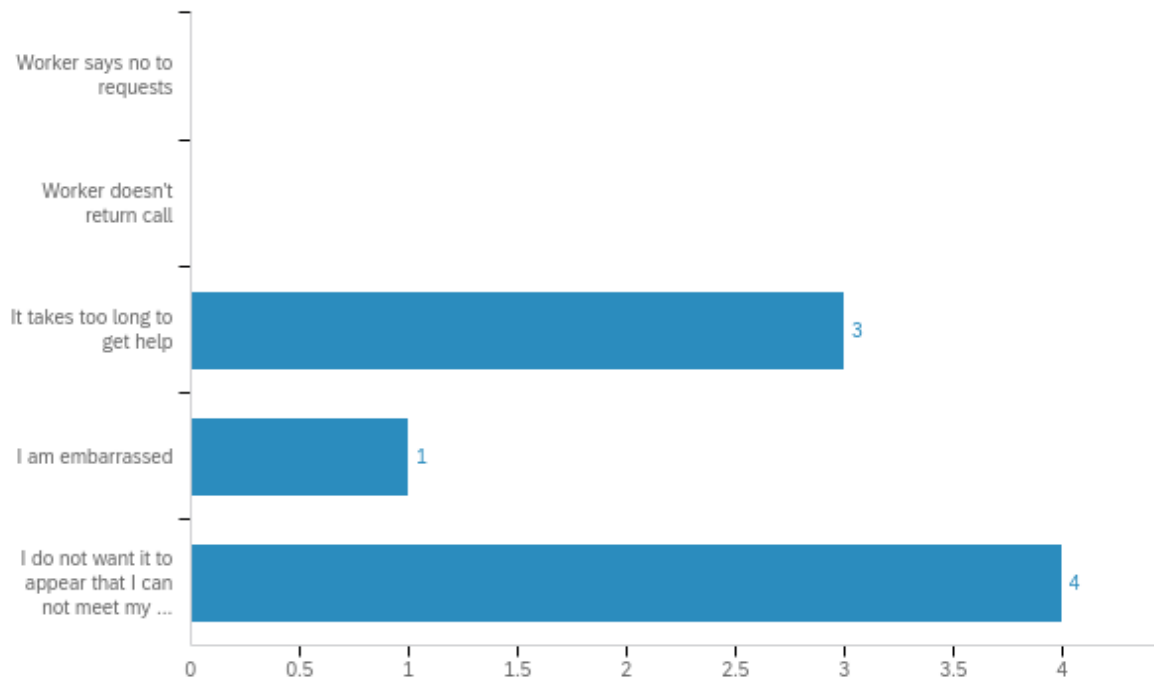
**A service my child and/or my family needs is unavailable because of the following:
Please select all that apply.**



Do you feel comfortable asking your Post Adoption Worker for additional help/assistance?



Please indicate why you are uncomfortable asking your Post Adoption Worker for additional help/assistance?



Is there a service or support that you want your post adoption worker to provide that is currently not being provided? Please select all that apply.

