

Using Local Evaluation Data for Sustainability

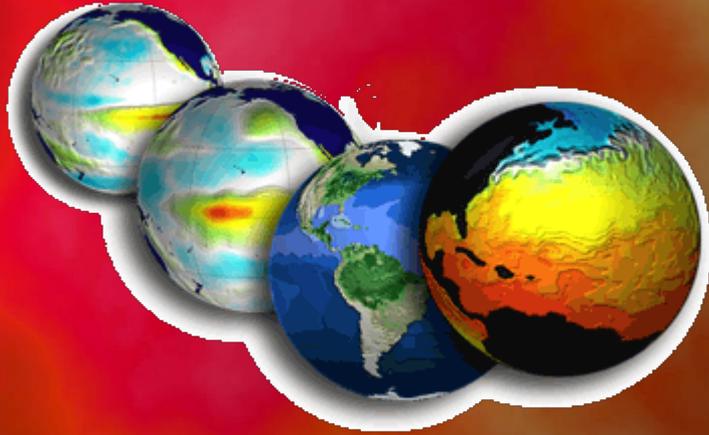
Contra Costa County

Improving Reunification One Parent at a Time

- **Introduction & Overview of Presentation**
- **History & Development of Parent Partner Program**
- **Overview of Mission, Purpose, and Target Population**



Improving Reunification One Parent at a Time



- **County Climate:
Signs of Readiness**
- **Impact of Work on
Systemic and
Familial**
- **Making the Case for
Sustainability – Use
of Data and the
Story**

Development of the Parent Partner Program

- **The Vision...four lines in a grant**
- **Planning and Implementation**
 - **Timeline (2004-present)**
 - **Utilizing Technical Assistance**
 - **Listening to the Parent's voice and being thoughtful**



Mission, Purpose and Target Population



- Mission and Purpose
- Development of Program: Nuts and Bolts
 - Parent Leadership
 - Advocacy and Mentoring
 - Training
- Selection of Target Population
 - Families entering the child welfare system

County Climate: Signs of Readiness

- **Looking back...**
 - **County MH – key partner**
 - **SOC Planning and Policy Council**
 - **Administrative Vision and Support**
 - **Key People brought on board – Parent Partner Coordinator, SOC Grant Coordinator, etc.**
- **Looking back...**
 - **State climate was conducive for change: CCFSR & SIP, State Redesign, F2F growing, Foster Youth involvement growing**
 - **Grantee Meetings – traveling and collaborating together**

Impact of Work: Systemic

- **Demystifying Parents**
- **Building Bridges between Child Welfare & Families**
- **Changing the Culture**
- **Connections with the Community**
- **Making better decisions about strategies having the “experts” in the room**



Impact of Work - Familial



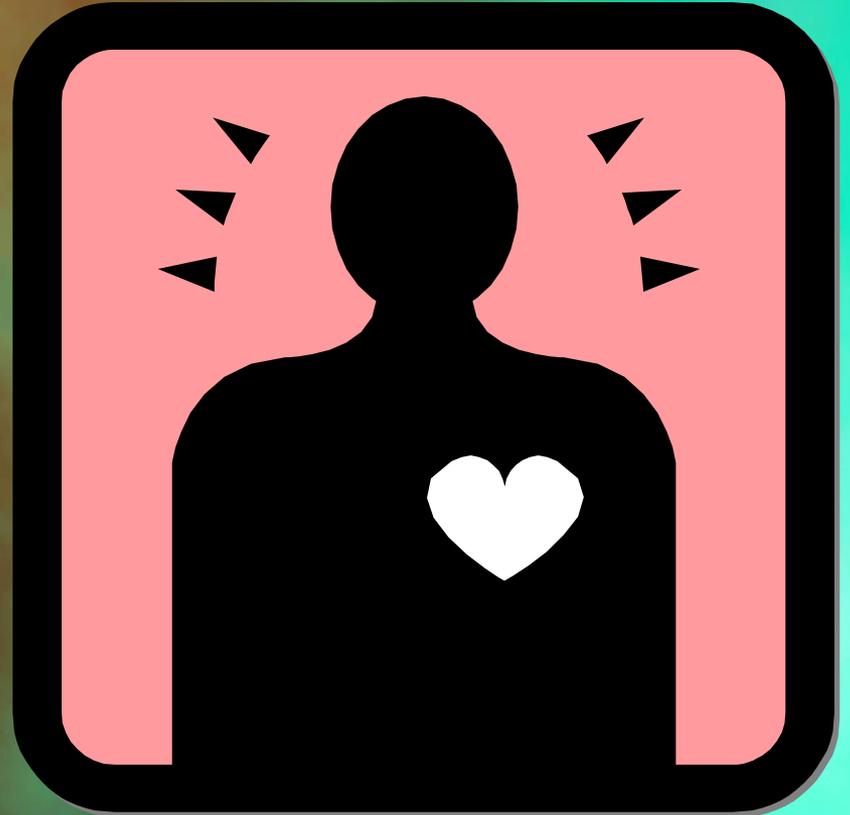
- **Advocacy skills**
- **Empowerment**
- **Improved skills**
 - **Communication**
 - **Social**
 - **Life**
- **Demystifying the “system”**
- **Developing Tools and Tips**
 - **Parent Partner Handbook**

Use of Data and the “Story”

- **Presenting data and personal stories at the local, state, and federal level**
 - **Local: Board of Supervisors, community, and staff**
 - **State: State CFSR, Blue Ribbon panels, State Advisory boards, State Department of Social Services**
 - **Federal: Presentations to Regions, SOC Grantee meetings**

The Story is the Personal Touch

- **Parents sharing their stories**
 - Digital stories, presentations, media interviews, writing articles, testimonies, program brochure, in person one on one



Now the Data



Evaluation Information

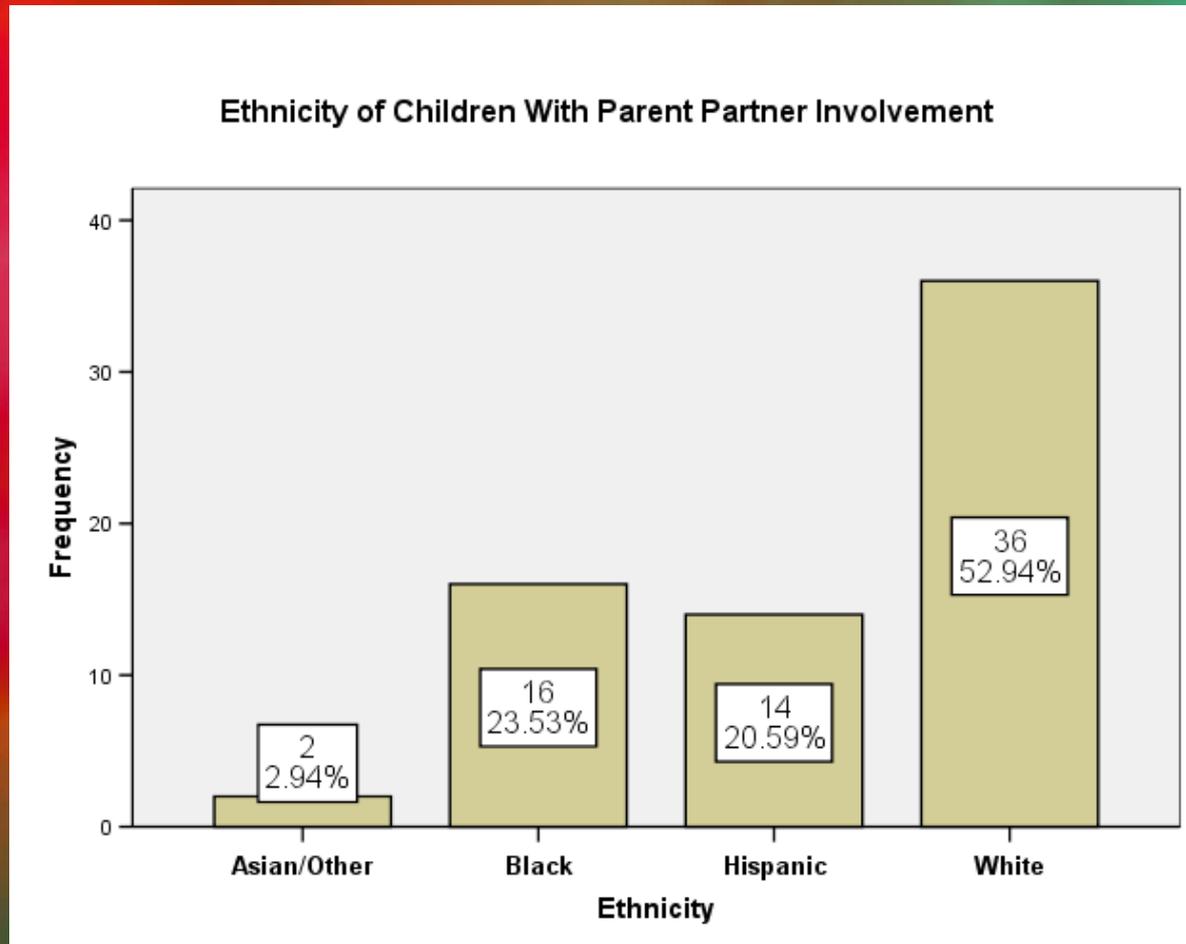
- Quantitative data
- Qualitative data
- Future areas
- Thoughts on presenting the data



Analytic Information

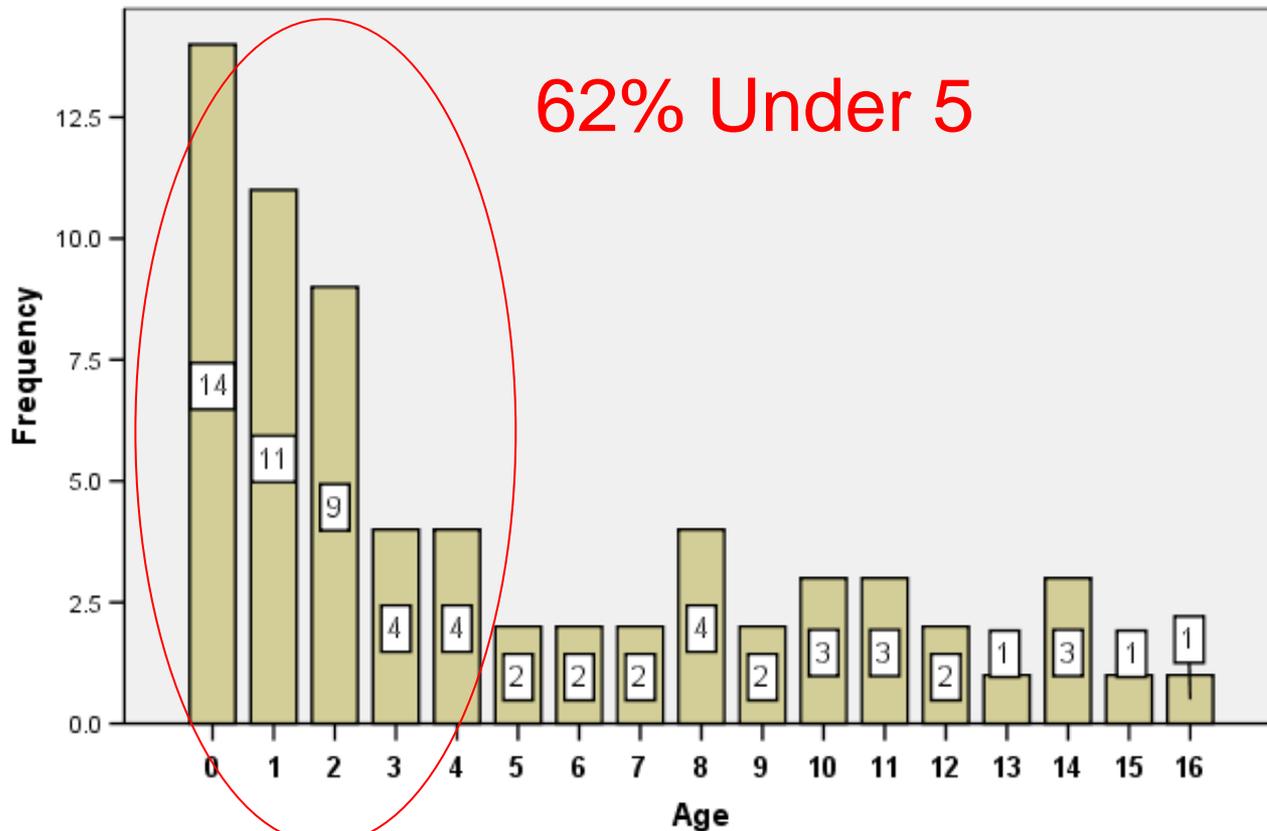
- **68 cases with Parent Partner mentoring**
 - Child removed from home between July 2005 and May 2006
- **68 matched historical cases from 2004 were chosen**
 - Matched on ethnicity, removal reason, substance use, region of the county
- **Length of time to reunification was calculated**
 - Case placement episode termination reason had to be listed as “reunified with parent/guardian”
 - Case placement episode end date was used to determine the length of time to reunification

Demographics - Ethnicity



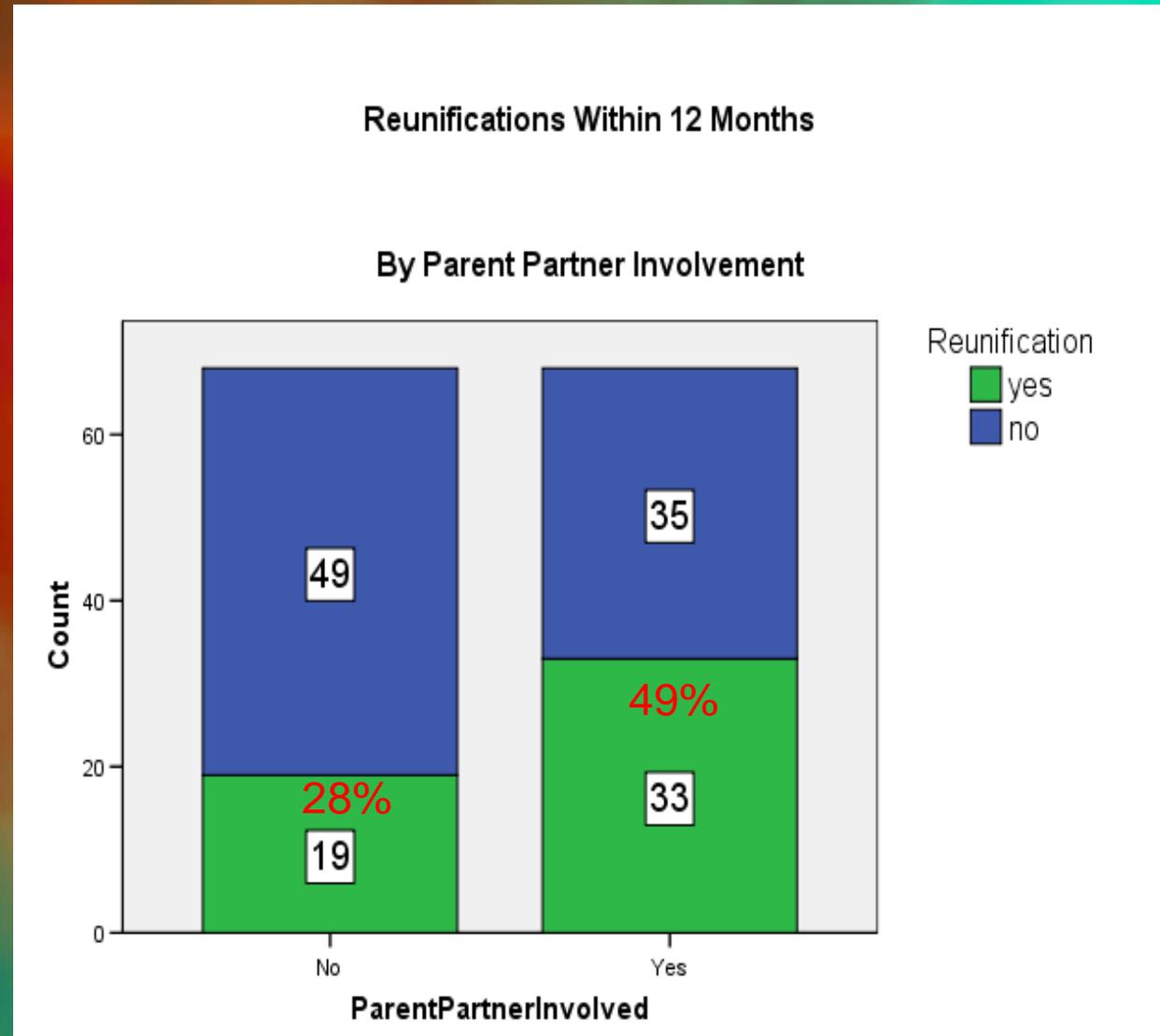
Demographics - Age

Age of Child With Parent Partner Involvement



Reunifications Within 12 Months

Using logistic regression, Parent Partner involvement significantly increased timely reunifications, $p = .01$



Recidivism After Reunification

- **Parent Partner Involved**

- 24 children reunified within 6 months (35%)
- 2 children were removed again after reunification (8%)

- **Non-Parent Partner Involved**

- 15 children reunified within 6 months (22%)
- 7 children were removed again after reunification (47%)

Qualitative Data

- **Parent Partner Fidelity and Satisfaction Survey: n= 50**
 - **Positive feedback**
 - **Empowerment**
 - **Understanding the System**
 - **General Satisfaction**
 - **Cultural Competency**
 - **Service Needs**

Qualitative Data

- **Focus group with Parent Partner clients: n= 12**
- **Positive feedback**
 - **“Sameness” of experience helpful**
 - **Mentoring through the court process**
 - **Hope**
 - **Suggestions:**
 - **Parent Partner advocate in court**
 - **Hire more Parent Partners**

Qualitative Data

- **Key informant interviews: n= 17**
 - Interviews with social workers, TDM coordinators, social worker supervisors, attorneys, judges, etc.
 - **Positive feedback**
 - Parent Partners bridge the gap between parents and the system
 - Help with communication
 - Help parents keep up with their goals
 - Help parents advocate for themselves

Future Analysis

- **Cost Avoidance?**



Presenting the Data

Output, prices and jobs
% change on year ago

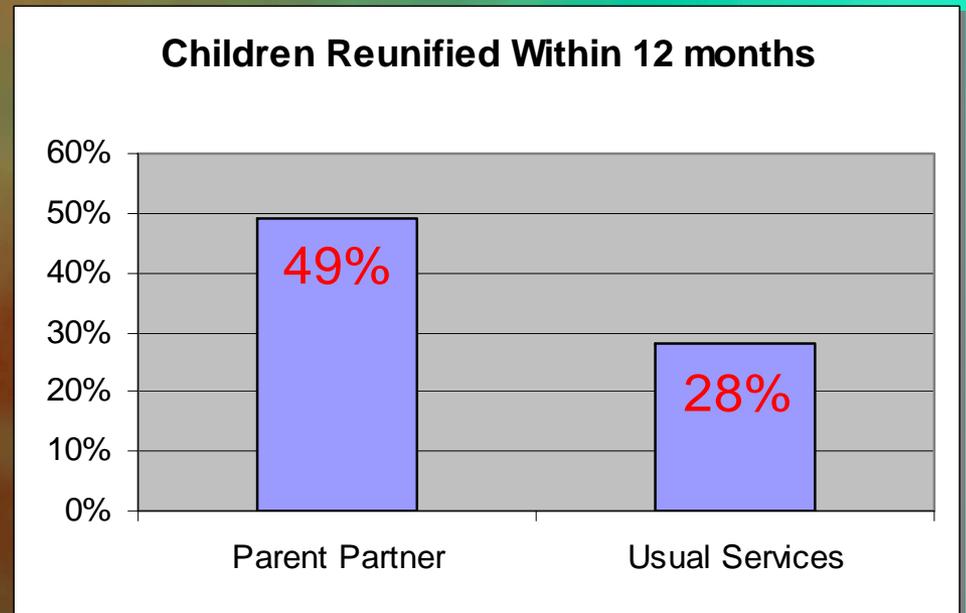
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	latest	qtr*	2007 ¹		latest	year ago		2007 ¹		
United States	+3.1 04	+2.5	+2.3	+2.7	+3.4 Feb	+2.4 Feb	+3.6	+2.1	4.5 Feb	
Iran	+2.3 04	+5.5	+2.3	+2.6	Feb	-0.2 Feb	-3.1	+0.1	4.0 Feb	
India	+10.7 04	na	+9.8	+9.7	+12.6 Feb	+2.7 Feb	+0.9	+2.7	9.8 Feb	
Britain	+3.0 04	+2.7	+2.6	+2.5	+0.4 Jan	+2.8 Feb	+2.0	+2.1	5.0 Feb	
Canada	+2.3 04	+1.4	+2.4	+2.7	-3.3 Dec	+2.0 Feb	+2.2	+1.7	5.3 Feb	
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Austria	+3.3 04	+3.3	+2.8	+2.6	+8.5 Jan	+1.7 Feb	+1.2	+1.6	4.4 Mar	
Belgium	+2.9 04	+2.4	+2.3	+2.2	+2.6 Jan	+1.8 Mar	+1.7	+1.1	11.5 Feb	
France	+2.7 04	+2.9	+2.1	+2.1	-0.6 Jan	+1.0 Mar	+1.9	+1.1	6.4 Feb	
Germany	+2.7 04	+3.5	+2.2	+2.1	+1.0 Jan	+1.8 Mar	+1.8	+1.8	6.2 Mar	
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Pakistan	+6.6 2006	na	+6.6	+6.0	+6.8 Sep	+7.4 Feb	+8.0	+6.8	na	
Singapore	+6.6 04	+7.9	+5.4	+5.5	+1.1 Feb	+0.6 Feb	+1.2	+1.4	2.6 04	
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Iceland	+2.5 04	+7.8	+0.43	+2.63	na	+5.9 Mar	+4.5	+3.9	1.3 Feb	
Ireland	+5.0 04	+0.1	+5.23	+2.03	+8.9 Jan	+4.8 Feb	+3.3	+1.0	2.2 Feb	
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*% change on previous quarter; annual rate. ¹The Economist base. ²National definitions. ³Economist Intelligence Unit estimate/forecast. ⁴MPI inflation rate 4.0% in Feb. ⁵Latest three months. ⁶Not seasonally adjusted. ⁷Year ending June. Sources: National statistics offices and central banks; Thomson Datastream; Reuters; Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy; OECD; ECB

- Clear
- Concise
- Presented by a Parent Partner – Work together

An Example

- **Parent Partner mentoring appears to increase timely reunifications**



Add “Heart” to the Data



Having a
Parent
Partner
present data
combines
“heart and
“head” into a
winning
combination

Avoid “TMI”

- Too Much Information



Use “Kid” Pictures



And Now...the Best for Last

• Sayida!

