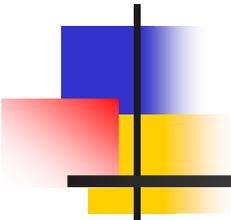
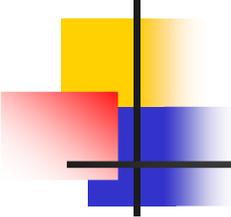


Reflecting on Our Outcomes



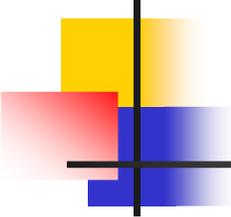
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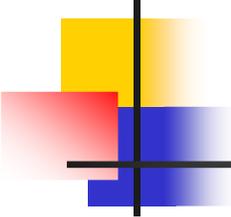
Eight broad outcomes center around three main issues:

- Safety
- Permanency
- Well Being



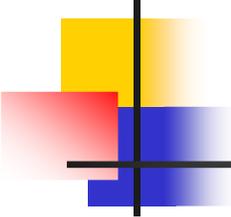
Safety Outcomes

- Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.
- Children are maintained safely in their homes whenever possible.



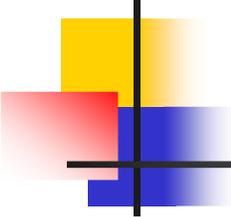
Permanency Outcomes

- Children have permanency and stability in their living situations without increasing reentry to foster care.
- The family relationships and connections of the children served by the child welfare system will be preserved, as appropriate.



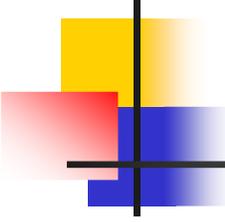
Outcome Indicators

- Reduce number of children removed
- Greater use of least restrictive forms of foster care
- Increase number of reunifications
- Reduce Foster Care re-entries



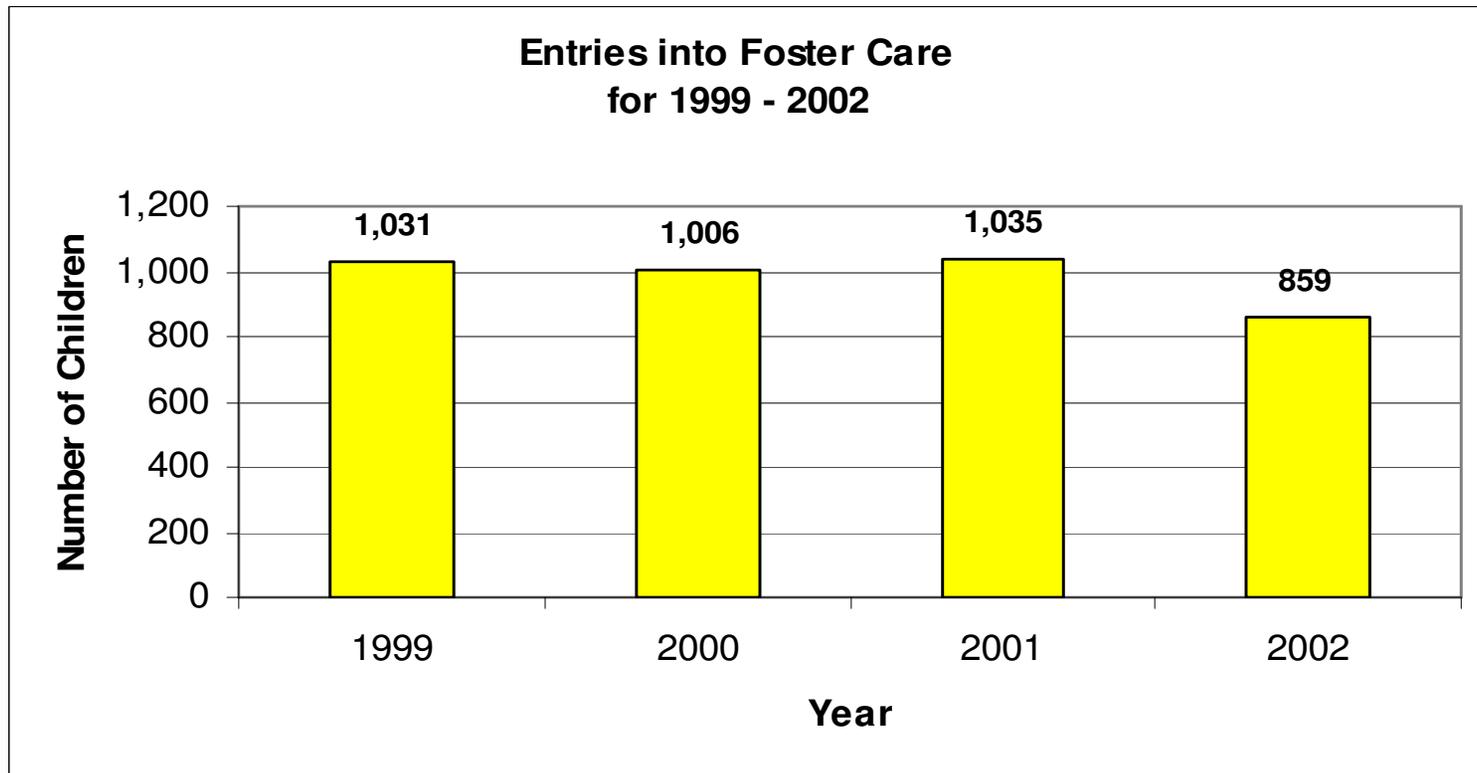
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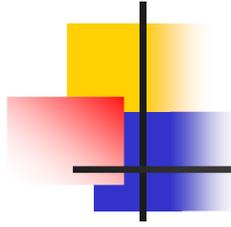
- Length of time in care
- Multiple placements
- Sibling placements
- More children placed in/close to their communities



Family to Family Outcomes Review

Reducing the number and Rate of children placed away from their families





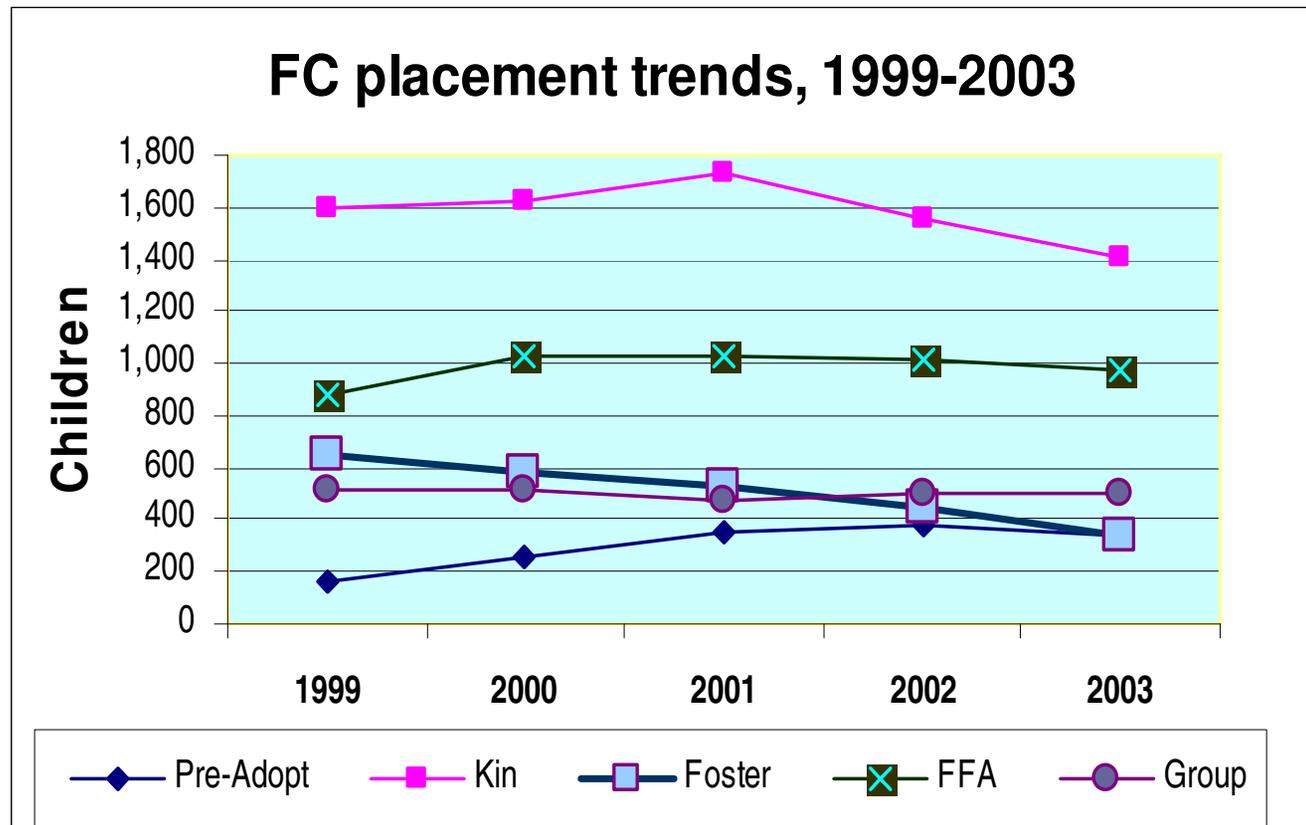
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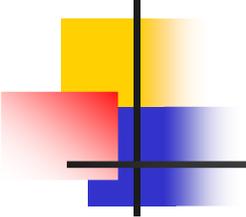
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Year	Caseload <19 years	Child Population (0-18)	Prevalence per 1,000 Children	Emancipations
1999	4,353	398,205	10.9	179
2000	4,559	373,065	12.2	163
2001	4,696	376,741	12.5	127
2002	4,452	380,409	11.7	180
2003	4,116	385,743	10.7	

Family to Family Outcomes Review

Reducing the number of children served in institutional and group care





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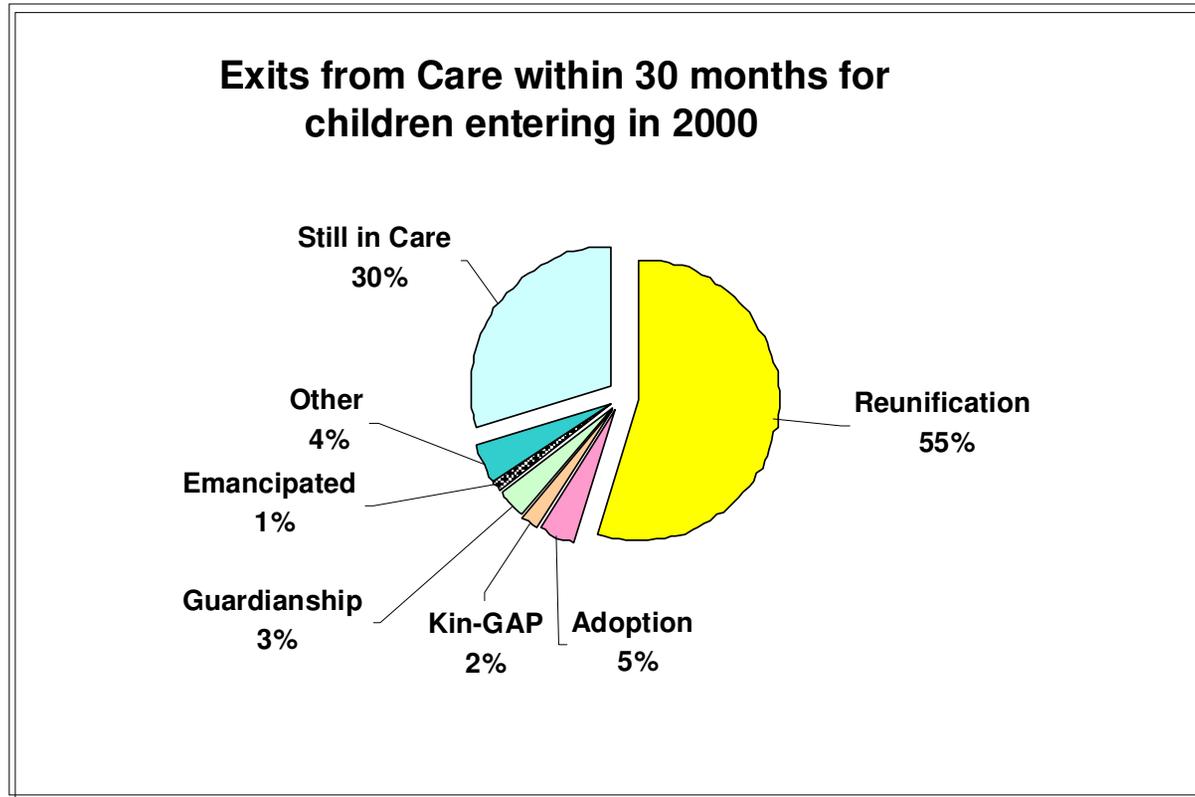
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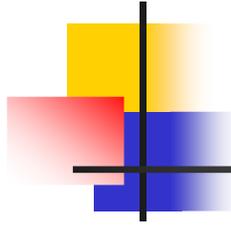
Year	Kinship		Foster		FFA		Group	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
2001	335	33.4	265	26.4	250	24.9	120	12.0
2002	234	28.4	185	22.5	249	30.2	138	16.7

Annual Totals

Family to Family Outcomes Review

Increasing the number and rate of children reunified with their birth families



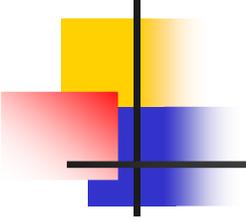


Family to Family Outcomes Review

Decreasing the number and rate of children reentering care

July 2000 to June 2001 First Entries, Reunified within 12 months, reentering care within 12 months			
	Total Reunified	Reentered Care	%
California	8,970	1,201	13.4
Alameda	438	81	18.5

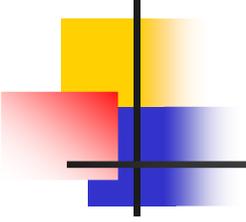
October 1999 to September 2000 First Entries: Total Reunified within 24 Months--and reentering care within 12 months			
	Total Reunified	Reentered Care	%
California	14,057	1,687	12
Alameda	499	94	18.8



Family to Family Outcomes Review

Reducing the number of placement moves children in care experience

- **Most children entering non-kin foster care still experience more than one placement**
- **For 2002 entrants, 46% had two placements by three months**
- **Almost 30% had more than two placements by six months**

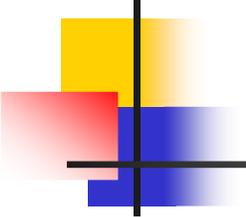


Family to Family Outcomes Review

Increasing the rate of brothers and sisters placed together

■ **Of all children in sibling groups in Foster Care in October 2003, 821 (34%) were placed together**

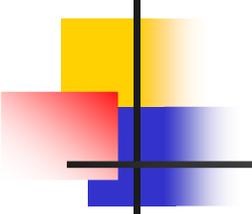
■ **For those same children and point in time, 1,311 (55%) were placed with some or all siblings together**



Family to Family Outcomes Review

Decreasing lengths of stay for children in placement

- **Foster Care lengths of stay are extensive for the majority of children entering care**
- **For the cohort of children who entered in 1999, 54% were reunified by 30 months**
- **Thirty three percent were still in foster care at 30 months and 23% were still in care at 42 months**



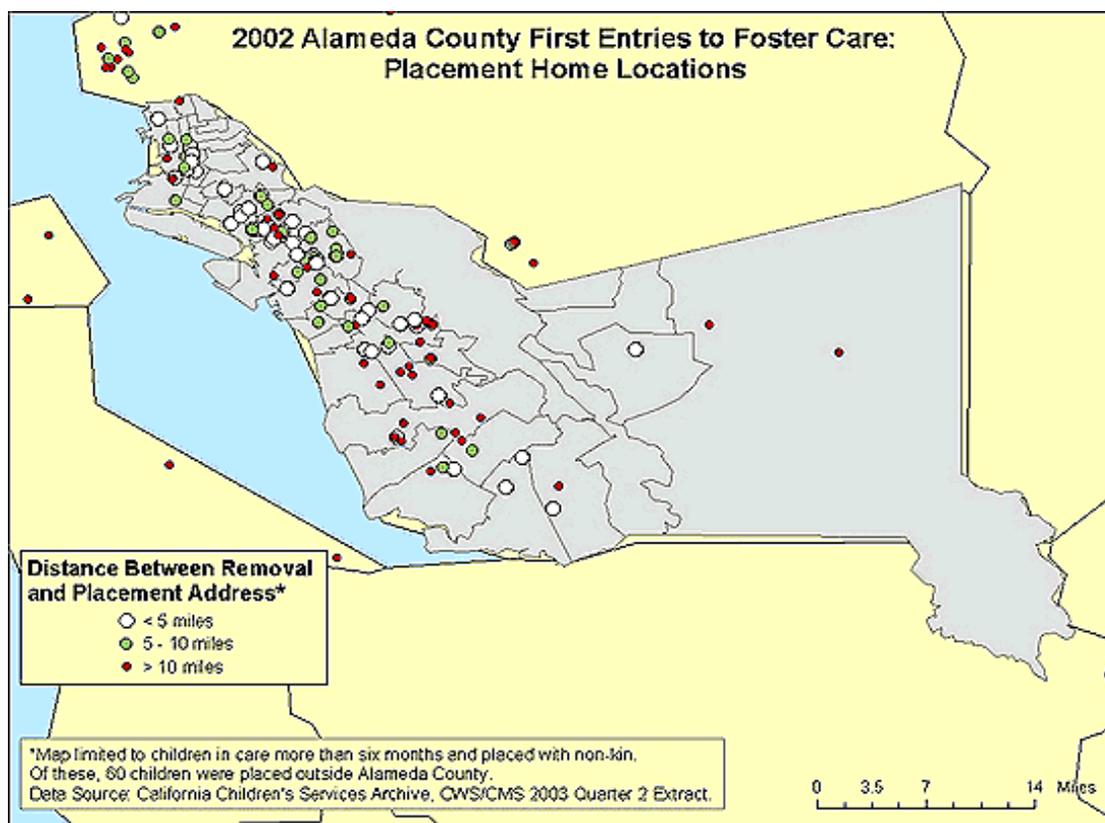
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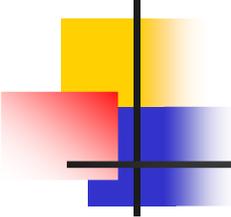
Reducing any disparities associated with race/ethnicity, gender, or age in each of these outcomes

Referrals and Substantiations by Ethnicity/Race for 2002					
Ethnicity/Race	Total Child Population (Age 0-17)	Children with Referrals	% of Racial Population	Referrals with Substantiations	% of Referrals
Black	58,236	5,555	9.5%	985	17.7
White	104,525	3,622	3.5%	552	15.2
Hispanic	96,431	3,302	3.4%	479	14.5
Asian/Other	76,288	1,064	1.4%	122	11.5
Native American	1,357	95	7.0%	18	18.9
Unknown	25,025	380	1.5%	12	3.2
TOTAL	361,862	14,018		2,168	

Family to Family Outcomes Review

Increasing the number and rate of children coming into foster care who are placed in their own neighborhoods or communities





Family To Family Outcomes Review

- Questions/Issues