



# Changes in Outcomes in *Family to Family* Sites

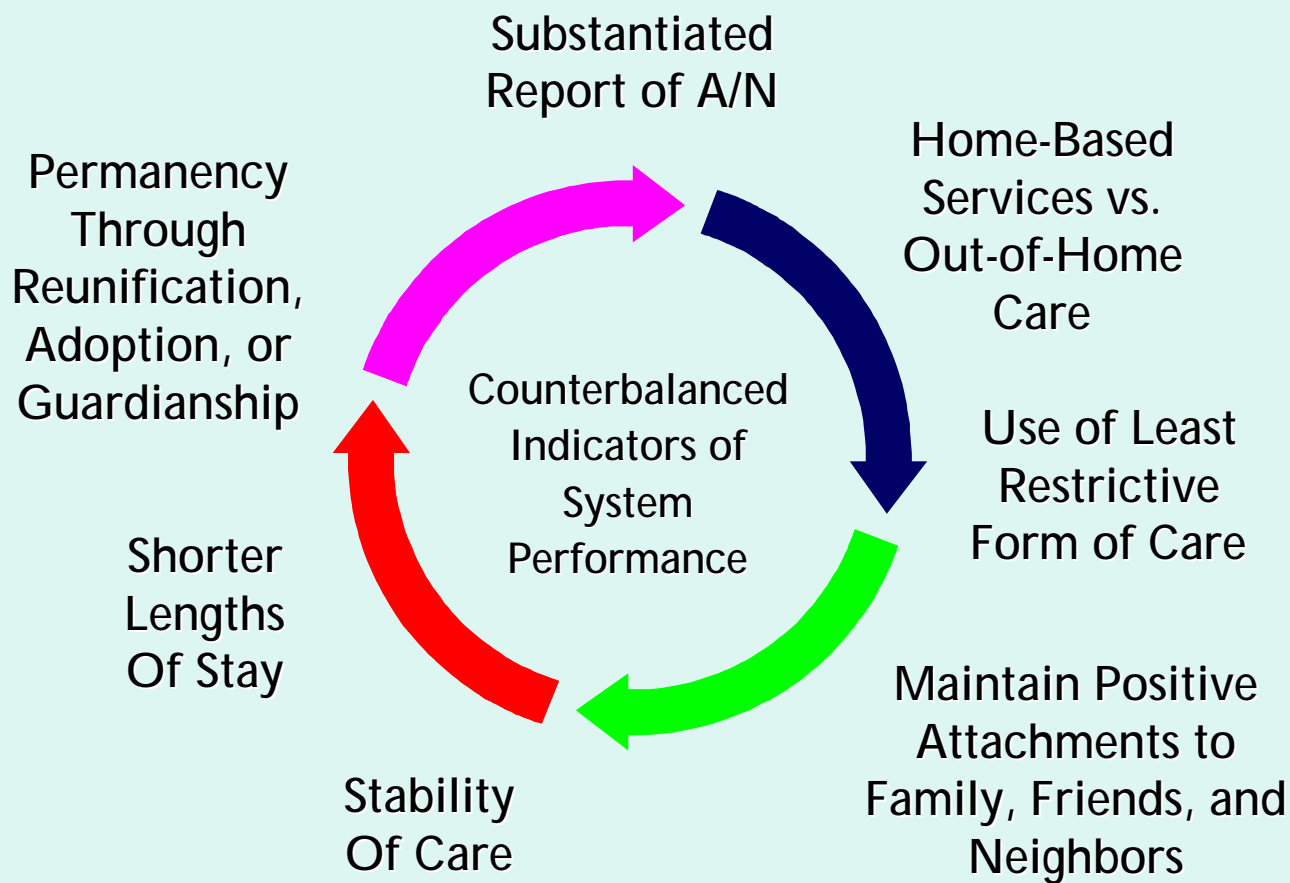
## Self-Evaluation in Action

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# Notes

- *Family to Family* is a set of core strategies that are inextricably linked. Self-evaluation teams compile data to demonstrate that as the four core strategies are implemented, outcomes begin to change.
- *Family to Family* self-evaluation teams track information on the 9 outcomes. The data presented in these slides are a small portion of these data.

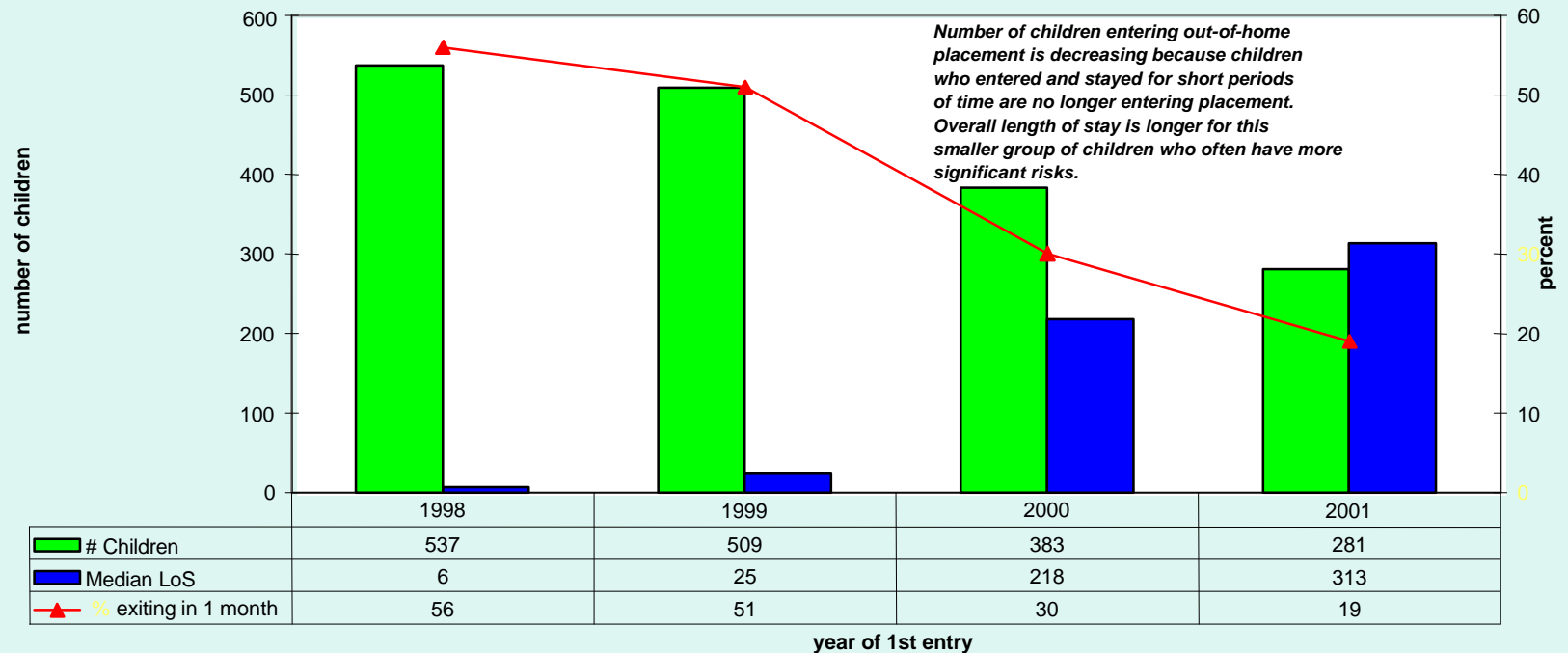
# The Cycle of Experiences in the Child Welfare System



# Reducing Removals: Birmingham, Alabama

## Number of Children Entering Placement and Length of Stay

### Birmingham, Alabama

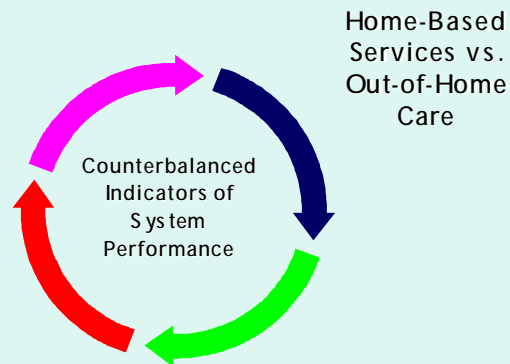


■ # Children   
 ■ Median LoS   
 ▲ % exiting in 1 month

These data show the relationship between the number of children entering out-of-home placement and the overall length of stay for children served by the agency.

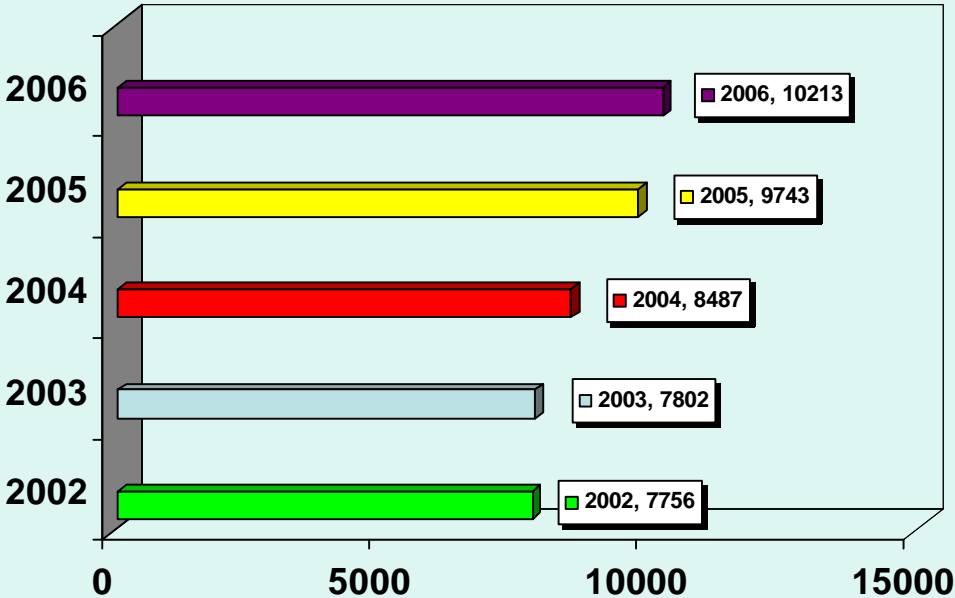
# Result: Reducing Unnecessary Removals Serving More Families Safely at Home

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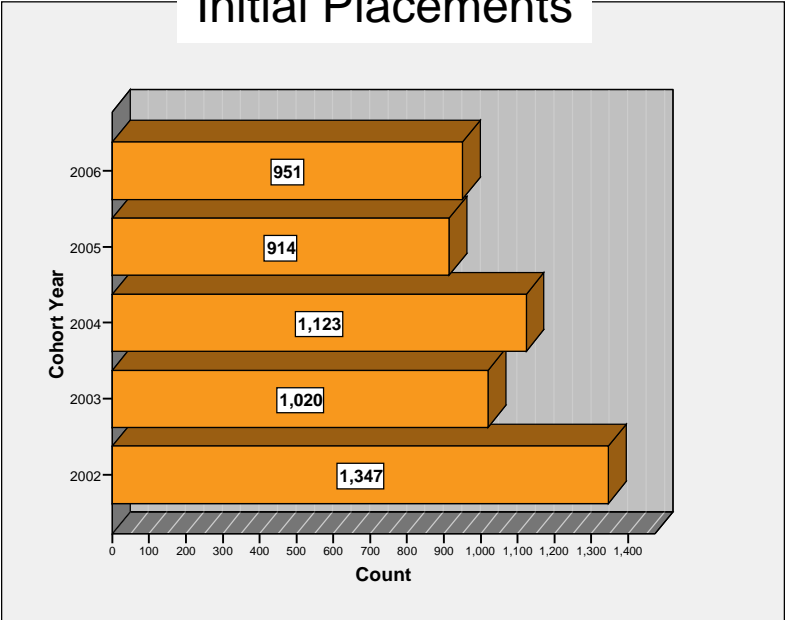


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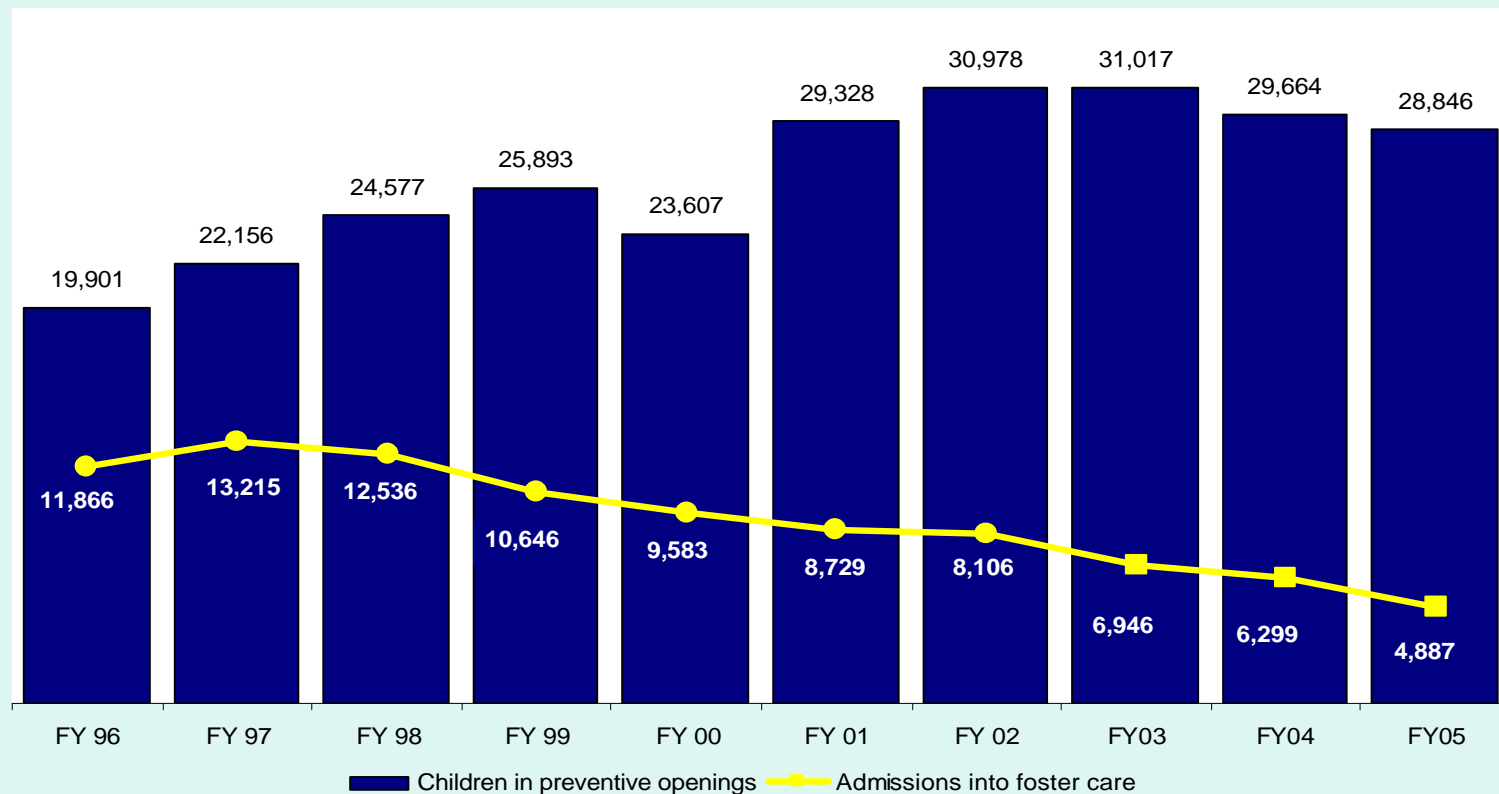
## Referrals



## Initial Placements



## Total Foster Care Admissions vs. Total Children in Preventive Openings, NYC, Fiscal Years 1996-2005



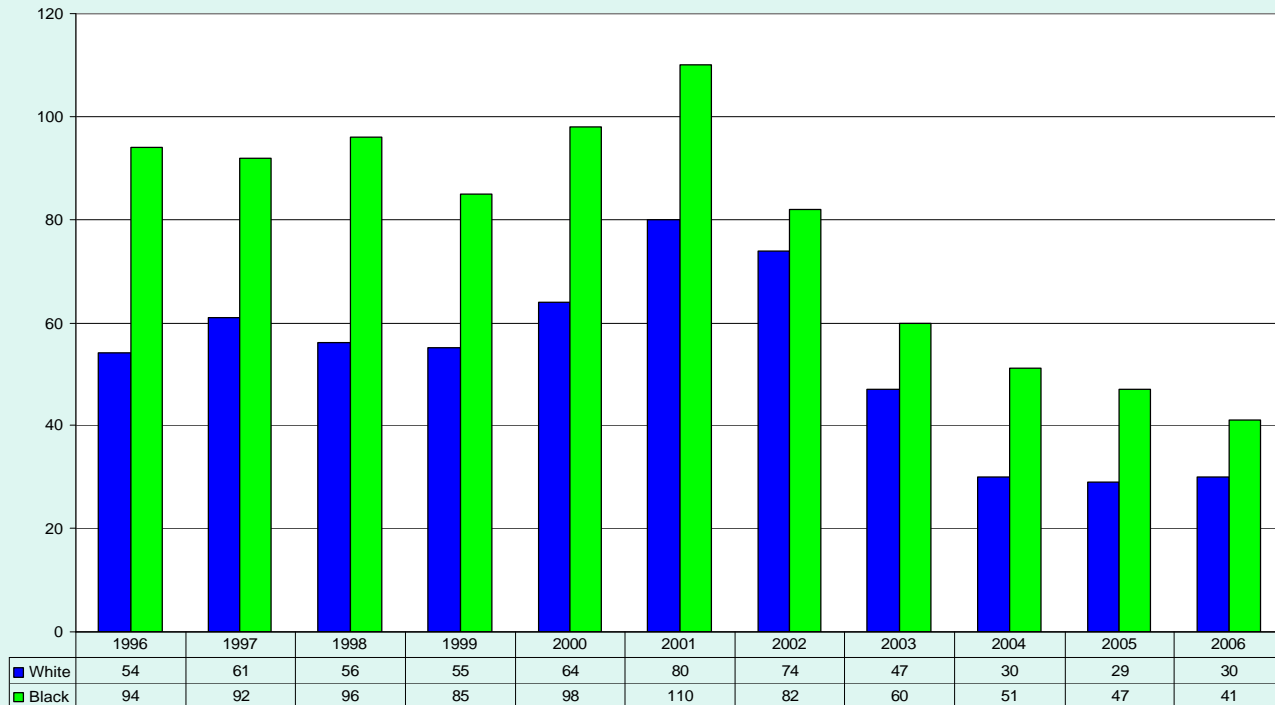
### Reducing Removals and Increasing Prevention Services: New York City

Source: US Dept. of Health and Human Services, Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS); American Public Welfare Association (now American Public Human Services Association); and ACS Office of Research and Evaluation. Data for NYC for 2005 is for August, all other years represent number of children in care at the end of December.



# Result: Reducing Racial Disparity in Rate of Entry to Out-of-Home Placement

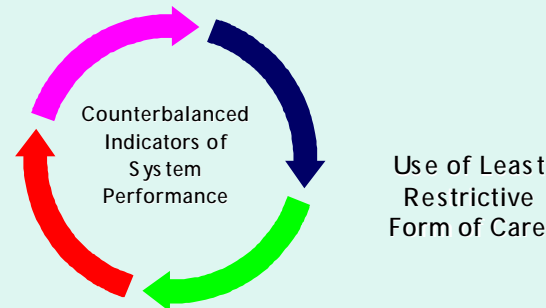
# Rate of Out of Home Placement per 1,000 Open Cases by Race Cuyahoga County, OH



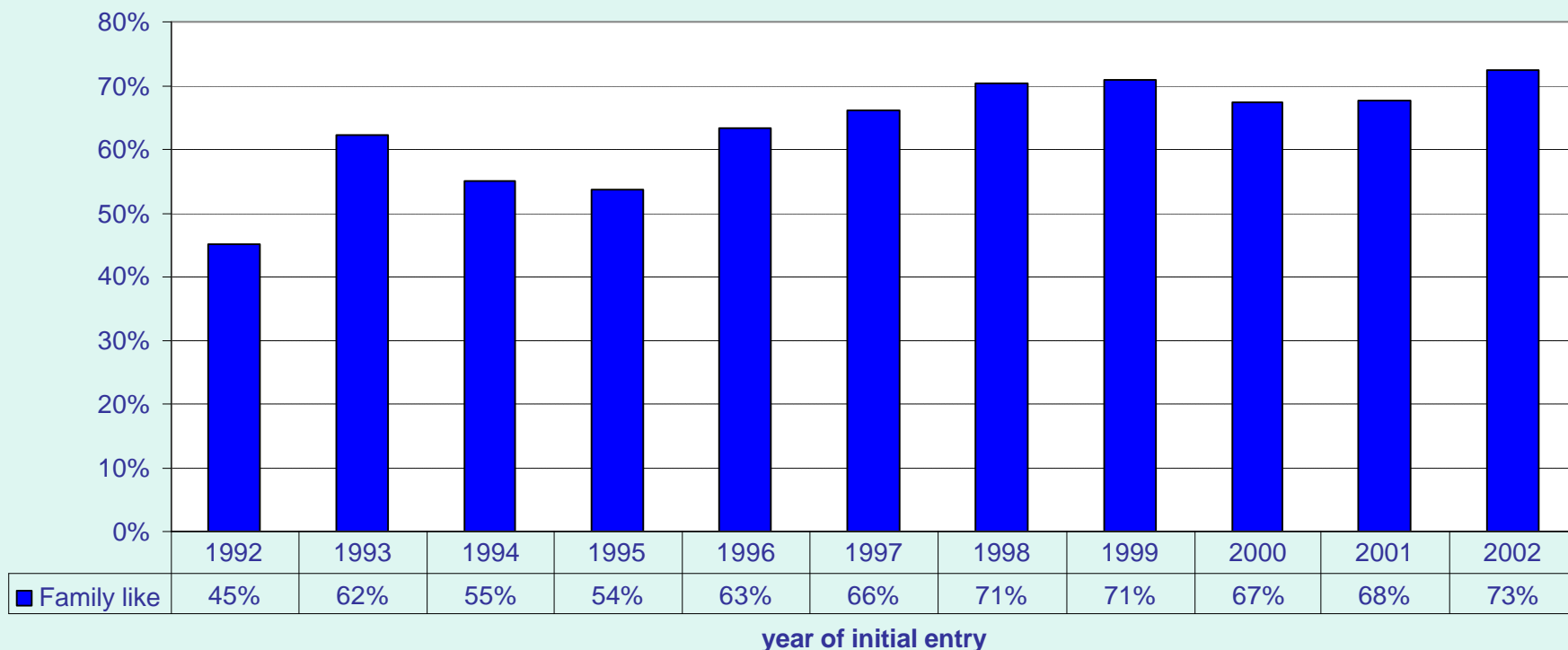
In the last 5 years the rate of placement of African American and Caucasian children decreased.

# Result: Reducing Reliance on Institutions; Placing More Children with Families

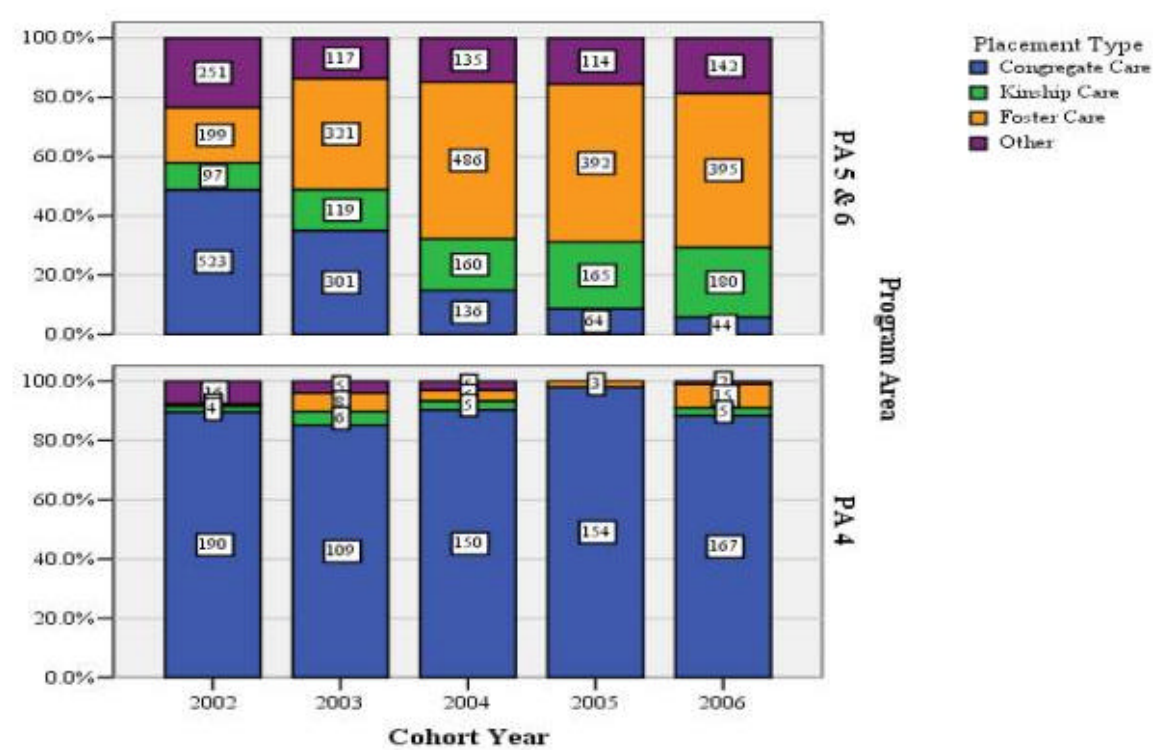
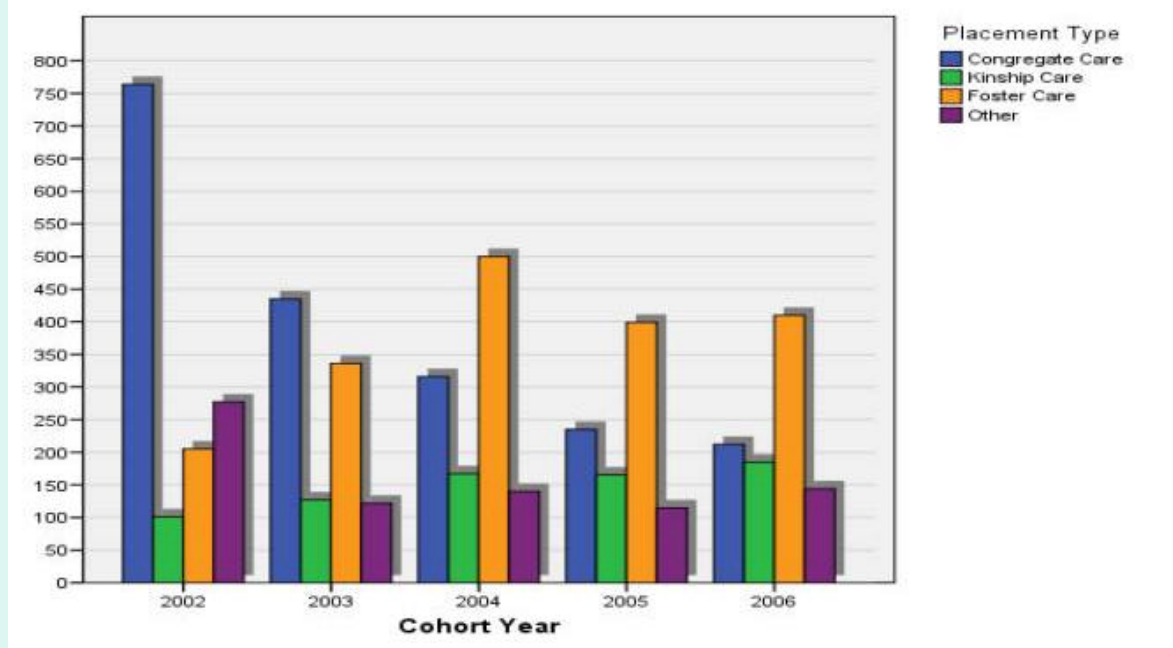
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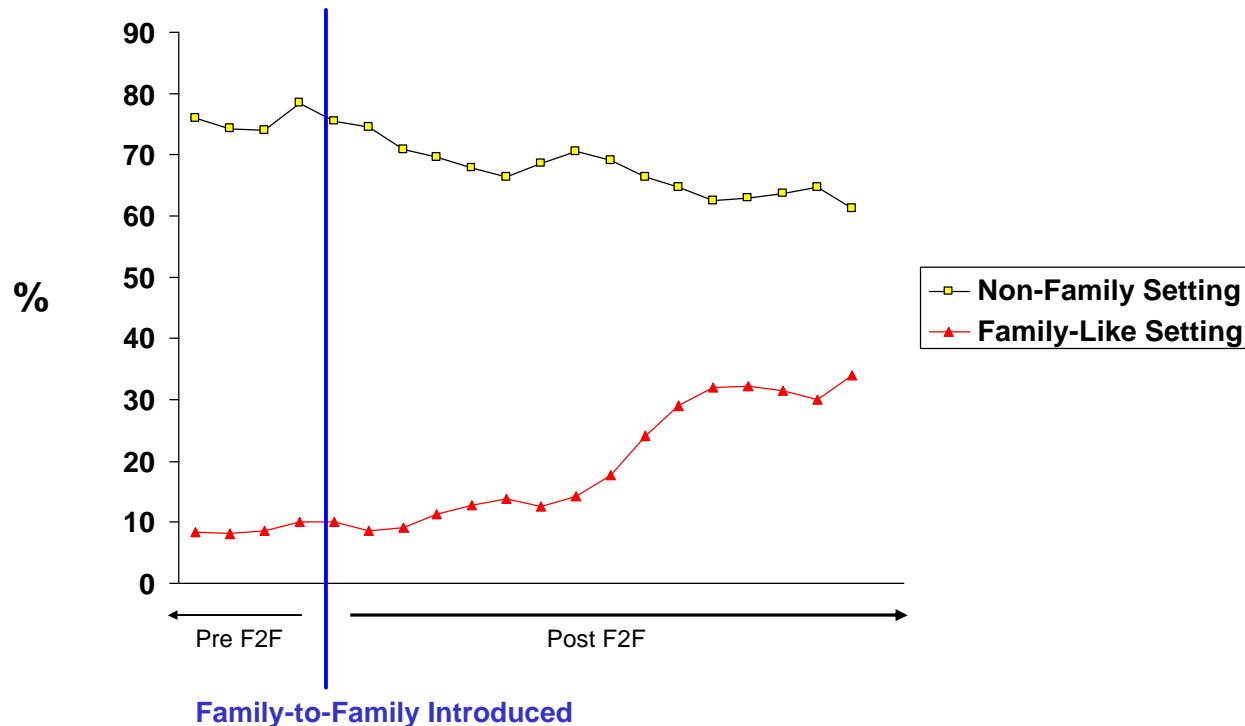
## Proportion of Teens Initially Placed in Family-like Settings in Cleveland



The percentage of teens initially placed in a family-like setting increased from 45% in 1992 to 73% in 2002

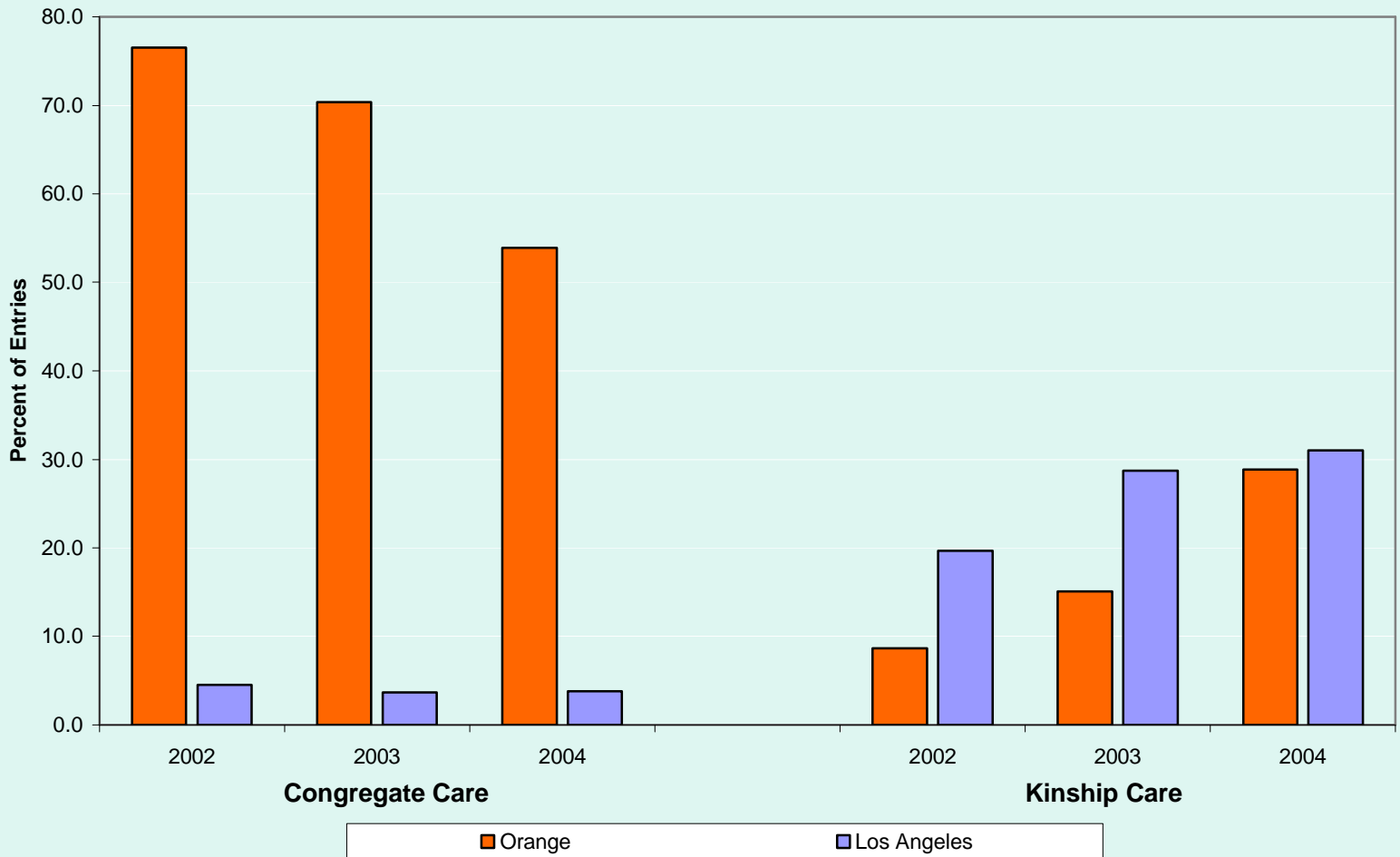


*Initial Placements for Children First Entering Foster Care:  
Santa Clara (1998-2004)*



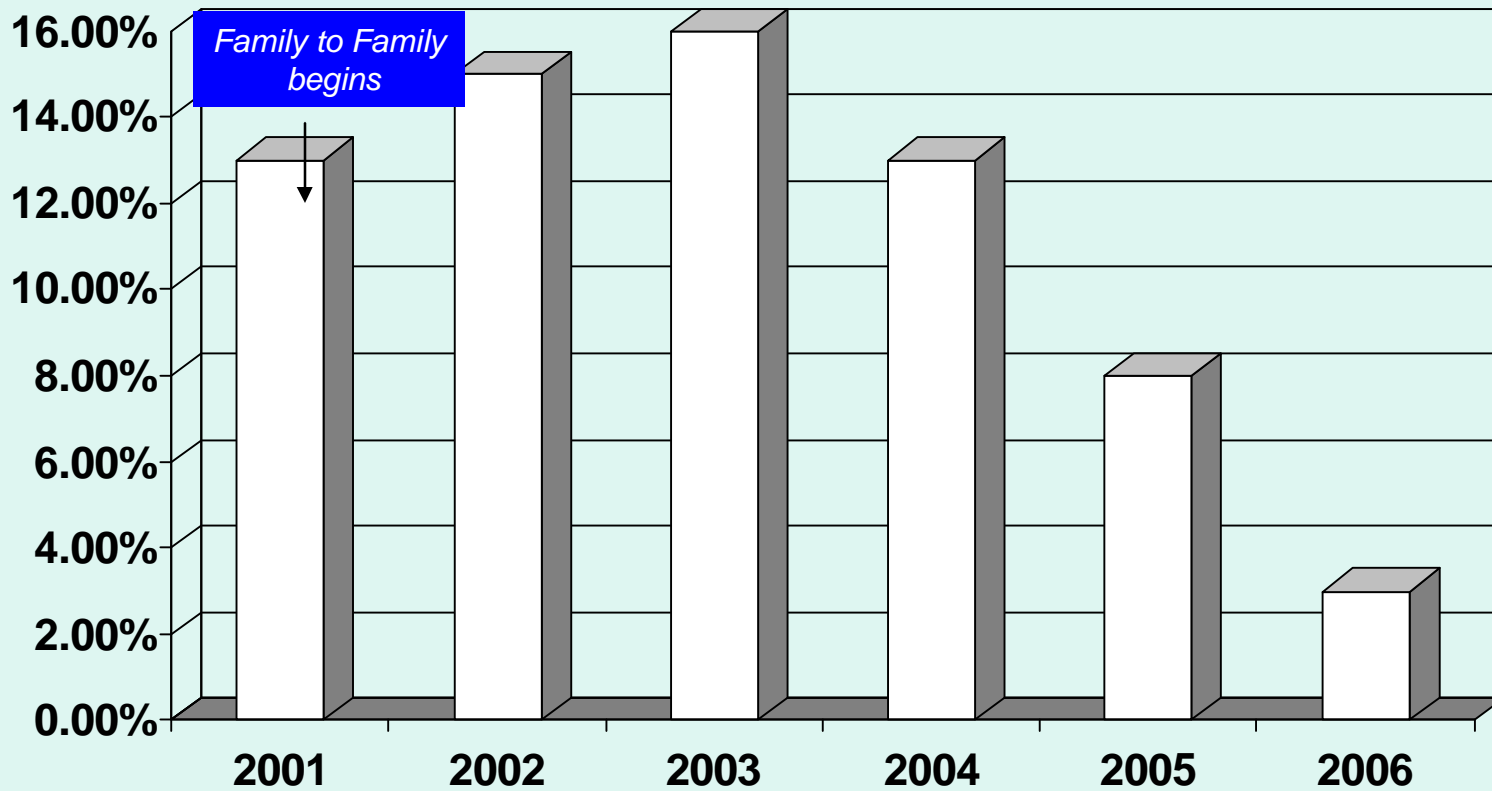
In Santa Clara, there has been an increase in the proportion placed initially into a family-like setting, and a decrease in the proportion placed initially into a non-family-like setting.

## First Entries by First Placement Type



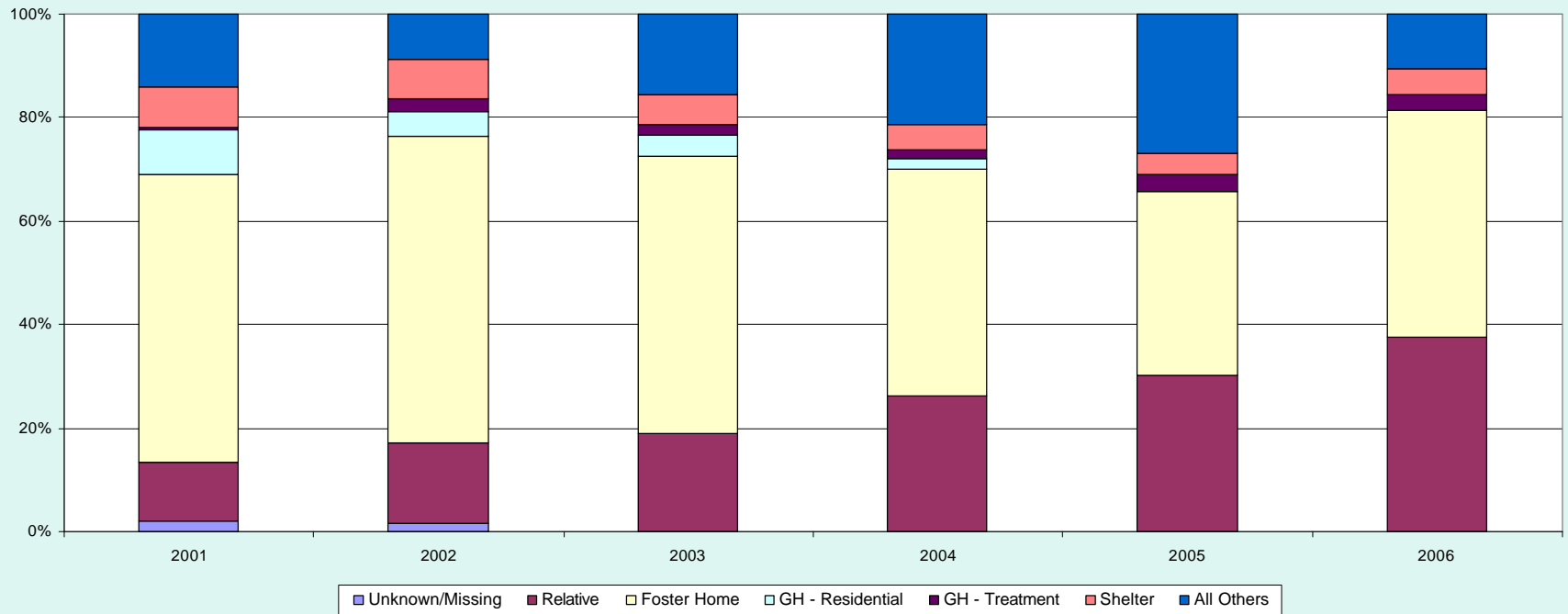
In Orange and Los Angeles, there has been a decrease in the proportion placed initially into a congregat setting, and an increase in the proportion of those whose first placement was into a kinship home.

# Percentage of Children Initially Placed in an Institutional or Group Care Setting in Wayne County



# Initial Placement Type, Wake County, NC

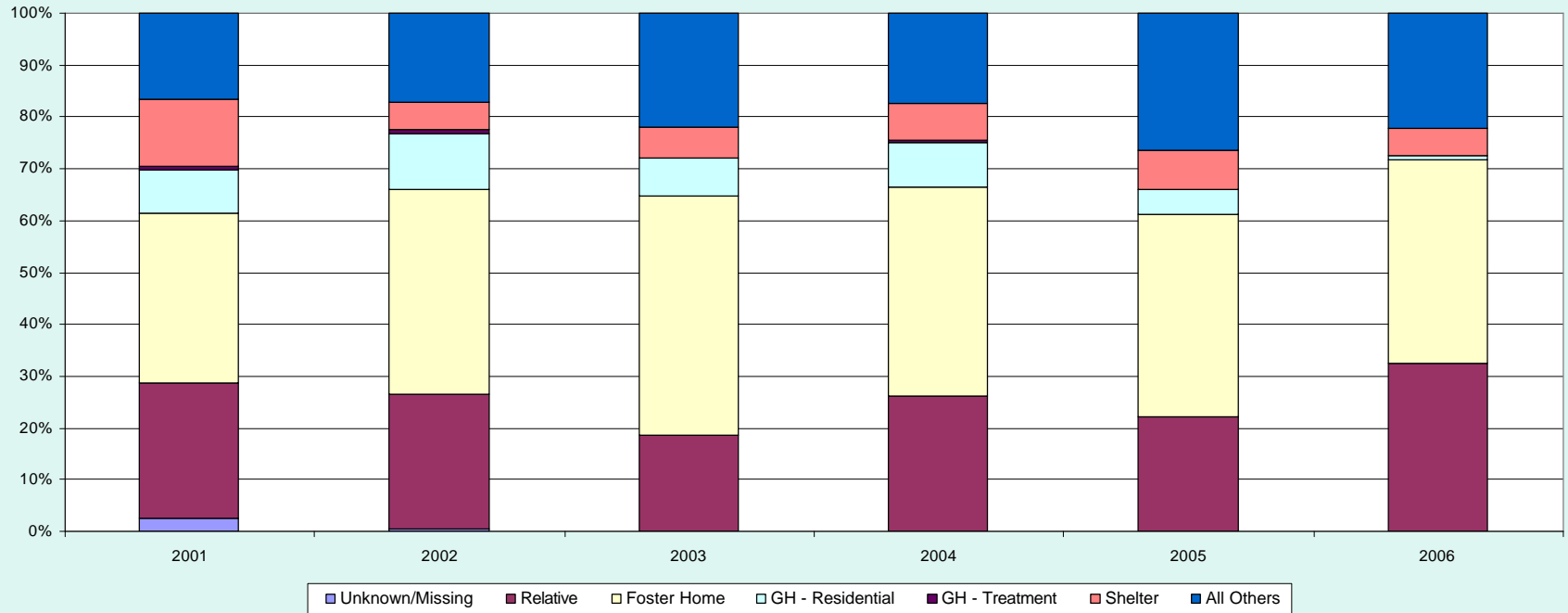
Initial Placement for Children Entering Placement for First Time in Wake County, NC



The percentage of children initially placed with relatives has increased.

# Initial Placement Type, Guilford County, NC

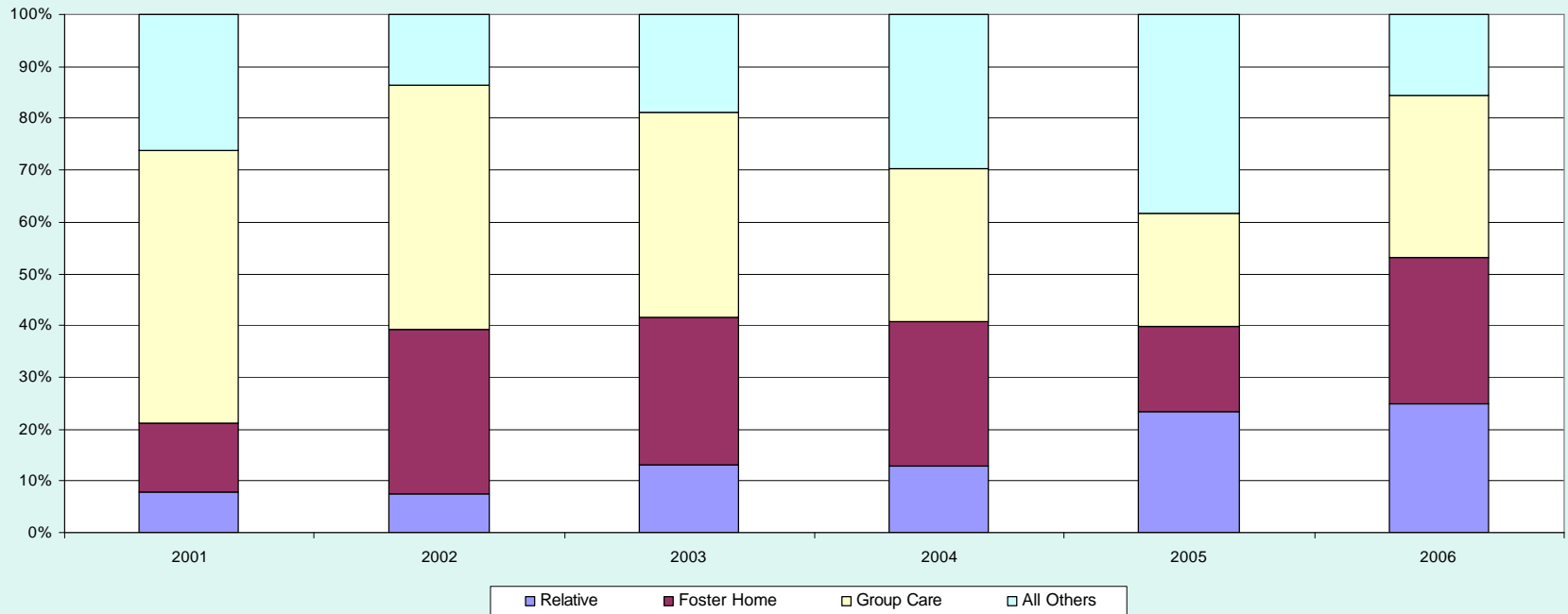
Initial Placement Time for Children Entering Placement for First Time in Guilford County, NC



The percentage of children initially placed with relatives has increased.

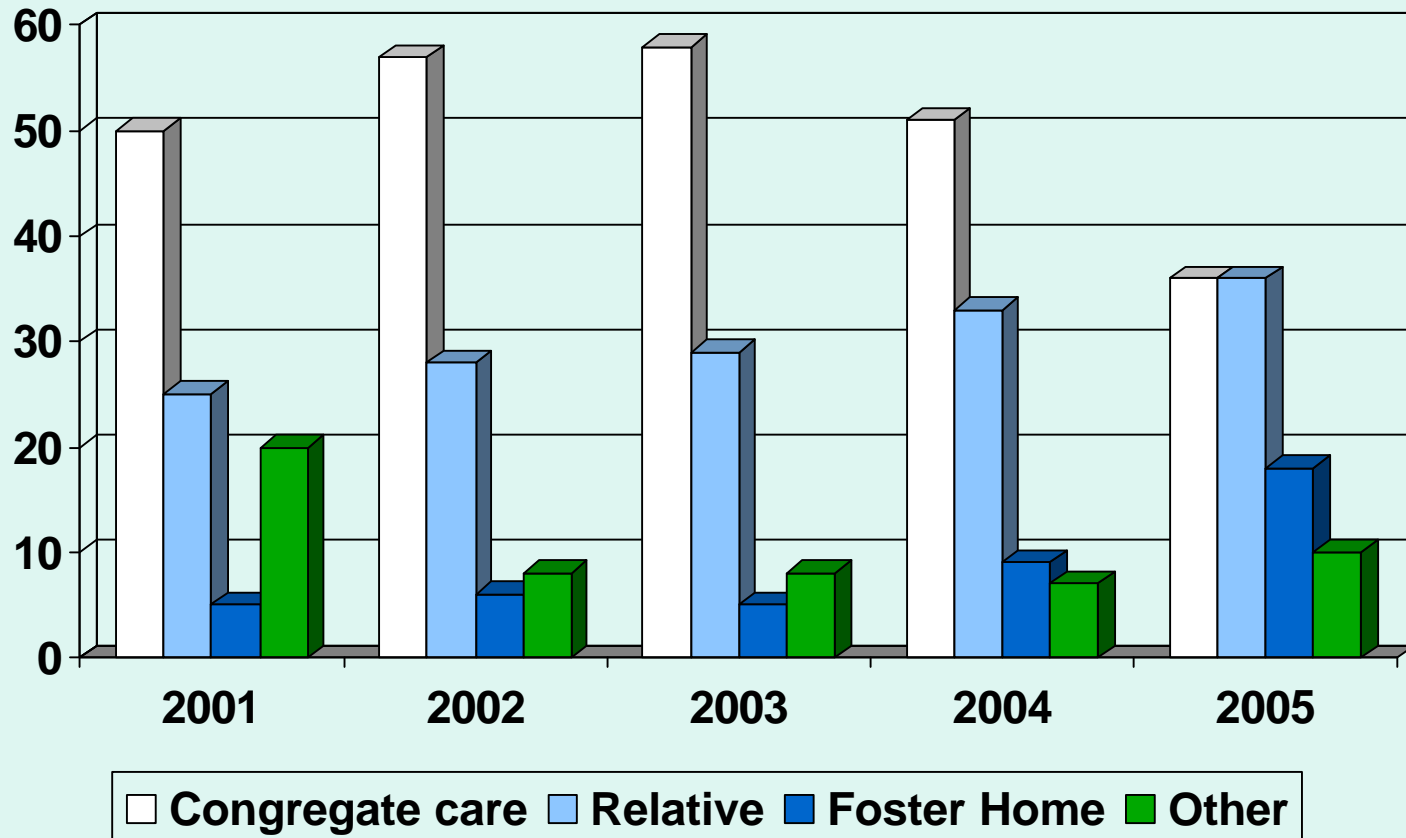
# Initial Placement Type for Teens Wake County, NC

Initial Placements for Youth (12 years and older) in Wake County, NC



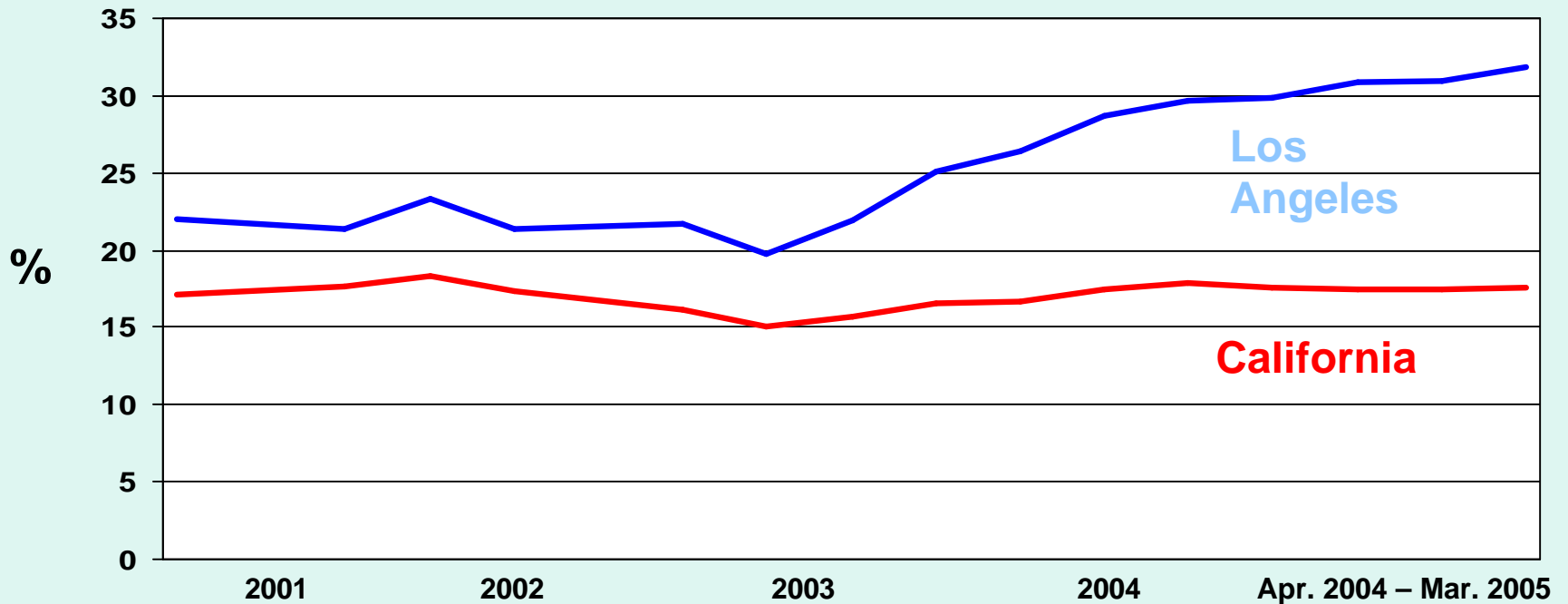
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# Percentage of Youth over 14 Years by Initial Placement Type in Detroit, MI



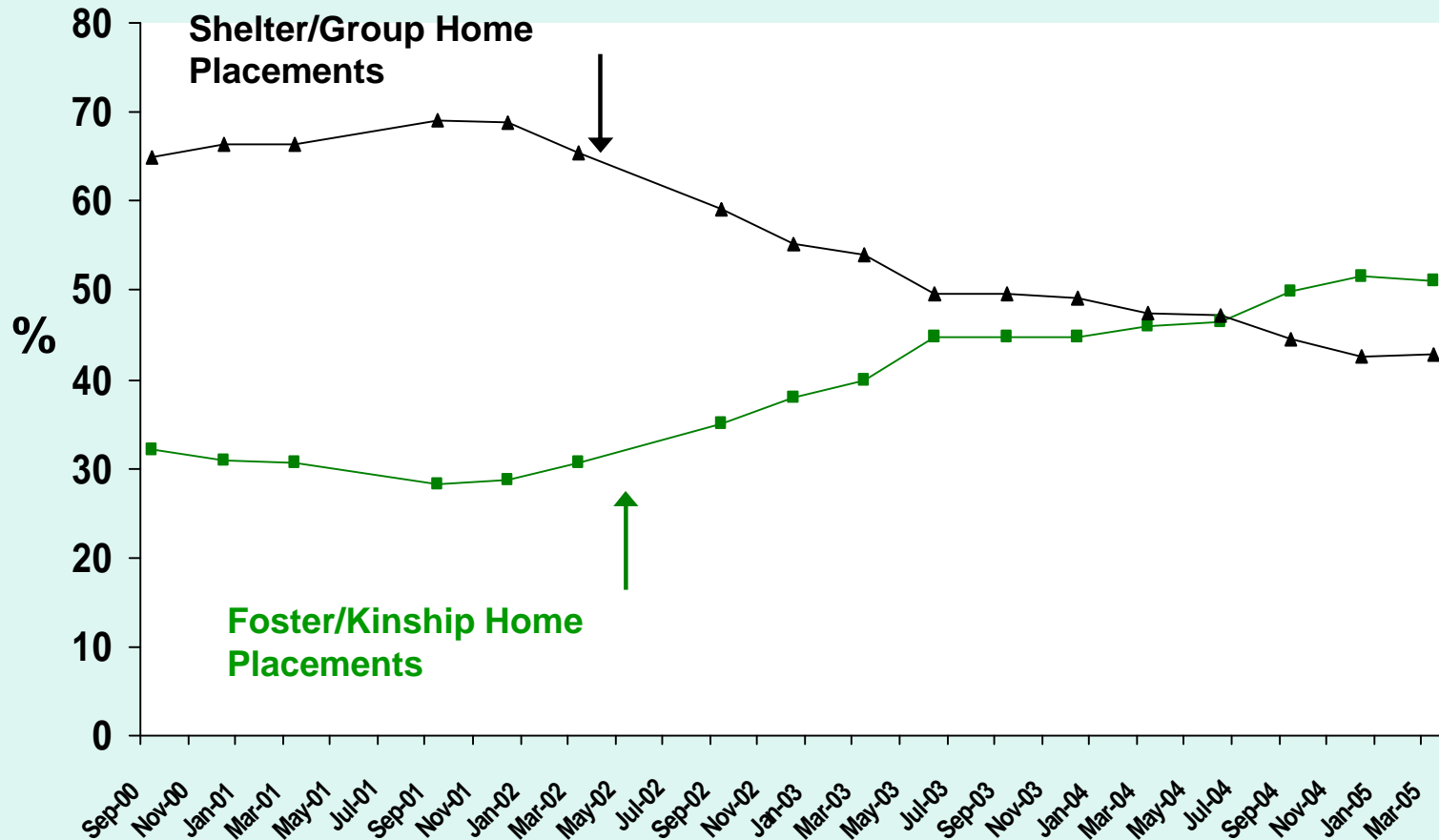
The percentage of children initially placed with relatives and in foster homes has increased.

## *Kinship Placements for Children First Entering Foster Care: Los Angeles vs. California (2001-2005)*



**There has been an increase in the proportion of children placed into kinship care as a first placement type for LA county relative to the state.**

*Initial Placements for Children First Entering Foster Care: San Diego – Congregate Care vs. Family Care (2000-2005)*

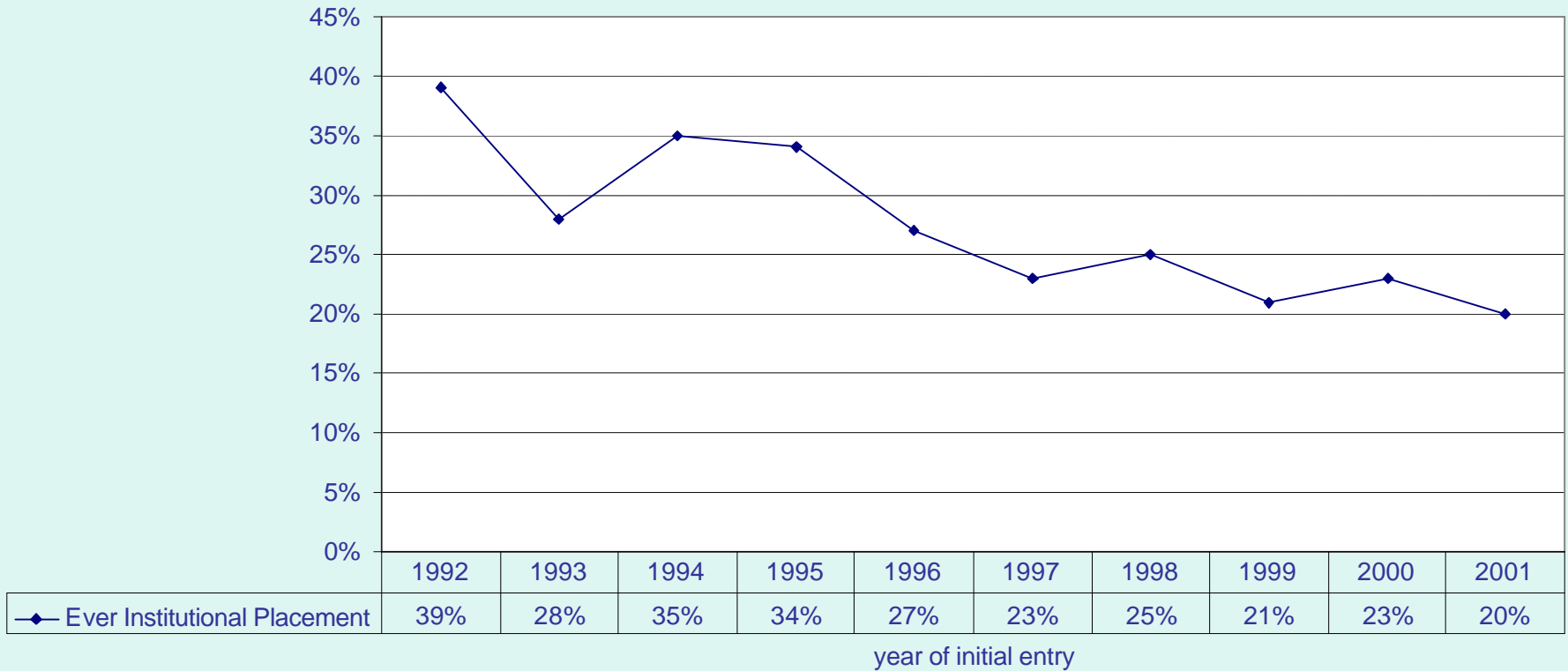


**In San Diego, there has been an increase in the proportion of those placed initially into a family-like setting and a decrease in the proportion of those placed initially into congregate care.**



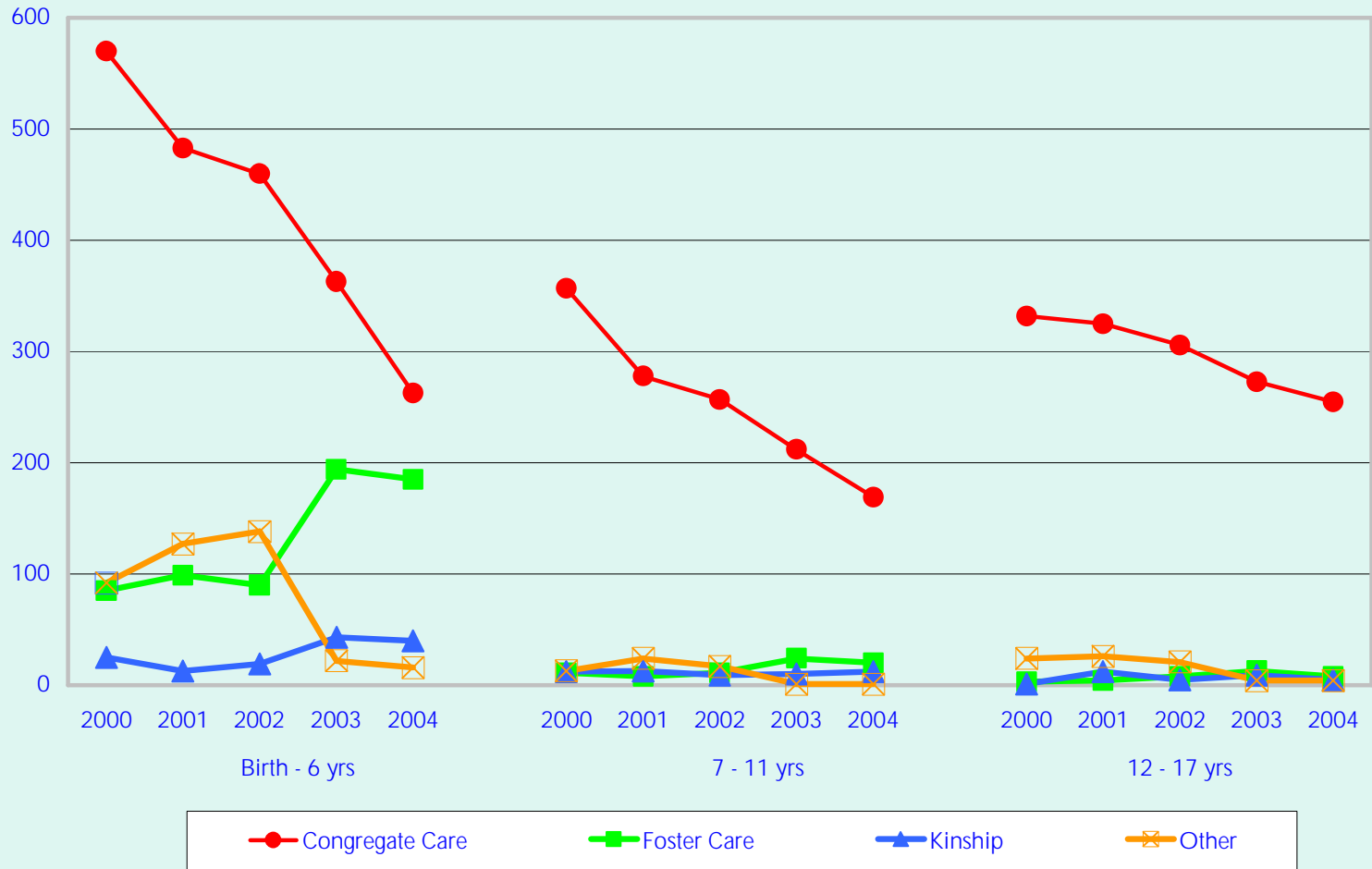
Result: Reducing Age Disparity  
in Placement in Family Settings

## Percentage of Teens who Ever Experienced an Institutional Placement



The proportion of teens initially entering placement who are “ever” placed in an institutional setting has decreased considerably since the beginning of F2F

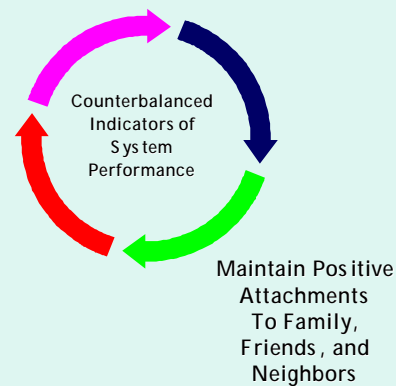
## Initial Placements in Santa Clara by Age at Entry



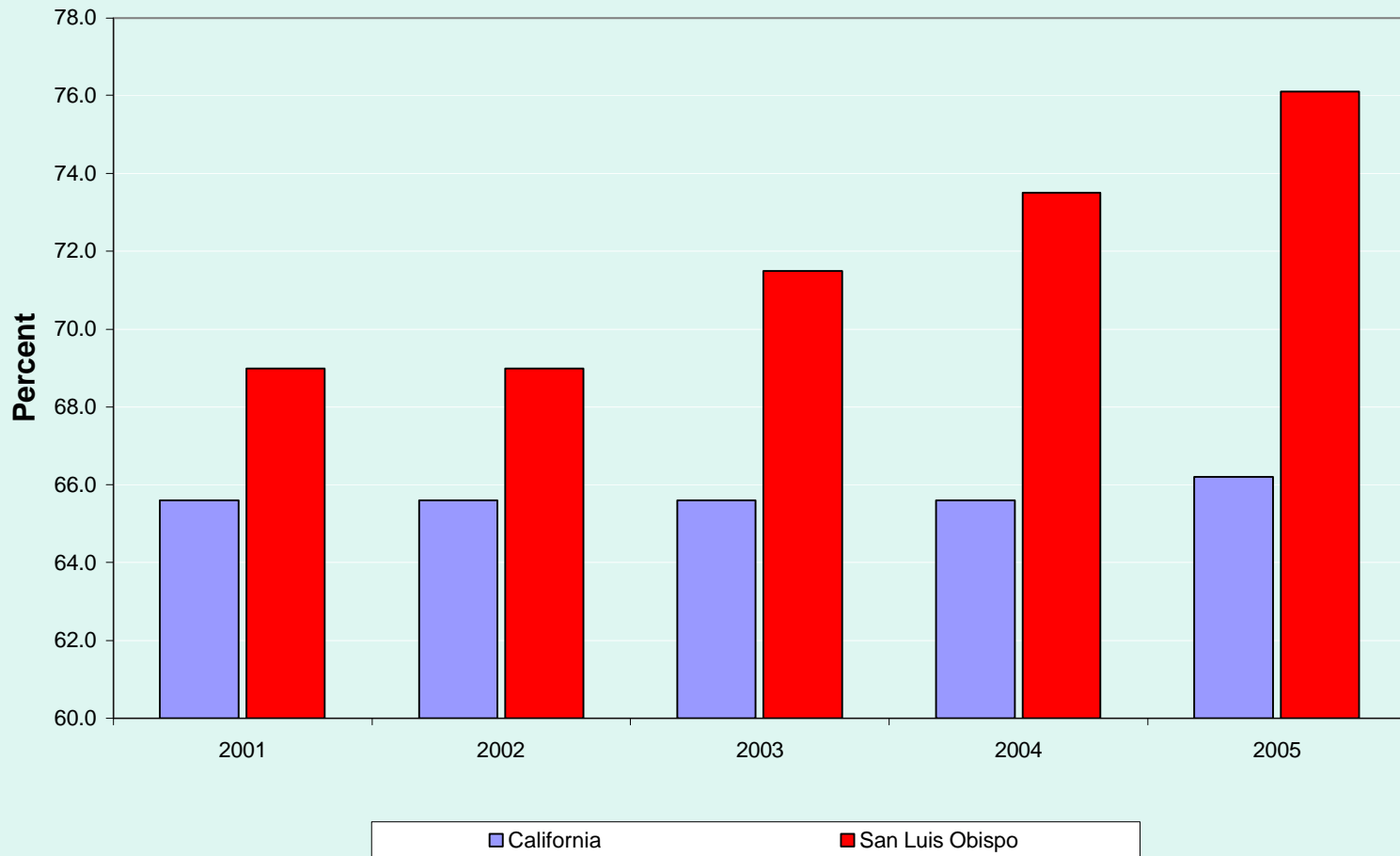
There was a decrease in use of congregative care settings for children of all ages in Santa Clara.

# Result: Maintaining Family Connections for Children in Out-of-Home Placement

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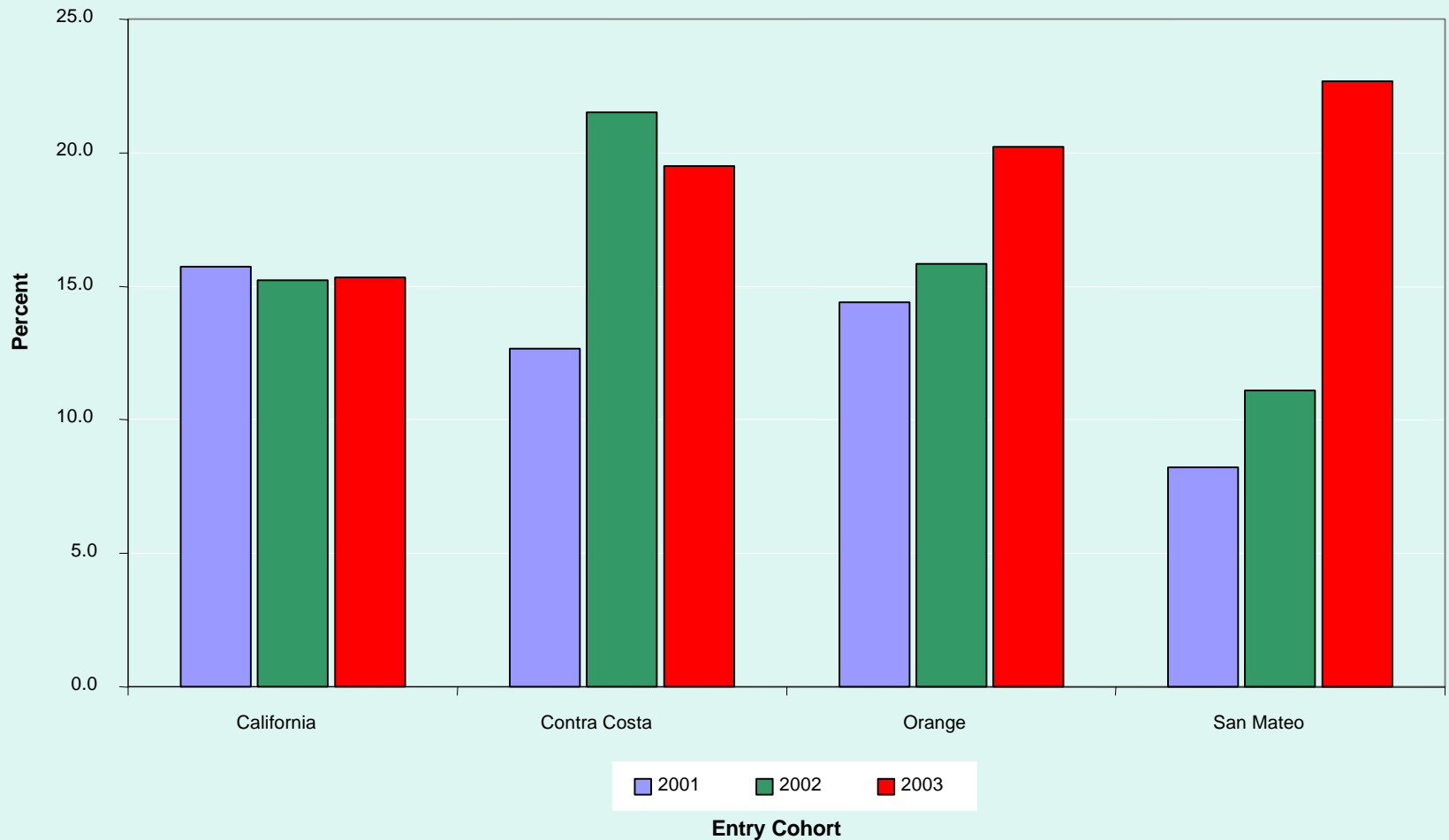
## Percent of Children in Care Placed with All or Some Siblings



In San Luis Obispo, there has been a steady increase in the proportion of siblings placed together in care. The statewide trend has been relatively unchanged.

## Percent Placed Less Than 1 Mile From Removal Address

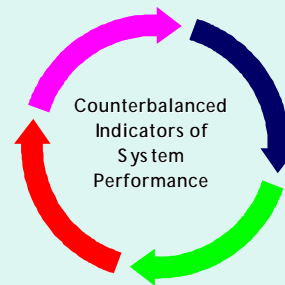
(Children Still in Care One Year After Entry)



In Contra Costa, Orange and San Mateo, there has been an increase in the percent placed in care less than 1 mile from their removal address. The statewide trend has been relatively unchanged.

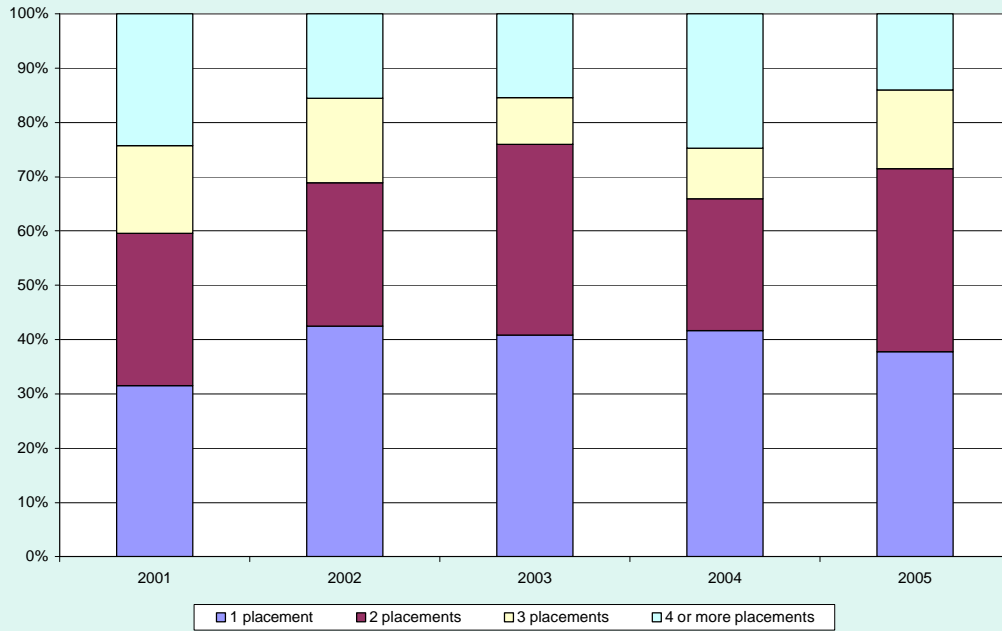
# Result: Children Have Stable Out-of-Home Placement Experiences

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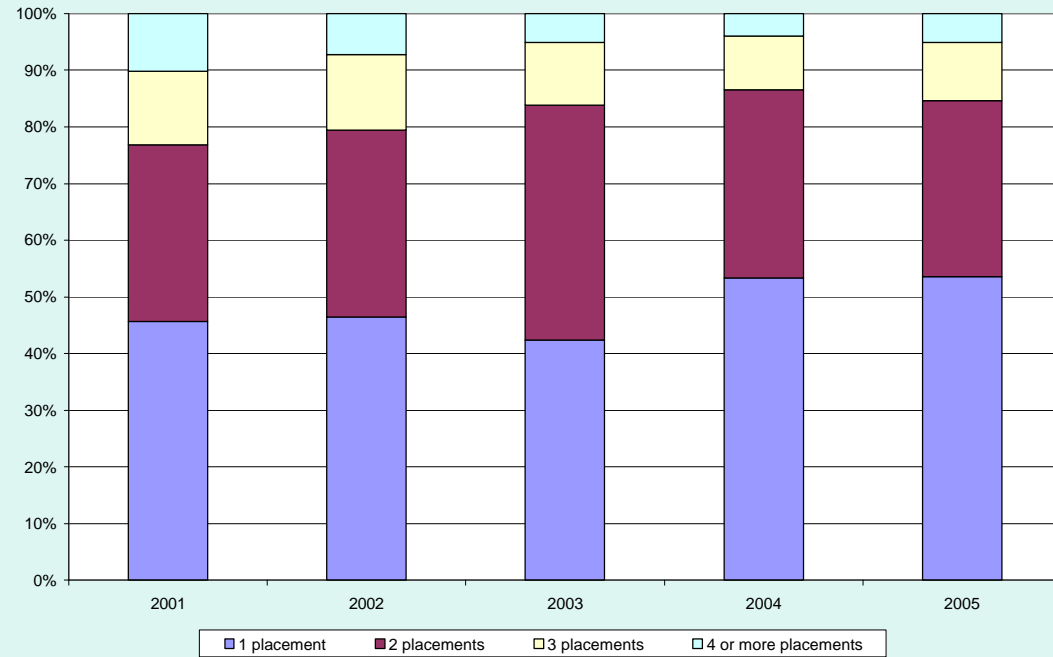


Stability  
Of Care

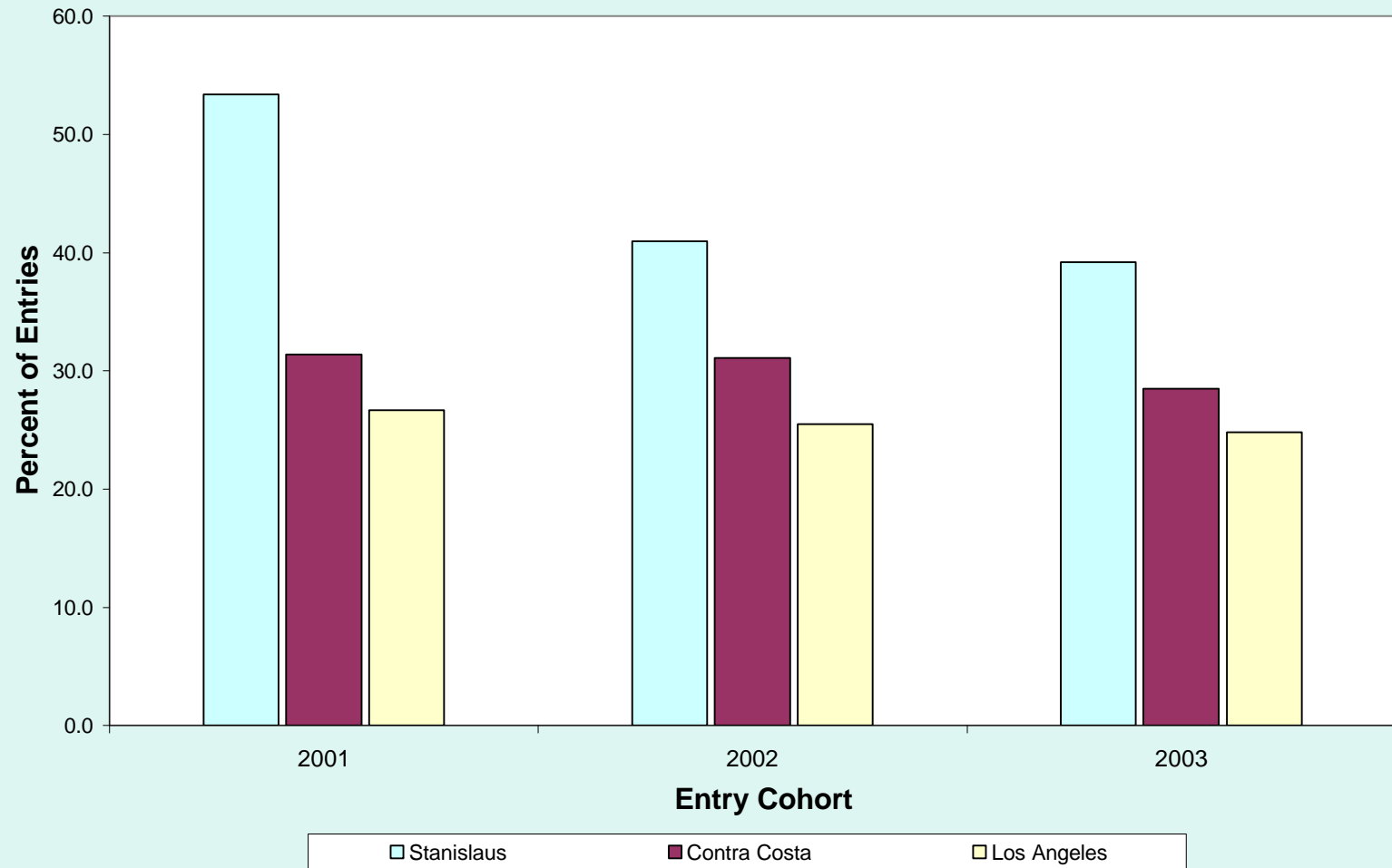
Number of Placements in First Year, Guilford County, NC



Placements in First Year, Wake County, NC

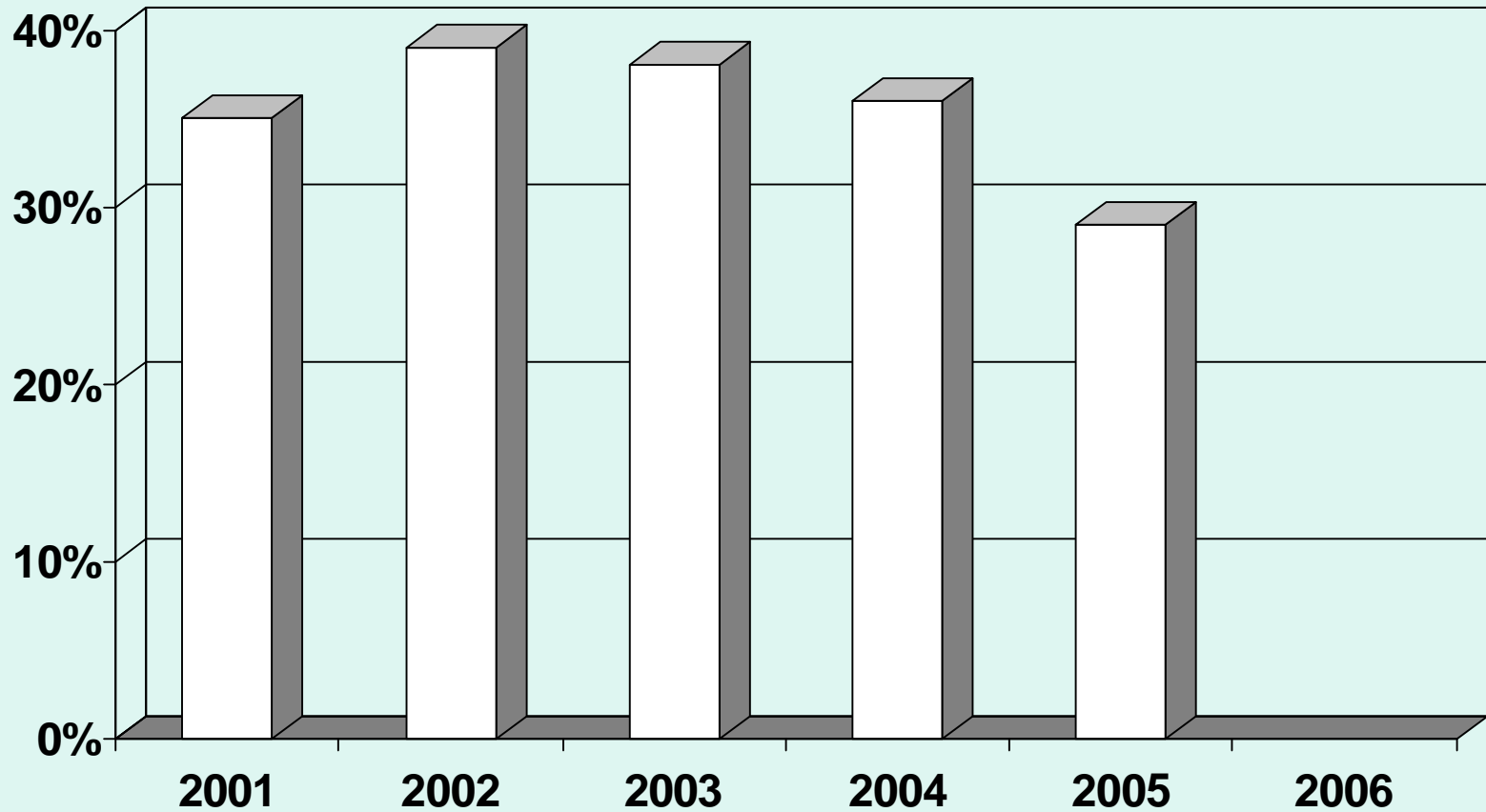


## Children with 3 or More Placements at 12 Months after First Entry



In Stanislaus, Contra Costa, and Los Angeles, there has been a decrease in the percent of children still in care at 12 months who experienced three or more placement moves.

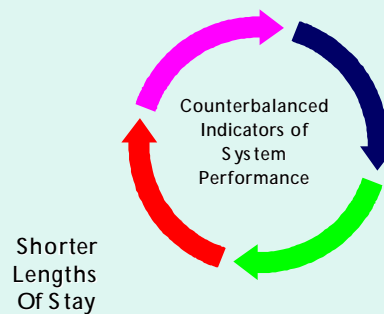
# Percentage of Children in Detroit, MI with 3 or More Placements in First Year



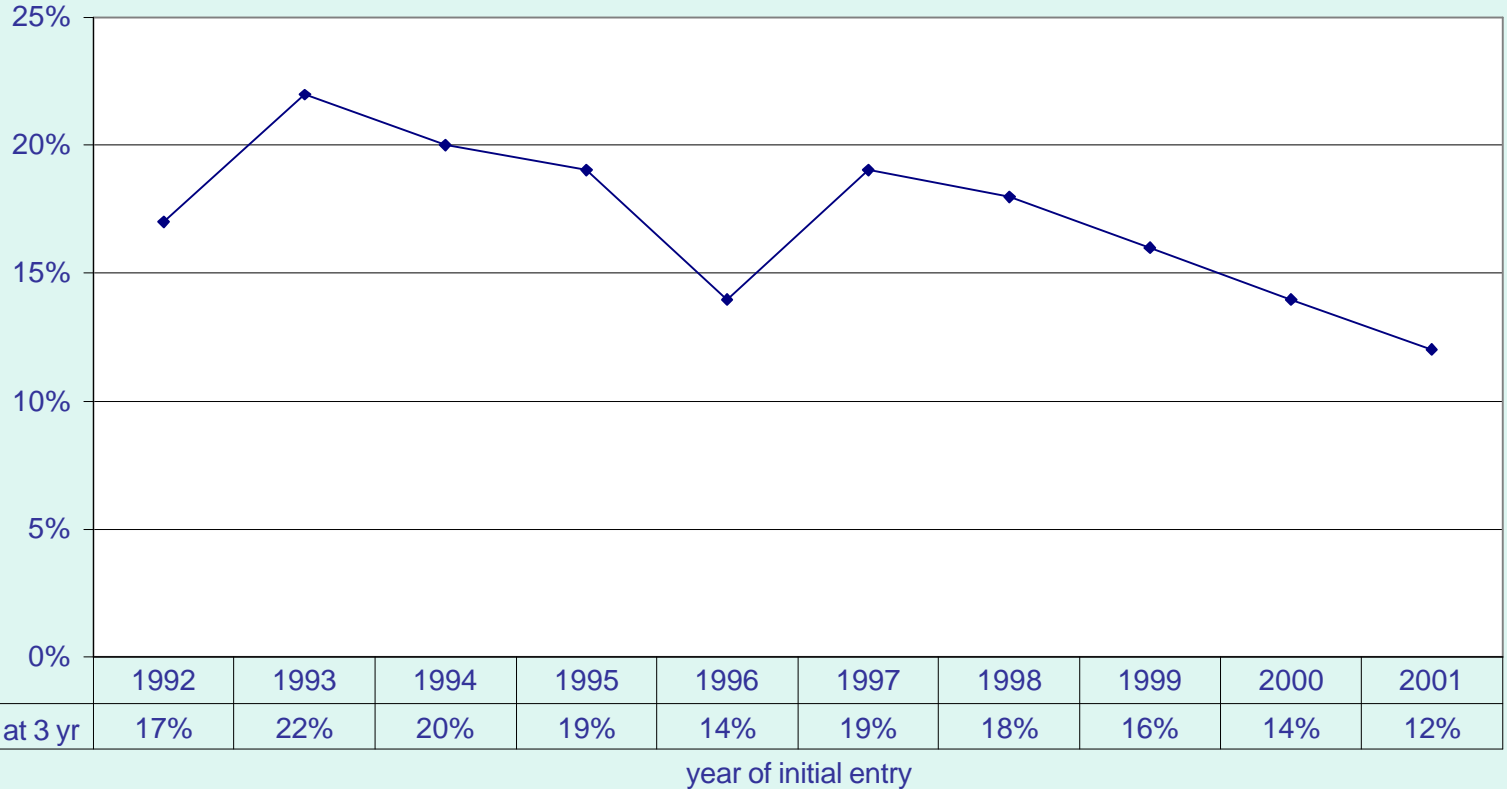


# Result: Decreasing Length of Stay in Out-of-Home Placement

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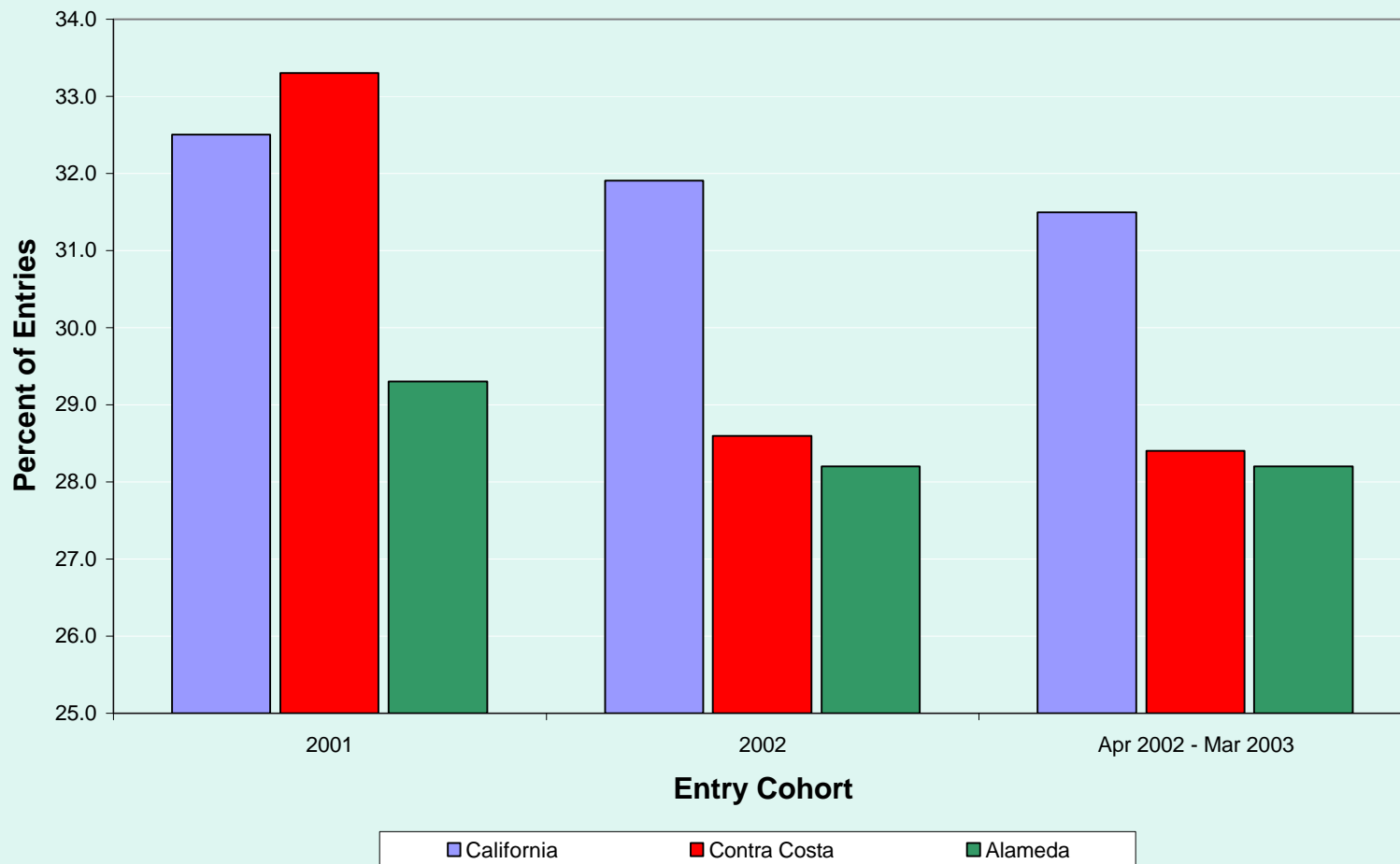


### Percentage of children still in placement 3 years after entry



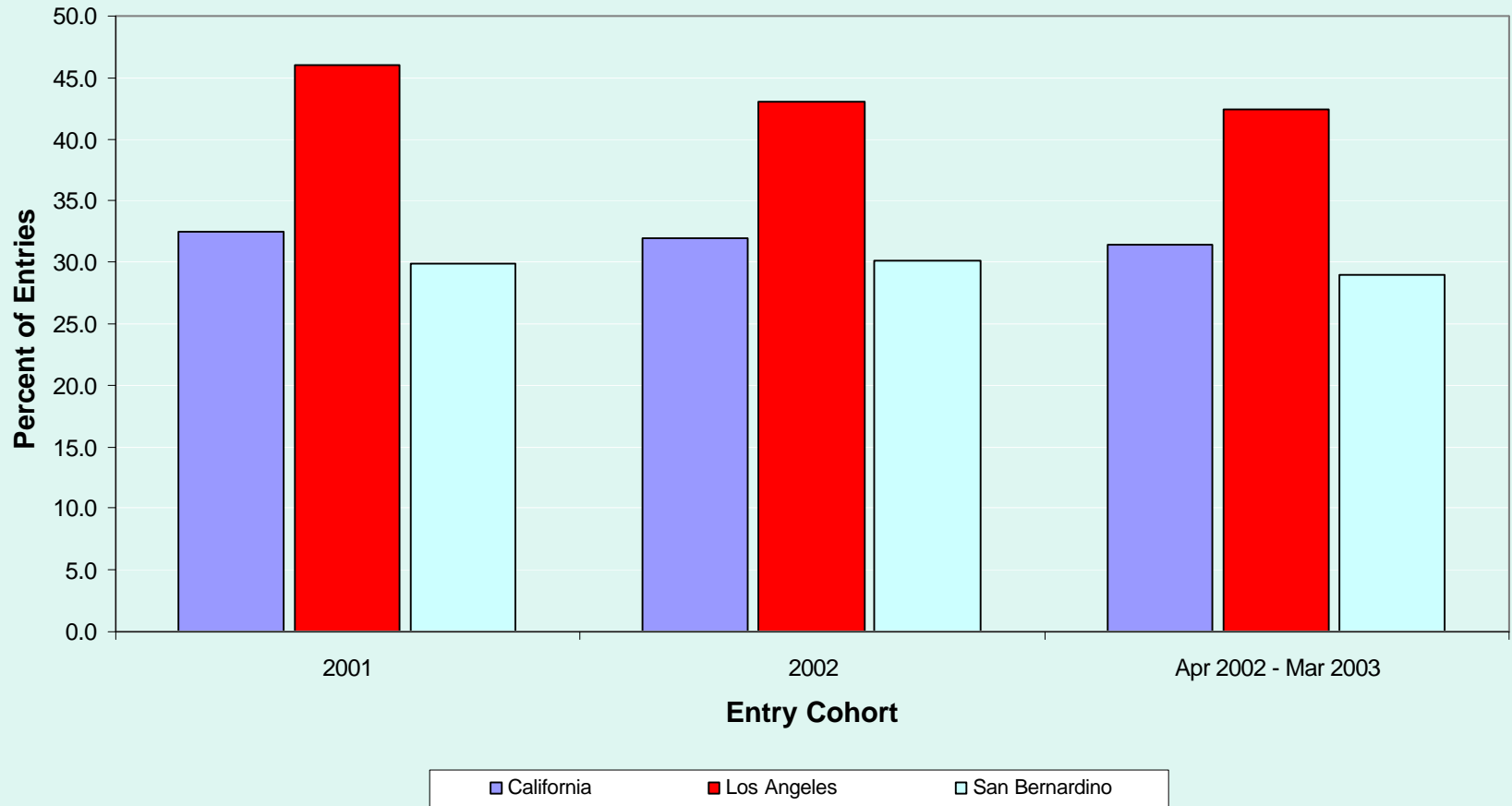
**In Cuyahoga County, the proportion of children remaining in placement after 3 years has decreased from 17% of children entering in 1992 to 12% of children entering in 2001**

### Percent of First Entries Still in Care at 24 Months



In Contra Costa, and Alameda, there was a decrease in the percent of children who were still in care 24 months after entry.

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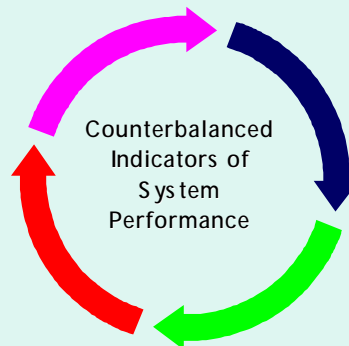


**The proportion of first entries still in care at 24 months after entry decreased slightly for both LA and San Bernardino.**

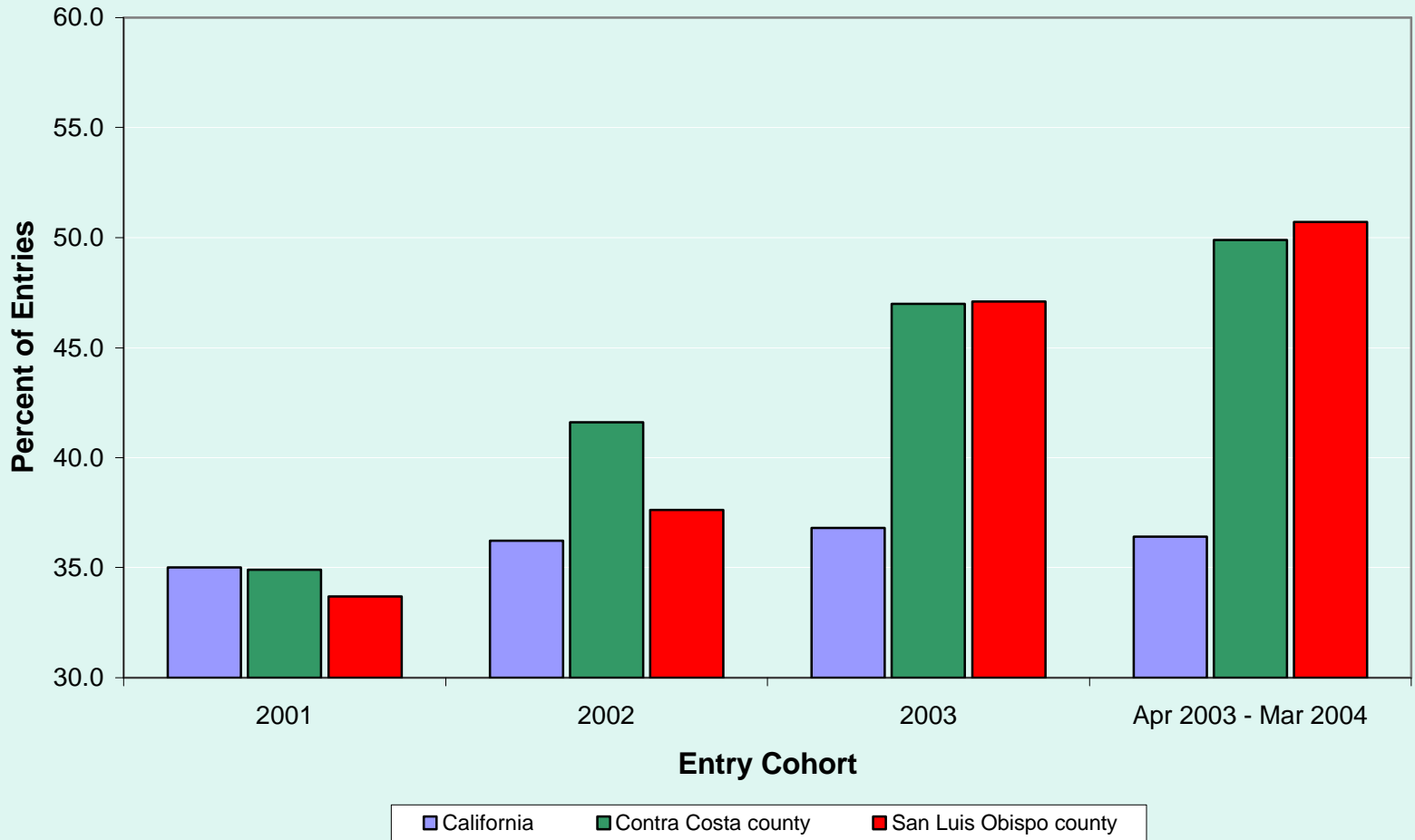
# Result: Increasing Permanency

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Permanency  
Through  
Reunification,  
Adoption, or  
Guardianship



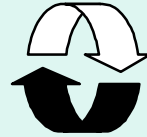
## Percent of First Entries Reunified at 12 Months



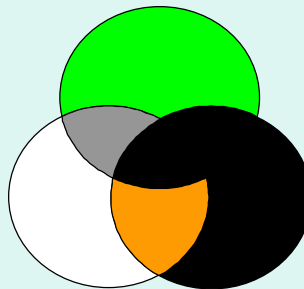
In Contra Costa, and San Luis Obispo, there was an increase in the percent who were reunified within 12 months of entry. This greatly exceeded a similar statewide trend.

# Staffing Requirements for Self-Evaluation

Agency Management & Community Collaboratives



Program Staff



Data Manager



Analyst



# Lessons Learned from the Sites

( The people actually doing the work)